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## LEADER DEVO

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### God Cares When I Hurt—God Knows What I Think

**Read:** Exodus 3

*"God said to Moses, 'I am who I am. This is what you are to say to the Israelites: 'I am has sent me to you.'"*

*God also said to Moses, "Say to the Israelites, 'The Lord, the God of your fathers—the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac and the God of Jacob—has sent me to you.'*

*"This is my name forever,  
the name you shall call me  
from generation to generation. "  
Exodus 3:14-15*

**Reflect:** What can you remember about God to help when you have questions or doubts about God and His character?

- A. God is holy and set apart from everything else in all existence.
- B. God is good, and everything He does is right and perfect.
- C. God is loving and leads and guides me every day.

**Pray:** God, I admit that I do not always have thoughts that please and honor You. Please forgive me. Help me remember who You are and allow that truth to transform my thoughts. I love you Father, Amen.

**Prepare:** How can turning our thoughts to God make a difference in everyday life?

## God Knows What I Think

### BIBLE PASSAGE

God Called Moses

Exodus 3-4

### BIBLE VERSE

*"God, create  
a clean heart for me."  
(Psalm 51:10a)*

### AT-A-GLANCE

#### Super Clue:

Pause Button

#### CRAFT/ACTIVITY:

Parachute Pause

#### POST-IT PRAYER WALL:

Pray together over the kids' requests, and encourage kids to take their prayer requests home with them so they can remember to pray for their oikos!

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- Ask them for their prayer requests, and write it down.
- Have them go stick it on the prayer wall, then join the welcome activity.

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### 1. Color Together

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- Set out plastic cups or blocks and allow kids to have fun building with them.

### 3. Get to know your Friends

- Make a big circle.
- If we have more friends join us, we can scoot back to make room for them.
- We are going to play a game to help us get to know each other.
- We will go around the circle, say our names, and do a silly action.
- Then the rest of us will say, "Hello, \_\_\_\_\_," and copy your silly action. I'll go first so we can practice.

## 3. TEACHING SCRIPT

Hi, friends! I love it when we get to be at church together—it is so much fun! I've been thinking all week about what we will be learning about today. Let's start by learning our Big Deal. A Big Deal is an important truth that teaches us something about God. Today's Big Deal is, "Press Pause! God Cares When I Hurt!" Do you know what pause means? *(Allow responses.)* Pause means to stop and take a minute to breathe or think. Let's say our Big Deal together. I'll say it first, and you can say it after me. *(Use motions.)* Press Pause! *(Press Pause!)* God Cares When I Hurt! *(God Cares When I Hurt!)* Great job!

**WORSHIP SONG VIDEOS** *Lead kids in worship through songs and motions.*

*Hold up your Bible*— It was so much fun singing with you! We have a great story from the book of Exodus. I can't wait to learn more about it with you.

Let's look Inside our Super Box for a special Super Clue. The Super Clue and our Big Deal help us remember what we are learning about in the Bible.

**MAILBOX / SUPER CLUE!** – *Invite a kid to open the mailbox and see what today's Super Clue is!*

Wow! This looks like a pause button. Have you ever seen a pause button? *(Allow responses.)* When you watch a show or listen to music, you might press the pause button to stop what is playing. When we press the pause button, it allows us to pause, do something else, and then return and continue playing. It is so helpful. I am trying to think about how a pause button could connect to the Big Deal, "Press Pause! God Cares When I Hurt!" I know what we can do. We can send this over to the Super Crew at the Clubhouse. They will help figure out how a pause button 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** *Have kids sit criss-cross applesauce while we watch our Bible story.*

Thanks, Super Crew and Bark! In our Bible story today, God knew what Moses was thinking, that he was worried and did not believe in God's plan or power. God was not happy with Moses' wrong thoughts, but still, God promised to be with Moses and help him. God knows what we think, too, even our wrong thoughts, like when we doubt that God's plan is good. Let's say, "God knows what I think," together. Ready? "God knows what I think." Today's Super Clue is a pause button. When we press a pause button, whatever we are watching or listening to pauses or stops. When we see a pause button, we can remember that we can pause too. We can pause when we think wrong or unkind thoughts and ask God for help. God cares for us, and He wants to help us. Let's pray and thank God for always caring for us. When we pray, we are talking and listening to God.

God, thank You for loving and caring for us, even when we think wrong thoughts. Help us remember that we can always press pause and ask You for help. You are with us every day. We love you so much! Amen.

**BIBLE VERSE VIDEO** *Practice aloud with motions.*

**BIBLE VERSE HANDOUT** *Follow directions from the handout if time allows. (Use this activity at any time.)*

Alright, boys and girls! It's time to sing our Oikos song!

**OIKOS SONG**

Great job, boys and girls! You have learned a lot, and have been such good listeners! Now it's your turn to get to talk... let's sit *(or lay)* in a circle for our Talk Time!

## 4. TALK TIME

*Follow this guide to engage kids in discussion.*

1. **Who remembers what our Super Clue is today?** *(a pause button)*
2. **What does a pause button help us remember?** *(When we think wrong thoughts, we can press pause and ask God for help.)*
3. **How does God care for us today?** *(God knows what we think. When we think wrong thoughts, we can pause and ask God for help. We can remember that God loves us and cares for us no matter what. God can help take away our wrong thoughts.)*
4. **The Bible tells us God knows our thoughts—even our broken thoughts. Let's open our Bibles to Exodus 3:14-15 and talk more about brokenness.** *(Invite kids to open their Bibles. Read the passage aloud, or invite a kid who volunteers to read the passage aloud. Be sure to have Bibles available for kids who need one. Help kids find the passage so everyone can follow along together.)* **When Moses doubted what God said, God told Moses that He is the "I AM." God knew every doubt Moses had, yet God still worked through Moses and called him to free the Israelites from slavery. How can remembering that God knows your thoughts and wants to help you—even when your thoughts are broken—bring you comfort when you doubt yourself or God?** *(God knows every thought I have, and He is always with me. God loves and cares for me.)*
5. **God knows all our thoughts, even our doubts that remind us we are broken and in need of Jesus. Jesus wants to make us new. How can you share this truth with someone you know?** *(Allow kids to answer, and then share your own answer.)*
6. **The Bible tells us we are broken, and that God knows our thoughts. Even though we sometimes have thoughts that are not true or not good, God still wants to make us new through a relationship with His Son, Jesus. What is something you learned today? Is there anything you have questions about?** *(Allow kids to answer, and share your own answer.)*

**PRAY:** God, thank You for knowing each and every thing about us, including our thoughts. Our wrong thoughts remind us that we are broken and need Your forgiveness. Thank You that You sent Your Son, Jesus, to rescue us from sin, so we can be made new when we trust and follow You. Help us to trust You with our doubts and love You more. We love you Father, Amen.

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## 5. PRAYER WALL

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**SAY:** God cares about us and the things that happen in our lives. The Bible tells us to “pray continually.” (1 Thessalonians 5:17) and also to pray together. You have all shared a prayer request today, and we are going to pray together for those now.

*If time is short, lead the kids in a simple prayer covering all the requests. If time allows, consider praying for each prayer request specifically. You can follow this guide: “God, thank you for caring about us and what goes on in our lives. Help us with (the hard things that were shared), and thank you for (the good things that were shared). Amen.”*

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## 6. ACTIVITY

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### Parachute Pause

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

Supplies: Parachute, Music from the TV, Ball Pit Balls

*TO INTRODUCE THE ACTIVITY, SAY:*

- Let's play a game using a parachute.
- I want everyone to gather around the parachute on the floor. (Allow time for kids to gather around the parachute.)
- I am going to play music, and while the music is playing, we are going to move the parachute up and down.
- When the music stops, we will pause and be very still.
- Can we practice being very still? (Allow responses.) Great job!
- After a few rounds add the balls one at a time.

*TO WRAP UP THE ACTIVITY, SAY:*

- That was so much fun!
- Just like we all stopped the parachute when I pressed pause on the music, when we think unkind or wrong thoughts, we can press pause and ask God for help.
- God knows all of our thoughts.
- God knows what I think.
- Let's say that together. “God knows what I think.”
- He cares for us when we hurt, feel sad, or even feel mad.
- That is such good news! God is always there to help us.

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### God Cares When I Hurt—God Knows My Heart

**Read:** John 20:19-29

*"Then Jesus told him, "Because you have seen me, you have believed; blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed."*

*John 20:29*

**Reflect:** How can you turn to Jesus when your heart is struggling to believe?

- A. When I am overwhelmed by my circumstances, I can ask Jesus to help me trust and believe in His plan.
- B. When I am hurt or disappointed, I can ask Jesus to help me trust and believe in His purpose.
- C. When I feel helpless or hopeless, I can ask Jesus to help me trust and believe in His power.

**Pray:** God, You know my heart does not always trust You. Help me turn to You when I struggle, knowing You love me and care for me when I hurt. Thank You for Your love and patience. I love you, Amen.

**Prepare:** What helps you believe in Jesus even though you can't see Him?



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## God Knows My Heart

### BIBLE PASSAGE

Jesus Appeared to Thomas

John 20:19-29

### BIBLE VERSE

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(Psalm 51:10a)*

### AT-A-GLANCE

#### Super Clue:

Feelings Chart

#### CRAFT/ACTIVITY:

Finish The Face

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Hi! Today we are learning how God cares for us when our hearts are happy and when our hearts are sad. Each week we learn a Big Deal. A Big Deal is a special truth about God. Today's Big Deal is, "Press Pause! God Cares When I Hurt!" That means when we are sad or frustrated, we can pause whatever we are doing and ask God for help. That is good news, and I can't wait to learn more with you today. Let's practice saying our Big Deal together. I'll say it first, and you can say it after me. *(Use motions.)* Press Pause! *(Press Pause!)* God Cares When I Hurt! *(God Cares When I Hurt!)* Super job!

**WORSHIP SONG VIDEOS** *Lead kids in worship through songs and motions.*

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**MAILBOX / SUPER CLUE!** *- Invite a kid to open the mailbox and see what today's Super Clue is!*

Look at that! It is a feelings chart! Has anyone ever seen a feelings chart before, maybe at home or at school? *(Allow responses.)* Can you see all the different feelings on the chart? There is a sad face, a happy face, an angry face, and an excited face. Sometimes a feelings chart can help us understand what we are feeling on the inside. I wonder how our Super Clue connects to our Big Deal, "Press Pause! God Cares When I Hurt!" I know what we should do. We need to send this over to the Super Crew. They will definitely 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** *Have kids sit criss-cross applesauce while we watch our Bible story.*

Thanks, Super Crew! I knew they could help us connect our Super Clue to the Big Deal. In our Bible story, do you remember how Thomas was feeling a little unsure? His heart was wondering if the man in front of him was actually Jesus, the Son of God. God knew that Thomas was doubting, and God knew what was inside Thomas' heart. Jesus was so kind to show Thomas His hands to prove that He truly was the Son of God. Just like God knew Thomas' heart, He knows our hearts too. He knows when we are sad and when we are happy. Let's say, "God knows my heart," together. Ready? "God knows my heart." Today's Super Clue is a feelings chart. A feelings chart can help us understand what we are feeling on the inside. It can help us know if we are happy, sad, excited, or even mad. If we are happy or we are hurting, God cares for us. That reminds me of our Big Deal. Our Big Deal is, "Press Pause! God Cares When I Hurt!" It tells us that God cares for us. When our hearts are hurting, we can pause whatever we are doing and ask God for help. He loves us, and cares about us. Let's say the Big Deal together. "Press Pause! God Cares When I Hurt!" Let's pray together. When we pray, we are talking and listening to God. We can thank God for knowing our hearts.

God, thank You so much for knowing our hearts and loving us. Thank You for helping us when we ask. We love You! Amen.

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3. **What was Thomas feeling in his heart?** *(Thomas was doubting that Jesus was alive.)*
4. **God knows my heart. What does it mean that God knows your heart?** *(God knows what is going on inside us, like when we doubt or even when we make wrong choices, but He still loves and wants us to believe and follow Him.)*
5. **The Bible tells us we are broken, and God knows our hearts. Let's open our Bibles to **John 20:29** and read about it together.** *(Invite kids to open their Bibles. Read the verse aloud, or invite a kid who volunteers to read the verse aloud. Be sure to have Bibles available for kids who need one. Help kids find the verse so everyone can follow along together.)* **Thomas doubted that Jesus had risen from the dead because he had not seen Jesus since He died on a cross. Jesus came to Thomas and showed him the scars to prove that Jesus really was alive! Jesus knew Thomas' heart, and He wanted Thomas to believe. God knows our hearts too and wants us to believe in Him! How does knowing this help you trust God, even when you doubt what is true?** *(God knows my heart and my doubts. God's Word shows me that Jesus is alive.)*
6. **God knows our hearts, and He knows when we do not trust Him. When we do not trust God or have feelings that are not true or right, it reminds us that we are broken. We need Jesus, and He wants to make us new. How can you share this truth with a friend who does not trust in God?** *(Allow kids to answer, and then share your own answer.)*
7. *The Bible tells us that we are broken, and that God knows our hearts. Even though God knows the brokenness in our hearts, He still wants to make us new through a relationship with His Son, Jesus. What is something you learned today? Is there anything you have questions about?* *(Allow kids to answer.)*

**PRAY:** God, thank You for knowing everything about us, even the brokenness in our hearts. We are broken and in need of a Savior, or Rescuer, to forgive us. Thank You that You sent Your Son, Jesus, to be our Savior so that we can be made new when we trust in You. Thank You that we can be forgiven for our sin and have a right relationship with You when we have hearts that are made new and follow You. We love you so much, Amen.

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## 6. ACTIVITY

### Finish The Face

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

Supplies: "Finish The Face" printable, Markers or crayons

*TO INTRODUCE THE ACTIVITY, SAY:*

- Who remembers what our Super Clue is today? (*Allow responses.*)
- Yes! It is a feelings chart.
- Feelings charts can help you name what you are feeling.
- You can name when you feel happy, excited, and silly.
- You can also name when you feel sad, upset, or have doubts.
- We are going to make our own feelings chart. (*Give each child a printable and markers or crayons.*)
- You will see on your feelings chart that there are some feelings missing.
- It is your job to fill in the missing feelings. Do you think you can do it? Let's work together to draw faces to represent the missing feelings.

*Keep It Going:* Invite kids to talk about feelings not mentioned on the chart. They can even draw them on the back of the paper. You can also use extra time to retell the Bible story. Remind them how Thomas felt when he was unsure about Jesus and how Jesus cared for him and knew Thomas was doubting.

*TO WRAP UP THE ACTIVITY, SAY:*

- I love all of your feelings charts! They are so cool, and they are definitely going to come in handy when you take them home.
- This feelings chart can remind us that God cares when we hurt. In our Bible story today, Jesus knew what was going on in Thomas' heart, yet He still cared about Thomas.
- God knows our hearts and how we are feeling too. God is always ready to help us when we press pause and ask Him for help.

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### God Cares When I Hurt—God Knows My Actions

**Read:** 2 Samuel 11–12:14; Psalm 51

*"Create in me a pure heart, O God,  
and renew a steadfast spirit within me.  
Do not cast me from your presence  
or take your Holy Spirit from me.  
Restore to me the joy of your salvation  
and grant me a willing spirit, to sustain me."  
Psalm 51:10–12*

**Reflect:** What does God offer that brings you the kind of joy which overflows into following Him more closely?

- A. The promise of salvation
- B. The hope of life with Him forever
- C. The peace of walking with Him

**Pray:** Thank You, God, that You help me know and follow You. When I stumble in my faith, help me turn to You and remember that You love me and sustain me. I love you, Amen.

**Prepare:** How can confession and repentance (turning away from sin and turning to God) make a difference when we make wrong choices?

## God Knows My Actions

### BIBLE PASSAGE

David and Nathan

2 Samuel 11-12:14; Psalm 51

### BIBLE VERSE

*"God, create  
a clean heart for me."  
(Psalm 51:10a)*

### AT-A-GLANCE

**Super Clue:**  
light switch

### CRAFT/ACTIVITY:

This Way, That Way, Jump

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Welcome, friends! I am so excited to be here with all of you. Today we get to learn about something super important. We are learning how God knows our actions. Actions are the things we do. Actions can be something like this (*wave your arms*), or actions can be something like this (*high-five a friend*). God knows our actions because He is God, and He knows everything. Today we are going to learn about how God cares when we hurt. That reminds me of our Big Deal. A Big Deal is an important truth we learn about God. Today's Big Deal is, "Press Pause! God Cares When I Hurt!" Let's say it together. I'll say it first, and you can say it after me. (*Use motions.*) Press Pause! (*Press Pause!*) God Cares When I Hurt! (*God Cares When I Hurt!*) Great job!

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Look at this. It looks like a light switch. When we walk into a room, we can turn a light switch on, and the light will come on. When we leave a room, we can turn a light switch off, and the light will go off. I wonder what a light switch has to do with our Big Deal, "Press Pause! God Cares When I Hurt!" I know what we should do. We should send this Super Clue to the Super Crew in the Clubhouse. 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** *Have kids sit criss-cross applesauce while we watch our Bible story.*

In our Bible story, David made a wrong choice, and Nathan helped David see that he was making a wrong choice. David was sorry for his wrong choices and wrote a prayer asking God to forgive him. God knew David's actions and knew he made a wrong choice. God knows our actions too. God knows when we make wrong choices, and He is ready to forgive us. When we make a wrong choice, we can press pause, stop what we are doing, and ask God to forgive us. And He always does! Our Super Clue today is a light switch. A light switch helps us turn on a light, and the light helps us see the actions of everyone in the room. God sees all of our actions—even our wrong choices. Sometimes our wrong choices cause us to hurt or feel sad, but God cares when we hurt. We can ask Him to forgive us. Let's pray and thank God for knowing our actions and forgiving us when we ask.

God, thank You so much for always being ready to forgive us when we make a wrong choice. Help us make right choices and obey You. We love you so much, Amen.

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3. **Who did God send to tell David he made a wrong choice?** *(the prophet Nathan)*
4. **Can you tell the difference between salt and sugar just by looking at them?** *(Allow kids to answer, and then share your own answer.)* **Both of them look similar, but they taste very different! How does knowing that God knows all our actions remind you our actions really do matter?** *(Allow kids to answer, and then share your own answer.)*
5. **The Bible tells us that we are broken, and God knows our actions. Let's open our Bibles to **Psalm 51:10-12** and read about it together.** *(Invite kids to open their Bibles. Read the passage aloud, or invite a kid who volunteers to read the passage aloud. Be sure to have Bibles available for kids who need one. Help kids find the passage so everyone can follow along together.)* **When David sinned by making wrong choices, God sent Nathan to show David how wrong his choices were. David asked God for forgiveness by asking Him for a clean heart. God forgave David, and He offers us forgiveness too. How can we respond when we make wrong choices that lead to wrong actions?** *(We can ask God to forgive us. We can ask God to help us make choices that honor Him.)*
6. **How is it helpful to know that God knows our actions and offers forgiveness, even when our actions are wrong?** *(Allow kids to answer, and then share your own answer.)*
7. **The Bible tells us that we can be made new. Even though God sees our wrong actions that deserve punishment, He offers us the opportunity to be forgiven. If we believe and trust in Him, then He makes us new! What is something you learned today? Is there anything you have questions about?** *(Allow kids to answer.)*

**PRAY:** God, thank You for offering to forgive us just like You offered forgiveness to David. Sin reminds us that we are broken and in need of a Savior, or Rescuer, to forgive us. Thank You that You sent Your Son, Jesus, to be our Savior so we can be made new when we trust in You. Thank You for how Jesus paid the consequences of our sin so we can be rescued. Help us to trust You and know that our actions matter because You see them all. We love you so much! Amen.

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## 6. ACTIVITY

### This Way, That Way, Jump

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

No supplies needed

*TO INTRODUCE THE ACTIVITY, SAY:*

- Who is ready to play a game? I know I am.
- If you are ready to play, say, "Oh yeah!" (*Oh yeah!*)
- For this game you need space to move around, so stand up, stretch out your arms, and spread out a little.
- If I tell you to turn this way (*point to the left*), you will walk to the wall on the side I point to.
- If I tell you to turn that way (*point to the right*), you will walk to the wall on the other side I point to.
- If I say to jump, you will all stay in your spot and jump up high. Are you ready?

*Leader Tip: Give kids a variety of instructions, have them say the Bible verse with motions, and the BiG Deal*

*TO WRAP UP THE ACTIVITY, SAY:*

- Wow! That was an exhausting game! We did so many actions.
- Do you remember how we learned today that God knows our actions?
- God sees us and knows our actions, even the ones we want to hide. God knows when we make wrong choices, and He is ready to forgive us.
- When we make a wrong choice, we can press pause, stop what we are doing, and ask God to forgive us. And He always does!



# KINDER-1ST

July 26-27, 2025

## LEADER DEVO

### God Cares When I Hurt—God Knows My Need

**Read:** Luke 18:18-30

*"Jesus replied, "What is impossible with man is possible with God."*

*Peter said to him, "We have left all we had to follow you!"*

*"Truly I tell you," Jesus said to them, "no one who has left home or wife or brothers or sisters or parents or children for the sake of the kingdom of God will fail to receive many times as much in this age, and in the age to come eternal life."*

*Luke 18:27-30*

**Reflect:** Which of these hindrances might you need to confess to God?

- A. A focus on money and possessions
- B. A focus on self and reputation
- C. A focus on control and my own plans

**Pray:** God, I confess that I sometimes try to find joy, peace, and belonging in things other than You. Help me let go of all hindrances to my faith and find everything I need in You. I love you so much, Amen.

**Prepare:** When did you first realize you needed Jesus and a relationship with God? How can remembering this need impact your daily life?





# KINDER-1ST

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## Gospel Presentation Week God Knows My Need

### BIBLE PASSAGE

The Rich Young Ruler

Luke 18:18-30

### BIBLE VERSE

*"God, create  
a clean heart for me."  
(Psalm 51:10a)*

### AT-A-GLANCE

**Super Clue:**  
water bottle

**CRAFT/ACTIVITY:**  
Water Bottle Bowling

### POST-IT PRAYER WALL:

Pray together over the kids' requests, and encourage kids to take their prayer requests home with them so they can remember to pray for their oikos!

## 1. WELCOME & POST-IT PRAYER

- Greet the children with a smile as they come in.
- Before joining the welcome activity, ask them how their week was, or how they are feeling today.
- Have a post-it ready to write down their prayer request.
- Ask them for their prayer requests, and write it down.
- Have them go stick it on the prayer wall, then join the welcome activity.

## 2. WELCOME ACTIVITY

### 1. God knows my need Color

Supplies: God knows my need water bottle wrap paper, mini water bottles, Crayons, Marker and Gel-Pens

- Encourage kids to color thier water bottle wrap.
- Help write the child's name on it and then help wrap it around a water bottle for them to take home.

### 2. Build With Cups and or Blocks

Supplies: Plastic Cups and or Blocks

- Set out plastic cups or blocks and allow kids to have fun building with them.

### 3. Get to know your Friends

- Make a big circle.
- If we have more friends join us, we can scoot back to make room for them.
- We are going to play a game to help us get to know each other.
- We will go around the circle, say our names, and do a silly action.
- Then the rest of us will say, "Hello, \_\_\_\_\_," and copy your silly action. I'll go first so we can practice.

## 3. TEACHING SCRIPT

Hi everyone, welcome! Today we are going to be learning about something so special. We are learning about how God cares for us when we hurt. That reminds me of our Big Deal. A Big Deal is something important we can learn about God. Today's Big Deal is, "Press Pause! God Cares When I Hurt!" Let's practice saying our Big Deal together. I'll say it first, and you can say it after me. *(Use motions.)* Press Pause! *(Press Pause!)* God Cares When I Hurt! *(God Cares When I Hurt!)* Good job! God cares when our hearts are sad and when our hearts are happy.

**WORSHIP SONG VIDEOS** *Lead kids in worship through songs and motions.*

*Hold up your Bible-* It was so much fun singing with you! We have a great story from the book of Luke. I can't wait to learn more about it with you.

Let's look Inside our Super Box for a special Super Clue. The Super Clue and our Big Deal help us remember what we are learning about in the Bible.

**MAILBOX / SUPER CLUE!** *- Invite a kid to open the mailbox and see what today's Super Clue is!*

Wow! Our Super Clue is a water bottle. What is today's Super Clue? *(A water bottle!)* You probably see water bottles all the time. Some of you might have even brought a water bottle with you today. Water bottles are so handy because they allow us to take water with us wherever we go. I wonder what a water bottle has to do with today's Big Deal, "Press Pause! God Cares When I Hurt!" I know what we should do. We should send this over to the Super Crew. They can help us—and maybe they are thirsty. Let's send this over to our friends at the Clubhouse. *(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** *Have kids sit criss-cross applesauce while we watch our Bible story.*

Bye, Super Crew! Thanks for helping us today! In our Bible story, we learned that instead of needing more things, what we need most is a friendship with God. A rich ruler asked Jesus how he could have life forever with God. Jesus knew what he really needed. He needed forgiveness and a friendship with God. God knows what we need most too. He knows that we are all hurt by sin and helps us with our real need, forgiveness and a friendship with Him. Today's Super Clue is a water bottle. A water bottle reminds us that we need water for our bodies to be healthy. Jesus teaches us that we need friendship with God so we can have life forever with Him. God knows our need, and He knows what we need most of all—forgiveness and a friendship with Him. God knows my need. Let's say that together. Ready? "God knows my need." Great job! God cares for us and knows what we need most. Let's pray and thank God for knowing all of our needs. When we pray, we are talking and listening to God  
God, thank You so much for loving us and caring for all our needs. Help us remember that our greatest need is You. We love you so much! Amen.

**BIBLE VERSE VIDEO** *Practice aloud with motions.*

**BIBLE VERSE HANDOUT** *Follow directions from the handout if time allows. (Use this activity at any time.)*

Alright, boys and girls! It's time to sing our Oikos song!

**OIKOS SONG**

Great job, boys and girls! You have learned a lot, and have been such good listeners! Now it's your turn to get to talk... let's sit *(or lay)* in a circle for our Talk Time!

## 4. TALK TIME

*Follow this guide to engage kids in discussion.*

1. **Who remembers what our Super Clue is today?** *(a water bottle)*
2. **What does a water bottle help us remember?** *(A water bottle reminds us that we need water for our bodies to be healthy. Jesus teaches that what we need most is a friendship with God.)*
3. **What are some examples of things you like or want versus things you need?** *(Allow kids to answer, and then share your own answer.)*
4. **What did the rich young ruler ask Jesus?** *(how to have eternal life with Jesus)*
5. **The Bible tells us that we are broken, and God knows our need. Let's open our Bibles to **Luke 18:27-30** and read about it together.** *(Invite kids to open their Bibles. Read the passage aloud, or invite a kid who volunteers to read the passage aloud. Be sure to have Bibles available for kids who need one. Help kids find the passage so everyone can follow along together.)* **The rich young ruler walked away from Jesus sad because he loved what he owned on earth more than following Jesus. Jesus is our most important treasure. It is impossible for us to rescue ourselves from our sins on our own, but Jesus came to offer us forgiveness and make it possible for us to know Him.**
6. **How does it encourage you to remember that God knows our greatest need?** *(Allow kids to answer, and then share your own answer.)*
7. **What can we do when we are tempted to want things or think other things are more important than God?** *(Answers may include we can ask God to forgive and help us; we can remember all the good and amazing things about God; we can remind ourselves of who God made us to be and that He knows and gives us what we really need; and so forth.)*
8. **The Bible tells us God can make us new through Jesus. Even when we search for other things to make us happy instead of searching for God, He still offers us forgiveness. God's forgiveness through Jesus means we can have a relationship with Him. That is our greatest need.**

**PRAY:** God, thank You for offering us forgiveness and a way to receive what we really need. When we sin, we are reminded that a relationship with Your Son, Jesus, is our deepest need. Thank You that You sent Your Son, Jesus, to be our Savior and Rescuer, so we can be made new when we trust and follow You. Thank You for how Jesus paid the price for our sin so we can be rescued from the punishment of sin. Help us know that You are our greatest treasure above anything else in the world. We love You. Amen.

## 5. PRAYER WALL

- Before parents arrive, ask if everyone has had a chance to put their prayer request on the wall.
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### Water Bottle Bowling

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Supplies: Water bottles, Playground ball

*TO INTRODUCE THE ACTIVITY, SAY:*

- Has anyone ever been bowling? Bowling is such a fun game.
- When you bowl, you set up pins and roll the ball toward them to knock them down.
- It is so fun! We are going to use our Super Clue to bowl today.
- We have six water bottles lined up as our pins, and we are going to use this ball to roll and knock down as many water bottles as we can.
- We are all going to line up, and form two teams.
- We will each get a turn to try and knock down the water bottles by rolling the ball.

*TO WRAP UP THE ACTIVITY, SAY:*

- Great job playing our bowling game, everyone!
- Our Super Clue today is a water bottle.
- Let's all say, "Water bottle." Ready? "Water bottle." Great!
- Water is something we all need to keep our bodies healthy.
- Just like we need water, God knows what we need, and our biggest need is forgiveness and a friendship with Him.
- Let's all cheer together and say, "God knows my need!"