

Nov 12

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## I am Made for Community Kindergarten - 5th grade

### Leader Notes

**Bible Passage:** The Church Began and Grew- Acts 1-2

**Bottom Line:** Anyone can be God's friend.

**Leader Context:** The church began and grew and shows us that anyone can be God's friend. God welcomes anyone and everyone to be His friends. What are some ways you can be friends with God, just like we are with people?

**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

#### 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

Our Bible story shows us that we are all invited to be a part of God's community. Anyone and everyone can be friends with God! The church got bigger and because more and more people learned, saw and felt like they were welcomed and invited into God's community. And you know what's awesome? The same is true for us right now. God wants us to be in community- to be in friendship with God and with other people. But who is in God's community? God's community is made up of a bunch of different people who look different, talk different, act different and like different things. Each person is created in a unique and special way. God wants us to know that each and every one of us is invited to be a part of His community. We can all be friends with God.

Belonging to God's community is what we are made for. God gives us the opportunity to belong to His family through Jesus. As we are in community with others, He helps us to grow and learn. We want to feel known, seen, and heard. We want to belong. And the good news is that we are known, seen, and heard by God first. And as we get to know Him, we learn how loved we are by Him and then we can love others, too. We belong in a community with God and with one another because He created us that way. But we also know that our friendship aren't perfect, right? God is perfect, we are not. Because of our sin, doing what we think is best instead of following God's best, our relationship with God is broken. But God loved us so much He sent His Son, Jesus, to die on the cross to take the punishment for our sin and then come back to life. Because of Jesus, we are all invited to be friends with God. Anyone who loves and follows Jesus gets to be His friend. And we get to be friends with the others people who love Him too.

Let's pray together. Remember prayer is listening and talking to God.

God, thank You for creating us to be a part of the community with You and with other people, and for giving us friends and family to encourage, serve, and love. Please continue to guide us so that we know how to love others compassionately. We want to honor You with everything Amen."

Nov 12 K-5 Small Group

**A Little Corny (20 minutes)**

**What You Need:** craft sticks (1 per kid), candy corn candies (5 per kid), plastic cups, Allergy Alert printable

**What You Do:**

Today we are going to play a game called A Little Corny. The object of the game is to balance five candies on a craft stick first. The stick will be in one player's mouth while the other friends are trying to add candies one by one. A couple of rules: 1.) All players have to participate and add at least one candy corn each; and 2.) If the pieces fall, just keep going. Got it? OK, let's form two even groups based on the number I give you, and decide which player will be the stick balancer. Everyone, ready? 3-2-1 Go!

Note: Replace clean craft sticks with each round. Post allergy alert poster. If allergies in group allows for it, kids can eat their candy after the game.

**Say:** That was a ton of fun, and a little corny. What was hard about that game? Sometimes working together can be challenging. But you couldn't have played the game without each other. God made us to live in community, and everyone is invited, no matter what. Jesus loves and invites each and every one of us."

**Discussion Questions:**

- If you could design a sandwich that had all of your favorite things on it, what would be on that sandwich? *(Allow kids time to answer and share your own answer. Invite them to name their sandwich and talk about what it would taste like. Share your own crazy creation)*
- So those are all things, but it can be different with people. Sometimes we can feel like we don't fit in because we're different than others. Like we don't mix or match well. But our Bible story showed us that God wants all different kinds of people to be together in community. Everyone is invited and gets an invitation to be part of God's community. We all have a place to belong. What is something that is special and unique about you? *(Allow kids time to share. If a kid is having a hard time thinking of something, help them out. Share your own experience.)*
- The Bible tells us we are made for community because anyone can be God's friend. Let's open our Bibles to Acts 2:44-27 and read about it together..*(Invite kids to open up their Bibles. Read the passage aloud or invite a kid who volunteers to read the passage aloud. Help kids find the passage so everyone can follow along together.)* Does anyone want to share what they think that passage is talking about?
- When people feel welcome, they feel like they belong. What are some things you can do to help other people feel welcome? *(Encourage kids to think about different situations- at school, at church, or in their neighborhood.)*
- Acts 2:44 says that everyone there were believers, which means they loved and followed Jesus. When we love and follow Jesus, we can be friends with Him and friends with others who love and follow Him too. We are all invited to be a part of His community. Does anyone have any questions or thoughts about how we can be friends with Jesus? *(Allow kids a chance to respond and share your own experience with how being God's friend has impacted your life.)*
- Jesus wants everyone who loves Him to be in community together. So when you follow Him, you are in community with everyone else who follow Him too. How should that impact the way we look at people here at church and other people who love Jesus? *(Allow kids time to respond and share your own experience.)*

**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 kid and call them by name.