

HEY, HI, HELLO

God Gives Me Friends

November 17

I Am Made for Community

1 year olds - 4 year olds

Leader Notes

Bible Passage: Paul Gave Hope- Philippians 4

Bottom Line: I can cheer on my friends.

Leader Context: As we continue in our series on community, we will teach kids that they can cheer on their friends. In the book of Philippians, Paul wrote to encourage Jesus' followers in how they lived in community. This included cheering on and encouraging the good and honorable attributes they noticed in each other. Being connected in community means we can cheer on and encourage our friends.

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: Social Instruction Page, Game Sets, Roku Game Instructions,

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."

Social

Bible Story Video (10 minutes)

Bible Story Recap- Say This!

Thank you, Super Crew!

In our Bible story today, Paul remembered how his friends cheered him on, and he wrote a letter to give them encouragement and cheer them on too. We can cheer on our friends to love God and love others! I can cheer on my friends. Let's say that together. "I can cheer on my friends." Great job!

Our Super Clue today is a foam finger. A foam finger is something that you can use at a game or a race to cheer for someone. It lets that person know that you are encouraging them. We can cheer on our friends who may be hurting.

Let's pray and thank God for our friends. Praying means talking and listening to God.

Dear God, thank You for giving us friends. Remind us to always encourage our friends and to celebrate them as they live for You. In Your name we pray, amen.

Videos

Can you say the Big Deal with me?

Hey, Hi, Hello! (Wave around from the right to the left.) God Gives Me Friends! (Point to sky with both hands. Then hug yourself with your arms.) Let's do that a few more times.

Cheer on Friends(20 minutes)

Big Goal: Connect the Main Idea, "I Can Cheer on My Friends."

Supplies: "Cheer On Friends" printable (1 per child), Stickers (several), Markers or crayons (several) Print out "Cheer On Friends" printable, one per child.

Craft Instructions:

1. Before the session, print out the "Cheer On Friends" printable, one per child.
2. Give each preschooler a printable, crayons or markers, and several stickers.
3. Encourage preschoolers to color and decorate their megaphones.
4. Invite preschoolers to decorate their megaphones with stickers.

What To Do: When we cheer on our friends, we are encouraging them to live like God wants us to live. We can cheer on our friends in many ways. One of my favorite ways to cheer someone on is to use a megaphone. It helps make my voice louder so my friends can hear me cheering for them. This is what a megaphone looks like. *(Hold up printable.)* Let's decorate our megaphones by coloring them. After we color them, we will use stickers to make them even more cheerful. I know everyone will create a wonderful, colorful piece of art! *(Hold up printable again.)* At the top of the picture, it says, "I can cheer on my friends." Under the picture, it says, "Consider others as more important than yourselves. Philippians 2:3b" That is our Theme verse. Ready to start decorating? Let's go!

Loud And Clear: God tells us to cheer on our friends just like we heard in our Bible story today. He wants us to use our voices to encourage and remind our friends that they are loved. We can also do that by using items like a foam finger, a megaphone, or stickers. God loves us and gives us friends to cheer on and encourage!

Say:

- Who remembers what our Super Clue is today? *(foam finger)*
- What does a foam finger help us remember? *(We can cheer on our friends when they are happy and when they may be sad.)*
- What was your favorite part of Large Group time?
- I can cheer on my friends. What can you do to cheer on your friends? *(You can tell them you are proud of them, clap for them, or remind them of God's love.)*
- What did you learn about God today?

Keep It Going: Have different preschoolers pair up to say the Big Deal to each other. Allow time for them to cheer each other on as they say the Big Deal.

It's easy to pick out our favorite sports and cheer for those. Cheering for our friends is also that easy. Encourage your friends and celebrate them as they live for Jesus!

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.