



Preschool Leader Guide

November 2– 2s & 3s

Monthly Theme: God Gives Me Friends

Today's "Big Deal" Theme Tie: God Welcomes Us

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Craft/Game:

Preschoolers will bend chenille stems into shapes and connect the shapes to make a chain.

Big Goal: Learn a new name.

Supplies:

Chenille stems 1 per person

Tape 1 per group

Script: Hi, everyone! Let's make a craft called "Bend and Shape." What is it called? (*Bend and Shape!*) Great! What shapes can you name? (*Allow responses.*) We are going to use these bendable chenille stems to make shapes. Once you have made your shape, hold it high in the air. Find a friend and tell her your name and what shape you made. Once we are all done, we will connect our shapes together to make a chain that we can hang in our room.

We can know our friends' names, and we can learn how to help one another because we are all on one team. We made some fantastic creations together. Great job!

Activity:

Preschoolers will take turns building and knocking down foam towers.

Big Goal: Celebrate every child.

Supplies:

Foam blocks 20-30 per group

Beanbags 3-5 per group

Script: Hello, friends! My name is _____, and I am so glad you are here. I love building block towers and knocking them over. How about you? (*Allow responses.*) We are going to take turns helping each other build a tower out of blocks, then knocking the tower over by tossing beanbags at it. If you are ready to play, let me hear you say, "Build it together!" (*Build it together!*) Great job! Let's play!

It was so much fun to see you celebrate with your friends and work together to build and knock down towers. We can celebrate each other because we all belong here and are a part of our team.

Countdown Video:

Play Countdown Video

Welcome Video:

Play Welcome Video

Music Video:

Script: *(Invite preschoolers to count down with you and the video.)* 5-4-3-2-1! I am so excited to see you here today. We are going to have a lot of fun! Let's all say, "Jump in!" Ready? "Jump in!" If you are excited to be here, let me see you jump as high as you can. *(Allow responses.)* Wow! Now let me see you stand up and jump as small as you can. *(Allow responses.)* I could barely see some of you jump since your moves were so small! Turn to a friend near you, and give him two thumbs-up to let him know you are glad he is here today. Then turn and face me, and let me see your two thumbs-up. *(Allow responses.)* Awesome! Today we are learning that we can jump in and be a friend!

Let's all sing a song of praise to God and celebrate together.

Play Theme Song Video.

Super Clue & Bible Story Video:

Supplies:

Super Box 1 per group

"Super Clue: Wacky Waver" printable 1 per group

Wacky Waver 1 per group (optional)

Bible 1 per group

Big Deal Motions:

Jump In! *(Make a small hop forward.)*

God Gives Me Friends! *(Bring hands together in front of you.)*

Script: There is so much to be excited about today, and one of those things is that you are here! Let's welcome our friends. When we are welcome, it means we all belong. We can welcome friends by looking at them and saying, "I'm so glad you are here!" Let's do that now. Ready? *(I am so glad you are here!)* When we welcome someone, we tell them and show them that they are important. We do this with our friends. This makes me think of our Big Deal. Our Big Deal teaches us an important truth about God. Today's Big Deal is, "Jump In! God Gives Me Friends!" Let's say that together. I will say it first, and you can say it after me. *(Use motions above as you say the Big Deal.)* Jump In! *(Jump In!)*

God Gives Me Friends! *(God Gives Me Friends!)* Great job! We are all friends here, and we are all welcome. Let's say, "**God welcomes us,**" together. Ready? 3-2-1! "**God welcomes us!**" Super!

Hold on. Did you hear that? Do you know what that sound means? *(Allow responses.)* There is a new Super Clue in our Super Box. Our Super Box holds a Super Clue that connects to today's Big Deal, "Jump In! God Gives Me Friends!" *(Do motions as you say the Big Deal.)* I wonder what our Super Clue might be. Let's open up the Super Box and see!

(Open the Super Box and pull out the physical Super Clue or Super Clue printable.)

This is so exciting! Today's Super Clue is a wacky waver. These make me smile because they are so very wacky. Have you seen one before outside a store? They move around so crazy. I wonder how a wacky waver connects to our Big Deal, "Jump In! God Gives Me Friends!" Oh, I know! Let's send the Super Clue to our friends, the Super Crew, at the Clubhouse. They will know how to help.

(Place Super Clue back in Super Box.)

We can count down and press the "Go" button to send the Super Clue to the Super Crew. When I say, "Go," I'll press the button on this Super Box. You can pretend to press the button by pressing one hand on top of the other, like this. *(Hold one palm faceup and press the other palm to it facedown, like pressing a button.)*

Ready? 3-2-1 Go!

Play Bible Story Video.

Screen: *(To screen)* That was amazing! Thanks, Super Crew!

(To preschoolers) Jesus told a story about an amazing party. When the party guests did not come, the man throwing the party sent his servant out to welcome everyone in. Many were invited, but they had to say yes to the invitation. Jesus wanted people to know that everyone is welcome to a friendship with God, but they have to say yes to the invitation.

Today's Super Clue is a wacky waver. It helps us remember that **God welcomes us**. A wacky waver welcomes people into a store. God welcomes us to have a friendship with Him, but we have to say yes to the invitation. Let's say our Big Deal one more time. Ready? Jump In! *(Jump In!)* God Gives Me Friends! *(God Gives Me Friends!)* Great job!

We can talk and listen to God by praying. Let's thank God for giving us friends and welcoming us. Let's all close our eyes so we can focus on God. Ready? 3-2-1

God, thank You for giving us friends. Thank You for welcoming us all to have a friendship with You when we say yes to the invitation. Help us welcome our friends the way You welcome us. In Jesus' name, amen.

Theme Verse Video:

Theme Verse Motions:

Encourage one another. *(Scoop both hands from the outside in, ending pushing up.)*

1 Thessalonians 5:11a *(Hold hands out like a book.)*

Script: We can learn about how God gives us friends when we look in the Bible. Our Theme verse comes from the Bible. Today's Theme verse is found in 1 Thessalonians. Let me show you where that verse is in the Bible. *(Open the Bible to 1 Thessalonians 5:11a. Turn the Bible for preschoolers to see and point to the verse.)* Let's watch a video that helps us learn our Theme verse.

Activity Page:

Big Goal: Provide an opportunity for connection.

Leader Prep: Print copies of the Activity Page for each child. Set out supplies.

Supplies:

Activity Page 1 per child

Markers or crayons Several per child

Script: This activity page helps us remember some big things we've learned today. As you color and work on activities, talk to a friend about some of your favorite parts of our time together.

In today's Bible story, when the party guests did not come, the man sent his servant out to welcome everyone in. God gives us friends and welcomes all of us into His kingdom, but we have to say yes to the invitation.

Room Refresh & Clean Up:

Script: Okay friends, it is time for us to clean up! Let's walk around the room and find objects and toys that are out of place. We need to see where they belong and put them back! Look at the pictures around the room to help. This is an important way to show our love for our church.

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Pick Up Time

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Craft/Game:

Preschoolers will decorate slips of paper and connect them together to make a chain.

Big Goal: Encourage preschoolers to help other preschoolers belong.

Leader Prep: Cut construction paper into strips, at least one per child.

Supplies:

Construction paper several per group

Adult scissors 1 per group

Markers or crayons Several per child

Tape 1 per group

Script: Hello, friends! Let's jump in and do a craft together. This craft is called "Create a Chain." What is it called? (*Create a Chain!*) Great job! We are going to create a chain that connects

together with colorful paper. Each of you has a slip of paper that you can decorate with markers or crayons. We will connect them together with tape to make one long chain.

Keep It Going: Guide preschoolers to draw specific items they like such as an animal, shape, toy, or food. Invite them to share their drawings with friends.

Script: Great job working together on our chain! I love seeing the different parts connected into one long chain. God gives us friends, and it is amazing to work with our friends. Today we will be learning that **God connects us.**

Activity:

Supplies:

Blocks 5-10 per child

Toy people figures 3-5 per group

Script: Hi, everyone! It is so good to see you today. We are going to do an activity, and we need your help. This activity is called "Build a Road." What is it called? *(Build a Road!)* Great! We have this group of people who need to travel to the other side of the room, and they need a road to travel on. Let's build a road so they can travel. As you build, share the blocks with your friends so they can help too.

God gives us friends, and we need to share with our friends. It made me smile to see how well you shared the blocks with your friends and worked together to build a road. Look at a friend and say, "Thank you, friend, for sharing with me!" *(Thank you, friend, for sharing with me!)*

Countdown Video:

Play Countdown Video

Welcome Video:

Play Welcome Video

Music Video:

Script: *(Invite preschoolers to count down with you and the video.)* 5-4-3-2-1! Hello, everyone! My name is _____, and I am so glad you are here today. I am ready to jump into some fun! Everyone, let's stand up and get warmed up together. Let me see just how ready you are today. When I say, "Jump!" I want you to jump in place as fast as you can. If you are ready say, "Ready!" *(Ready!)* Here we go! Jump! *(Invite preschoolers to jump.)* Wow! You can jump really fast. Great job!

Let's sing a song about how God gives us friends. Ready? Let's stand up and sing our Theme song.

Play Theme Song Video.

Super Clue & Bible Story Video:

Supplies:

Super Box 1 per group

"Super Clue: Walking Rope" printable 1 per group

Walking Rope 1 per group (optional)

Bible 1 per group

Big Deal Motions:

Jump In! *(Make a small hop forward.)*

God Gives Me Friends! *(Bring hands together in front of you.)*

Script: Today we are learning that **God connects us**. God gives us special friendships with our friends and the people in our family. That reminds me of our Big Deal. A Big Deal teaches us an important truth about God. Today's Big Deal is, "Jump In! God Gives Me Friends!" Let's say that together. I will say it first, and you can say it after me. *(Use motions above as you say the Big Deal.)* Jump In! *(Jump In!)* God Gives Me Friends! *(God Gives Me Friends!)* Great job!

Did you hear that? That sound means there is a new Super Clue in the Super Box! A Super Clue helps us learn more about our Big Deal, "Jump In! God Gives Me Friends!" What do you think is in the Super Box? Let's look inside and see!

(Open the Super Box and pull out the physical Super Clue or Super Clue printable.)

Oh, wow! Do you know what this is? If you think you know, give me a thumbs-up. *(Allow responses.)* It is a walking rope. When you go on a walk with your friends at preschool or at

church, you might use a walking rope. I wonder how this walking rope connects to our Big Deal, "Jump In! God Gives Me Friends!" Oh, I know! Let's send it to the Super Crew in the Clubhouse. They will know how to help.

(Place Super Clue back in the Super Box.)

We can count down and press the "Go" button to send the Super Clue to the Super Crew. When I say, "Go," I'll press the button on this Super Box. You can pretend to press the button by pressing one hand on top of the other, like this! *(Hold one palm faceup and press the other palm to it facedown, like pressing a button.)*

Ready? 3-2-1 Go!

Play Bible Story Video.

Script: *(To screen)* Thanks, Super Crew and Bark! You are always so helpful!

(To preschoolers) In our Bible story today, a man named Saul started following Jesus. Saul wanted to join Jesus' friends, the disciples, but they were afraid of him. The disciples thought Saul was tricking them because he used to hurt people who followed Jesus. Barnabas believed Saul and was a friend to him. God led Saul and Barnabas to be connected in friendship so they could tell others about Jesus together. The churches began to grow because more and more people were following Jesus.

Our Super Clue today is a walking rope. It reminds us that there is a place for everyone and that we can be connected to one another. God gives us friends to be connected to, and God invites us all into a friendship with Him when we follow Jesus.

Let's say our Big Deal together again. I'll say it first, and you say it after me. Ready? Jump In! *(Jump In!)* God Gives Me Friends! *(God Gives Me Friends!)* Great job! God gives us friends and connects us to friends.

Let's pray and thank God for connecting us to friends. When we pray, we are talking and listening to God. Ready? Let's pray in 3-2-1.

God, thank You for the true story in the Bible about how Barnabas helped connect Saul to other people who believed in You. Thank You for connecting us to friends and for inviting all of us into a friendship when we choose to follow You. Amen.

Theme Verse Video:

Theme Verse Motions:

Encourage one another. (*Scoop both hands from the outside in, ending pushing up.*)

1 Thessalonians 5:11a (*Hold hands out like a book.*)

Script: God gives us friends. Our Theme verse reminds us of one way we can be a good friend to others. Our Theme verse is 1 Thessalonians 5:11a. Let me show you where that verse is in the Bible. (*Open the Bible to 1 Thessalonians 5:11.*) It says, "Encourage one another." Let's watch a video to help us learn our Theme verse together.

That was good! This verse from the Bible gives us something to do. It tells us to encourage one another. Can you say, "Encourage"? (*Encourage!*) Great! When we encourage someone, we help them and cheer them on. This Theme verse tells us to encourage or help one another. We can all do that! Look at a friend and say, "I can do that." (*I can do that.*) Way to go!

Activity Page:

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Leader Prep: Print copies of the Activity Page for each child. Set out supplies.

Supplies:

Activity Page 1 per child

Markers or crayons Several per child

Script: This activity page helps us remember some big things we've learned today. As you color and work on activities, talk to a friend about some of your favorite parts of our time together.

We are connected to God when we follow and trust in Jesus. God gives us friends and helps us connect with other people who believe in Him too.

Room Refresh & Clean Up:

Script: Okay friends, it is time for us to clean up! Let's walk around the room and find objects and toys that are out of place. We need to see where they belong and put them back! Look at

the pictures around the room to help. This is an important way to show our love for our church.

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November 16– 2s & 3s

Monthly Theme: God Gives Me Friends

Today's "Big Deal" Theme Tie: God Values Us

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Craft/Game:

Preschoolers will work together to decorate a treasure box.

Big Goal: Be a part of a team.

Supplies:

Markers or crayons Several per child

Stickers Several per child

Empty boxes 1-3 per group

Script: Welcome! I am so excited to spend time with you today. Let's work together to make a special box—a treasure box! A what? (*A treasure box!*) Great! When we *treasure* something, we care about it, so we might put it in a safe place. Let's work together as a team to turn this empty box into a treasure box. We can use markers, crayons, and stickers to decorate our box. I can't wait to see how amazing this box will be once you finish working together to decorate it. (*As preschoolers work, encourage them to talk about what they would put inside a treasure box.*)

We did such a good job working together to decorate our treasure box. It was so much fun talking about what we would want to put in the box. We all jumped in and worked as a team. Great job!

Activity:

Preschoolers will make impressions in play dough with coins or toy animals.

Big Goal: Share with friends.

Leader Prep: Print and post the “Allergy Alert” printable for parents to see at drop-off for preschoolers with gluten allergies or sensitivities.

Supplies:

“Allergy Alert” printable 1 per group

Play coins or toy animals 5-7 per group

Play dough 1 per child

Script: Hello, everyone! My name is ____! We are going to work together to do a fun activity called “Press the Dough.” Let’s say that together. Ready? “Press the Dough!” Great job! We are going to use play dough to make impressions. *Impressions* is a big word, but I can show you what it means to make an impression. When you flatten your play dough out and press a toy coin or toy animal into it, it leaves an impression when you lift it up. (*Demonstrate with play dough and a toy.*) I want you to make impressions with some of the toys we have here. Let’s try it and see the different impressions we can make.

It is so incredible that we can all be friends! There are lots of things we can share with our friends. What are some things you share with your friends? (*Allow responses.*) Wow! We had some great ideas. It was so fun working together and sharing with each other. Way to go!

Countdown Video:

Play Countdown Video

Welcome Video:

Play Welcome Video

Music Video:

Script: (*Invite preschoolers to count down with you and the video.*) 5-4-3-2-1! Hi, everyone! My name is _____. I am so glad you are here today. Turn to someone and give them a high five. (*Allow preschoolers time to give high fives.*) Let’s see if you can jump in place like I am. We will start off with one jump, like this. Ready? Go! (*Jump one time. Invite preschoolers to follow.*)

That was great! Now let's jump two times, like this. Ready? Go! *(Jump two times. Invite preschoolers to follow.)* Wow! Now let's jump three times, like this. Ready? Go! *(Jump three times. Invite preschoolers to follow.)* Way to jump in and join in with your friends!

Let's sing our Theme song. Follow along and learn the motions as we sing.

Play Theme Song Video.

Super Clue & Bible Story Video:

Supplies:

Super Box 1 per group

"Super Clue: Piggy Bank" printable 1 per group

Piggy Bank 1 per group (optional)

Bible 1 per group

Big Deal Motions:

Jump In! *(Make a small hop forward.)*

God Gives Me Friends! *(Bring hands together in front of you.)*

Script: God gives us friends. I want you to think of one of your friends. Once you think of your friend, I want you to put your hand on your head. *(Allow responses.)* Do you think your friend is important and valuable? *Valuable* means something matters and is special. If you think your friend matters and is important, I want you to put your other hand on your head. *(Allow responses.)* Good! Let's put our hands down. I have something really important to tell you. Let's lean in close so you don't miss what I am going to say. What I am about to tell you is a really big deal! A Big Deal helps us learn something important about God. Our Big Deal is, "Jump In! God Gives Me Friends!" Look at your neighbor and say, "That is a big deal!" *(That is a big deal!)* Let's say our Big Deal together. I will say it first, and you can say it after me. *(Use motions above as you say the Big Deal.)* Jump In! *(Jump In!)* God Gives Me Friends! *(God Gives Me Friends!)* Great job!

God gives us friends, and our friends are valuable and important to us. And you know what else? God says that we are valuable and important to Him! **God values us.** Isn't that super?

Did you hear that sound? That sound means there is a new Super Clue in our Super Box. Our Super Clue will help us learn more about today's Big Deal, "Jump In! God Gives Me Friends!" Let's see what our Super Clue is today.

(Open the Super Box and pull out the physical Super Clue or Super Clue printable. Display the Super Clue slide.)

Look at this! Today's Super Clue is a piggy bank. We can use a piggy bank to hold valuable and important things like money. I wonder how a piggy bank connects to today's Big Deal, "Jump In! God Gives Me Friends!" Oh, I know who can help us. Let's send our Super Clue over to the Super Crew at the Clubhouse. They can help connect our Super Clue, a piggy bank, to our Big Deal.

(Place Super Clue back in the Super Box.)

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Ready? 3-2-1 Go!

Play Bible Story Video.

Script: *(To screen)* Thank you, Super Crew!

(To preschoolers) Today we learned that **God values us**. In our Bible story, Jesus told two stories about valuable, special things that were lost. When they were found, the people celebrated with excitement. God cares about us, and we are so important to Him!

Our Super Clue, a piggy bank, holds important and valuable things like money. God says that we are very valuable and important to Him. **God values us** so much that He sent His Son, Jesus, so that we can be forgiven and have a friendship with Him. When we choose to follow Jesus, that is a big deal, and it is something really special to celebrate!

Let's say our Big Deal together one more time. Ready? I will say it first, and you say it after me. Jump In! *(Jump In!)* God Gives Me Friends! *(God Gives Me Friends!)* Way to go!

Let's pray and thank God for valuing us. *Prayer* is talking and listening to God. Close your eyes so you aren't distracted by anyone else and let's talk to God in 3-2-1.

God, thank You for true stories in the Bible that help us see that You value us. When we turn to You and ask for Your forgiveness, we can have a friendship with You. Thank You for sending Jesus to make that possible. Amen.

Theme Verse Video:

Theme Verse Motions:

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Play Theme Verse Video.

Script: Great job! You can all sit back down. This Bible verse teaches us that we can encourage each other. *Encourage* means to help each other or cheer each other on. The friends in our Bible story today encouraged the people who had lost items by celebrating with them when their lost items were found. This showed that they valued their friends. God values you and me. He thinks we are important and wants us to have a friendship with Him. That is why God sent His Son, Jesus, so we can be forgiven and have a friendship with Him.

Activity Page:

Big Goal: Provide an opportunity for connection.

Leader Prep: Print copies of the Activity Page for each child. Set out supplies.

Supplies:

Activity Page 1 per child

Markers or crayons Several per child

Script: This activity page helps us remember some big things we've learned today. As you color and work on activities, talk to a friend about some of your favorite parts of our time together.

When you want to keep your money safe, you might put it in a piggy bank. Piggy banks hold important and valuable things like money. God says that we are very valuable and important to Him. God thinks we are so valuable that He sent His Son, Jesus, so we can be forgiven and have a friendship with Him.

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Craft/Game:

Preschoolers will draw pictures of things they are thankful for on a large tree outline.

Big Goal: Be seen, heard and known by my team.

Leader Prep: Draw a large outline of a tree on a sheet of butcher paper.

Supplies:

Butcher paper 1 per group

Markers or crayons Several per child

Painter's tape 1 per group

Script: I am so glad you are here today! There is a special holiday called Thanksgiving coming up. What is it called? (*Thanksgiving!*) Great! Thanksgiving is a time when we can thank God for all the great things in our lives. We can thank God for our families, our friends, and our church.

We can thank God for the food we eat, the clothes we wear, and the homes where we live. We are going to create a “Thankful Tree.” We have this outline of a tree, and I want you to draw pictures of what you are thankful for all over the tree. I am excited to see all of the things you are thankful for.

Look at how many things we are thankful for! Some of the things we are thankful for are the same, and some are different. We have a lot to tell God thank you for in our lives. Our “Thankful Tree” includes everyone!

Activity:

Preschoolers will work with friends to build a block tower.

Big Goal: Be a part of a team.

Leader Prep: Write the numbers 2, 3, 4, and 5 on index cards, one number per card. Underneath each number draw the corresponding number of dots. (*Draw two dots under the number 2, three dots under the number 3, and so on.*) Place cards in a gift bag.

Supplies:

Blocks 2-5 per person

Marker 1 per group

Index cards 4 per group

Gift bag 1 per group

Script: It is so great to have you here today. My name is _____. Let me see how high you can stretch your arms up to the sky. Up to the what? (*The sky!*) Yes! Let’s stretch. (*Invite preschoolers to stretch.*) That is some high stretching! We are going to play a game together to see how high we can build a block tower. There are cards in this bag that have numbers on them. When it is your turn, I want you to choose a card from the bag. I will help you figure out the number on the card if you need help. Then you are going to use that number of blocks and one other friend to help you build a tower. Then another friend will have a turn. We will add on to see how high we can build it. If you are ready, say, “Let’s go!” (*Let’s go!*)

It was amazing to see how high we could build the tower when we included others and worked together. It would have taken much longer to build a tower that high on our own, but when we worked together we could build it much higher.

Countdown Video:

Play Countdown Video

Welcome Video:

Play Welcome Video

Music Video:

Script: *(Invite preschoolers to count down with you and the video.)* 5-4-3-2-1! Hi, everyone! My name is _____, and I am so excited you are here today! Let's all stand up and get ready for some fun. First, I want you to turn to a friend, give them a big wave, and say, "Hi, friend! My name is _____!" Tell them your name, then jump as high as you can. Ready? 3-2-1 Go! *(Allow time for preschoolers to greet each other and jump.)* Great job!

Let's stay standing and sing our Theme song together.

Play Theme Song Video.

Super Clue & Bible Story Video:

Supplies:

Super Box 1 per group

"Super Clue: Playground" printable 1 per group

Bible 1 per group

Big Deal Motions:

Jump In! *(Make a small hop forward.)*

God Gives Me Friends! *(Bring hands together in front of you.)*

Script: Today we are going to talk about how **God includes us**. Let's say, "**God includes us**," together. Ready? 3-2-1 Go! "**God includes us**." Great job! Everyone likes to be included and feel invited. God gives us friends to help us feel included when we are playing or when we are working on a craft together. That reminds me of our Big Deal. Our Big Deal teaches us something important about God. Today's Big Deal is, "Jump In! God Gives Me Friends!" Let's say the Big Deal together. I'll say it first, then you say it after me. *(Use motions above as you say the Big Deal.)* Jump In! *(Jump In!)* God Gives Me Friends! *(God Gives Me Friends!)* Super!

(Hold hand to ear and lean in.) Wait a minute. Did you hear that? It sounds like the Super Box! Inside the Super Box is a Super Clue that connects to the Big Deal, “Jump In! God Gives Me Friends!” Oh, I can’t wait to see what is inside! If you are ready to see what our Super Clue is, lean in close, and let’s open the box.

(Open the Super Box and pull out the physical Super Clue or Super Clue printable.)

Oh wow! This is amazing! Our Super Clue is a playground. A playground is such a fun place to play. I wonder how a playground connects to our Big Deal, “Jump In! God Gives Me Friends!” I think we may need some help to figure this out. Let’s send our Super Clue over to our friends, the Super Crew, at the Clubhouse. I am sure they can help us.

(Place Super Clue back in the Super Box.)

We can count down and press the “Go” button to send the Super Clue to the Super Crew. When I say, “Go,” I’ll press the button on this Super Box. You can pretend to press the button by pressing one hand on top of the other, like this! Ready? 3-2-1 Go! *(Host presses the Super Box button. Start the Bible Story Video.)*

(Hold one palm faceup and press the other palm to it facedown, like pressing a button.)

Play Bible Story Video.

Script: *(To screen)* Thanks, Super Crew! That was so helpful!

(To preschoolers) In our Bible story, we saw that Ruth was included in Naomi’s family. She followed God like Naomi and became part of God’s family too. Naomi and Ruth needed food and Boaz included Ruth by allowing her to gather grain in his fields.

Our Super Clue is a playground. A playground is a fun place where everyone can be included. This Super Clue helps us see that **God includes us** too. He invites us to be part of His family and have a friendship with Him. Do you remember our Big Deal? Let’s say it together using the motions we learned. I will say it first, and you say it after me. Jump in! *(Jump In!)* God Gives Me Friends! *(God Gives Me Friends!)* I am so glad God gives us friends and wants us to have a friendship with Him.

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

God, thank You for including us. Thank You for inviting us to be part of Your family and to have a friendship with You. In Jesus' name, amen.

Theme Verse Video:

Theme Verse Motions:

Encourage one another. (*Scoop both hands from the outside in, ending pushing up.*)

1 Thessalonians 5:11a (*Hold hands out like a book.*)

Script: We can learn that God gives us friends as we look in the Bible. Let's all stand up together and learn our Theme verse. Remember, the Bible is God's Book. The Bible is true, and it's for you! Our Theme verse is 1 Thessalonians 5:11a. Let's open our Bible and look at our Theme verse. (*Open the Bible to 1 Thessalonians 5:11a.*) Let's watch a video to learn our Theme verse together. Ready?

Play Theme Verse Video.

Script: God gives us friends, and God wants us to encourage one another. We can encourage each other by saying kind words, cheering each other on, and helping each other. These are some super ways we can be a good friend to others.

Activity Page:

Big Goal: Provide an opportunity for connection.

Leader Prep: Print copies of the Activity Page for each child. Set out supplies.

Supplies:

Activity Page 1 per child

Markers or crayons Several per child

Script: This activity page helps us remember some big things we've learned today. As you color and work on activities, talk to a friend about some of your favorite parts of our time together.

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Room Refresh & Clean Up:

Script: Okay friends, it is time for us to clean up! Let's walk around the room and find objects and toys that are out of place. We need to see where they belong and put them back! Look at the pictures around the room to help. This is an important way to show our love for our church.

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Preschool Leader Guide

November 30– 2s & 3s

Monthly Theme: God Gives Me Friends

Today's "Big Deal" Theme Tie: God Leads Me to Friends

Snack Time This can be done at any point during the hour except for within the last fifteen minutes in the classrooms to ensure that everything is able to be cleaned up and put away prior

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Craft/Game:

Preschoolers will make a bookmark to give to a friend.

Big Goal: Remember the Bible story.

Leader Prep: Print "Decorate A Bookmark" printables on cardstock, one bookmark per child. Cut out each bookmark.

Supplies:

"Decorate A Bookmark" printable 1 per 4 children

Cardstock 1 per 4 children

Adult scissors 1 per group

Stickers Several per child

Crayons Several per child

Bible 1 per group

"Decorate A Bookmark Instructions & Example" printable 1 per group

Craft Instructions:

1. Before the session, print “Decorate A Bookmark” printables on cardstock, one bookmark per child. Cut out each bookmark.
2. Give each child a bookmark, crayons, and stickers.
3. Invite preschoolers to decorate their bookmarks.

Script: We are going to make bookmarks to give to our friends. What are we making? *(Bookmarks!)* Great! A bookmark is used to put between pages of the Bible or another book to mark a favorite page or to know where we stopped reading in a story. *(Demonstrate how a bookmark is used in a Bible.)* Our bookmarks will be a special gift for our friends. I want you to use crayons and stickers to decorate your bookmarks.

David and Jonathan were great friends. These two friends loved each other. We love our friends. Our bookmark gifts are a fun way to show our friends that we love and care for them.

Activity:

Preschoolers will join in and learn the Hooray Day cheer together.

Big Goal: Encourage preschoolers to help other preschoolers belong.

Hooray Day Cheer Motions:

Hip, hip, hooray! *(Pump your fist into the air.)*

God leads the way! *(Bring both hands down with palms facing in making a road.)*

His love never ends! *(Cross arms over chest.)*

God leads me to friends! *(Clasp hands together in a clap.)*

Script: Welcome, everyone! My name is _____, and I am so glad you are here! Today is a very special day. It is Hooray Day! On Hooray Days we celebrate, so let’s do an activity called “Join In!” What is it called? *(Join In!)* Good! We will all join in and learn our Hooray Day cheer! Let’s start by sitting in a circle. As we sit in our circle and get ready to learn the Hooray Day cheer, we can scoot back and make more room for new friends as they come in. Our Hooray Day cheer is so much fun. If you are ready to learn it, say, “Hip, hip, hooray!” Ready? *(Hip, hip, hooray!)* Great job!

Our Hooray Day cheer goes like this: *(Model the motions listed below as you say the Hooray Day cheer.)*

Hip, hip, hooray!

God leads the way!

His love never ends!

God leads me to friends!

Are you ready to say the Hooray Day cheer? I will say it first, and you say it after me.

Hip, hip, hooray! (*Hip, hip, hooray!*)

God leads the way! (*God leads the way!*)

His love never ends! (*His love never ends!*)

God leads me to friends! (*God leads me to friends!*)

Great job, everyone! You did such a good job cheering!

Let's say the cheer one more time, but this time, let's stand up and say the cheer. (*Stand up and lead the cheer again.*) Let's sit down and say it one last time in our whisper voices. (*Sit down and say it on more time in whisper voices.*)

Everyone did a great job saying our Hooray Day cheer! Hooray Day is such a special day where we can celebrate God together. I am so glad we are together to celebrate!

Countdown Video:

Play Countdown Video

Welcome Video:

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Music Video:

Script: Let's stand up and sing a song together. When we sing songs to God, we are celebrating Him.

Play Theme Verse Video.

Super Clue & Bible Story Video:

Supplies:

Super Box 1 per group

“Super Clue: Parachute” printable 1 per group

Small Parachute 1 per group (optional)

Bible 1 per group

Big Deal Motions:

Hooray! *(Make double windmill arms in front of body.)*

God Leads Me to Friends! *(Clasp hands together in a clap.)*

Script: Today we are learning about friends! That reminds me of today’s Big Deal. A Big Deal is an important truth we can learn about God. Our Big Deal is, “Hooray! God Leads Me to Friends!” Let’s say our Big Deal together. I will say it first, and then I want you to say it after me. Are you ready? *(Do the motions as you say the Big Deal.)* Hooray! *(Hooray!)* God Leads Me to Friends! *(God Leads Me to Friends!)* That is super!

Hooray! Did you hear that? Do you know what that sound means? *(Allow responses.)* I am so excited because that sound means we have a Super Clue in our Super Box. Our Super Clue connects to our Big Deal, “Hooray! God Leads Me to Friends!” Now let’s see what is inside our Super Box.

(Open the Super Box and pull out the physical Super Clue or Super Clue printable.)

This might be the biggest Super Clue I have ever seen before. It is a parachute. I love playing with these. They are so much fun! But I wonder what this has to do with our Big Deal, “Hooray! God Leads Me to Friends!” *(Scratch your head as if thinking.)* I know who can help us. Let’s send this over to our friends, the Super Crew, in the Clubhouse. They will be able to help us connect the Super Clue and the Big Deal.

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Ready? 3-2-1 Go!

Play Bible Story Video.

Script: *(To screen)* Thanks for helping us, Super Crew!

(To preschoolers) I am so glad God leads us to friends. God led Jonathan and David to be friends with each other. Jonathan even risked his life and gave up his chance to be king for his friend, David. Jesus said, “No one has greater love than this: to lay down his life for his friends.” (John 15:13) Jesus is our friend. He came so we can have a friendship with God, and He helps us have friends and be a good friend to others.

Today’s Super Clue is a parachute. To use a parachute, you need friends to help you. God has given us the best friend ever—Jesus! Jesus helps us have a friendship with God, and He helps us be friends with others. Let’s say our Big Deal one more time together. I will say it first, and you can say it after me. *(Use motions above as you say the Big Deal.)* Hooray! *(Hooray!)* God Leads Me to Friends! *(God Leads Me to Friends!)*

We are going to say a prayer. When we pray, we talk and listen to God. Bow your heads, and close your eyes. Let’s pray in 3-2-1.

God, thank You for leading us to friends. We are so happy to have friends to play together with and spend time with at church. In Jesus’ name, amen.

Theme Verse Video:

Theme Verse Motions:

Search me, God, *(Hold right hand over eyes while looking side to side.)*

and know my heart. *(Place both hands over heart.)*

Psalm 139:23a *(Hold hands out like a book.)*

Script: We are going to watch a video to help us learn our Theme verse. Today’s Theme verse is Psalm 139:23a. Let’s learn it now!

Play Theme Verse Video.

Script: Our Theme verse is important because it comes from the Bible. It tells us that God knows *everything* about us, inside and out. He created us for an amazing purpose, and He leads us to follow Him. God also leads us to friends!

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