



**December 15, 2024**

**I am Never Alone**

**Kindergarten - 5th grade**

**Leader Notes**

**Bible Passage:** Jesus Was Born- Luke 2

**Bottom Line:** Jesus is the Son of God.

**Leader Context:** Today we're teaching the amazing story of the birth of Jesus, the Son of God. (Read Luke 2:10-11.) Kids can know that Jesus is the promised Savior of the world, and He is the Son of God. Trusting and following Jesus means we are never alone because God is always with us. This is why we celebrate Christmas!

**THE WIN FOR SUNDAY GROUPS:** Give kids a first look at The Bible, Jesus, and our need for a Savior by embracing their physical needs or engaging their interests. Use The Code when necessary to help redirect kids and build relationships.

**Social**

**Games and Music (10 minutes)**

**What You Need:** Instruction Page, Game Sets, Roku Game Instruction Page, Full-sized candy canes (several), Buckets (4 per group), Timer or stopwatch (1 per group; optional) Pit balls (several), Die (1 per group; optional)

**What You Do:**

- Play worship songs and other songs available on Roku during the Social Game or while kids are playing.
- Using the supplies and game instruction page, choose one game to play with the kids today.
- As you are playing, use this as a time to call each kid by name and learn their names well.

**Say:** That was a fun game to get us ready to watch our Bible video. Let's sit and listen to our story today."

**Videos**

**Bible Story Video (10 minutes)**

**Bible Story Recap- Say This**

What an amazing Bible story! Jesus, God's Son, was born in Bethlehem as our Savior—the person who can rescue us from the punishment we deserve because of sin. *Sins* are the wrong choices we make which break our relationship with God. God sent Jesus so we could receive forgiveness. Jesus makes the way for us to have a relationship with God. Say, "Jesus is the Son of God!" (*Jesus is the Son of God!*) With Jesus, we can know we are never alone. Say, "I am never alone!" (*I am never alone!*)



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**(Circle three)** We celebrate Christmas because Jesus, God's Son, was born. Jesus lived a perfect life, meaning He never disobeyed God the Father. He never sinned.

**(Circle two)** Disobeying God is called *sin*. We sin when we choose to do what we think is best rather than follow what God says is best. Sin breaks our world and our relationship with God. And no matter what we try to do to repair that relationship with God, we can't do it on our own.

**(Circle three)** That's why God sent His own Son, Jesus. Because Jesus never disobeyed His Father, God, only Jesus could take the punishment for our sin. Jesus did that by dying on the cross. But He didn't stay dead! God the Father raised His Son back to life! Now Jesus is alive, and we can get to know Him!

**(Circle four)** When we turn from our sin and trust in Jesus, He forgives us and restores our relationship with God. The Bible calls this being made into a "new creation!"

**(Circle one)** We get to enjoy the relationship with God that He planned from the beginning. One day Jesus will return and make everything new and perfect again, and we can know we will live with Him forever.

Because of Jesus, we can have a right relationship with God and know we are never alone! That's the best Christmas gift ever! Say, "Jesus is the Son of God!" (*Jesus is the Son of God!*) If you have questions about Jesus or want to know more about following Him, talk with me or your Campus Leader.

**Sheep Feet (20 minutes)**

**Big Goal:** Know that the good news of Jesus is something we can share with others.

**Leader Prep:** Scatter several cotton balls over a designated play area. Place the buckets around the outside of the designated play area.

**Supplies:** Buckets (2 per group), Cotton balls (several), Plastic cups (2 per child), Timer or stopwatch (1 per group)

**What To Do:** In our Bible story today, we learned that God sent angels to tell shepherds Jesus that was born. A shepherd's job is to guard sheep. What do they guard? *(Sheep!)* That's right! In this game, you are going to be sheep!

*(Indicate the cotton balls on the floor.)* See these cotton balls? I will put each of you on one of two teams. Each team will have a bucket. Your goal is to get as many cotton balls into your team's bucket as possible before I call time.

But you are sheep! Do sheep have hands? *(No!)* You're right! Sheep have hooves! To play like sheep, you'll get two plastic cups to put over your hands like sheep feet. *(Put two cups over your hands to demonstrate.)* This might not be as easy as it seems!

*(Assign kids to teams and buckets.)* All right "sheep," if you can hear me, say, "Baa!" *(Baa!)* Great! On your mark, get set, go!

*(Allow kids to play for 40 seconds, then call time.)*

**Keep It Going:** Play multiple times, varying the amount of time kids have to collect the cotton balls. Invite kids to play with a friend where, once they gather three cotton balls, they high-five their friends who then get a turn.

**Leader Tip:** Place the buckets and cotton balls on a table rather than the floor.

**Loud And Clear:** Wow, you sheep really used your "hooves!" Congratulations to our winning team! Let's cheer them on like sheep. Give me your best, "Baaaaa!" *(Baaaaa!)* In the time of our Bible story, shepherds weren't as popular or looked up to like the religious leaders. But God didn't think that way. In fact, when God wanted to share the news that His own Son, Jesus, had come to earth, He chose to tell shepherds! God loves everyone. I'm so glad Jesus made a way for us to have a relationship with God! When we know Jesus, we can know God and know we are never alone! And we can share that good news with others, just like the shepherds did!

## Discussion Questions:

- What do you imagine might be some cool things about having a powerful or famous family member? *(Allow answers, encouraging kids to use their imaginations. There are no wrong answers to this question.)*
- The Bible tells us that we are never alone because God sent His Son, Jesus, to make a way for us to be forgiven. Let's open our Bibles to **Luke 2:10-11** and read about it together. *(Invite kids to open their Bibles. Read the passage aloud, or invite a kid who volunteers to read the passage aloud. Be sure to have Bibles available for kids who need one. Help kids find the passage so everyone can follow along together.)* The Bible says that Jesus is Savior, Messiah, and Lord. What do you think those words mean? *(Allow answers. If kids don't have an answer, assure them it's OK. Savior means "one who saves others." Messiah means "anointed one." Lord means "one to whom all things belong.")*
- We need a Savior because our sin breaks our relationship with God. When we trust in Jesus, we are made into new creations and can have a relationship with God. If you want to trust in Jesus today, please talk to me! What do you think it means to trust in Jesus as our Lord and Savior? *(Allow answers. Be sensitive to kids who are hesitant to share.)*
- Christmas is a special time we celebrate Jesus being born on earth! The first Christmas, God sent angels to share the good news with shepherds. The shepherds then went and found Mary, Joseph, and Baby Jesus. They worshiped Jesus and went to tell everyone what they found. This Christmas, who can you tell about Jesus? *(Allow answers. Encourage kids to think of specific names of people they can share with.)*
- The Bible tells us we are never alone because of Jesus, God's own Son, who came to make a way for us to have a relationship with God the Father. There's so much to unwrap about Jesus, but I am so glad we learned how He is God's Son and King of everything! What is something encouraging you will remember from today? Is there anything you have questions about? *(Allow kids to answer, and share your own answer.)* Let's talk to God and pray. *(Lead the group in prayer. Consider using the following prayer prompt.)*

*God, thank You for sending Your Son, Jesus. You knew we needed a Savior and a Lord, or King. We are so thankful for Jesus! Help us remember that with Jesus, we are never alone. Show us who needs to hear about Jesus this Christmas. Give us courage to share the truth about Christmas and God's Son, Jesus. We love You, God! Amen.*

**God sent His Son, Jesus, to forgive our sin and make a way for us to have a relationship with Him. When we trust and follow Jesus, we can know that we're never alone. That is the best part of Christmas!**

## Going Home

Pass out the coloring pages for kids to take home. Greet families as they arrive and tell them something about their child you saw today. Say goodbye and call everyone by name.