



December 8, 2024

I Am Never Alone

1 year olds - 4 year olds

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: 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 our Bible story today, the wise men traveled to find Jesus because they knew how special He was. The wise men even brought gifts to celebrate Jesus. We can all celebrate that Jesus is the greatest gift that God gave to us.

Our Super Clue today is a gift bag. A gift bag can help us remember that Jesus is the greatest gift. God sent Jesus to be with us so that we can have a friendship with Him.

I love how the wise men visited Jesus and brought Him gifts. Jesus was the best gift the world would ever receive because He would make a way for our sins to be forgiven so we can have a friendship with God. Our sins are the wrong choices we make. Let's pray and thank God for His very best gift—His Son, Jesus. *Prayer* is talking and listening to God. Let's pray now. *God, thank You that You love us so much that You sent Jesus—the greatest gift. Thank You that You are always with us. 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.

Videos

Best Gift Ever Craft(20 minutes)**Big Goal:** Remember that Jesus is the greatest gift and reinforce the Big Deal.**Supplies:** Gift Cutout (1 with string attached per kid), Nativity Sticker Set (1 set per kid), tiny sticky back bow (1 per kid)**Craft Instructions:**

1. Before the session, attached the string to each package cutout so kids can use as a Christmas ornament.
2. Pass out Cutouts, sticker sets and tiny bow to each kid.
3. Encourage them to use their stickers to make the Best Gift Ever, Jesus!

What To Do: Today we are going to make a really fun craft. Each one of you is going to get a gift cutout, some stickers and a bow. You can use these to decorate your gift. You can take your paper home and hang it on your tree or give it as a gift to share Jesus with a friend or family member.**Loud And Clear:** I love giving gifts to my friends and family at Christmas. In our Bible story today, the wise men traveled very far because they knew how special Jesus was. They even brought gifts to celebrate Him. We can all celebrate that Jesus is the greatest gift. When you hang your ornament on your tree, you can remember that Jesus is the greatest gift.**Say:**

- Who remembers what our Super Clue is today? *(a gift bag)*
- What is a special gift you have gotten?
- What does a gift bag help us remember? *(It helps us remember that Jesus is the greatest gift.)*
- Jesus is the greatest gift. What makes Jesus the greatest gift? *(Jesus is the greatest gift because He came to forgive us of our sins, our wrong choices, and to make a way for us to have friendship with God.)*
- What did you learn about God today?

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.)*

Because of God's greatest gift, Jesus, we can know that God is always with us and will never leave us or let us down. What a wonderful gift!

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.