



**February 2025
All Star Kids**

February 2 **I am Loved** **Kindergarten - 5th grade**

Leader Notes

Bible Passage: God Loved Adam and Eve- Genesis 2-3

Bottom Line: God Loved First

Leader Context: God's loved us first, and His love is best, bigger than anything, and goes on forever. (Read Genesis 3:22-23.) In His love, God sent Adam and Eve out of the garden so they would not eat from the tree of life and live forever in their broken state. It was part of the consequence of their sin, but it was also the most loving thing He could do for them. God made away for them to be reconciled through Jesus. This week, we are teaching kids that, even though there is punishment for their sin, God showed incredible love. We get to teach kids that we can never earn or deserve love because God loved us first.

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: Instruction Page, Game Sets, Roku Game Instruction Page, 8-bit Roku Game, Red construction paper (1 per child), Scissors (1 per group; adult-use only), Markers (several), Tape (1 per group)[Cut out large paper hearts (one per child) and hang them on the wall. Write each child's name on a heart as they arrive.]

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

Because God loved Adam and Eve, He sent them out of the garden so they would not eat from the Tree of Life and live in broken relationship with God forever. God put angels and a sword of fire at the entrance of the garden to guard the way to the tree of Life. God loved them first and continued to love them, even when they made wrong choices.

Close your eyes, and think about someone who you know really loves you. Maybe it is a parent, grandparent, sibling, or even a teacher or friend. As much as all of those people love you, did you know that God loves you even more? Open your eyes, and listen to this truth. You are loved by God, and God loved you even before anyone else. He loved you first. Say, "God loved first!" (*God loved first!*)

God's love is amazing! Through the story of Adam and Eve, we learned that God loved us first. He sent them out of the garden of Eden to protect them because He loved them, both before they sinned and after they sinned. Even when we sin and do what we think is best rather than follow what God says is best, He loves us. He provides a way for us to have a relationship with Him through Jesus. We can remember that God made us, loves us, and knows what's best for us. Say, "God loved first!" (*God loved first!*) Let's pray and talk to God in 3-2-1.

God, thank You for making us and loving us first. Help us to know that we are loved by You and that You know what's best. And like our Theme verse reminds us, help us to remain in Your perfect love. Amen.

Social

Videos

Gospel Connection- Say This

Using the 4 Circles Gospel Art in your group space talk about how the story today relates to the circles.

Sometimes we don't like rules, but rules make things more enjoyable and keep people safe. God gave Adam and Eve just one simple rule: don't eat from the Tree of Knowledge of Good and Evil.

(Circle one) When God created the world, it was perfect. When God created Adam and Eve, He loved them and knew that His way was the best way. He placed them in a perfect garden where they could be in charge while still following God's way.

(Circle two) But when Adam and Eve chose to do what they thought was best by eating the fruit rather than follow what God said was best, they sinned. Breaking God's one rule meant that they broke their relationship with God too. We also sin when we do what we think is best rather than follow what God says is best. And all people sin. Just like Adam and Eve broke their relationship with God, our sin breaks our relationship with Him too. No matter how hard we try to fix it, we can't.

(Circle three) But here is the great news: God loved us so much! Ask me, "How much?" (*How much?*) God loved us so much, He sent His one and only Son, Jesus, into the world to take the punishment for our sin. Jesus lived a perfect life and died on a cross, taking the punishment we deserved. He didn't stay dead but came back to life three days later! We don't deserve this love, but God shows His love by loving us first. He loved us when we didn't deserve it, and He loved us so much He made a way for us to have a relationship with Him.

(Circle one) When we believe the truth about Jesus and God's love for us, our lives are changed! We trust and follow the God the way He designed from the beginning. And we can know that we get to live with Him forever!

(Circle four) We can admit to Jesus the wrong things we do, ask for His forgiveness, and believe that His way is best. Then, we can live each day filled with His love and presence, which can really power us up! Let me hear you say, "Power up!" (*Power up!*) "God loved first!" (*God loved first!*)

If you want to learn more about Jesus and how He made a way for us to be forgiven, come talk with me or your Campus Leader. We would love to help you know that you are loved by God!

Rules, Rules, Rules — 20 Minutes

Kids will play a game that will get more difficult each round because another rule is added.

Leader Prep: Inflate and tie a balloon for each child. Print and display the “Allergy Alert” printable, drawing attention to a potential latex allergy.

Supplies: Balloons (1 per child), Stopwatch or timer (1 per group), “Allergy Alert” printable (1 per group)

What To Do: This game is called “Rules, Rules, Rules!” Rules, Rules, what? (*Rules!*) In this game, you will each get a balloon and have to listen and follow the rules as I give them. Each round, the rules will get a little more difficult. Are you up for the challenge? (*Yes!*)

Round 1: You will each get a balloon. In this first round, the rule is you must keep the balloon in the air for 30 seconds. Ready? Let’s give it a try! (*Allow kids to play.*)

Round 2: Keep your balloon in the air for 30 seconds, and hop on one foot. (*Allow kids to play.*)

Round 3: Keep your balloon in the air for 30 seconds, hop on one foot, *and* clap after each time you touch the balloon. Can you keep the rules? Let’s see! (*Allow kids to play.*)

Keep It Going: Invite the kids to come up with rules to add to the game.

Leader Tip: Encourage kids even if they can’t follow all the rules.

Loud And Clear: Wow! Those were a lot of rules! The more rules we have to follow, the harder it can seem to do them all. Today we learned that Adam and Eve only had one rule, and they still broke that rule. But did that stop God from loving them? Everyone, say, “No way!” (*No way!*) That’s right! God didn’t stop loving them because God loved first before they sinned, and He continued to love them after they sinned. And it’s the same with us. God doesn’t love us because of what we do or don’t do. He loves us because of who He is. He gives us rules because He loves us, and He knows what’s best for us. We can trust that His way is best and that nothing will get in the way of His love—not even our wrong choices. Say, “I am loved!” (*I am loved!*)

Discussion Questions:

- How do people show they love you? How do you show others you love them? (*Allow kids to answer, and share your own answer.*)
- The Bible tells us that we are loved by God and that God loved first. Let’s open our Bibles to **Genesis 3:22-23** 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.*) God disciplined Adam and Eve for their sin, but even in His discipline, He showed that He loved them. By removing them and keeping them from the garden, He was showing love and kindness. How can this story help us remember God’s love for us, and how we can respond? (*God made us and loves us, even when we make wrong choices. But we can also trust that God love us and knows what’s best. Even when we sin, God still loves us and provides the forgiveness we need.*)

Discussion Questions- cont:

- What is the difference between us showing love to someone we think deserves it versus God showing love to us? *(God loved us first, even when we didn't deserve it.)*
- If you ever wonder, *Do I deserve to be loved by God?* how could our Bible story help answer that question? *(We don't have to deserve or earn God's love because He loved us first.)*
- The Bible tells us that we are loved by God. What is something 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 helping us learn that You loved us first. We can always trust You and follow You because You know what's best. Your love is better than anything. Help us to stay close to You and always remember how much You love us. Amen.

Say: God loved Adam and Eve, even when they disobeyed. God sent Adam and Eve away from the garden so they wouldn't eat from the Tree of Life and stay in their brokenness forever. That is amazing love, even if the consequences of their wrong choices did not feel loving at the time. God loved first, and He loves us too. That's why He sent Jesus to forgive our sin and make a way for us to have a relationship with Him.

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.