

FRESH START



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Preschool

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**I Am Forgiven
Preschool Leader Guide**

the place for kids to take
their first steps with jesus.

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Jesus freely forgives us, makes us whole, and invites us to share His love with others.

BIBLE- *Jesus Forgave Peter- Luke 22:54-62; John 18:15-27; 21:12-19*

TOOLS

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ASK Leader



Leader Devos



Like It Counts

SOCIAL TIME

The first 10-15 minutes as kid's arrive are some of our most important times to meet needs and show kids they are valued. This is why we provide strategic activities for you help engage with every kid as they arrive.

- This month you have Potato Head sets and Dance Party cards.
- You will also find 2 Social activities each week. ***Use one now and one at the end to redirect attention.*

Games and Music (10 minutes)

What You Need: Social Game Instruction Page including Roku Games, Playground ball (1 per group), Toy food items and dishes (several per group)

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 - Say This!

Thanks, Super Crew! Peter made a wrong choice and lied about knowing Jesus. Peter was very sorry, but Jesus forgave him and gave him an important job to do. Just like glue can fix a broken toy, God's forgiveness makes us whole. When we ask God to forgive us, He does and helps us grow in friendship with Him.

Let's talk and listen to God. This is called prayer. Ready? Let's pray in 3-2-1.

God, thank You that even though we are broken, You can make us whole again. Thank You for forgiving us. Amen.

Can you say the Big Deal with me?

Stuck on You! *(Clasp both hands together in front of you.)*

God Forgives Me and You! *(Move open hands up to point to the sky. Then point to yourself with your thumbs and out toward friends.)*

Bible Story Video (10 minutes)**True or Not True (20 minutes)**

Preschoolers will decide if a statement is true or not true and respond with various motions.

Supplies: None

Game Instructions:

1. Instruct preschoolers to stand up if they think what you say is true or squat down if they think what you say is not true.
2. Say various statements, alternating whether it is true or not. *(Example: The sun shines. Raindrops are purple.)*

What To Do: Let's play a game called "True or Not True." What is the name of the game? *(True or Not True!)* You got it! When I say something, if you think it is true, which means it really happened, you will stand up, like this. *(Stand up for preschoolers to see what to do.)* If you think it is not true, which means it did *not* happen, then you will crouch down, like this. *(Crouch down for preschoolers to see.)* Let's practice those motions. Everyone, stand up. *(Allow responses.)* Everyone, squat down. *(Allow responses.)* Great! I think you are ready to go!

Suggested statements:

- After Jesus was arrested, Peter lied and said he was not a friend of Jesus. *(True!)*
- Jesus died, and three days later, He came back to life. *(True!)*
- One day Peter and some of the other friends of Jesus went to the store. *(Not! They went fishing.)*
- John could not wait to see Jesus. He jumped into the sea and swam to shore. *(Not! Peter swam to shore.)*
- After breakfast, Jesus asked Peter three different times, "Do you love Me?" *(True!)*
- When the others arrived on the shore, Jesus said, "Come and have lunch with Me." *(Not! He said "Come have breakfast with Me.")*
- Jesus gave Peter an important job to do—to share the special news about Jesus with others. *(True!)*

Leader Tip: Encourage preschoolers to continue to play even if they think differently than their friends about whether the statement is true or not true.

Loud And Clear: In our Bible story we learned how Peter did not tell the truth about knowing Jesus. Was that a right choice or a wrong choice? *(Wrong choice.)* You are right. That was a wrong choice. Peter sinned when he lied about knowing Jesus. Later, after Jesus had died and come back to life, He had breakfast with His friends. After they ate, Jesus talked with Peter and forgave him. We are all broken because of the wrong choices we make, and we need God to forgive us. When God forgives us it makes us whole again, and we can have a friendship with Him.

TALK IT OUT

Say:

- We have done some fun things so far today. What have you liked most?
- Who remembers what our Super Clue is today? (*liquid glue*)
- What does liquid glue help us remember? (*When something is broken, we can use glue to make it whole again. We are broken from our wrong choices, but God makes us whole again when we ask God to forgive us.*)
- What did you learn about God from today's Bible story?
- Today we are learning about how God makes us whole. How does God make us whole? (*When we ask God to forgive us for our wrong choices, He makes us whole by*
- *forgiving us.*)
- Do you remember today's Big Deal? Let's say it together (*with motions below*):
Stuck on You! (*Stuck on You!*) God Forgives Me and You! (*God Forgives Me and You!*)

Keep It Going: Encourage preschoolers to take turns leading the group in saying the Big Deal using the motions.

Big Deal Motions:

Stuck on You! (*Clasp both hands together in front of you.*)

God Forgives Me and You! (*Move open hands up to point to the sky. Then point to yourself with your thumbs and out toward friends.*)

Jesus forgave Peter for the wrong choice he made. We need God to forgive us for our wrong choices. All we have to do is ask God, and He will forgive us and help us start a friendship with Him. When God forgives us it makes us whole.

GOING HOME

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.