



SEPTEMBER 2024

September 29

I Am Known

1 year olds - 4 year olds

Leader Notes

Bible Passage: Jesus and the Children- Matthew 19:13-15, Mark 10:13-16

Bottom Line: God values you!

Leader Context: We have spent the last month teaching kids they are known and this week we get to teach kid that God values them. In our Bible story from Matthew 19:13-15 and Mark 10:13-16, we will see that Jesus valued children. Jesus' friends, the disciples, were trying to keep children away from Jesus. They wanted Jesus to be able to focus on more "important" things. But Jesus welcomed the children, showing His love and care for them. When kids are thinking, I'm just a kid- do I really matter? we get to teach them, "Yes! You do matter!" Jesus loves, values and welcomes them to trust and follow Him. They don't have to wait until they are adults. Jesus invites them into a relationships with Him right now!

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: Social Game Instruction Page including Roku Games, "Show and Tell Treasures" printable (one 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."

Videos

Bible Story Video (10 minutes)

Bible Story Recap- Say This!

Wow! Thank you, Super Crew!

In our Bible story, Jesus invited the children to come to Him because He valued and treasured them. We are so important that God sent Jesus to earth so we can have a friendship with Him. God values you! He values each one of us. Do you know what *value* means? If something has value, it is very special and important to you. Even though we are all different, God thinks each of us is very special and important. We are His favorites.

Our Super Clue is a refrigerator magnet. Just like a refrigerator magnet can hold important or valuable art up so everyone can see, God says we are valuable too! God knows you and wants you to know Him too. That reminds me of our Big Deal, "Hooray! God Values You!"

Let's talk and listen to God as we pray. We can thank God that He values and treasures us. *God, thank You that You value and treasure us. Thank You for sending Jesus to earth so that we can have a friendship with You, God.*

Can you say the Big Deal with me?

Hooray! (*Pump your fist.*)

God Values You! (*Close hands together in front of you and bring to the chest.*)

Decorate a Magnet(20 minutes)

Preschoolers will decorate magnets for their refrigerators to remember that God values them. Remember that Jesus valued and treasured the children in today's Bible story, and He values and treasures us too.

What You Need: Cardstock (several), Markers or crayons (several), Adhesive magnets (1 per child), Scissors (1 per group; adult-use only) *Precut small squares of cardstock (5 by 5 inches), 1 per child. Precut strips of stick-on magnets sized to fit on the back of the cardstock squares, 1 per child.*

Craft Instructions:

1. Before the session, precut small squares of cardstock (5 by 5 inches), 1 per child. Precut strips of stick-on magnets sized to fit on the back of the cardstock squares, 1 per child.
2. Give each preschooler a cardstock square and markers or crayons.
3. Invite preschoolers to draw on and decorate their squares however they would like.
4. Assist preschoolers by peeling and placing their magnet strips on the back middle of their cardstock squares.

What To Do: Our Super Clue is a refrigerator magnet. A refrigerator magnet helps us to remember that God values us. We are going to create our own magnets to remind us that God values us. I will give each of you a small paper square and some crayons and markers. You can draw whatever you want on your square. When you finish decorating your square, I will attach a magnet strip on the back of your drawing so it can go on your refrigerator.

Keep It Going: Allow preschoolers to share what they drew on their magnets with other preschoolers.

Leader Tip: Place a magnet on the back of each drawing. A strip of magnet tape would be a safer option than a round, stick-on magnet. At pickup time, hand the finished product to the pickup person.

Loud And Clear: Our Super Clue, a refrigerator magnet, reminds us that we are important and valuable to God. Our magnets can remind us of our Bible story and how Jesus told His friends to invite the children over because He values us and treasures us.

Small Talks

Talk with preschoolers and review the Bible story by asking the following questions. This is a time for side-by-side learning, where all preschoolers have the opportunity to connect and participate.

1. Who remembers what our Super Clue is today? *(a refrigerator magnet)*
2. What does a refrigerator magnet help us remember? *(God values us.)*
3. How did Jesus show He valued the children? *(Jesus invited them to come to Him.)*
4. **God values you.** How does God value you? *(God invites you to have a friendship with Him.)*
5. What did you learn about God today?
6. Do you remember today's Big Deal? I'll say it first and you say it after me. *(Use motions below as you say the Big Deal.)* Ready? Hooray! *(Hooray!)* God Values You! *(God Values You!)*

Keep It Going: Say the Big Deal in a soft voice, and then say it in a loud voice.

Big Deal Motions:

Hooray! *(Pump your fist.)*

God Values You! *(Close hands together in front of you and bring to the chest.)*

Our Super Clue, a refrigerator magnet, helps to hold up our important and valuable art for everyone to see. God values you, and just as He had Jesus show others how much He values children by inviting them to spend time with Him, God does the same for us. He invites us to spend time with Him just like we have done today because He values and treasures us.

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.