

# HEY, HI, HELLO

God Gives Me Friends

## November 3

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

#### 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.

#### 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."

**Bible Story Video (10 minutes)**

**Bible Story Recap- Say This**

While Peter was in jail, he had friends in a community who were praying for him. And God answered their prayers in a big way! Peter's friends knew the best thing they could do was pray for Peter and ask God to help him. God heard the prayers of Peter's friends, and He answered by sending an angel to help Peter escape. Say, "Amazing!" (*Amazing!*) Like Peter's friends, we can pray for our friends too. Say, "I can pray for my friends!" (*I can pray for my friends!*) We are made for community. That means we can pray for our friends and ask God to help them when they need it.

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

*God, thank You for making us for community and giving us friends. We're so glad that we don't have to go through life alone, but we have friends around us who can help and be there for us. Help us to be the kind of friends You made us to be—friends who pray for each other. We pray in Jesus' name, amen.*

#### Videos

**Pray for My Friends (20 minutes)****Big Goal:** Know that we can pray for our friends.**What You Need:** Theme Verse Burst (1 per group), Prayer Cube Printable (cardstock, 1 per kid), scissors, tape, markers**What You Do:**

Set out supplies. Place the Theme Verse Burst in a place where everyone can see it. Make an example of the craft ahead of time.

1. Pass out the Prayer Cube Printable to each kid with markers.
2. Encourage kids to fill in the blank squares with pictures or words that describe ways they can pray for their friends. Ideas: health, safety, peace, comfort, needs, family, friends, etc.
3. Read the Theme Verse Burst together.
4. Talk about a time that you considered a friend's needs before your own and what that looked like. What was the outcome?
5. Pass out scissors. Ask kids to cut around the outside lines of the cube.
6. Fold the tabs in and fold the cube to make a die. Using tape, tape down the flaps.
7. Group kids in groups of 3 and ask them to roll their die and practice praying for the picture it lands on.

**Say:**

Even when our friends are far away, we can pray for them. Peter's friends prayed for him when he was in jail. We can pray for our friends when they are near or far, happy or sad, when they need help or when we are just thinking about them. When we pray for our friends, it keeps them close to our minds and hearts. Prayer can bring us close together and help us get connected.

## Discussion Questions:

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

1. What do you and your friends like to do together? What do you talk about when you're doing those activities? *(Allow kids to answer and share your own answer.)*
2. The Bible tells us that we are made for community, and we can pray for our friends. Let's open our Bibles to Acts 12:5 and 16 and read about it together. *(Invite kids to open their Bibles. Read the verses aloud or invite a kid who volunteers to read the verses aloud. Be sure to have Bibles available for kids who need one. Help kids find the verses so everyone can follow along together.)* What do you think it was like for Peter's friends while he was in jail? How can their example help us when we have friends in need? *(Allow kids to answer and share your own answer.)*
3. We can know that when we pray for our friends, God listens. When are times you can pray for your friends? *(Allow kids to answer and share your own answer.)*
4. If you or a friend feels helpless because of your age, how can today's Bible story help and encourage you? *(Know that we can pray for our friends by talking to God. When we talk to God, we can know He listens. Even kids can talk to God.)*
5. The Bible tells us that we are made for community, and we can pray for 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 teaching us that we can pray for our friends. Thank You that when we pray, we can know You listen. Help us remember this week that we are made for community. Help us to be kind and thoughtful by praying for our friends. Amen.*

*We can get connected in community by praying for our friends. Know that God listens to your prayers, so you can always talk to Him about what your friends need.*

**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.