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God Will Always Love Me Kindergarten - 5th grade

Leader Notes

Bible Passage: God will Always Love Me- John 21

Bottom Line: God loves us no matter what.

Leader Context: There's no sin too big that will stop God from loving us. As we see in how Jesus responded to Peter in John 21, God loves us no matter what. And that love changes us and makes us excited to tell 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

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)

Say This! Jesus forgave Peter. Peter didn't even need to ask for forgiveness. Even though Peter told everyone he didn't know Jesus, Jesus still forgave Him. We all decide to do what we think is best instead of what God knows is best. That is sin. God sent Jesus to earth so that we could be forgiven.

Sometimes it feels like the wrong things we have done are too big for God to forgive, but God will always love us. He loves us so much that He sent Jesus to take the punishment that we deserve for our sin so that we can be forgiven and know God. God is ready to forgive all of us because of Jesus. Even though we don't deserve forgiveness, He made a way for us to be forgiven.

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

God, thank You that You will always love us, no matter what. There is no sin too big You won't forgive and nothing we could ever do that would make You stop loving us. Help each of us to know and believe that You love us. And help us to love You and love others in return. In Jesus name we pray, Amen."

Heart Repair Relay(20 minutes)**What You Need:** Heart Repair Puzzle printable (2 set per group cut apart)**What You Do:**

This game is called, "Heart Repair Relay." I will form two teams. I need one team to stand on my left in a single file line and the other team to stand on my right in a single file line. I have place a puzzle that contains 12 pieces for each team at the other end of the room.

When I say "GO" the first person from each team will run to their team's pile and grab one piece of the puzzle and bring it back to their team. When they return, the next two people will run to their piles and do the same. The first team to get all the pieces, put the puzzle together correctly, and shout out the message on the puzzle wins. Teams, are you ready? Go!"

Change up the way kids move to their team's puzzle pieces for each round. Suggest that kids speed walk, bear crawl, walk backward, crab walk, and so forth.

For smaller spaces- Guide two teams to sit on the floor with the puzzle pieces upside down. On "GO" teams will flip over the pieces and put the puzzle together. Have kids do five pushups or five jumping jacks before flipping over another piece of the puzzle rather than running across the room. For smaller groups have kids work together as one team and time them.

Say: Each of you did an excellent job working together to repair the heart. Can anyone remember what was written inside the heart? That's right. God will always love me. We learned today that our sins can be forgiven because of Jesus and also that God's love for us will never stop. It was out of Jesus' love for us that He came to die on the cross for us. Our mistakes can never stop God's love for us.

Discussion Questions:

- What is something that you've done that you're really proud of? *(allow kids to share stories and share your own.)*
- When we do something that we're proud of, we want to tell everyone. But if we make a mistake, we usually don't feel very proud. What are some different things that people do when they mess up or make a mistake? *(Invite kids to share stories and share your own.)*
- When we feel embarrassed or sad, we worry about what people think about us. How do people's responses make us feel bad? How do people's response make us feel better?*(invite kids to share stories and share your own story.)*
- The Bible tells us that all of us have sinner- yes, even you. Even me. Even our pastor. Sin is doing what we think is best instead of following God's best. Sin separates us from God because He's perfect. But the Bible tells us God will always love us no matter what, and that's why He forgives our sin. Jesus forgave Peter in our Bible Story. Let's open our Bibles to John 21:15-17 and read about God's love 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?
- Peter sinned when he lied and said he didn't know Jesus. But after Jesus rose again, He showed Peter that He still loved him and would always love him. Jesus feels the same way about us too. God will love you no matter what. What are some thing we can do to show God that we love Him in return? *(Invite kids to share stories and share your own story.)*
- Each of us messes up like Peter. How does the truth that God will always love us help when we mess up and sin?
- The Bible tells us that we are forgiven because God will always love us. God flipped things around by forgiving us, even when we don't deserve it.

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.