



**December 8, 2024**

**I am Never Alone**

**Kindergarten - 5th grade**

**Leader Notes**

**Bible Passage:** Wise Men Visited Jesus - Matthew 2

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

**Leader Context:** After Jesus was born, the wise men were overwhelmed with joy and brought gifts to Jesus. (Read Matthew 2:10-11.) Today, we get to teach kids that Jesus is the greatest gift—greater than anything or anyone else! Let's help kids know that we can celebrate the gift of God's love and presence through Jesus at Christmas and all year long.

**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, Buckets (2 per group), Gift bows (several), Paper bags (1 per team), Timer or stopwatch (1 per group; optional)  
**Leader Prep:** Place an equal number of bows into two buckets. Various Christmas items (several), Paper (1 per child; optional), Markers (several; 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."

**Bible Story Video (10 minutes)**

**Bible Story Recap- Say This**

How can you thank someone who gave you the greatest gift ever? The wise men traveled a long way to find Jesus. They brought King Jesus gifts. They worshiped Jesus. But all of that was so small compared to the gift God gave His Son, Jesus. Say, "Jesus is the greatest gift!" (*Jesus is the greatest gift!*) Because Jesus makes a way for us to have a relationship with God, He is the greatest gift ever!

**Videos**



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**Gospel Connection**

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**(Circle one)** When God made the world and people, everything was good and perfect. God and people had a perfect relationship.

**(Circle two)** But all people turn away from God and follow their own way. This is called sin. *Sin* is when we choose to do what we think is best rather than follow what God says is best. Sinful people can't be in a relationship with God because He is perfect. The Bible says that the punishment for sin is death and separation from God forever.

**(Circle three)** But because God loves us, He made a way for our sin to be forgiven. God sent His Son, Jesus. Jesus came to earth as a baby and lived a life free from sin. Jesus always trusted and obeyed God—which means He never sinned. Only Jesus could do this because He is God's Son.

Even though Jesus never sinned, He took sin's punishment for us. He's the only who could take that punishment! When Jesus died on the cross, He paid the price for sin. How amazing! But Jesus didn't stay dead! Three days later, God raised Him from the dead! Jesus is alive and one day will return, so everyone who follows Him will get to live with Him forever.

**(Circle Four)** If we turn from our sin and trust in Jesus, we can be forgiven and have a relationship with God. That's great news! Jesus is the only way for us to be forgiven and have a relationship with God. That's why we believe that Jesus is the greatest gift! Say, "Jesus is the greatest gift!" (*Jesus is the greatest gift!*) When we trust and follow Jesus, He is with us, and we can know we are never alone.

If you want to know how to receive the greatest gift, Jesus, talk with me or your Campus Leader! God loves you. That's why He sent Jesus!

**Nativity Scavenger Hunt (20 minutes)**

**What You Need:** Nativity Scavenger Hunt Printable (1 set per group- can substitute actual Nativity for the Nativity cards), Jesus Gift (1 Jesus figure, Gospel Card, bag and bag sticker per kid to take home) Assemble Jesus Gift ahead of time.

**What You Do:**

Set out the supplies. Hide the figures or figure cards around your small group space. Using the Check list, have kids take turns finding the figure around the room. Read the Christmas story from Luke 2 as you find each figure to help everyone know why each part is important.

**Say:** “ I just love Christmas gifts! There is something about them that just makes me so excited! Part of the excitement is looking forward to whatever it is that you’re going to unwrap. Another part of the excitement is knowing that someone loves you and wants you to have whatever gift is inside. But God gave us a better gift than any person could ever give us. God sent His own Son, Jesus, to be with us. Jesus is the greatest gift because He made a way for us to have a friendship with God. You see, we all do what we think is best instead of following what God says is best. That is called sin, and sin breaks our friendship with God. No matter how hard we might try, we can never be good enough or do everything perfectly. That’s why we need Jesus. God sent His greatest gift, Jesus, for us. When we believe and follow Jesus, God gives us a forever relationship with Him. That means we are never alone because God is always with us.

So this Christmas season, whenever you see a gift, remember Jesus is the greatest gift. And with Jesus, we are never alone! Say, “I am never alone!” (I am never alone!) “Jesus is the greatest gift!” (Jesus is the greatest gift!) I will give each of you a gift from me to you for you to take home or share with someone else. Remember to talk to them about what that gift means to you.

**Discussion Questions:**

- What would you consider a great gift? Concert tickets? An all-expenses-paid vacation? What makes these gifts so great? *(Allow kids to share, and share your own answer.)*
- The Bible tells us that **Jesus is the greatest gift**. Let’s open our Bibles to **Matthew 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 wise men worshiped Jesus and brought Him gifts—gold, frankincense (frang kuhn sens), and myrrh (mur)—because they knew Jesus was a special King. If you were one of the wise men, how would you react to finding this King? What might you be excited about? *(Allow kids to answer, and share your own answer.)*
- When we turn from our sin and trust in Jesus, we can be forgiven and have a relationship with God. This means we will never be alone. God sent Jesus to us freely, no price tag attached! **Jesus is the greatest gift**. If you want to know how to receive the greatest gift, I would love to talk with you. What do you think keeps people from accepting God’s gift in Jesus? What might help them? *(Allow kids a chance to interact with and respond to the question.)*
- Almost everyone who celebrates Christmas gives gifts. How is Jesus the greatest gift? *(Allow kids to share their ideas.)*
- The Bible tells us that when we accept the greatest gift, Jesus, we are never alone. What an awesome truth to unwrap about the greatest gift ever! 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 pray and talk to God. *(Lead the group in prayer. Consider using the following prayer prompt.)*

*God, thank You for giving the greatest gift ever—Jesus. Thank You for making a way for our sins to be forgiven, and for us to have a relationship with You. With You, God, we are never alone! Let this truth change our lives. Help us share the greatest gift with others. Amen.*

Our sin keeps us from having a relationship with God. We need someone to forgive our sin and fix our brokenness. Jesus came down to earth to give us that forgiveness. What a gift! When we turn to Jesus and trust in Him, we can know we are never alone!

**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.