



I Am Loved

MARCH 2024

March 3

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1 year olds - 4 year olds

Leader Notes

Bible Passage: The Story of the Lost Son- Luke 15:11-32

Bottom Line: God's Love Never Gives Up

Leader Context: God's love never gives up. We see a great example of that in the parable of the lost son. There is no limit to God's love, and we can never run too far from Him.

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: Mar 3 Social Instruction Page, Game Sets, Roku Game Instructions, Bible people printable (several copies per group), Make extra copies to cut out the son from the printable, painter's tape

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!

Wow! Thanks Super Crew and Bark! Today's Super Clue helps us remember that God loves us so much! Using confetti is a great way to celebrate and in today's Bible story, the father celebrated when his son came back home. The way the father loved his son reminds us of how much God loves us. God loves us so, so much! Sometimes we choose not to follow what God has told us to do. The Bible calls this sin, and sin makes God sad. But you know what? Even when we make wrong choices, that doesn't change God's love for us. God's love never gives up. God loves us so much, no matter what. No matter what we do, God will never stop loving us. When the son came back home, what did the father do? (*He celebrated*) That's right! He celebrated. And when we love God and have a friendship with Him by believing in Jesus, He celebrates too! Let's pray and tell God thank You for helping us know more about Him. Praying is talking and listening to God. Let's be still, close our eyes, and pray 3-2-1. God, thank You for loving us so much! Help us remember that You always love us. Thank You that Your love never gives up. Help us love our friends the same way that You love us. In Jesus' name, Amen."

Videos

Can you say the Big Deal with me?

God(*point arms upward*)

Loves Me (*Cross arms across chest*)

So Much! (*give yourself a hug*)

Let's do that a few more times.

Confetti Shapes(20 minutes)

What You Need: Cardstock (1 sheet per kid), glue sticks, assorted colored tissue paper (whole sheets- at least one sheet per kid)

Say:

Let's make our Super Clue! Do you remember what today's Super Clue is? (*allow responses*) That's right! It's confetti! The first thing we need to do is tear our paper into confetti bits. We are using tissue paper.

First carefully tear the paper into small pieces that you can glue. Not too small! When we have a lot of confetti made, then we will use our glue sticks to make a glue shape in the middle of our papers and sprinkle confetti over it. You can make any shape on the paper you would like. Maybe you want to make a heart, or a circle, or a square, or even a line. Whatever shape you want to make, rub your glue stick down against your paper as you make your shape so it will be super sticky for your confetti. When you are ready to put your confetti on the glue, you may have to press the confetti down just a bit to get it to stick.

Look at the confetti shape I made! (*Show sample craft*) I love the colors! Now it's your turn! I cannot wait to see all the beautiful shapes you will make.

Say: "We used our Super Clue to fill the shapes on our papers. These confetti shapes can help remind us to celebrate just like the father did in our Bible story when his son came home. We can celebrate God's love for us. God loves us so much!"

Say:

- What was our Super Clue today? (confetti) What does it help us remember? (*Confetti reminds us of a celebration. In today's Bible Story, the father was celebrating his son coming back home.*)
- What was your favorite part of the Bible story?
- God's love never gives up. What do you think that means? (*No matter what I do, God will never stop loving me.*)
- What is something you learned about God today?
- What can you tell your friends and families about this week?

Our Big Deal is, "God Loves Me So Much"

God(*point arms upward*)

Loves Me (*Cross arms across chest*)

So Much! (*give yourself a hug*)

The father in today's Bible story loved his son so much that when he came back home, he threw a big party and celebrated with him. The way the father loved his son reminds us of how much God loves us. God loves us so much! No matter what we do, God will never stop loving us. God's love never gives up.

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.