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## PREPARE: LEADER DEVO

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### Jesus Called a Tax Collector

**Read** - Matthew 9:9-13; Mark 2:13-17; Luke 5:27-32

As he walked along, he saw Levi son of Alphaeus sitting at the tax collector's booth. "Follow me," Jesus told him, and Levi got up and followed him.

On hearing this, Jesus said to them, "It is not the healthy who need a doctor, but the sick. I have not come to call the righteous, but sinners."

**Mark 2:14,17**

**Reflect** - How can you live differently this week after receiving a new start from God?

- A. By showing forgiveness and kindness to others
- B. By making better choices that reflect God's love and purpose for my life
- C. By sharing with others how God has given me a new start

**Pray** - God, thank You for giving me a new start. Please let Your love for me spill out in my life so I can show others how Your forgiveness can change their lives too.

**Prepare** - How can the fact that God gives us a new start encourage us to share the good news of Jesus with others?



## BIBLE STORY

Jesus Called a Tax Collector

Matthew 9:9-13; Mark 2:13-17; Luke 5:27-32

## BIG DEAL

God Forgives Me

## WELCOME STATIONS

### 2s & 3s

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## WORSHIP & SUPER CLUE

1. Gather the children in the designated **large group spot** using the song. (Now it's time to hear God's Word...).
2. Lead them in singing the **Oikos song** and doing the hand motions. Play the theme song encouraging children to dance and sing.
3. Invite a child up to open the **Super Clue Box**. "Your clue this week is a STOPWATCH. Hmmm, What does a STOPWATCH have to do with our Bible Story?"

## BIBLE STORY & BIBLE VERSE

Introduce and show the **Bible Story Video**.  
Go over the **Small Talk** questions and practice the **Bible Verse** with them.

## QUESTIONS & VERSE

### SMALL TALK QUESTIONS

1. **Who remembers what our Super Clue is today?** (a stopwatch)
2. **What does a stopwatch help us remember?** (Stopwatches stop and start again. They remind us that God gives us a new start.)
3. **Today we learned that God gives us a new start. How does God do that?** (When we tell Him we are sorry and ask Him to help us be better, God forgives us and helps us.)
4. **Who can you tell that God knows everything that happens?** (Answers will vary.)
5. **Do you remember today's Big Deal? I'll say it first, and you say it after me. Ready? Redo! (Redo!) God Forgives Me and You! (God Forgives Me and You!)**

### BIBLE VERSE

**If anyone is in Christ,** (Point to the sky.)  
**he is a new creation.** (Cross open palms in front of body moving upward.)

**2 Corinthians 5:17a** (Hold hands out like a book.)

## CONNECTION ACTIVITIES

### 2s & 3s

1. **GAME:** Freeze Dance: Preschoolers will move around the room in various ways (tiptoes, crawling, hopping, walking backwards) when the music plays and freeze when you stop it.
2. **CRAFT:** Decorate the Party: Children will decorate a scene of Jesus and His followers with confetti.

### PreK

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2. **CRAFT:** Decorate the Party: Children will decorate a scene of Jesus and His followers with confetti.

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## STORY SCRIPT

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### Leading into Story/Worship

We are going to have so much fun today! Today's Big Deal is, "Redo! God Forgives Me and You!" A Big Deal is a special truth we can learn about God. Let's say it together. I'll say it first, and you can say it after me. Redo! (Redo!) God Forgives Me and You! (God Forgives Me and You!) When God forgives us, He gives us a new start. Let's say, "God gives me a new start," together. Ready? "God gives me a new start." Wow! That was super!

### After the Bible Story Video

In today's Bible story, Jesus invited a tax collector named Matthew to follow Him. Jesus gave Matthew a new start. He forgave Matthew for his sins, the wrong choices he had made.

God made a perfect world and created people to live in it and be His friends. Can you make a big circle above your head with me? (Model drawing a circle above your head and invite preschoolers to do the same.)

Great job! God loved the world He made, but Adam and Eve, the first people, disobeyed God's one rule, bringing sin into the world. Can you make an X with me? (Take your arms and model the X.) Sin makes the world sad and broken, and it separates people from God. Even today, we all sin by doing wrong things, and that's why we need Jesus.

God loves us and sent His Son, Jesus, to help fix our broken friendship with Him. Jesus is our King who wants to take away our sin and give us a new start. Can you take a pretend crown and place it out in front of you like you are putting it on someone's head? (Demonstrate this for preschoolers and have them do this with you.)

When we believe in Jesus and follow Him, God forgives us, and we can have a friendship with Him again. One day, everyone who believes in Jesus will live forever with Him in heaven.

Let's pray and talk to God. We can thank Him for sending Jesus. When we ask Jesus to forgive us, He does! Let's close our eyes as we pray. Ready? Let's pray in 3-2-1.

God, thank You for forgiving us. Thank You that Jesus came so we can be forgiven and have a friendship with You. Thank You for giving us a new start. Amen.

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### Jeremiah Told of a New Promise

**Read** - Jeremiah 11:1-10; 17:1-10; 31-33

The heart is deceitful above all things  
and beyond cure.  
Who can understand it?

"I the Lord search the heart  
and examine the mind,  
to reward each person according to their conduct,  
according to what their deeds deserve."

#### Jeremiah 17:9-10

**Reflect** - How can we live this week knowing God has given us a new heart?

- A. Be more thankful for the things He has provided.
- B. Be more loving to my family.
- C. Be more diligent in prayer and studying the Bible.

**Pray** - God, thank You for giving me a new heart that allows me to love like You. Help me to be more patient and more kind this week in my interactions with my family. Let them see You through me!

**Prepare** - What is different in your life now that God has given you a new heart? Has it changed how you live and how you spend your time?



**Preschool**  
October 11/12, 2025

### **BIBLE STORY**

Jeremiah Told of a New Promise  
Jeremiah 11:1-10, 17:1-10; 31-33

### **BIG DEAL**

God Forgives Me

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## **WELCOME STATIONS**

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## **WORSHIP & SUPER CLUE**

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## **BIBLE STORY & BIBLE VERSE**

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Introduce and show the **Bible Story Video**.  
Go over the **Small Talk** questions and practice the **Bible Verse** with them.

## QUESTIONS & VERSE

### SMALL TALK QUESTIONS

1. **Who remembers what our Super Clue is today?** (new batteries)
2. **What do new batteries help us remember?** (New batteries help a toy work the way it is supposed to. God gives us a new heart that changes us to love and follow Him.)
3. **Today we learned that God gives us a new heart when we ask Him to forgive us. Why do we need a new heart?** (We all make wrong choices and need to be forgiven.)
4. **Who can you tell that God forgives us?** (Answers will vary.)
5. **Do you remember today's Big Deal? I'll say it first, and you say it after me. Ready? Redo! (Redo!) God Forgives Me and You! (God Forgives Me and You!)**

### BIBLE VERSE

**If anyone is in Christ,** (Point to the sky.)  
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**2 Corinthians 5:17a** (Hold hands out like a book.)

## CONNECTION ACTIVITIES

### 2s & 3s

1. **GAME:** Battery Seek and Find: Preschoolers will look for hidden pictures around the room.
2. **CRAFT:** Watercolor Heart Scroll: Preschoolers will decorate hearts with watercolors. When dry, leaders will roll them up like a scroll and tie with string. (A rubber band can be used to make the string part easier.)

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## STORY SCRIPT

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### **Leading into Story/Worship**

Today we are learning that God forgives us. That makes me think about our Big Deal. Our Big Deal teaches something important and true about God. Today's Big Deal is, "Redo! God Forgives Me and You!" Let's practice saying it together. I'll say it first, and you can say it after me. Redo! (Redo!) God Forgives Me and You! (God Forgives Me and You!) When God forgives us, it means that He lets go of our wrong choices. Today we are going to learn that God forgives us when we ask Him. God can change our hearts to know and love Him.

### **After the Bible Story Video**

Thank you, Super Crew! I knew you all would be able to help.

(To preschoolers) Wow! In today's Bible story, we learned that God had a special message for His people. God sent His message to a prophet named Jeremiah. God's message was that He is the only One who has the power to change people's hearts. When we talk about God changing our hearts, we mean that God helps us want to make right choices. God helps us love and care about Him and other people. God said He would forgive the people's wrong choices and change their hearts to know and love Him. We all sin, which means we make wrong choices, and we need God to forgive us and help us. When we ask God to forgive us, He does! He changes our hearts to know and love Him too!

Today's Super Clue is new batteries. When you put new batteries in a toy, the toy works like new again. When God forgives us, He changes our hearts and makes us new. Only God can change our hearts to know and love Him. Hearing the word forgive reminds me of our Big Deal, "Redo! God Forgives Me and You!"

Let's pray and talk to God. We can thank Him for sending Jesus. Let's close our eyes as we pray. Ready? Let's pray in 3-2-1.

God, You are so powerful and forgiving. We are thankful You forgive us when we ask and change our hearts to know and love You. Thank You for sending Jesus. Amen.

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### Jesus Called Peter

**Read** - Luke 5:1-11

and so were James and John, the sons of Zebedee, Simon's partners.

Then Jesus said to Simon, "Don't be afraid; from now on you will fish for people." So they pulled their boats up on shore, left everything and followed him.

**Luke 5:10-11**

**Reflect** - How does having a new identity affect how we see ourselves and others the most in your life?

- A. I am more aware that everyone I encounter is valued and loved, regardless of the circumstances.
- B. I offer more grace and compassion to others quicker than before.
- C. I have become more empowered to share God's love, knowing my identity is secure in Him.

**Pray** - God, please help me to live each day remembering that my identity is in You. You have given me a new life in Jesus, and I thank You!

**Prepare** - How do people try to find identity? How is knowing our identity is found in Jesus different?



# Preschool

October 18/19, 2025

## BIBLE STORY

Jesus Called Peter  
Luke 5:1-11

## BIG DEAL

God Forgives Me  
GOSPEL WEEKEND

## WELCOME STATIONS

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## WORSHIP & SUPER CLUE

1. Gather the children in the designated **large group spot** using the song. (Now it's time to hear God's Word...).
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## BIBLE STORY & BIBLE VERSE

Introduce and show the **Bible Story Video**.  
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## QUESTIONS & VERSE

### SMALL TALK QUESTIONS

1. **Who remembers what our Super Clue is today?** (road rug)
2. **What does a road rug help us remember?** (It is fun to drive cars on a road rug. If you are driving and need to turn around, you can look at the rug and find the right way to go. God gives us a new way to go, too, so we can know and follow Him.)
3. **God gives us a new way. What does it mean that God gives us a new way?** (God gives us a new way to live. When we believe in Jesus and ask God to forgive us, God gives us a friendship with Him.)
4. **What does God's forgiveness mean?** (When we ask God to forgive us, He does! This means He lets go of our wrong choices.)
5. **Do you remember today's Big Deal? I'll say it first, and you say it after me. Ready? Redo! (Redo!) God Forgives Me and You! (God Forgives Me and You!)**

### BIBLE VERSE

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## CONNECTION ACTIVITIES

### 2s & 3s

1. **GAME:** Fishing: Preschoolers will play with a bin of water with fish and catch them with the nets.
2. **CRAFT:** Scaly Art: Preschoolers will decorate a fish by adding scales.

### PreK

1. **GAME:** Casting Nets: Preschoolers will play with a parachute, pretending it is a fishing net.
2. **CRAFT:** Scaly Art: Preschoolers will decorate a fish by adding scales.

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## STORY SCRIPT

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### Leading into Story/Worship

Let's all sit down. (Allow time for preschoolers to sit down.) Singing our Theme song was so fun, and it helped us learn something super important—God forgives me and you! That is part of what we are learning today in our Big Deal. Today's Big Deal is, "Redo! God Forgives Me and You!" Let's say our Big Deal together. I'll say it first, and you can say it after me. Redo! (Redo!) God Forgives Me and You! (God Forgives Me and You!) To forgive means to let go of our wrong choices. God forgives us when we ask Him, and He also shows us a new way to go. That is super! Today we are learning that when God forgives us, He also gives us a new way to live. We can turn from our old, wrong choices and have a friendship with Him. That is super!

### After the Bible Story Video

God made a perfect world and created people to live in it and be His friends. Can you make a big circle above your head with me?

Great job! God loved the world He made, but Adam and Eve, the first people, disobeyed God's one rule, bringing sin into the world. Can you make an X with me? Sin makes the world sad and broken, and it separates people from God. Even today, we all sin by doing wrong things, and that's why we need Jesus.

God loves us and sent His Son, Jesus, to help fix our broken friendship with Him. Jesus is our King who wants to take away our sin and give us a new start. Can you take a pretend crown and place it out in front of you like you are putting it on someone's head?

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Let's pray and talk to God. We can thank Him for sending Jesus. When we ask Jesus to forgive us, He does! Let's close our eyes as we pray. Ready? Let's pray in 3-2-1.

God, thank You for forgiving us when we ask You. Thank You for giving us a new way to go. Help us know when we make a wrong choice and need to ask You to forgive us. Thank You for sending Jesus. Amen.

## PREPARE: LEADER DEVO

### Joel, the Messenger to Judah

**Read** - Joel 1-3

You will have plenty to eat, until you are full,  
and you will praise the name of the Lord your God,  
who has worked wonders for you;  
never again will my people be shamed.  
Then you will know that I am in Israel,  
that I am the Lord your God,  
and that there is no other;  
never again will my people be shamed.

And everyone who calls  
on the name of the Lord will be saved;  
for on Mount Zion and in Jerusalem  
there will be deliverance,  
as the Lord has said,  
even among the survivors  
whom the Lord calls.

**Joel 2:26-27, 32**

**Reflect** - How does knowing that God gives me hope change the way I live?

- A. I can face challenges with God's strength and not my own.
- B. I can share hope confidently with people who are struggling.
- C. I can trust in God when life feels uncertain or overwhelming.

**Pray** - God, thank You for giving me the hope that can only be found in Jesus and His forgiveness. I can live confidently knowing that Your grace and forgiveness covers my mistakes. Please help me share that hope with everyone that I meet this week.

**Prepare** - How can we share the hope of Jesus this week? Who is the one person in our lives that needs to find freedom in the hope Jesus provides?



**Preschool**  
October 25/26, 2025

### **BIBLE STORY**

Joel, the Messenger to Judah  
Joel 1-3

### **BIG DEAL**

God Forgives Me

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## **WELCOME STATIONS**

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## **WORSHIP & SUPER CLUE**

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## **BIBLE STORY & BIBLE VERSE**

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Introduce and show the **Bible Story Video**.  
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## QUESTIONS & VERSE

### SMALL TALK QUESTIONS

1. **Who remembers what our Super Clue is today?** (u-turn sign)
2. **What does a u-turn sign help us remember?** (A U-turn sign shows us when to turn around and go a different way. God gives us the chance to turn from our wrong choices and go a different way and make right choices.)
3. **God gives me a new hope. How does God give me a new hope?** (God forgives me.)
4. **God sent a special messenger to His people. What was his name and what was his special job called?** (Joel—he was a prophet, a messenger from God.)
5. **Do you remember today's Big Deal? I'll say it first, and you say it after me. Ready? Redo! (Redo!) God Forgives Me and You! (God Forgives Me and You!)**

### BIBLE VERSE

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## CONNECTION ACTIVITIES

### 2s & 3s

1. **GAME:** Ready, Set, U-Turn: Preschoolers will play a game using different traffic signs.
2. **CRAFT:** God Gives Me New Hope Dot Art: Preschoolers will decorate the Bible story main idea with dot markers.

### PreK

1. **GAME:** Red Light, Green Light, U-Turn: Preschoolers will play a game of Red Light, Green Light, with a twist.
2. **CRAFT:** God Gives Me New Hope Dot Art: Preschoolers will decorate the Bible story main idea with dot markers.

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## STORY SCRIPT

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### Leading into Story/Worship

When we have a redo, it means we get another chance to do something. When we ask God for a redo, we ask Him to forgive us. That is a big deal! Today we have a special Big Deal that helps us learn something super important about God. Today's Big Deal is, "Redo! God Forgives Me and You!" Let's say our Big Deal together. I'll say it first and show you the motions, and then you say it after me. Redo! (Redo!) God Forgives Me and You! (God Forgives Me and You!) Wonderful! When we ask God to forgive us, He forgives our wrong choices and gives us a new hope. Let's say, "God gives me a new hope," together. Ready? "God gives me a new hope." Super job!

### After the Bible Story Video

In today's Bible story, God's people were hurting and suffering because of their wrong choices, but when they turned away from their wrong choices and asked God to forgive them, He did. God gave them a new hope in Him. Hope is waiting and trusting that something good is coming. Like a U-turn sign shows us when to turn around and go a different way, God's people did a U-turn when they turned away from their wrong choices. God forgave them, and they got a chance to have a redo and make right choices. That is a big deal! Let's say our Big Deal together. "Redo! God Forgives Me and You!" God offers to give us a redo too. We all sin, which means we make wrong choices, and we need God to forgive us and help us. The good news is God sent Jesus so we can be forgiven and have a friendship with Him. When we ask God to forgive us, He does, and He gives us a new hope in Him. This new hope helps us turn from our wrong choices and follow Him.

Let's pray and talk to God. We can thank Him for sending Jesus. When we ask Jesus to forgive us, He does! Let's close our eyes as we pray. Ready? Let's pray in 3-2-1.

God, thank You for sending Jesus to forgive us. Thank You for giving us the chance to turn from our wrong choices and turn to go a different way. Help us follow You. Amen.