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I am Meant to Know God **Kindergarten - 5th grade**

Leader Notes

Bible Passage: God's Greatest Gift- Romans 5-6

Bottom Line: God rescues you!

Leader Context: In our special Game Changer session today, we get to make the gospel loud and clear as we share the truth that God sent Jesus to rescue us from sin. (Read Romans 6:22-23.) Let's share the truth about who Jesus is, why He came, and what a difference He makes in our lives when He rescues us.

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, "Back to Back Video" on Roku, Wish list on poster or butcher paper, marker (1 per group)

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."

Videos

Bible Story Video (10 minutes)

Bible Story Recap- Say This

Picture this: You have been given the most beautifully wrapped gift. You know it's for you—it's at your house! All you have to do is walk over to it, pick it up, and open it. But then imagine that you just leave it sitting on your floor and ignore it for weeks and weeks. It never stops being the perfect gift, but you keep walking by it each day like it doesn't matter. That would be crazy, right?! That gift was meant for you! Why wouldn't you respond by opening it up and enjoying what is inside?

God has given us the greatest gift ever. This gift is meant just for us, but we have to respond. This great gift is meant for us. We are meant to know God, and He has made a way for us to know Him and have a relationship with Him through Jesus. We can know God because He loves us so much that He sent Jesus to rescue us. Turn to a friend and say, "God rescues you!" (*God rescues you!*)

Gospel Connection: (refer to the 4 Circles poster in your small group spaces)

(Circle one) Paul knew that from the beginning, people have disobeyed God.

(Circle two) This sin breaks our relationship with God and keeps us from knowing Him like He made us to know Him. But God, because of His love for us, had a plan from the very beginning.

(Circle three) His plan was to send Jesus to rescue us and fix our broken relationship with Him. This is something that we can't do on our own. We need a Rescuer, and Jesus is the ultimate Rescuer. Jesus changes the game! Let me hear you say, "Jesus changes the game!" (*Jesus changes the game!*) Say, **"God rescues you!" (God rescues you!)**

He is the only One who can rescue you and save you from our sin and brokenness. Your sin deserves punishment, but Jesus took that punishment Himself when He died on a cross. Jesus rose again three days later, showing He is more powerful than sin and death and totally changing the game!

(Circle four) When we are free from the punishment of sin, we can know God, we can love God, and we can point others to God. We are meant to know God. He knows what is best for you, and that is why He gave us Jesus. When we trust in Jesus and follow Him, He rescues us, and we can live our lives for Him. God rescuing us changes our whole lives! We go from being broken to being His family as children of God! Let's learn more about that now.

God provided a Rescuer for us. His name is Jesus, and He is the greatest gift ever. Without Jesus, we are broken and separated from God forever. But this isn't the way God meant for things to be—we are meant to know God. So, He made a way for us to know Him—Jesus, our Rescuer and Game Changer. God sent Jesus, who lived a perfect life and took the punishment for our sin when He died on the cross. But did He stay dead? Everyone, say, "No!" (*No!*) That's right! Jesus came back to life, showing that He is more powerful than sin and death and that He is our perfect Rescuer! Say, "Jesus changes the game!" (*Jesus changes the game!*)

If you want to know more about how Jesus changes the game, talk with me or your Campus Leader. You are meant to know God, and we want to help you do that! If you have believed in Jesus for life, your next step is baptism. I would love to give you something to talk about baptism with your family. When you are ready for this step, please ask your family to talk to your Campus Leaders about scheduling a time to get baptized.

Remember that you are meant to know God. Everyone, say, "I am meant to know God!" (*I am meant to know God!*) God rescues you through Jesus so that you can know God. Shout out the amazing truth, "God rescues you!" (*God rescues you!*) Let's pray, and thank God for rescuing us in 3-2-1.

God, thank You for loving us so much that You rescue us and make a way for us to have a relationship with You. Thank You for giving us the greatest gift ever—Jesus—to rescue us from sin. Help us know You, love You, and follow You. Amen.

Who Is? And How To? —

Big Goal: Learn the Theme verse to see how Jesus changes the game.

Leader Prep: Use the Theme Verse Poster, *“The wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.” (Romans 6:23)* Put the voice cards in a bucket.

Supplies: Voice Cards (1 set per group- on cardstock, cut apart), Marker (several), Bucket (1 per group)

What To Do: Let’s learn our Theme verse together with a fun game! I will choose a characteristic—which is a describing word—to describe who is going to choose a piece of paper out of the bucket to determine how the group is going to say the Theme verse! For example, I might say, “Who is going to say the Theme verse? People wearing sneakers!” Then, everyone who is wearing sneakers will stand up, and one of you will choose a piece of paper out of this bucket that might say something like, “Double speed,” which means you will say the Theme verse super fast! Got it? Let’s get started!

Suggested Characteristics:

People wearing sneakers

People wearing blue

People whose favorite sport is basketball

People who hate pickles

People who love dogs

Keep It Going: Allow kids to help you think of new ways to say the Theme verse. Write them on cards, place them in the bucket or allow someone from the first group to choose the new characteristic for the next group.

Loud And Clear: This Theme Verse is so important for us to learn because it helps us remember that Jesus changes the game. We all deserve death and separation from God because of our sin, but God rescues us instead! That is the best news ever and the greatest gift we could ever be given! Say, **“God rescues you!” (God rescues you!)**

Let’s chat about this more by looking at some questions that make us think deeper.

Discussion Questions:

- Have you ever read a book or seen a show where someone needed rescuing? What happened in that story? *(Allow kids to answer, and share your own answer. Share that the Bible is an incredible true book because it tells us that Jesus rescues us from sin. Jesus doesn't rescue us like firefighters, but He rescues us from the brokenness that separates us from God.)*
- The Bible tells us we are meant to know God and that He rescued us so we can know Him. Let's open our Bibles to **Romans 6:22-23** 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.)* These Bible verses say that our sin deserved death, but we can be free from what separates us from God and find eternal life through Jesus. Why do you think Jesus is God's greatest gift? *(Without Him, we would still be separated from God; we would still need rescuing.)*
- How does the gift of Jesus show us how much God loves us? *(God sent Jesus to die in our place because we couldn't rescue ourselves. He loved us enough to send His own Son to die for us.)* Do you have any questions about the love of God or why He sent Jesus?
- How does our Bible story today teach us the most important thing we can know? *(You are meant to know God, so when you know God and His love for you, you understand yourself and your purpose more.)*
- The Bible tells us God rescues us so that we can truly know Him. Being rescued by Jesus changes the game! 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.)*

Each of us is meant to know God, and He made a way for us to know Him through His Son, Jesus. God rescues us from sin and death and changes the game for us 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.