



**KINDER-1ST**  
May 3-4, 2025

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## LEADER DEVO

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### God Wants Me to Tell People about Jesus—Jesus Is the Only Truth

**Read:** John 6:22-59

*"Then Jesus declared, 'I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never go hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty.'"*  
John 6:35

**Reflect:** What can help you find confidence in the truth of Jesus when you struggle in your faith or doubt?

- A. Looking for answers in the Bible
- B. Talking with a wise and godly friend
- C. Praying and asking God to help me believe

**Pray-** God, thank You for making truth something that is knowable and life changing. Help me always know the truth, follow the truth, and share the truth with others. Amen.

**Prepare -** How can knowing that Jesus is the only truth motivate you to share Jesus with others?

## Jesus Is the Only Truth

### BIBLE PASSAGE

Jesus Gives Me What  
I Need Most  
John 6:22-59

### BIBLE VERSE

"Jesus told him, 'I am the way,  
the truth, and the life.'"  
John 14:6a

### AT-A-GLANCE

#### Super Clue:

Lock and Key

#### CRAFT/ACTIVITY:

Bible Story Puppets

#### POST-IT PRAYER WALL:

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### 1. Games

Supplies: Games

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

### 2. Celebrate Playdough

Supplies: Playdough, Playdough tools, birthday candles, cup cake cookie sheets, and cupcake papers

- Set out the supplies and encourage kids to celebrate how good God is with the playdough and pretend to get ready for a party.
- Encourage kids to talk about how God wants us share to our friends and family all about Him.

### 3. Pass It Around

Supplies: Toy food

- Let's sit in a circle.
- I am going to start passing a piece of toy food around. We are going to pass the food around the circle.
- When you hear me say, "Stop," I want you to share your name and what you love about church.

### 4. Pass It Around

Supplies: Giant Inflatable Game Cube

- Show kids the game cube.
- Each side has a silly action for us to do together. ([Show the images on each side and read the descriptions of the motions.](#))
- We will toss the cube, and we will all do the action on whatever side is facing up when it lands.

## 3. TEACHING SCRIPT

Welcome, friends! I am so happy you are at church today. This month's Theme is Celebrate! Celebrate means to be happy and excited for something special. My favorite thing to celebrate is God. Celebrate is a word we will hear a lot today because we are celebrating all day together. Celebrate means to be happy and excited for something special. Our Big Deal today talks about celebrating. A Big Deal teaches us something important about God. It is, "Celebrate! God Wants Me to Tell People about Jesus!" Let's say it together. I'll say it first, and then you say it after me. *(Use motions.)* Celebrate! *(Celebrate!)* God Wants Me to Tell People about Jesus! *(God Wants Me to Tell People about Jesus!)* We can tell people that Jesus is the only truth. When someone tells the truth, they tell what really happened. Let's say, "Jesus is the only truth," together. Ready? "Jesus is the only truth." Super!

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

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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!*

Oh, look! It's a lock and key. People use locks on boxes, doors, gates, and bikes. I wonder how a lock and key connect to our Big Deal, "Celebrate! God Wants Me to Tell People about Jesus!" I know some friends that can help us figure this out. Let's send this Super Clue to our friends, the Super Crew, in the Clubhouse. 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** *Have kids sit criss-cross applesauce while we watch our Bible story.*

Thanks so much, Super Crew! We learned a lot from the Super Crew today. In the Bible story, Jesus fed many people with only a little bit of food. Jesus said that He is the Bread of Life. Jesus used a word picture to help people understand that He gives something that never runs out or gets empty. Jesus gives us a friendship with God, and that lasts forever! Jesus told people that He is what they need most, and He wants us to share that same truth with others. He said that the most important thing He would do was make way for people to have a friendship with God. A lock will only open if it has the correct key. Only one key made for the lock will open it. Jesus is the only truth. He knows what we need most, and He came to give us exactly what we need—friendship with God. This is something only Jesus could give. Jesus is the only truth. Who is the only truth? *(Allow responses.)* Yes! Jesus is the only truth. God wants us to tell people about Jesus. We can tell people that Jesus is the only truth.

Let's pray and ask God to help us tell people about Jesus. When we pray, we talk and listen to God. Let's close our eyes and make our bodies very still to focus on talking to God. Let's pray in 3-2-1.

God, thank You for sending Jesus. Help us remember that Jesus is the only truth. Thank You that Jesus can give us friendship with You forever. Help us tell people about Jesus. 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 lock and key)*
2. **What does a lock and key help us remember?** *(Jesus is the only truth.)*
3. **What is something fun that you feel like you could do every day?** *(Allow kids to answer, and share your own answer. Share that we can want to do fun things, but they won't last forever; Jesus is the Bread of Life that will satisfy us forever.)*
4. **Cake or other foods can taste so good when you are hungry! The feeling of being full does not last forever though. Jesus said He is the Bread of Life. What do you think that means?** *(Regular bread will only satisfy us for a little while, but Jesus satisfies us forever!)*
5. **The Bible tells us we can pass on the truth about Jesus. Let's open our Bibles to **John 6:35** 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.)* **What does this Bible verse mean when it says that everyone who comes to Jesus will no longer get hungry or thirsty?** *(Allow kids to answer, and share your own answer. Your answer could include that this verse is not talking about physical hunger or thirst. Jesus spiritually satisfies, meaning He makes every person who trusts in Him feel whole and complete. Jesus gives life forever to those who trust in Him.)*
6. **God gives us food on earth that will satisfy us for a while, but we will always get hungry again. When we trust in Jesus, He satisfies us forever by giving us satisfying life in Him. We do not have to try and fill our lives with things that leave us wanting more—Jesus fills us and helps us be whole and complete in Him. How can you share this good news this week?** *(Allow kids to answer, and share your own answer.)*
7. **The Bible tells us that we are here to share Jesus. That means we can pass on what we are learning about Jesus with our friends and neighbors, and help them understand what is true. What is something you know and believe about Jesus that you can share with others? Is there anything you have questions about?** *(Allow kids time to answer.)*

**PRAY:** Jesus, thank You for being the Truth. Thank You that we can always trust You. You are the Bread of Life and give satisfying life to everyone who trusts in You. You are always with us. Help us to share the truth about You with others, so that they can have a relationship with You too. We love you so much. Amen.

## 5. PRAYER WALL

- Before parents arrive, ask if everyone has had a chance to put their prayer request on the wall.
- If any kids haven't, make sure they have an opportunity to do so.
- Once all post-its are on the wall, invite the kids to gather around the prayer wall.

**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."*

## 6. ACTIVITY

### Bible Story Puppets

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

Supplies: Bible Story Puppets", crayons, Craft sticks, Tape

*TO INTRODUCE THE ACTIVITY, SAY:*

- Take a look at this fun craft we get to do today! (*Show example*)
- Let's color our background on this paper and then you will color a cutout of Jesus and the crowd.
- We will help you tape a craft stick to the back of them to use as puppets.
- Then you can use these puppets to play out the Bible story.
- Once we are all done coloring and taping we will tell the Bible story together to reenact what we just learned.

*Leader Tip: Allow kids to be apart of retelling the story, make sure to allow every child share what they learned or talk about how the crowd of people might of felt*

*TO WRAP UP THE ACTIVITY, SAY:*

- You did a great job playing out the story.
- God sent Jesus from heaven so that everyone who believes in Him can have friendship with Him.
- God wants us to tell people about Jesus.
- God also wants to know each and everyone of you!
- He loves you so much.
- Let's all say "God Wants Me to Tell People about Jesus!"
- Now let's say "God loves me so much!"



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## LEADER DEVO

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### God Wants Me to Tell People about Jesus—Jesus Is God's Only Son

**Read:** John 10:1-18

*"I am the gate; whoever enters through me will be saved. They will come in and go out,  
and find pasture. The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy;  
I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full.  
"I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep."  
John 10:9-11*

**Reflect:** How can knowing that Jesus is the Good Shepherd help you right now?

- A. I can be thankful knowing Jesus laid down His life for me.
- B. I can have joy knowing Jesus gives me abundant life.
- C. I can have peace knowing Jesus guards and protects me.

**Pray-** You are the Good Shepherd, and You care for me. Thank You! May I learn to always love and follow You. Help me share the news of Your love and salvation with others. Amen.

**Prepare -** How can sharing about your relationship with Jesus help someone who is questioning or struggling with their own relationship with Him?

## Jesus Is God's Only Son

### BIBLE PASSAGE

Jesus Loves Me

John 10:1-18

### BIBLE VERSE

"Jesus told him, 'I am the way, the truth, and the life.'"

John 14:6a

### AT-A-GLANCE

#### Super Clue:

Photo Album

#### CRAFT/ACTIVITY:

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Hi Friends, Our Big Deal is, "Celebrate! God Wants Me to Tell People about Jesus!" A Big Deal teaches us something important about God. Let's say it together. I'll say it first, and then you say it after me. *(Use motions.) Celebrate! (Celebrate!) God Wants Me to Tell People about Jesus! (God Wants Me to Tell People about Jesus!)* We can tell people that Jesus is God's only Son. God sent Jesus to lead and take care of people. Jesus is the only One who can give people friendship with God forever. That is something super special to celebrate!

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

Wow! I have one of these at home. It's a photo album! Photo albums are special books where people put pictures of their friends and family. I wonder what a photo album has to do with our Big Deal, "Celebrate! God Wants Me to Tell People about Jesus!" I know who can help us. Let's send the Super Clue to our friends, the Super Crew, in the Clubhouse. 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** *Have kids sit criss-cross applesauce while we watch our Bible story.*

Thanks so much, Super Crew! In the Bible story, Jesus taught that God's people are like sheep, and Jesus is the Good Shepherd. That means Jesus came to take care of people and make a way for us to have a friendship with God. Today's Super Clue is a photo album. A what? *(A photo album.)* That's right! A photo album helps us see all the people in our family. Today we learned about someone very special in God's family—Jesus! God wants us to tell people about Jesus, and we can tell people that Jesus is God's only Son. Let's say that together. "Jesus is God's only Son." Awesome! Great job! Let's pray and ask God to help us tell people about Jesus. When we pray, we talk and listen to God. Let's close our eyes and keep our bodies very still to help us focus on talking to God. Let's pray in 3-2-1.

God, thank You for sending Your only Son, Jesus, to lead and care for us. Thank You that we can have friendship with You because of Jesus. Help us tell people about Jesus. We love you! Amen.

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2. **What does a photo album help us remember?** *(It helps us learn more about the people in someone's family. Today we are learning about someone special in God's family—Jesus. Jesus is God's only Son.)*
3. **What did Jesus tell a story about?** *(shepherd and sheep)* **Who is the good Shepherd?** *(Jesus)* **Who are the sheep?** *(People, all of us.)*
4. **Who are the people who live in your home that you are the most like? How are you like them?** *(Allow kids to answer. Share that, when we learn about Jesus and have a relationship with Him, we learn about God because He is God's only Son. When we learn more about Jesus it can change our hearts to be more like Him.)*
5. **The Bible tells us to share Jesus with others because He is God's only Son and the Good Shepherd. Jesus leads us to God the Father. Let's open our Bibles to **John 10:9-11** 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.)* **What do you think it means that Jesus is the Good Shepherd?** *(Allow kids to answer. Remind kids that, like a shepherd leads his sheep, Jesus leads us to God. Jesus leads us to a forever relationship with God.)*
6. **Jesus said that He lays down His life for His sheep. That means Jesus was selfless and took the punishment for our sins when He died for us and rose again. Jesus offers to rescue everyone who admits their sin and repents, by turning away from sin and following Him instead. What are ways you can share this good news with others this week?** *(Allow kids to answer. Remind kids that they can share Jesus with their words and their actions.)*

**PRAY:** Thank You, Jesus, for being the Good Shepherd. You laid down Your life here on earth for us so that we can have life with You forever. Thank You for being God's only Son and leading us to God. You always lead us in the best and perfect way. Help us to follow You every day and share You with others. We love you so much! Amen.

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### Make A Photo Album

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

Supplies: Paper Photo Albums, Markers, Crayons, and Art supplies

*TO INTRODUCE THE ACTIVITY, SAY:*

- Do you remember what our Super Clue is today? *(Allow responses.)*
- That is right! Our Super Clue is a photo album!
- Today we are going to make photo albums.
- You can draw pictures of friends and family that you can tell about Jesus on these little pages. *(Show pages.)*
- Let's get creative with the supplies and make photo albums.

*TO WRAP UP THE ACTIVITY, SAY:*

- A photo album shows pictures of people you love and value.
- It helps us learn more about the people in someone's life like their families.
- Today we learned about someone special in God's family.
- Do you remember who? *(Allow responses.)* That is right—Jesus!
- Jesus is God's only Son.
- God wants us to tell people about Jesus, and we can tell them that Jesus is God's only Son.

*Encourage children to share their photo albums with their family and friends.*



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May 17-18, 2025

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## LEADER DEVO

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### God Wants Me to Tell People about Jesus—Jesus Is the Only Way

**Read:** John 14:1-14

*"Jesus answered, 'I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. If you really know me, you will know my Father as well. From now on, you do know him and have seen him.'"*

*John 14:6-7*

**Reflect:** Which statement about Jesus encourages and inspires you the most?

- A. Jesus is the way—the only way to have a relationship with God.
- B. Jesus is the truth—the only truth about salvation.
- C. Jesus is the life—the only way to true life now and forever.

**Pray-** God, You are the only way, truth, and life. When I am tempted to doubt or go another way, bring me back to You. Help me be bold in sharing this amazing, important truth. Amen.

**Prepare** -How can the truth about Jesus help someone who is confused about life and the state of the world?



# KINDER-1ST

May 17-18, 2025

## Gospel Presentation Week

### Jesus Is the Only Way

#### BIBLE PASSAGE

Jesus Guides Me

John 14:1-14

#### BIBLE VERSE

"Jesus told him, 'I am the way, the truth, and the life.'"

John 14:6a

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Maze

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Look! It's a maze. Raise your hand if you have ever tried to do a maze. *(Allow responses.)* Mazes can be fun, but they can also be tricky. I wonder how a maze connects to our Big Deal, "Celebrate! God Wants Me to Tell People about Jesus!" We have some friends who can help us called the Super Crew. What kind of crew? *(The Super Crew!)* That's right! Our friends, the Super Crew, in the Clubhouse will know how to help. Let's send our Super Clue to them. *(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! Our friends at the Clubhouse were super helpful. In the Bible story, Jesus told His friends that He is the way, the truth, and the life. When Jesus told His friends He is the only way He was saying that He is the only way to God. Today's Super Clue is a maze. There is only one way you can get through a maze, just like there is only one way to have friendship with God—through Jesus. God wants us to tell people about Jesus, and one thing we can tell them is that Jesus is the only way!

Let's talk to God and thank Him for sending Jesus for us. Jesus is the only way to have a friendship with God, and God wants everyone to have a friendship with Him. Let's pray in 3-2-1.

God, thank You for sending Jesus so we can have a friendship with You. Help us tell other people about Jesus and about how much He loves them. Thank you for loving us so we can love you! Amen.

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

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1. **Who remembers what our Super Clue is today?** *(a maze)*
2. **What does a maze help us remember?** *(Jesus is the only way.)*
3. **What is something you know how to do so well that you could give instructions and tell the rest of our team how to do it?** *(Allow kids to answer. Suggest things like making a peanut butter and jelly sandwich, making a bed, doing the dishes, and so forth. Share that, when it comes to having a relationship with God, Jesus gives us the instructions because He is the only way to have a relationship with God.)*
4. **How many different ways can you complete a maze correctly?** *(One.)* **We can only complete a maze one way because that's how it was designed. The Bible tells us there is only one way to have a relationship with God, and that way is through believing in Jesus. How can this help when we might wonder if there are different ways to have a relationship with God?** *(Allow kids to answer, and share your own answer.)*
5. **The Bible tells us we are here to share Jesus because He is the only way to God! Let's open our Bibles to **John 14:6** 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.)* **How does Jesus say that we can know God, His Father?** *(by knowing Jesus)* **Jesus tells us that anyone who knows Jesus also knows God! How is it encouraging and helpful that Jesus said He is the only way?** *(Allow kids to answer. Remind kids that we don't have to guess or wonder what's right or wrong. We can trust Him and follow Him.)*
6. **We can all know God by believing and trusting in Jesus. Who can know God by trusting in Jesus?** *(All of us!)* **We can believe and trust that Jesus is the way, the truth, and the life—meaning He is the way to have a life and relationship with God for everyone who turns away from sin and trusts in Him. How can you pass on the truth about Jesus being the only way this week?** *(Allow kids to answer.)*

*The Bible tells us we are here to share Jesus, who is the Way, the Truth, and the Life. We can pass on the truth about Jesus being the way to God because we want everyone to know the way to have a relationship with God! How is cool is that, we get to have a relationship with the creator of the whole world!!!!*

**PRAY:** Jesus, You are the Way, the Truth, and the Life. Thank You that we can always trust You and that You are the only way to have a relationship with God. You invite everyone to from sin and find forgiveness and life in You. Help us remember to follow You every day and pass on to others the truth of the life You give. We love you! Amen.

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## 6. ACTIVITY

### Jesus Guides Us

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

Supplies: "Jesus Guides Us" printable, and Beanbags

*TO INTRODUCE THE ACTIVITY, SAY:*

- In our Bible story today we learned that Jesus guides us.
- He is the way, the truth, and the life. We are going to play a game called "Jesus Guides Us."
- What's it called? (*Jesus Guides Us!*) Great job!
- For our game we will form three teams.
- Each team will have a beanbag and will stand in a line in front of the three pictures on the ground.
- The first picture is a road that means "the way." Let's say, "The way," together. Ready? "The way!" Way to go!
- The second picture is a Bible that means "the truth." Let's say, "The truth," together. Ready? "The truth!" Good job!
- The third picture is a tree, and it means "the life." Let's say, "The life," together. Ready? "The life!" Great! I will say, "The Way," "The Truth," or "The Life," and when it is your turn you will toss the beanbag on the correct picture. After you toss the beanbag on the correct picture, pass the beanbag to the next friend in line. Ready?

*TO WRAP UP THE ACTIVITY, SAY:*

- Great job listening and choosing which picture to toss the beanbag on! It was so fun watching you choose which picture showed the way, the truth, or the life
- In our Bible story, Jesus told His friends that He is the way, the truth, and the life.
- That means Jesus is the only way to God. God wants us to tell people about Jesus, and we can tell them that believing in Jesus is the only way to have a friendship with God.



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## LEADER DEVO

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### Jesus Is the One to Follow

**Read:** John 15:1-17

*"Remain in me, as I also remain in you. No branch can bear fruit by itself; it must remain in the vine. Neither can you bear fruit unless you remain in me. I am the vine; you are the branches. If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing."  
John 15:4-5*

**Reflect:** How is God helping you grow in this season?

- A. In my relationship with Him
- B. In resting in Him and not trying to earn His love or approval
- C. In producing fruit that helps others know and grow in Him

**Pray-** God, You invite me to remain close to You and to produce fruit that helps other people know You. Please be my reason, purpose, and motivation in all I say and do. Amen.

**Prepare** -How can a relationship with Jesus give life purpose and meaning?



## Jesus Is the One to Follow

### BIBLE PASSAGE

Jesus Helps Me Grow

John 15:1-17

### BIBLE VERSE

"Jesus told him, 'I am the way, the truth, and the life.'"

John 14:6a

### AT-A-GLANCE

#### Super Clue:

Cluster of Grapes

#### CRAFT/ACTIVITY:

Stay Connected

#### 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. Games

Supplies: Games

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

### 2. Celebrate Playdough

Supplies: Playdough, Playdough tools, birthday candles, cup cake cookie sheets, and cupcake papers

- Set out the supplies and encourage kids to celebrate how good God is with the playdough and pretend to get ready for a party.
- Encourage kids to talk about how God wants us share to our friends and family all about Him.

### 3. Coloring or Build with Blocks

Supplies: Crayons, Paper and or Blocks

- Set out supplies and allow kids to choose what activity they do.
- Help them connect with friends and you.

### 4. Cube Toss

Supplies: Giant Inflatable Game Cube

- Show kids the game cube.
- Each side has a silly action for us to do together. ([Show the images on each side and read the descriptions of the motions.](#))
- We will toss the cube, and we will all do the action on whatever side is facing up when it lands.

## 3. TEACHING SCRIPT

Hi Friends! We have a great time planned for today, did you know God loves it when we tell people about Jesus. Our Big Deal teaches us something important about God. Today's Big Deal is, "Celebrate! God Wants Me to Tell People about Jesus!" *(Do the motions.)* Let's say the Big Deal together. I'll say it first, and you say it after me. Ready? Celebrate! *(Celebrate!)* God Wants Me to Tell People about Jesus! *(God Wants Me to Tell People about Jesus!)* One thing we can tell about Jesus is that Jesus is the One to follow. Let's say that together. Ready? "Jesus is the One to follow." Super 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 John. 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!*

Oh, look at this! It's a cluster of grapes. It is called a cluster because all the grapes are still connected to each other. When a farmer is ready to harvest the grapes, he cuts the clusters off of the grapevines. It would take a very long time to pick each little grape by itself. I wonder what grapes have to do with our Big Deal, "Celebrate! God Wants Me to Tell People about Jesus!" Our friends, the Super Crew, will know how to help. Let's send our Super Clue to our friends in the Clubhouse. Ready? *(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 for your help today, Super Crew! See you next time! In our Bible story today, Jesus gave His friends a command to love one another. Jesus told His friends that He was the vine and that they were the branches. He told His friends to stay connected to Him. We can stay connected to Jesus by learning about Him, celebrating Him, and doing what He says to do. Our Super Clue is a cluster of grapes. Just like grapes grow big and strong when they are connected to the grapevine, we grow in our faith and learn more about Jesus when we follow Him. God wants us to tell people about Jesus. We can tell them that Jesus is the One to follow. Jesus is the One to follow because He helps us grow. We grow and learn more about Jesus when we follow Him. Let's pray and ask God to help us tell people about Jesus. When we pray, we talk and listen to God. Let's close our eyes and make our bodies very still to focus on talking to God. Let's pray in 3-2-1.

God, help us stay connected to Jesus so we can grow in our faith and learn more about Jesus as we follow Him. Help us tell people about Jesus. 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 cluster of grapes)*
2. **What does a cluster of grapes help us remember?** *(Grapes can help us remember to stay connected to Jesus.)*
3. **What is your favorite fruit? What does it take to make that fruit grow?** *(Allow kids to answer. Share that, when we remain connected to Jesus, He helps us grow and produce "fruit" which are words and actions that help point others to Him.)*
4. **What command did Jesus give His friends in the Bible story?** *(Love one another.)* **Jesus is the One to follow. What happens when we stay connected to Jesus?** *(We grow big and strong in our faith.)*
5. **The Bible tells us we can share Jesus because He is the One to follow. Jesus makes the way for us to have a relationship with God. Let's open our Bibles to **John 15:4-5** 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.)* **Jesus said we produce fruit when we are connected to Him. What do you think that fruit looks like?** *(Allow kids to answer. Point out that the fruit looks like loving others, following Jesus, and sharing Him with others.)*
6. **Jesus helps us to bear fruit when we remain in Him. How can we connect with Jesus?** *(Allow kids to answer. Suggested answers include reading the Bible, praying, listening at church, listening to other people who follow Jesus, asking questions, obeying what the Bible says, and so forth.)*
7. **The Bible tells us that Jesus is the One to follow and, through Him, we can have a relationship with God. He took the punishment for our sin and forgives all people who confess and turn away from sin and follow Him instead. Everyone, say, "Jesus is the One to follow!"** *(Jesus is the One to follow!)* **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 sending Jesus so we can follow Him and have a relationship with You. Thank You for working through us so that we can bear fruit when we trust in You. Help us pass on the message of Your love and truth to others. We love you so much! Amen.

## 5. PRAYER WALL

- Before parents arrive, ask if everyone has had a chance to put their prayer request on the wall.
- If any kids haven't, make sure they have an opportunity to do so.
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## 6. ACTIVITY

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

Supplies: Paper plates with vines, and Ball pit balls

*TO INTRODUCE THE ACTIVITY, SAY:*

- For this game, we need to be in teams of four.
- I will help you form teams. *(Help kids form teams.)*
- Look at my paper plate. On the plate there is a picture of a vine. *(Choose a team to go first.)*
- Here is your vine plate. Everyone on your team needs to hold on to the edge of the vine plate with one hand.
- Everyone needs to be connected to the vine. *(Help kids arrange themselves around the plate.)*
- Let's pretend this ball is a grape.
- I will place the grape on the center of the vine plate.
- Your team will work together to walk around the room and back without dropping the grape.
- The only rule is that everyone on your team must keep one hand on the plate.
- Are you ready to try? Everyone else, let's cheer for our friends as they play! *(Repeat until all teams have had a turn.)*

*TO WRAP UP THE ACTIVITY, SAY:*

- In our game, it was hard to stay connected to the vine.
- In our Bible story, Jesus explained that people who believe in Him are like the branches that produce fruit on a vine.
- When we stay connected to Jesus by learning about Him, celebrating Him, and doing what He says to do, we grow big and strong in our faith.
- God wants us to tell people about Jesus.
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