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I am Made for Community Kindergarten - 5th grade

Leader Notes

Bible Passage: Life with One Another- Ephesians 4

Bottom Line: God wants us to work together.

Leader Context: Being part of God's community isn't always easy because people are imperfect. Yet He calls us to forgive, to love, and to work with one another. Working together in community is worth it because it honors God and is a reflection of the way His Spirit is working in 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

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

Have you thought about your big toe recently? Maybe if you kicked the leg of your bed. Ouch! Did you know your big toe is a very important part of your body? You need your big toe to run. It is key to your body moving around. Without it, movement would be a lot more difficult. God wants us to be in community. but how do we live in community? God's community is made up of people each serving in a specific role. Which means we need you, and you and you and you and everyone in here. Like we saw in our Bible story, God wants to use each of us to love people in community. It is not about me, but it's about we. Teamwork makes the dream work.

God invites all of us into His community, but it is on you and me to accept or reject His invitation. All people have chosen to turn away from what God say is best and do what they think is best. Sin even messes up our identity- who God made us to be. But God sent His Son, Jesus to take away our old, broken identity and give us new identity- child of God. Jesus died on a cross and came back to life to take the punishment for our sin and restore our relationship with Him. When we turn away from our sin and believe and trust in Jesus, we accept God's invitation to be forgiven and be part of His family. If you have questions or want to talk more about believing in Jesus, I would love to chat more."

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

God, thank You for wanting us to in community and giving us people to encourage, serve and love. Please continue to guide us so that we know how to love others compassionately. We want to honor you in everything. Amen."

Four or More- Who's in Your Core? (20 minutes)**What You Need:** colored paper (1 per kid), crayons/markers, stickers, stamps and ink pads**What You Do:**

I am excited to introduce you to a new phrase. Four or More, Who's in Your Core? Core describes people that are really close to us. First, we are going to place our hands on this sheet of paper and tuck our thumbs under, so we are making the number 4 with our fingers. Then, we are going to use a marker or crayon to trace around our hands. If you need help, ask a friend to help you trace. Then, I want you to think of four people you are grateful for and write their names on each finger. Then you can spend time decorating your core. When you are done, we will share these with each other and thank God for each person in your core."

Note: If a child is having a hard time thinking of 4 people, offer suggestions of people that care about them. If they are having difficulty narrowing it down to 4, it's OK to have 4 or more.

Say: God has been so good to each of us by giving us a community who loves us and cares about us. I'm thankful for that core in each of your lives. So many of the people you shared about are people that help and encourage you. What are some ways that you can be a helper and an encourager to others?"

Discussion Questions:

- What makes you like other people and want to be their friend? What would make you dislike a person? Or why would it be hard for you to be friends with someone? *(Allow kids time to answer and share your own answer.)*
- When we are in community together, it doesn't mean that being together will always be easy. There are times when people do things that upset or make it hard for us to get along. How can we respond when that happens? *(Allow kids time to share. If a kid is having a hard time thinking of something, help them out. Share your own experience.)*
- Building blocks are different shapes and sizes, but they work together to make something amazing. The Bible tells us we are made for community, and because of that, God wants us to work together. Let's open our Bibles to Ephesians 4:25 and 32 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?
- In community God want us to treat each other like we are all one big body, and that includes forgiving each other. How can these verses help you when someone does something that makes you upset? *(Alloq kids time to answer and share your own answer.)*
- We forgive others because Jesus has forgiven us. Jesus forgives us when we own up to what we haave done wrong and confess it to Him. How can we do that with one another when we have done something wrong? Who is someone that you can show kindness and forgiveness to today?*(Allow kikids time answer and share your own answer.)*

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.