

# HEY, HI, HELLO

God Gives Me Friends

## November 24

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

#### Leader Notes

**Bible Passage:** Living for Jesus- Titus 1-2

**Bottom Line:** I can learn from my friends.

**Leader Context:** An incredible part of God giving us friends is that God gives us good examples to follow. In the book of Titus, Paul wrote encouragements to Titus to stand strong in his faith and be a good example to others. Titus trusted Paul and wanted to learn from him. This weekend we get to teach kids that they can learn from their friends who love and follow God and be the kind of friends who are good examples to others.

**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, Nov24\_Elem\_SocialGame

**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**

Paul gave us a great example of what it means to be a good friend and part of a community. When he wrote to Titus, he wanted to help him in so many ways! Paul wanted to teach, encourage, and pray for his friend. Titus knew he could trust Paul and learn from him. Knowing who we can trust or who we should listen to isn't always easy.

**Gospel Connection:**

*(Circle two)* Our world is filled with a lot of noise that can feel distracting and confusing. This is because our world is broken due to sin. *Sin* is whenever we choose to do what we think is best rather than follow what God says is best. Sin breaks our relationship with God and breaks our relationships in community. It can make people say and do things that aren't helpful, kind, or encouraging.

*(Circle three)* God knew we would need to be rescued from our sin, so He sent His Son, Jesus. Jesus lived a perfect life and died on a cross to take the punishment for our sin. He came back to life, showing that He is more powerful than sin and death!

*(Circle four)* When we trust and follow Jesus, we can know that He makes us new and gives us a new life now and forever.

*(Circle one)* When God created the world, He made it perfect. He designed people to have a relationship with Him and with each other. When we trust and follow Jesus, we get to live life the way God designed. Paul believed that. Titus believed that. And we can believe that too!

#### Videos

**Bible Story Recap- Say This****Gospel Connection:**

In a world filled with noise and confusion, we can trust God. We can also trust and learn from our friends who love and follow God. It's why we're so excited every time you come to church! So many friends here live for Jesus, and we can learn from them what it looks like to live that way too. Say, "I can learn from my friends!" (*I can learn from my friends!*) God made you for community, and you can learn from your friends who love Jesus in your community. If you have questions about what it means to trust Jesus and live your life for Him, talk to me or your Team Leader. We would love to tell you about our own relationships with God and share with you how to follow Him.

Using The Gospel in 4 Circles Art in your group, help walk kids through what each circle means. If kids have questions and you need help explaining, contact your campus leader for guidance.



**Pray:** *God, thank You for community! Thank You for the amazing friends You give us and for all the ways we can learn from them. Help us to learn from our friends who love and follow You. And help us be the kind of friends that others can learn from too. Amen.*

**Head, Shoulders, Knee, Cup (20 minutes)**

**Big Goal:** Know that we can listen to trustworthy friends when life feels confusing.

**Supplies:** Plastic cups (several) Set out supplies.

**What To Do:** Find a friend because we are going to play a game called “Head, Shoulders, Knees, Cup.” *(Assist kids with getting in groups of two. In the event of an odd number, invite that player to be the “caller.”)* In this game, you will place a plastic cup between you and your friend. The “caller” will say different words—head, shoulders, knees, or cup. When the caller says, “Head,” “Shoulders,” or “Knees,” you will put your hands on that body part. But as soon as the caller says, “Cup,” you will try to be the first to grab the cup. Keep track of how many times you grabbed the cup first!

**Keep It Going:** Switch teams and play multiple rounds. Add in other commands such as spin, jump, squat, and so forth.

**Loud And Clear:** That game got a little chaotic! Life can feel like that sometimes. It can seem like a lot of people are saying different things, and we aren’t always sure who to listen to. But we can remember that God made us for community, and He gives us friends we can learn from, listen to, and trust. When we have friends who love and follow God, we can listen to them. This week, think about those good friends and pay attention to what you can learn from them.

Discussion Questions:

Let’s get connected as we talk about how God made us for community!

1. If you could learn how to do anything, what would you choose? *(Allow kids to answer and share your own answer.)*
2. The Bible tells us we are made for community, and we can learn from our friends! Let’s open our Bibles to **Titus 2:7-8** 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.)* What’s the difference between friends who are good examples and bad examples? What can help you tell the difference? *(Allow kids to answer and share your own answer. Suggested answers: Good examples are friends who love and follow God; Bad examples are friends who distract or discourage me from following Jesus.)*
3. Paul taught Titus about following God and encouraged Titus to teach other people to live for Jesus. Who are people in your life that teach you to love and follow God? Who are friends that you can teach about living for Jesus? *(Allow kids to answer and share your own answer.)*
4. If you’re ever wondering who you should listen to, how can our Bible story help? *(I can listen to and learn from people who love God and speak the truth.)*
5. The Bible tells us we are made for community, and we can learn from our friends! 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 and pray. *(Lead the group in prayer. Consider using the following prayer prompt.)*

*God, thank You for always being with us and for making us for community. Thank You for working through other people to teach us about You, like Paul did for Titus. You are a wonderful and good God! Please help us to live in our communities the way You designed. Amen!*

We can learn from our friends who love and follow God. When we listen to and trust the people in our community, we can learn to live for Jesus!

**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.