



**February 2025
All Star Kids**

February 9 I am Loved

Kindergarten - 5th grade

Leader Notes

Bible Passage: God's Big Story- Genesis 1-3, Luke 2, Acts 1, Romans 5, Colossians 1

Bottom Line: God Loves Best

Leader Context: We get to teach "God's Big Story" today, looking at Genesis, Luke, Acts, Romans, and Colossians! Kids will learn that God loves best through the incredible promise and gift of Jesus. (Read Colossians 1:15-16.) God makes a commitment to love, forgive, and be with us, which is the best news ever!

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, Paper (several), Markers or crayons (several), Stopwatch or timer (1 per group) "Power Players" printable (4 of each page per group), Dice (4 per group), Masking or painter's tape (4 per group), Music and music player (1 per group) [Leader Prep: Print four copies of the "Power Players" printable. Place the four copies of each fruit in different corners of the room, one fruit in each corner. Place the dice and masking or painter's tape on a table at the front.]

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

Everyone, say, "I am loved!" (*I am loved!*) The *whole* Bible teaches us that God loves us, and God loves best. Let me hear you say, "God loves best!" (*God loves best!*) He loves us so much that He made a plan from the very beginning to love us and make a way for us to have a relationship with Him.

I am powered up and pumped to know that we are loved by God. Say, "I am loved!" (*I am loved!*) Say, "**God loves best!**" (**God loves best!**) Today we learned that the whole Bible shows us that **God loves best**, and we can live in that love every day through Jesus. There is no love like God's love. Let's close our time in prayer now and thank God for His love for us. Let's pray in 3-2-1.

God, thank You for loving us. Thank You for proving Your love for us and having a plan from the beginning. Thank You for sending Jesus and loving us best! Help us to remember that we are loved. Amen.

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.

(Circle one) God made the whole world, and what He made was perfect and good. He created people, and He loved them. God's plan has always been for people to know how much He loves them and for them to love Him in return.

(Circle two) But we didn't love God best. All people, since the very beginning of the world, have chosen to do what they think is best, instead of following God and what He says is best. That is called sin. We have all sinned and chosen to love other things more than God. And that sin breaks our relationship with God. No matter how hard we try, we can't fix our sin problem on our own.

(Circle three) However, God's love is so big, even sin can't stop it! From the very beginning, God had a plan to fix our sin problem and make us new. God sent His Son, Jesus, for us. See, we deserve punishment for our sins, but Jesus stood in our place. He took the punishment we deserve by dying on a cross for our sin, even though He never sinned. Three days later, He came back to life—showing that He is more powerful than both sin and death! Jesus invites everyone to turn away from sin, ask Him for forgiveness, and love and follow Him. When we do, we get to have the amazing relationship with God that we were created for—both now and forever. God really does love best!

(Circle four) That brings us back to the first circle. Jesus promised to come back some day. When Jesus comes back, He is going to fix everything and make all things new and perfect, like they were in the beginning. That's always been God's plan. God loves best! Say, "God loves best!" (God loves best!) We can show God that we love Him by trusting Him, following Him, and living the way He created us to live. God's love gives us an example of how we can love others. That means loving people even when they don't love us, and loving people even when it means giving up things for them and putting their needs before our own.

If you want to talk more about your part in God's big story or what it means to trust and follow Jesus, be sure to let one of us leaders know. We would love to talk with you about how much you are loved by God.

Four Circles Art — 20 Minutes

Big Goal: Kids see and share God's love through the four circles.

Leader Prep: Print and display the "Four Circles Poster" printable.

1. Fill-in the Four Circles gospel presentation, matching the design on the printable.
2. Write **God loves best** on top of the paper.

Supplies: "Four Circles Poster" printable (1 per group), "Four Circles Printable" (1 per kid), markers, colored pencils, Gospel Coin bags (1 bag per kid)

What To Do: Everyone, hold up your piece of paper, and repeat after me, "Four Circles!" (*Four Circles!*) You are going to make your own art of the way we share the amazing truth of God's love and plan to rescue us from sin that we call, "Four Circles." It will look just like this picture. (*Indicate the printable or slide.*)

Let's make that first circle look like the world. (*Allow time.*) God created the world and you and me, and it was perfect. Write "Beginning" above the circle. Now, draw an arrow to the next circle, and draw a broken heart. Write "Broken" above the circle. *Sin* is when we do what we think is best rather than follow what God says is best. And those zigzag lines going to the side are a reminder that, even when we try to be really good, we can't be good enough to repair our broken relationship with God. (*Allow time.*)

Today we learned that **God loves best!** Who loves best? (*God!*) Right! So paint an arrow from the second circle to the third circle, and put a cross on it. God loved us so much He sent Jesus to pay the punishment for our sins. Write "Believe" above the third circle. Now draw an arrow from the third circle to the fourth circle. Write "New" in the circle. and then write "Become" above the circle. Did you know that when we put our trust in Jesus to forgive us that God rescues us and makes us new? (*Allow time.*)

Finally, take a marker, and write **God loves best** on your picture to help you remember that **God loves best**, which is why He sent Jesus to rescue us from sin.

Keep It Going: Challenge kids to take turns explaining the four circles to each other using their paintings. You are going to take a bag of coins home today. This is so you have a tool with you always to help show others the steps needed to believe in Jesus. You can practice with your family at home.

Leader Tip: Jump in to help kids explain and understand the four circles.

Loud And Clear: Repeat after me, "I am Loved!" (*I am Loved!*) **"God loves best!" (God loves best!)** The four circles remind us that even though we sin, God had a plan all along to send Jesus to rescue us. Who rescues us? (*Jesus!*) All people who admit their sin to Jesus, ask for forgiveness, and commit to following Him get to have a relationship with Him and live in God's love forever!

Discussion Questions-

- What is your favorite book, and why is it your favorite? *(Allow kids to answer, and share your own answer. Share that of all the books in the world, we can know that the Bible is an amazing book because it is God's true message to us about Himself. It tells us about who He is and how much He loves the world.)*
- The Bible tells us that we are loved, and **God loves best**. Let's open our Bibles to **Colossians 1:15** and read about it together. *(Invite kids to open their Bibles. Read the verse aloud, or invite a kid who volunteers to read the verse aloud. Be sure to have Bibles available for kids who need one. Help kids find the verse so everyone can follow along together.)* This Bible verse says that Jesus existed before the world was made and that He is God who came into the world as a person. How does Jesus remind us of God's amazing love and plan from the very beginning to rescue us from sin? *(Allow kids to answer, and share your own answer.)*
- What can you do to remember God's amazing love? *(I can read the Bible. I can pray and ask Him to help me. I can believe the Bible is true. I can remind myself that God had a plan from the beginning to show His love.)*
- Knowing that God shows such an amazing example of love, how can we really show love? *(We can love God in return. We can love others when they don't love us. We can love in big ways by sacrificing things for others.)*
- The Bible shows from beginning to end that **God loves best**. 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 by praying. *(Lead the group in prayer. Consider using the following prayer prompt.)*

God thank You for loving us. The Bible tells us that You are love, and You showed that by sending your Son, Jesus. Help us know just how much You love us. When times get hard, help us remember that You love best. Thank You for sending Jesus. Amen

Say: From the very beginning, God had a plan to show His love and fix our sin problem. We can know that God loves best, and He loved us enough to send Jesus to rescue us. When we trust and follow Jesus, we can live in God's amazing love both now and forever!

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.