



Oct 29

God Forgives Me- Game Changer Kindergarten - 5th grade

Leader Notes

Bible Passage: God Forgives Me- Genesis 3, John 3:16

Bottom Line: God always had a plan to restore us- Jesus is that plan!

Leader Context: The brokenness that came through Adam and Eve's disobedience is seen all around us today. But the amazing news is that God always has a plan to restore us- and that plan is Jesus! The good news of what Jesus has done and what it means for our lives gives us hope and new life.

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! (Open the Bible) The Bible tells us that God made everything in a perfect world. Because of choices people made, sin entered the world and it is broken. But the world isn't the only thing broken. We are broken too. Our wrong choices break our relationship with God. But God didn't want us to stay in our brokenness. He sent Jesus to rescue us, to repair our broken relationship and make it new. Jesus was perfect. That means He never sinned or did anything wrong. He never made a wrong choice.

When we believe in Jesus, we can be forgiven for our broken relationship with God and made new. There are things that make us sad, mad, and hurt. Bad and broken things happen to us and other people. But that was never how God wanted the world to be. People try really hard to fix things themselves, but we just can't do it. And God knows that. It's why He sent His Son, Jesus. God loved the world so much that He sent His Son, Jesus so whoever believe in Him can have forgiveness. God's forgiveness is for everyone who believes in Him and asks Him to forgive them. That's a game changer. God forgives everyone who believes. Point at yourself and say, "God can forgive me." Point at your neighbor and say "God can forgive you." Anytime we wonder about the brokenness of the world, we can remember and celebrate God's amazing love that He gives to anyone who asks. God changes the game.

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

God, thank You that, even though people have messed up Your perfect creation, You loved us so much You sent Your son, Jesus, to make thing right by forgiving our sins. Whenever we notice the brokenness of the world or in ourselves, may we find joy because of You. With Jesus, we can always know that there is hope, forgiveness, and love. In Jesus' name, Amen.

Oct 29 K-5 Small Group

Broken Art(20 minutes)

What You Need: Construction paper (1 per kid), white paper(1 per kid), glue sticks, markers or crayons

What You Do:

We're going to create something today to remember how Jesus changes the game because He fixes what's broken. Each of you has a piece of construction paper. I want you to tear it up. Go ahead.

Start ripping. You can make big or little pieces. Just take some time to rip it apart. (*Give kids time to tear the papers*)

Well,now they're broken. But this is all about remembering how God is a game changer. So here's what we're going to do next- take you pieces and give one piece to each of your friends on our team.

By the end, you will have some of your pieces and one piece from everyone else in the group. (*Give kids time to share their pieces.*)

Now that you have a whole bunch of broken pieces, glue them together on your white paper. Glue them so the pieces overlap and there's no space between them. Once you finish, draw a heart across your glued-on-pieces as a reminder of how God's love through His Son, Jesus, fixes what is broken. *If kids are able have them write, "Jesus changes the game"*

Say: Your art looks wonderful. Even though our world is broken because of sin, God's love and forgiveness through Jesus makes things new and beautiful. When you look at your picture, always remember the amazing love of Jesus.

Discussion Questions:

- Think of your favorite game. If you could change one rule in the game, what would you change and why? (*start off by sharing your own example and then give kids time to share*)
- It's fun to think about making up our own rules. But when there are rules, they are meant to be followed. When we think about our world, there are lots of things that people do that we would say aren't "fair" or "right" How do we typically respond when someone breaks the rules or does something wrong? (*We get mad, we tell on them, we try to make it right.*)
- We can all relate to being frustrated, upset, or sad about a broken device- like te broken phone. But it's even harder when big things are broken- like someone being sick or getting hurt. In our Bible story, we learn this brokenness is cause by sin and there's no way we can fix it on our own. But God sent His Son, Jesus, to forgive our sin. How can knowing that God wants to fix things help someone who is sad or mad because of our broken world?(*Give kids time to answer, but answers could include: it helps people to know they're not alone, that there is someone who can help them, or to know that things won't always be like this.*)
- The Bible tells us the world is broken, but God sent His Son, Jesus to forgive us and make us new. Let's open our Bibles to Genesis 3:15 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?
- The sin of Adam and Eve means the world is broken. We also sin- choosing to do what we want instead of doing what God says is best. But God promised Adam and Eve that He would fix things- and He did! Through His Son, Jesus. Why did God send us His Son? *To save us, to frogive us, to fix what is broken, to help us, because He loves us.*)
- If somone were to ask you, "Why are there bad things inthe world?" how could you answer them and tell them about Jesus? (*Give kids time to answer*)
- The Bible tells us that, even though the world is broken, we are forgiven because God sent His Son, Jesus. Jesus is a game changer.

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.