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**I Am Valued
Preschool Leader Guide**

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



WIN

God loves and values us so much. God seeks us when we are far from Him and welcomes us into a forever relationship with Him through Jesus.

BIBLE- The Story of the Lost Son- Luke 15:11-24; 19:10

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 Bean Bag Toss Game and Building Sets.
- 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, Bark Color Pg (1 per kid) crayons, Plush toy or stuffed animal (1 per group), party hats (2-4 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!

That was amazing! Thank you, Super Crew! Jesus told a story about a father who loved his son very much. The son made wrong choices, but when he came home, his father was so happy that he celebrated! God loves and values us too. We are special and important to Him! Our party hat reminds us that God celebrates us!

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

God, thank You for loving us and celebrating us. Thank You for wanting a friendship with us. We love You. Amen.

Can you say the Big Deal with me?

Wild and Wonderful! *(Hold up both hands like animal claws, then make a rainbow in front of you with both hands.)*

God Values Me! *(Bring both hands to chest, right over left.)*

Bible Story Video (10 minutes)**Welcome Home Path Activity (20 minutes)**

Preschoolers will move along a path to play out part of the Bible story.

Big Goal: Remember the Bible story.

Leader Prep: Use painter's tape to create a path on the floor.

Supplies: Painter's tape (1 per group)

Game Instructions:

1. Before the session, use painter's tape to create a path on the floor.
2. Guide preschoolers to line up at the start of the taped line.
3. Invite them to walk, hop, or tiptoe along the path.
4. At the end, encourage a leader to open his arms and say, "Welcome home!"

What To Do: Friends, today we are going to walk on a special path. What are we walking on? *(A special path!)* You got it! This path can remind us of the son who came home in our Bible story. To play this game, we will stand in a line behind the start of the path. When it is your turn, you will walk along the path however you like—you could walk, hop, or tiptoe. When you get to the end, I will say, "Welcome home!" Ready? Let's go!

Keep It Going: Invite preschoolers to choose a different way to move each time they travel along the path.

Loud And Clear: In our Bible story, the father was happy to see his son come home. He celebrated him because he loved him. When we start a friendship with God, He celebrates us.

TALK IT OUT

Say:

- What is something you have had fun doing today?
- Who remembers what our Super Clue is today? *(a party hat)*
- What does a party hat help us remember? *(We use party hats when we are celebrating special people. God values us and celebrates us too.)*
- What did you learn about God from today's Bible story?
- Today we are talking about how God celebrates us. What are ways we can celebrate others?

Keep It Going: Invite preschoolers to pretend to put on a party hat and say, "God celebrates me!"

Big Deal Motions:

Wild and Wonderful! *(Hold up both hands like animal claws, then make a rainbow in front of you with both hands.)*

God Values Me! *(Bring both hands to chest, right over left.)*

God celebrates us when we begin a friendship with Him. When we celebrate others, we show love like God does. God made us with value, and He loves us very much.

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.