
LEADER DEVO

God Wants Me to Tell People about Jesus! - Sharing Jesus Is Important

Read: Acts 13

*"For this is what the Lord has commanded us:
"I have made you a light for the Gentiles,
that you may bring salvation to the ends of the earth."
When the Gentiles heard this, they were glad and honored the word of the Lord;
and all who were appointed for eternal life believed."
Acts 13:47-48*

Reflect: Thinking about God's command to be a light and bring salvation to the ends of the earth, which truth and Bible verse would be helpful to know when you have the opportunity to share Jesus?

- A. Jesus is the only way to God the Father. (John 14:6)
- B. Sin deserves punishment, but Jesus offers forgiveness. (Romans 6:23)
- C. We do not have to work to earn God's love or salvation. (Ephesians 2:8)

Pray: God, the gift of Your love and salvation through Jesus is the most important truth I could share with others. Thank You for this gift. Help me remember that sharing Jesus is important. Open doors for me to share the good news of Jesus with others. I love you. Amen.

Prepare: Who are people in your life and community that would benefit from hearing the good news of Jesus? What can you do to allow God's light to shine through you in their lives?

Gospel Presentation Week

Sharing Jesus Is Important

BIBLE PASSAGE

Paul Told about Jesus

Acts 13-21

BIBLE VERSE

*"Everyone who calls on
the name of the Lord
will be saved."
Romans 10:13*

AT-A-GLANCE

Super Clue:

Line Leader

CRAFT/ACTIVITY:

3 Circles

1. PRAYER REQUEST SHEET

- Welcome children as they walk in.
- Before joining an activity, connect with each child by inviting them to write one praise and one prayer request on their paper. *Help them think about good things to thank God for and areas where they need His help.*
- Collect the papers to share during prayer time.

2. WELCOME/ EXTRA ACTIVITIES

1. Bible Verse Practice Sheet

Supplies: Bible Verse Practice Sheet, Pencils, & Crayons

- Provide each child with a Bible Verse Practice Sheet.
- Read the verse aloud together and discuss what it means.
- Encourage the kids to trace or write the verse on their own.
- Let them decorate their sheets with crayons.

2. Playdough

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- Set out supplies, and allow kids to play and connect.
- Encourage them to roll out the playdough and trace the words on the sheets.

3. Games

Supplies: Games

- Set out games and allow kids to connect and get to know each other and you.

4. Bible Verse Activity

Supplies: Bible Verse Sheet

- Follow the Bible verse activity page to help kids learn this month's Bible Verse.

3. TEACHING SCRIPT

Greeting- Hi everyone! Do you want to know something cool? God wants me to tell people about Jesus, and God wants you to tell people about Jesus. Our Big Deal for today is, "Here and Now! God Wants Me to Tell People about Jesus!" Our Big Deal teaches us something important about God. It tells us that we do not have to wait to tell people about Jesus—we can share with our friends right here and right now. Let's say our Big Deal together. I'll say it first, and then you can say it after me. *(Use motions.)* Ready? Here and Now! *(Here and Now!)* God Wants Me to Tell People about Jesus! *(God Wants Me to Tell People about Jesus!)* Good job, friends! Sharing Jesus with others is so super!

WORSHIP- *Lead kids in worship through songs and motions.*

BIBLE STORY VIDEO INTRO

Hold up your Bible- It was so much fun singing with you! We have a great story from the book of **Acts**. *(Show kids where this week's passage is found in the Bible.)* I can't wait to learn more about it with you. Remember God's Word is true.

MAILBOX/SUPER CLUE- *Ask a child to open the mailbox after you introduce the Bible story.*

Wow! Our Super Clue today is a line leader. A line leader is someone who stands and leads all the friends in the line to the right spot. Raise your hand if you like to be a line leader. *(Allow responses.)* Being the line leader can be so much fun! I wonder how this Super Clue connects to our Big Deal, "Here and Now! God Wants Me to Tell People about Jesus!" Let's send our Super Clue to our friends in the Clubhouse called the Super Crew. They will know how to help. *(Place the Super Clue back in the box.)* Let's count down and press the "Go" button to send the Super Clue to the Super Crew. Ready? 3-2-1 Go!

BIBLE STORY VIDEO RECAP

Thanks, Super Crew! In our Bible story, Paul and Barnabas had a big job to do. The Holy Spirit told Paul and Barnabas to leave their city and travel somewhere new to tell people about Jesus. They traveled all over telling people about Jesus because sharing Jesus is important. Here is some great news—we can share Jesus wherever we go too. We can share how God sent Jesus, His only Son, so that we can be forgiven and have a friendship with God. Jesus is so special, and Jesus loves you! This is such a great, true Bible story to tell. We may not travel to a new city like Paul and Barnabas, but wherever we go, we can tell others about Jesus. Our Super Clue today is a line leader. A line leader has the very important job of getting people to the right place. We have a very important job too! Our job is to tell people about Jesus because sharing Jesus is important. Let's say that together. "Sharing Jesus is important!" Let's pray together. When we pray, we talk and listen to God. Let's ask Him for help with our super important job of telling others about Jesus.

God, thank You so much for sending Jesus so we can be forgiven. Help us tell our friends and family about Jesus here and now. Thank You for loving us. We love you so much! Amen.

BIBLE VERSE- *Spend some time practicing the Bible verse with the help of the video or handout.*

OIKOS SONG- *Invite the kids to sing along to the Oikos song on the TV.*

TALK TIME- *Transition into talk time by using the questions to review today's Bible story.*

4. TALK TIME

Follow this guide to engage kids in discussion.

Have the children open their Bibles to the Bible passage.

Provide Bibles to those who did not bring their own.

- 1. Today our super clue was a line leader-how can that help us remember our Bible Story?** *(A line leader has the important job of helping everyone get to the right place. We have the important job of sharing about Jesus with everyone.)*
- 2. Today we learned that sharing Jesus is important. What are some things we can share about Jesus?** *(Jesus is God's Son, Jesus came so we can be forgiven and have a friendship with God, Jesus is very special, and Jesus loves you!)*
- 3. What is our very important job?** *(Sharing or telling people about Jesus)*
- 4. The Bible tells us that we are here to share Jesus, and that sharing Jesus is important! Let's open our Bibles to **Acts 13:47-48** and read about it together.** *(Invite kids to open their Bibles. Read the passage or ask a volunteer to read the passage aloud, and make sure everyone can find it to follow along.)*
- 5. Paul and Barnabas shared Jesus with many different people. Paul said that God called them to be a light to the Gentiles. God called them to be a what? (Light!) How did the people respond when they heard about Jesus?** *(Many people were happy and believed in Jesus!)*
- 6. Paul kept sharing about Jesus, even when it was hard. What can help us be brave when it is hard to share about Jesus?** *(We can remember that sharing Jesus is important. We can know Jesus died and rose again to make the only way to have a relationship with God. We can pray and ask God to help us share Jesus.)*

Take time for kids to reflect and talk about what they learned.

PRAY: God, thank You for sending Jesus to make the way for us to have a relationship with You. This is important good news we can share with others! Help us have an attitude like Paul and Barnabas, where we want to share You everywhere we go. Help us be brave and kind when we share Jesus with others. Thank You for loving us. We love you so much! Amen.

5. PRAYER TIME

- Take time to pray with the kids, thanking God for the good things in each person's life (praises), and asking for His help with their prayer requests.
- If a child arrives late, be sure they still have an opportunity to share a praise and/or prayer request.

If time is short, lead the kids in a simple prayer that covers all the requests.

If time allows, consider praying for each request individually, and give the kids a chance to pray for one another. Feel free to adapt this in whatever way works best for your class.

6. ACTIVITY

3 Circles

(Put up the "Team Craft Time" slide on your TV)

Supplies: 3 Circles wheel, Brads, Crayons & Markers

TO INTRODUCE THE ACTIVITY, SAY:

- **Do you remember what Paul and Barnabas were doing in our Bible story today? (Allow responses.) Yes! They were telling people about Jesus.**
- **They were traveling from city to city, sharing Jesus with people. When we share Jesus, what are we sharing? (Allow responses.)**
- **Today's craft will help us remember what to share when we tell people about Jesus.**
- **These 3 Circles help us tell the story of Jesus. (Hold up the 3 Circles printable.)**

- * *(Point to the first circle.)* **The first circle reminds us that God made everything, including us. In the beginning, everything was perfect. This circle looks like a globe which is a picture of our world, Earth.**
- * *(Point to the second circle.)* **The second circle reminds us that sin and wrong choices entered the world because we chose to disobey God. Because of our wrong choices, our friendship with God is broken.**
- * *(Point to the third circle.)* **The third circle reminds us that God had a special plan. Because God loves us, He sent His Son, Jesus, to live on Earth, die on the cross, and come back from the dead. Jesus is alive! He came so we could be forgiven of our wrong choices and to fix our broken friendship with God.**
- **That is such special news to tell people about.**
- **You are going to color each of these circles, and then you will put a brad in your circles so they can spin. Once your spinner is finished you can use it to tell your friends about Jesus.**

TO WRAP UP THE ACTIVITY, SAY:

- **Just like Paul and Barnabas, we can share Jesus with other people and remind them that Jesus came to forgive our sins, our wrong choices, and fix our broken friendship with God.**
- **That is good news!**

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God Wants Me to Tell People about Jesus! -Sharing Jesus Is God's Plan

Read: Luke 24:13-49

"He told them, "This is what is written: The Messiah will suffer and rise from the dead on the third day, and repentance for the forgiveness of sins will be preached in his name to all nations, beginning at Jerusalem."

Luke 24:46-47

Reflect: What helps you recognize who Jesus is and what His plan is for His followers?

- A. Spending time alone with God.
- B. Talking with others who love God.
- C. Worshiping and enjoying music about Jesus.

Pray: God, it is amazing to know that Your plan for salvation through Jesus has been Your plan from the beginning of the world. Help me see and participate in my part of Your plan—sharing the good news of Jesus with others. I love you so much! Amen.

Prepare: How has Jesus surprised you recently? How can recognizing what Jesus has done in your life remind you that sharing Jesus is God's plan?

Sharing Jesus Is God's Plan

BIBLE PASSAGE

The Emmaus Disciples

Luke 24:13-49

BIBLE VERSE

*"Everyone who calls on
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Romans 10:13*

AT-A-GLANCE

Super Clue:

Get-Ready Chart

CRAFT/ACTIVITY:

Follow Me Footprints

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WORSHIP— *Lead kids in worship through songs and motions.*

BIBLE STORY VIDEO INTRO

Hold up your Bible— It was so much fun singing with you! We have a great story from the book of **Luke**. *(Show kids where this week's passage is found in the Bible.)* I can't wait to learn more about it with you. Remember God's Word is true.

MAILBOX/SUPER CLUE— *Ask a child to open the mailbox after you introduce the Bible story.*

Look! Our Super Clue is a get-ready chart. Does anyone have a get-ready chart at home? A get-ready chart gives us a plan for getting ready, like getting dressed, brushing our hair, brushing our teeth, and eating breakfast. I wonder how a get-ready chart connects to our Big Deal, "Here and Now! God Wants Me to Tell People about Jesus! Let's send this Super Clue to our friends in the Clubhouse, the Super Crew! They will know what to do. *(Place the Super Clue back in the box.)* Let's count down and press the "Go" button to send the Super Clue to the Super Crew. Ready? 3-2-1 Go!

BIBLE STORY VIDEO RECAP

In our Bible story today, we learned that after Jesus died and rose again, He appeared to some friends who were walking along the road. Later, when the friends realized they had been talking to Jesus, they ran to tell others that Jesus is alive! We can tell people about Jesus too. We can tell them about Jesus here and now, wherever we go. Telling people about Jesus is a huge part of God's plan. Our Super Clue today is a get-ready chart. When we wake up in the morning and start to get dressed, we can use a get-ready chart to know what to do. A get-ready chart gives us a plan for getting dressed, brushing our hair, brushing our teeth, and eating breakfast. It helps us know the plan. God has a plan for us too! God wants us to tell people about Jesus, and we can know that sharing Jesus is God's plan. Let's pray and thank God for His plan. Praying is talking and listening to God. Ready? Let's pray.

God, thank You so much for Your perfect plan and for letting us be a part of it by telling people about Jesus. We love You. Amen.

BIBLE VERSE— *Spend some time practicing the Bible verse with the help of the video or handout.*

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4. TALK TIME

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- 1. Today our super clue was a get-ready chart. How can that help us remember our Bible Story?** *(A get-ready chart gives us a plan and helps us know what to do next as we are getting ready. God has a plan for us too! God wants us to tell people about Jesus.)*
- 2. Why should we share Jesus with others?** *(We should share Jesus with others because that is God's plan for us. When we share about Jesus it can help people learn about Him so they can believe in Jesus too.)*
- 3. The Bible tells us we are here to share Jesus, and that this is God's plan for our lives! Let's open our Bibles to **Luke 24:46-47** and read about it together.** *(Invite kids to open their Bibles. Read the passage or ask a volunteer to read the passage aloud, and make sure everyone can find it to follow along.)*
- 4. Jesus reminded His disciples that it was always God's plan for Jesus to die and make the way for people to find forgiveness from sin. Because of Jesus, we can believe in Him, be forgiven of our sin, and share this truth with others. Jesus also said that God's plan was for this truth to be shared everywhere! Where are different places you can share Jesus?** *(Allow kids to answer.)*
- 5. Why do you think it is good news that Jesus wants everyone to be a part of His family?** *(The Bible tells us that Jesus died and rose again so we could be forgiven for our sin and be a part of God's family forever. This is the best news ever! We want everyone to experience this forgiveness too.)*

Take time for kids to reflect and talk about what they learned.

PRAY: God, thank You that Your big plan includes us. Thank You that You want us to be a part of Your family and that You work through us to share this good news with others. Help us to share Jesus everywhere we go! Help us remember we are never too young to share Jesus, and You are always with us, helping us share. This is all part of Your plan! We love you so much! Amen.

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6. ACTIVITY

Follow Me Footprints

(Put up the "Team Craft Time" slide on your TV)

Supplies: "Everywhere I Go-I Can Share Jesus" paper, Child-safe scissors, Markers or crayons, hole punch, and string to loop through hole to hang up

TO INTRODUCE THE ACTIVITY, SAY:

- **Did you know our feet were made to help us share Jesus with others?**
- **In our Bible story, the disciples believed the truth that Jesus died and rose again to forgive our sins. They also believed that God would work through them to share Jesus with others.**
- **Today, we're going to trace one of our feet and turn it into a reminder that we can follow Jesus and share Him too!**
- **You're going to get a special paper (show kids). On one side it says, "Everywhere I go," and on the other side it says, "I can share Jesus."**
- **We'll trace one of your feet on the paper. Then you can cut out your footprint, color it, punch a hole in it, and add a string to hang it somewhere as a reminder of how you can share Jesus every day!**

TO WRAP UP THE ACTIVITY, SAY:

- **These footprints remind us that following Jesus means going out and sharing Him with others.**
- **In our Bible story, Jesus told the disciples that His truth would reach the whole world.**
- **That includes people near us and far away!**
- **Wherever we go, we can be part of God's plan to share Jesus.**

LEADER DEVO

God Wants Me to Tell People about Jesus! - Sharing Jesus Is Worth It

Read: Matthew 13:1-23

*"But the seed falling on good soil refers to someone who hears the word and understands it. This is the one who produces a crop, yielding a hundred, sixty or thirty times what was sown."
Matthew 13:23*

Reflect: Thinking about the story that Jesus told, what can motivate you to share Jesus, even when it is challenging or seems hopeless?

- A. God is the One who knows what seeds of faith will grow.
- B. God is pleased when I share Jesus, even if people do not believe.
- C. God can work through me when I share, even if I do not see the results.

Pray: Thank You, God, for helping my faith in Jesus grow like seed in good soil. Help me share Jesus and know that it is always worth it, even when the soil seems rough. I love you. Amen.

Prepare: What steps do you take to improve the spiritual "soil" of your life and keep growing in your relationship with Jesus? How can your faith story remind you that sharing Jesus is worth it?

Sharing Jesus Is Worth It

BIBLE PASSAGE

The Farmer and the Seed

Matthew 13:1-23

BIBLE VERSE

*"Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved."
Romans 10:13*

AT-A-GLANCE

Super Clue:

Sunflower Seed

CRAFT/ACTIVITY:

Did You Hear It?

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3. TEACHING SCRIPT

Greeting—Hi everyone! Today we get to learn about how God wants us to tell people about Jesus. Our Big Deal for today is, "Here and Now! God Wants Me to Tell People about Jesus!" Our Big Deal teaches us something important about God. It tells us that we do not have to wait to tell people about Jesus—we can share with our friends right here and right now. Let's say our Big Deal together. I'll say it first, and then you can say it after me. *(Use motions.)* Ready? Here and Now! *(Here and Now!)* God Wants Me to Tell People about Jesus! *(God Wants Me to Tell People about Jesus!)* Good job, friends! Sharing Jesus with others is so super!

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MAILBOX/SUPER CLUE— *Ask a child to open the mailbox after you introduce the Bible story.*

Look! It is a sunflower seed. Seeds are so neat! You can plant them, and they grow into flowers! I wonder what a sunflower seed has to do with our Big Deal, "Here and Now! God Wants Me to Tell People about Jesus!" The Super Crew will know how our Super Clue connects to our Big Deal. Let's send our Super Clue over to our friends at the Clubhouse. They will definitely be able to help us. *(Place the Super Clue back in the box.)* Let's count down and press the "Go" button to send the Super Clue to the Super Crew. Ready? 3-2-1 Go!

BIBLE STORY VIDEO RECAP

In our Bible story, we learned that sharing Jesus is worth it. Jesus told a story that taught how some people will hear about God's kingdom and believe, some will believe for a short time, and some will not believe. Even though not everyone who hears about Jesus believes in Him, sharing Jesus is worth it. We can tell people about Jesus here and now, wherever we go. Our Super Clue today is a sunflower seed growing into a sunflower. When you plant a small sunflower seed, it can be very hard to wait for it to grow, but it is worth the wait when you see a beautiful sunflower bloom. Sharing Jesus is worth it. When we tell someone about Jesus, we do not know if the person who hears will believe in Jesus or choose to follow Jesus. It can be scary sometimes to tell people about Jesus. Maybe we do not know what to say, or we are worried about what someone may say, but sharing Jesus is always worth it. Let's pray. When we are praying, we are talking and listening to God.

God, thank You for loving us and for sending Your Son, Jesus. Help us share about Jesus wherever we go. We love you! Amen.

BIBLE VERSE— *Spend some time practicing the Bible verse with the help of the video or handout.*

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- 1. Today our super clue was a sunflower seed-how can that help us remember our Bible Story?** *(Planting flowers is worth the wait and, just like that, sharing Jesus is always worth it!)*
- 2. Sharing Jesus is worth it. Where can we share about Jesus?** *(Allow kids to share ideas, explain it can be, anywhere!)*
- 3. The Bible tells us that we are here to share Jesus, and that sharing Jesus is worth it. Let's open our Bibles to **Matthew 13:23** and read about it together.** *(Invite kids to open their Bibles. Read the passage or ask a volunteer to read the passage aloud, and make sure everyone can find it to follow along.)*
- 4. This Bible verse talks about how the seed sown on the good soil is the person who hears about Jesus and follows Him! How can we "sow seeds" by sharing Jesus, and what makes it worth it?** *(We can tell others who Jesus is, why He came, how He forgives sin, how He can change their lives, and why we follow Him. When we share, God can work through us to help others believe and grow in Him.)*
- 5. What are your favorite things about Jesus and why do you love Him?** *(Allow kids to share. Explain they can share all of that with their friends and family!)*

Take time for kids to reflect and talk about what they learned.

PRAY: God, thank You for loving us and sending Jesus so we can be part of Your family. Help us to remember that sharing Jesus is worth it. Even if people may not be ready to listen or ask more about You, help us know that every chance we get to share about You is worth it. Thank You for helping us grow in You and for working through us to help others know You. We love you! Amen.

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6. ACTIVITY

Did You Hear It?

(Put up the "Team Game Time" slide on your TV)

Supplies: Plastic cups

TO INTRODUCE THE ACTIVITY, SAY:

- **Who has their listening ears on?** (*Allow responses.*)
- **To play this game we need to listen very carefully. This game is called "Did You Hear It?"**
- **Let's say, "Did you hear it?"** (*Did you hear it?*)
- **Great job! We are all going to make a big circle, and each of you will have a plastic cup that looks like this.** (*Hold up the plastic cup.*)
- **I am going to call out different instructions like touch your shoulders, touch your knees, and touch your head. When I give those instructions, you will do what I said.**
- **We have to listen closely because when I say, "Cup," we will all pick up a cup off the ground!**
- **Let's play a practice round.** (*Shoulders, knees, head, knees, head, cup!*)

Keep It Going: To keep this game going, instruct the last child to pick up his cup to step out of the circle. Continue playing until there is a final winner.

TO WRAP UP THE ACTIVITY, SAY:

- **Great job listening! That was such a fun game.**
- **In our Bible story today, Jesus told a story. The people heard the good news about God's kingdom and God's Son, Jesus.**
- **Not everyone who heard the news believed. Did everyone who heard believe?** (*No!*)
- **You are right. Not everyone believed. It is important to remember that when we share Jesus with people, some will believe for a short time, and some will not believe, but others will believe and follow Jesus.**
- **Even though not everyone who hears about Jesus believes in Him, sharing Jesus is worth it.**
- **We can tell people about Jesus here and now, wherever we go.**

Pass out the sunflower seeds to each child.

Read the note to them and remind them that there has to be good soil to grow!

LEADER DEVO

God Wants Me to Tell People about Jesus! - Sharing Jesus Is Exciting

Read: Acts 2

"With many other words he warned them; and he pleaded with them, "Save yourselves from this corrupt generation." Those who accepted his message were baptized, and about three thousand were added to their number that day."

Acts 2:40-41

Reflect: The disciples in the early church witnessed amazing things when they were filled with the Holy Spirit. Which one do you think is most exciting?

- A. The way the disciples were empowered with boldness.
- B. The number of people that were drawn to listen and believe.
- C. The rapid growth that happened in the church.

Pray: God, the same Holy Spirit that You poured out on Pentecost is the same Holy Spirit that fills Christians today. Fill me with boldness and help me share Jesus with passion. May I always remember that sharing Jesus is exciting. I love you. Amen.

Prepare: Recall a time you told someone about Jesus. What happened? How can our own stories and stories from others show that sharing Jesus is exciting?

Sharing Jesus Is Exciting

BIBLE PASSAGE

The Holy Spirit
and the Church
Acts 2

BIBLE VERSE

*"Everyone who calls on
the name of the Lord
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AT-A-GLANCE

Super Clue:

Piñata

CRAFT/ACTIVITY:

Toss It Up

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- Let them decorate their sheets with crayons.

2. Playdough

Supplies: Playdough, Playdough tools, Word Sheets

- Set out supplies, and allow kids to play and connect.
- Encourage them to roll out the playdough and trace the words on the sheets.

3. Games

Supplies: Games

- Set out games and allow kids to connect and get to know each other and you.

4. Bible Verse Activity

Supplies: Bible Verse Sheet

- Follow the Bible verse activity page to help kids learn this month's Bible Verse.

3. TEACHING SCRIPT

Greeting—Hi everyone! I love when I get to share about Jesus! Sharing Jesus is so exciting! Our Big Deal for today is, "Here and Now! God Wants Me to Tell People about Jesus!" Our Big Deal teaches us something important about God. It tells us that we do not have to wait to tell people about Jesus—we can share with our friends right here and right now. Let's say our Big Deal together. I'll say it first, and then you can say it after me. *(Use motions.)* Ready? Here and Now! *(Here and Now!)* God Wants Me to Tell People about Jesus! *(God Wants Me to Tell People about Jesus!)* Good job, friends! Sharing Jesus with others is so super!

WORSHIP— *Lead kids in worship through songs and motions.*

BIBLE STORY VIDEO INTRO

Hold up your Bible— It was so much fun singing with you! We have a great story from the book of **Acts**. *(Show kids where this week's passage is found in the Bible.)* I can't wait to learn more about it with you. Remember God's Word is true.

MAILBOX/SUPER CLUE— *Ask a child to open the mailbox after you introduce the Bible story.*

Do you know what this is? It is a piñata! Let's say, "Piñata," together. Ready? "Piñata!" We sometimes see a piñata at a party. The best part about a piñata is that once it is opened, there is an exciting prize for everyone! I wonder how a piñata connects to our Big Deal, "Here and Now! God Wants Me to Tell People about Jesus!" Let's send this Super Clue over to our friends in the Clubhouse, the Super Crew. They will definitely know how our Super Clue connects to our Big Deal. *(Place the Super Clue back in the box.)* Let's count down and press the "Go" button to send the Super Clue to the Super Crew. Ready? 3-2-1 Go!

BIBLE STORY VIDEO RECAP

Our Bible story was about a special day called Pentecost. Let's say, "Pentecost," together. "Pentecost!" Wonderful! Jesus' friends and followers were filled with the Holy Spirit, and all the people listening heard that everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved. That day, three thousand people were saved, which means they believed in Jesus and asked Him to forgive them of their wrong choices. That is so exciting! We can tell people about Jesus here and now, wherever we go, too, because sharing about Jesus is exciting. Our Super Clue today is a piñata, and the best part about a piñata is that the treats inside are for everyone at the party, not just the person who broke it open. Just like the treats, the good news about Jesus isn't just for us—it is for everyone. We get to share this super special news about Jesus here and now! Let's pray together and thank God for this exciting, true Bible story we heard. When we pray, we are talking and listening to God.

God, I am so thankful that the good news about Jesus is for everyone and that You sent Jesus for all of us. Help us tell people about Jesus everywhere we go. We love you! Amen.

BIBLE VERSE— *Spend some time practicing the Bible verse with the help of the video or handout.*

OIKOS SONG— *Invite the kids to sing along to the Oikos song on the TV.*

TALK TIME— *Transition into talk time by using the questions to review today's Bible story.*

4. TALK TIME

Follow this guide to engage kids in discussion.

Have the children open their Bibles to the Bible passage.

Provide Bibles to those who did not bring their own.

- 1. Today our super clue was a piñata-how can that help us remember our Bible Story?** *(Just like the treats in a piñata are for everyone at a party, the special news about Jesus is for everyone!)*
- 2. Today we learned that sharing Jesus is exciting. What can we share with people?** *(God sent Jesus so we can be forgiven and have a friendship with God.)*
- 3. The Bible tells us that sharing Jesus is exciting because God can use our words to help others believe. Let's open our Bibles to **Acts 2:40-41** and read about it together.** *(Invite kids to open their Bibles. Read the passage or ask a volunteer to read the passage aloud, and make sure everyone can find it to follow along.)*
- 4. In these Bible verses, the Holy Spirit filled Peter, who told a big crowd all about Jesus. That day, thousands of people believed in and followed Jesus! Why is that exciting?** *(Peter and the believers got to see lots of people trust and follow Jesus. It is exciting because so many people's lives were changed when they heard about Jesus and believed in Him.)*
- 5. What can we share about Jesus, and what can happen in people's lives when we do?** *(Jesus died and came back to life to take the punishment for our sin. He made the only way for us to be a part of God's family. When we share that news with others, they can turn from sin and have a forever relationship with God too.)*

The Bible tells us sharing Jesus is exciting! In Acts 2, we saw how God worked through Peter and the disciples so that thousands of people believed in Jesus. God can work through you too.

Take time for kids to reflect and talk about what they learned.

PRAY: God, thank You so much for sending the Holy Spirit and working through the disciples to help so many people know and follow You. Thank You that You work through us in the same way. Sharing about Jesus is exciting! Help us be bold and brave to share Jesus and work through us to bring exciting changes in people's lives! We love you! Amen.

5. PRAYER TIME

- Take time to pray with the kids, thanking God for the good things in each person's life (praises), and asking for His help with their prayer requests.
- If a child arrives late, be sure they still have an opportunity to share a praise and/or prayer request.

If time is short, lead the kids in a simple prayer that covers all the requests.

If time allows, consider praying for each request individually, and give the kids a chance to pray for one another. Feel free to adapt this in whatever way works best for your class.

6. ACTIVITY

Toss It Up

(Put up the "Team Game Time" slide on your TV)

Supplies: Parachute, Ball pit balls

TO INTRODUCE THE ACTIVITY, SAY:

- **Come over, friends! Let's play a game together.**
- **Let's stand around our parachute and all hold a handle.**
- **When I say, "Go," we are going to lift the parachute up and down together and toss the ball pit balls into the air.**
- **Let's try to keep them on the parachute, but when they fall off, we will stop, say, "Sharing Jesus is exciting," put them back on, and try again.**
- **It will be so exciting.**
- **Let's say, "Sharing Jesus is exciting!" together. "Sharing Jesus is exciting!" Good! Ready, set, go!**

Keep It Going: *Play with the parachute using different variations. Move it slowly, quickly, or lift it high up in the air.*

TO WRAP UP THE ACTIVITY, SAY:

- * **That was so exciting! I loved playing that game with you.**
- * **This exciting game reminds me how exciting it is to tell people about Jesus.**
- * **The special news about Jesus isn't just for us—it is for everyone!**
- * **Let's say, "Sharing Jesus is exciting," together one more time. Ready? "Sharing Jesus is exciting!" Great!**

LEADER DEVO

Hooray Day- God Leads Me to Have Faith

Read: Hebrews 11

*"Now faith is confidence in what we hope for and assurance about what we do not see.
This is what the ancients were commended for.*

*By faith we understand that the universe was formed at God's command, so that what
is seen was not made out of what was visible."
Hebrews 11:1-3*

Reflect: What step of faith is God currently calling you to take?

- A. Turn away from sin and trust Him for healing.
- B. Say yes to an opportunity that seems challenging or uncomfortable.
- C. Boldly share Jesus with someone.

Pray: God, You have given me so many examples of faith-filled people in the Bible and in my own life. Deepen my faith, helping me to live fully for You. Help me know that You are good, loving, and always with me. Thank You that my faith is secure because You sent Jesus to make the way to have a relationship with You—and nothing will change that. I love you. Amen.

Prepare: Whose faith has inspired your faith journey?

Gospel Presentation Week

God Leads Me to Have Faith

BIBLE PASSAGE

Heroes of the Faith

Hebrews 11

BIBLE VERSE

*"Search me,
God, and know my heart."
Psalm 139:23a*

AT-A-GLANCE

Super Clue:

Blindfold

CRAFT/ACTIVITY:

God Leads Me To Have Faith-
Board Game

1. PRAYER REQUEST SHEET

- Welcome children as they walk in.
- Before joining an activity, connect with each child by inviting them to write one praise and one prayer request on their paper. *Help them think about good things to thank God for and areas where they need His help.*
- Collect the papers to share during prayer time.

2. WELCOME/ EXTRA ACTIVITIES

1. Playdough

Supplies: Playdough, Playdough tools, Word Sheets

- Set out supplies, and allow kids to play and connect.
- Encourage them to roll out the playdough and trace the words on the sheets.

2. White Boards

Supplies: White Boards and Markers

- Set out supplies and help kids connect with each other by playing games, or drawing on the white boards.

3. Heros of Faith Coloring Sheet

Supplies: Crayons and Markers, Coloring Sheet

- Set out the supplies and let the kids color.
- Help them read what the paper says and talk about how they are heroes of faith.

3. TEACHING SCRIPT

Greeting- Hi! We have a special phrase we are going to learn that we call the Big Deal. The Big Deal gives us a hint about our story and what we might learn about today. I am going to say our Big Deal, and I want you to repeat after me. Let's join in on the fun together. I'll go first. Hooray! *(Hooray!)* God Leads Me to Have Faith! *(God Leads Me to Have Faith!)* Faith means trusting and believing in God. Let's say our Big Deal again. *(Repeat the Big Deal two or three more times.)*

WORSHIP- *Lead kids in worship through songs and motions.*

BIBLE STORY VIDEO INTRO

Hold up your Bible- It was so much fun singing with you! We have a great story from the book of **Hebrews**. *(Show kids where this week's passage is found in the Bible.)* I can't wait to learn more about it with you. Remember God's Word is true.

MAILBOX/SUPER CLUE- *Ask a child to open the mailbox after you introduce the Bible story.*

Our Super Clue is a blindfold! I have used one of these before when I played "Pin the Tail on the Donkey." Can anyone tell me what happens when you put on a blindfold? *(You can't see!)* That's right! You can't see! I wonder how this connects to our Big Deal. Let's say our Big Deal together. I will go first, and you repeat after me! Hooray! *(Hooray!)* God Leads Me to Have Faith! *(God Leads Me to Have Faith!)* A blindfold? Having faith? Let's send this Super Clue over to our friends at the Clubhouse, the Super Crew, and they can tell us how these two connect to each other. *(Place the Super Clue back in the box.)* Let's count down and press the "Go" button to send the Super Clue to the Super Crew. Ready? 3-2-1 Go!

BIBLE STORY VIDEO RECAP

Thanks, Super Crew, for all of your help! In our Bible story today, we heard about many people who had faith in God. A man named Noah acted in faith and trusted God. Noah built the ark because God told him to do so and he trusted that God would take care of his family. A man named Abraham showed faith and left his home to go to a new land God showed him. A woman named Sarah trusted God and had faith that God would give her a family even though she was too old to have children. King David had faith and trusted God to help him defeat Goliath and to lead as king. A woman named Rahab had faith when she hid the Israelite scouts in the city of Jericho. These heroes of the faith that we learned about today all trusted God and His promises. They could not see God and did not get to meet Jesus, but they all trusted God. We can trust God and His promises too! Our Super Clue today is a blindfold. When we wear a blindfold, we cannot see and need someone to lead us in the right direction. God leads us to have faith and trust in Him. God leads us in the right direction to put our faith and trust in Jesus. Let's say a prayer. When we pray, we talk and listen to God. Let's bow our heads and close our eyes.

Thank You, God, for leading us to faith in Jesus. Thank You that Jesus is our Savior. Thank You for leading us and guiding us in the right direction so we can honor You. We love you! In Jesus' name, amen.

BIBLE VERSE- *Spend some time practicing the Bible verse with the help of the video or handout.*

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4. TALK TIME

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Provide Bibles to those who did not bring their own.

Today we will do things a little different. We're going to play a fun game to help us learn more about who God is and what He has done. First, we'll open God's Word—the Bible—and read a little together. Then we'll talk about what we read and play the game!

- 1. The Bible tells us that when God leads us to have faith, we can share about God with others! Let's open our Bibles to **Hebrews 11:1-3** and read about it together.** *(Invite kids to open their Bibles. Read the passage or ask a volunteer to read the passage aloud, and make sure everyone can find it to follow along.)*
- 2. Faith is believing and trusting in God. God leads us to faith. We know He will keep His promise to love us forever when we have a relationship with Him because of Jesus. What are true things about God that help you have faith and trust Him?** *(God created the whole world. God sent Jesus to make the way for us to have a relationship with Him. God loves us. God is always with us. God is always good and kind.)*

Play the game for the rest of the class and have fun!

PRAY: God, thank You for creating the world and creating us to know and follow You. Thank You for the people in the Bible who show us how to live and follow You. Most of all, thank You for sending Jesus to rescue us from sin. Help us have faith in You, believing and trusting that You always keep Your promises. And as You lead us to faith, help us to share Jesus with others so You can lead them to faith too. We love You. Amen.

5. PRAYER TIME

- Take time to pray with the kids, thanking God for the good things in each person's life (praises), and asking for His help with their prayer requests.
- If a child arrives late, be sure they still have an opportunity to share a praise and/or prayer request.

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6. ACTIVITY

God Leads Me To Have Faith- Board Game

(Put up the "Team Game Time" slide on your TV)

Supplies: Board Game, Board Game Cards, Counters, Dice, White Boards

TO INTRODUCE THE ACTIVITY:

- **Set out supplies and help kids engage in a fun game to go over the Bible story and the 3 Circles.**

TO WRAP UP THE ACTIVITY:

- **That was so much FUN!!**
- **We got to play a fun game while discussing today's Bible Story!**
- **I hope you guys had fun and even learned more about God and His Word.**
- **Remember, faith is trusting God.**
- **God is who He says He is.**