



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

Leader Notes

Bible Passage: Jesus Chose His Followers- Matt 4:18-25, Luke 5:1-11

Bottom Line: Jesus invited good friends.

Leader Context: Jesus invited good friends, which we see in how He chose His followers. Jesus invites us to follow Him, just like the disciples, and then we get to be in community with Him and with others! How can we follow Jesus and be "All In"?

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 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."

Videos

Bible Story Video (10 minutes)

Bible Story Recap- Say This!

Bye Super Crew! Thanks for helping us out!

Wow! I am so glad that God gives us friends! God gave Jesus special friends to help Him. These special friends were called disciples. They got to go where He went, eat what He ate, and do what He did. They helped Jesus tell other people about God, and they learned to help each other too. Did you know that God gives us special friends? He does! God made us to be part of a group, and He gives us special friends so we can share about God and Jesus together. Everyone stand up and say our Big Deal with me (including the motions)

You're invited (point with both hands forward)

God gives Me friends (with palms up, move both hands in a small circle and end like you are holding a tray) Great job!

Let's pray and talk to God. We can thank God for giving us friends. Let's all close our eyes and get really still so we don't get distracted and can focus on talking to God. Let's pray in 3-2-1.

"God, thank You so much for giving us friends. Thank You that we can have good friends, just like Jesus did. Thank You for friends who help us learn more about You. Help us to be good friends and to share what we learn about You with our friends. Amen.."

Pom Pom Party (20 minutes)

What You Need: ten poms pom balls per kid, paper party cups (1 per kid), party stickers, markers, party hats (10 per group)

What You Do:

- We're going to make two teams. One team will stand in a line on one side, and the other team will stand in a line facing them. Each person on Team 1 will hold a party hat turned upside down, like an empty ice cream cone. Team 2, you will line up facing a teammate from Team 1. You will have a cup full of pom-poms. When I say "Go" you will try to throw the pom poms into the party hat. Try to throw as many pom poms as you can into the hat. Then when I say "freeze", we'll switch so that everyone gets a turn throwing the pom-poms. Watch out! Make sure that none of your pom-poms land in someone else's hat.
- Note: Remind preschoolers that in this game, everyone wins. The goal is for everyone to play together and have fun.
- After everyone has had the chance to throw pom-poms, allow kids to use markers and stickers to decorate a paper party cup for them to take home 10 pom-poms to try this game at home.

Say "You did such a great job helping each other and working as a team! God gave Jesus friends to be on a "team" with Him and help Him tell other people about God. He gives us friends to help us know Him and follow Him too. It's so much fun to follow Jesus as a team!"

Say:

- What was our Super Clue today? *(a party invitation)* What does it help us remember?*(Jesus invited people to be His friends, and God gives us friends, too. Our friends can help us know more about God and Jesus)*
- What was your favorite part of the Bible story?
- Jesus chose special friends to be His helpers, called disciples. Just like how Jesus chose people to be his friends, He chooses us to be His friends. Do you know things we can do to help us become better friends with Jesus? *(Come to church, learn Bible stories, obey Jesus, pray, sing songs to Jesus)*
- What is something you learned about God today?
- What can you tell your friends and families about this week?

Our Big Deal is, "You're Invited! God Gives Me Friends"

You're Invited (point with both hands forward)

God gives me Friends (with palms up, move both hands in a small circle and end like you are holding a tray)

Today has been such a great day. We are all invited to be God's friends and to be friends with one another. God loves us so much that He gives us friends to teach us about God and Jesus. I'm so glad you came today, friends! Remember God loves you!"

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.