

HEY, HI, HELLO

God Gives Me Friends

November 3

I Am Made for Community 1 year olds - 4 year olds

Leader Notes

Bible Passage: Peter's Friends Prayed- Acts 12:1-17

Bottom Line: I can pray for my friends.

Leader Context: When the disciple Peter was in prison, his friends prayed for him. God answered their prayers by freeing Peter, and they were amazed! Kids can pray for their friends and know that God listens.

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."

Bible Story Video (10 minutes)

Bible Story Recap- Say This!

Thank you, Super Crew! That was awesome!

In today's Bible story, Peter was in jail. While he was in jail his friends prayed for him, and God listened to their prayers. God helped Peter. This Bible story helps us learn that we can pray for our friends when they need help. I can pray for my friends. Let's say that together. "I can pray for my friends." Great job!

Our Super Clue today is a toy phone. A toy phone reminds us that one way we can talk and listen to our friends is by using a phone. But we don't need a phone to talk and listen to God! When we want to pray for our friends, we can talk to Him, and we can know that He hears us, and He answers our prayers!

I am so thankful that God gives us friends that we can pray for.

We can pray for our friends and ask God to help them when they need help. *Praying* means talking and listening to God. Let's practice that now. Let's close our eyes and pray.

God, thank You for giving us friends. Thank You that we can talk and listen to You through prayer. Help us remember to pray for our friends. Amen.

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.

Social

Videos

God Gives Me Friends(20 minutes)**Big Goal:** Remember that God gives us friends.**What You Need:** “God Gives Me Friends” printable (1 per child), Cardstock (1 per child), Markers or crayons (several), Scissors (1 per group; adult-use only), Brads (2 per child) Print and cut out the “God Gives Me Friends” printable on cardstock, one per child.**Say:****Craft Instructions:**

1. Before the session, print out “God Gives Me Friends” printables on cardstock, one per child. Cut out the printables.
2. Give each preschooler a set of three people cutouts and crayons.
3. Invite preschoolers to color their people cutouts.
4. When preschoolers finish coloring, put a brad in the hand of one cutout and attach its hand to the next cutout to make a banner with all of the people attached by brads. (There will be three people cutouts on each child’s banner.)

What To Do: Today we are learning that God gives us friends. Each of you will get three people cutouts. You can decorate them however you would like. When you finish, I will help you attach the people together using brads to make a friend banner. You can hang this banner in your room to remember to pray for your friends.**Loud And Clear:** You did such a good job making your banners. God gives us friends, and when we see our banners, we can remember to pray for our friends. **I can pray for my friends.** Can you say that with me? **“I can pray for my friends.”** Great job!**Say:**

- Who remembers what our Super Clue is today? (*a toy phone*)
- What does a toy phone help us remember? (*We can talk and listen to God through prayer, and we can pray for our friends.*)
- Who prayed for Peter in our Bible story? (*his friends*)
- I can pray for my friends. Who are some of your friends?
- What did you learn about God today?

Keep It Going: Consider taking prayer requests and then praying for preschoolers’ friends together, giving preschoolers time to pray for their friends.

In today’s Bible story, an angel appeared to Peter, Peter’s chains fell off, and the angel led him to the gate. Then Peter went to the house where his friends were praying. Just like Peter’s friends prayed for him, you can also pray for your friends.

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.