

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.



WIN

Hope means trusting God and believing that Jesus' love and forgiveness bring healing and good things.

BIBLE- *The Bronze Snake - Numbers 21:4-9; John 3:14-17*

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, Music and Music Player (optional-See Roku for songs) Masking tape (1 per group), Cotton balls (several)

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! Our Bible story teaches us that God gives us hope! Hope means trusting God and believing something good is coming. We all make wrong choices, called sin, but God forgives us when we ask Him. Just like colored sunglasses help us see things differently, hope helps us trust that God is working and making things better.

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

God, thank You for giving us hope through sending Jesus so we can be forgiven and have a friendship with God. Thank You that You forgive us and it stays with us. We love You! 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)**Desert Path (20 minutes)**

Preschoolers will play out being Israelites as they travel along a path.

Supplies: "Desert Path" printable (1 per group), Empty bowls (several), Jump ropes (several) - *Leader prep. Clear an area and set out the supplies in the following order: bowls, a picture of the snakes, and a picture of the cross. Allow space between the supplies so that preschoolers can travel between the items. Make paths on the floor using jump ropes.*

Game Instructions:

1. Before the game, print the "Desert Path" printable, one per group. Clear an area and set out the supplies in the following order: bowls, a picture of the snakes, and a picture of the cross. Allow space between the supplies so that preschoolers can travel between the items.
2. Lead the preschoolers to travel through the path.
3. As they reach each object, remind preschoolers of how the object is part of the Bible story. Instruct them to do a certain movement to get around the object such as jumping over it, hopping around it, marching over it, and so on.

What To Do: Let's play a game called "Desert Path." What is the name of the game? *(Desert Path!)* That's it! Let's form a line. As we follow the leader through the path, be on the lookout for anything in our way. If there is something on the path, we will stop and see what it is. We will talk about how the object relates to the Bible story, and then I will tell you a motion to use to go around it. I might say to jump over it, hop around it, or march over it. Then we will continue on the path. Are you ready? If you are, say, "Let's go!" *(Let's go!)*

Keep It Going: Play another round and let preschoolers lead each other through the path.

Leader Tip: When they reach the bowls, remind preschoolers how the Israelites complained they had no food or water. When they reach the picture of snakes, recall how God sent snakes to remind them of the wrong choices they made. When they reach the picture of the cross, help preschoolers remember how God provided a way for them to be saved. Moses told the people to make a bronze snake and put it on a pole. Jesus reminded Nicodemus that He came to rescue all people by dying on the cross and coming back to life.

Loud And Clear: God forgave the Israelites for their wrong choices. God provided a way for all people to be forgiven for their wrong choices through Jesus. Jesus is God's Son. God sent Jesus to rescue us and give us hope.

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? (*colored sunglasses*)
- What do colored sunglasses help us remember? (*We see things differently when we wear colored sunglasses. God can give us hope to see things differently. When we ask Him, He forgives us.*)
- What do you remember most from today's Bible story?
- Today we are talking about how God can give us hope. Who did God send to give us hope? (*Jesus*)
- 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: Lead preschoolers to say the Big Deal in different voices such as a high-pitched voice, a low-pitched voice, a loud voice, or a quiet voice.

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.*)

We learned today how the Israelites made wrong choices when God was leading them through the desert. God provided a way for them to be healed, and God provides a way for us to be forgiven through Jesus. We can be forgiven when we ask Him!

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.