



## December 1, 2024 I Am Never Alone 1 year olds - 4 year olds

### Leader Notes

**Bible Passage:** The Prophets Told About Jesus- Isaiah 7:14, 9:6-7,11 Micah 5:2.

**Bottom Line:** Jesus is the Greatest Hope

**Leader Context:** This December, we get to celebrate the gift of Jesus and Christmas with the Simple Truth, "I Am Never Alone." Kids can see the identity of this promise reflected in the identity of Jesus. This Christmas season, kids will learn that Jesus made a way for us to be with God forever.\* Today, we are teaching kids about some of the names and characteristics spoken about Jesus. (Read Isaiah 9:6.) God promised to send a Savior who would bring comfort, power, peace, and eternal life. Kids will learn they can have hope that God is always with them because He promised—and God always keeps His promises!

**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.

### Games and Music (10 minutes)

**What You Need:** Social Instruction Page, Game Sets, Roku Game Instructions

**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."

### Bible Story Video (10 minutes)

#### Bible Story Recap- Say This!

Thanks, Super Crew! In today's Bible story, we heard about how the prophets, people who shared special messages from God, looked forward to the day Jesus would arrive. Just like the prophets, the closer we get to Christmas, the more excited we get too! Jesus is the greatest hope. Let's say that together. Ready? "Jesus is the greatest hope."

Our Super Clue today is a Christmas countdown. It reminds us that God's people had hoped and waited for Jesus to come. Our Big Deal today is, "Joy, Joy, Joy! God Is Always with Me!" The exciting news is we don't have to wait! Jesus has already come! And we can have hope every day knowing that Jesus came so that we can have a friendship with God.

That's so wonderful! God is always with us, and we can talk and listen to Him any time through prayer. Let's pray now. Close your eyes with me, and let's pray to God.

*God, thank You for sending Jesus for us at just the right time. Help us remember that we get to celebrate Jesus at Christmas. Thank You for always being with us and giving us joy.*

*Amen.*

Can you say the Big Deal with me?

Joy, Joy, Joy! (Move arms horizontally with hands facing the body. Make three circles in front of the body.)

God Is Always with Me (Place two hands up with palms facing inward. Bring hands to chest.)

Let's do that a few more times.

### Social

### Videos

## Christmas Countdown(20 minutes)

**Big Goal:** Help preschoolers connect the Super Clue to the Bible story.

**Supplies:** “Christmas Countdown” printable (1 per child), Markers or crayons (several), Stamps, stickers, Countdown Stickers (1 set per kid), stapler

### Craft Instructions:

1. Before the session, print “Christmas Countdown” printables on cardstock, one per child.
2. Give each preschooler a “Christmas Countdown” printable and crayons or markers.
3. Invite preschoolers to color the “Christmas Countdown” however they would like, but instruct them not to color the numbers yet.
4. Send home Countdown Stickers (1 set per kid- stapled to paper after decorated)

**What To Do:** We are going to make a fun Super Clue craft. Does anyone remember what our Super Clue is? (*Allow responses.*) It’s a Christmas countdown! A Christmas countdown helps us know how many days we have until Christmas. Each one of you will get a Christmas countdown to decorate with crayons or markers. Color the picture at the bottom and the background, but don’t color the numbers yet. Each day this month, you will color a number in to help you count down the days until Christmas!

**Loud And Clear:** Waiting is hard, but all of us have to wait sometimes. We wait for dinner to be ready. We wait for our birthdays to come. We wait to lose a tooth. Waiting is easier when we have something exciting that will come at the end. The closer we get to Christmas, the more excited we get. We can use our Christmas countdowns to know how many days we have until Christmas. You’ll take home some stickers to fill in the days until Christmas. God’s people had hoped and waited for Jesus to come. God had promised His people that someone super important would come to give them hope. This person was Jesus. We can have hope knowing that Jesus came so that we can have a friendship with God.

### Say:

- Who remembers what our Super Clue is today? (*a Christmas countdown*)
- What does a Christmas countdown help us remember? (*The closer we get to Christmas, the more excited we get. We can use a Christmas countdown to know how many days until Christmas. God’s people had hoped and waited for Jesus to come.*)
- What does it mean to hope? (*to be excited and to wait with excitement*)
- Today we learned that Jesus is the greatest hope. How does Jesus give us hope? (*We can have hope knowing that Jesus came so that we can have a friendship with God.*)
- What did you learn about God today?
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Our Big Deal is,

Joy, Joy, Joy! (*Move arms horizontally with hands facing the body. Make three circles in front of the body.*)

God Is Always with Me (*Place two hands up with palms facing inward. Bring hands to chest.*)

**Jesus is the greatest hope!** Let’s say that together. Ready? 3-2-1! **“Jesus is the greatest hope!”** We can celebrate that Jesus is the greatest hope and God is always with us.

### Prepare kids to talk with their family about what they learned today.

- Pass out coloring pages for kids to take home.
- As family members arrive to pick up their kid, greet them and tell them one thing you noticed about their kid that day or something you talked to each kid about remembering this week.
- If there is time to chat with the family, ask how you can pray for them this week.
- Say bye to the kids and call them by name.