



Preschool Leader Guide

October 5 – **Pre-K & Kindergarten**

Monthly Theme: God Forgives Me

Today's "Big Deal" Theme Tie: God Gives me a New Start

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Activity:

Preschoolers will answer questions about things they like and do motions based on whether or not they like the same things as others.

Big Goal: Find something in common.

Script: Hello, everyone! My name is _____, and I am so glad you are here! Let's all sit in a circle. As more friends come in, we can scoot back and make room for them to join. Let's get to know each other by doing an activity together. This activity is called "That's Me." What is it called? *(That's Me!)* Great! For this activity, everyone will have a turn to answer a question about something they really like. As a team, we will listen to the friend sharing. If our friend names something that you really like, I want you to put your hands on your head like this. *(Demonstrate putting your hands on your head.)* Let's do that together. Ready? *(Allow responses.)* Great! If what someone names is something you do not really like, I want you to put your hands on your stomach like this. *(Demonstrate putting your hands on your stomach.)* What will we do if we like the same thing as our friend? *(Allow responses.)* Yes! We will put our hands on our heads. What will we do if we do not like what our friend says? *(Allow responses.)* Right again! We will touch our stomachs. I think we are ready! We will go around the circle, and each person will have a turn to answer a question. Our first question is, "What is a color you like?" *(Allow each child to have a turn answering the question. Invite the group to respond by putting their hands on their heads or stomachs.)*

Wow! We have things in common, things we like that are the same, and things that are different about us all. One thing we can know is that we belong and are all on the same team here. That is so exciting!

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, friends! My name is _____, and it is so great to be here with you today. We have so many fun things to do and learn. One of my favorite ways to get ready to learn is to warm up and move to get my wiggles out. Let's do that together. Everyone, stand up and do what I do. Let's warm up together! First, let's warm up our hands in front of our bodies. *(Rub hands together in front of body. Allow preschoolers to follow.)* Next, let's warm up our hands up high. *(Rub hands together above your head. Allow preschoolers to follow.)* Finally, let's warm up our hands down low. *(Rub hands together at waist-level. Allow preschoolers to follow.)* Wait! That wasn't right! When we warmed up our hands, we did not reach low enough. Let's redo that. A *redo* means doing something again. Ready? Let's redo it. Let's warm up our hands down low. *(Rub hands together close to your ankles or lower calves. Allow preschoolers to follow.)* Great job!

Let's all have a seat. Today we are learning about a special word—*Redo!* Let's say that together. "Redo!" Sometimes when we get something wrong, we get to redo it, like in our warm-up activity. Other times we need a redo because we sin, which means we make a wrong choice. When we make wrong choices, we need God to forgive us. We need a redo. Today we are learning that God forgives me and you. Let's say that together. "God forgives me and you!" Good!

Let's stand up together and celebrate God while we sing. We get to sing about how God forgives us! Ready?

Play Theme Song Video.

Super Clue & Bible Story Video:

Supplies:

Super Box 1 per group

"Super Clue: Stopwatch" printable 1 per group

Stopwatch (optional) 1 per group

Bible 1 per group

"Session 1 Bible Story" printable (optional) 1 per group

Big Deal Motions:

Redo! *(Point up and make a circle in the air.)*

God Forgives Me and You! *(Pull from your shoulders down to your front.)*

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

Did you hear that sound? That sound tells us that we have a Super Clue in the Super Box. The Super Clue connects to today's Big Deal, "Redo! God Forgives Me and You!" Let's see what is in the Super Box. Ready? *(Allow responses.)* Yeah! Let's open the Super Box and find out what is inside.

Wow! This is so cool! It's a stopwatch. You can use a stopwatch to start a race or a game, and you can also use it to time yourself. If you need to, you can stop the timer on the stopwatch and start again. I wonder how a stopwatch connects to our Big Deal, "Redo! God Forgives Me and You!" Oh, I have an idea! We can send the Super Clue to our friends—the Super Crew! They can help us know what to do. Let's send the Super Clue to them in the Clubhouse. They can tell us how a stopwatch connects to our Big Deal. Ready?

(Place the 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)* Awesome! Thank you, Super Crew!

(To preschoolers) In today's Bible story, Jesus invited a tax collector named Matthew to follow Him. Jesus gave Matthew a new start. He forgave Matthew for his sins, the wrong choices he had made. Matthew told other people about the new start Jesus gave him. God forgave Matthew, and God forgives us when we ask. We all sin, which means we all make wrong choices, and we need God to forgive us and help us. That is a big deal. Let's say our Big Deal,

“Redo! God Forgives Me and You!” together one more time. Ready? 3-2-1! “Redo! God Forgives Me and You!” Great job!

Our Super Clue today is a stopwatch. A stopwatch helps us remember that God forgives us and gives us a new start. Matthew made wrong choices and needed a new start. We all make wrong choices and need God to forgive us and give us a new start too. Jesus came so we can be forgiven and have a friendship with Him.

Game:

Preschoolers will play a game of tag where the person who is *It* invites people to follow.

Big Goal: Remember the Bible story.

Script: In today’s Bible story, Jesus called a tax collector named Matthew to follow Him. Let’s all say, “Follow me,” together. “Follow me!” Great job! Jesus gave Matthew a new start. We are going to play a game of tag where the person who is *It* tags a friend and says, “Follow me!” When you get tagged you can put your hands on the shoulders of the friend who tagged you. The two of you will travel together to another friend, and when the new friend is tagged, he can put his hands on your shoulders. We will keep going until all our friends have been tagged and are a part of our “Follow Me Train.”

In the game we just played, you had a chance to follow a friend when you were tagged. In our Bible story, a tax collector named Matthew was invited to follow Jesus. He did not just follow Jesus like we followed each other in our game; He followed Jesus and learned to live like Jesus wanted him to. Jesus gave Matthew a new start. We all make wrong choices and need God to forgive us. Jesus came so we can be forgiven and have a friendship with Him.

Theme Verse Video:

Theme Verse Motions:

If anyone is in Christ, (*Point to the sky.*)

he is a new creation. (*Cross open palms in front of body moving upward.*)

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

Script: The Bible helps us know that God forgives us and gives us a new start. Today’s Theme verse is found in 2 Corinthians. Let me show you where that verse is in the Bible. (*Open the Bible to 2 Corinthians 5:17. Turn the Bible for preschoolers to see and point to the verse.*) Let’s watch a video to learn our Theme verse.

Play Theme Verse Video.

Script: Our Theme verse tells us that when God forgives us, He gives us a new start. This Bible verse includes the word *Christ*. When we hear the word *Christ*, we are talking about Jesus. When we believe in Jesus, He forgives us and makes us a new creation. That means Jesus gives us a new start!

Craft:

Preschoolers will create a stopwatch.

Big Goal: Remember the Super Clue.

Leader Prep: Print “Make A Stopwatch” printables on cardstock, one per four children. Cut the pages into fourths or cut out each stopwatch. Cut yarn into 30-inch strands. Make a sample.

Supplies:

“Make A Stopwatch” printable 1 per 4 children
Cardstock 1 per 4 child
Crayons Several per child
Adult scissors 1 per group
Yarn 1 per child
Single hole punch (adult use) 1 per group
“Make A Stopwatch Instructions & Example” printable 1 per group

Craft Instructions:

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2. Give each child a printable and crayons.
3. Encourage preschoolers to decorate the stopwatch face with crayons.
4. Assist preschoolers by punching a hole in the stopwatch where noted. Thread yarn into the hole to make a necklace.

Script: Who remembers what today’s Super Clue is? (*Allow responses.*) That’s right! Our Super Clue is a stopwatch. Who remembers what our Super Clue reminds us of? (*Allow responses.*) Very nice! Stopwatches start and stop. A stopwatch can remind us that God forgives us and

gives us a new start. Let's make a stopwatch that we can take home. It will look like this. (*Display craft sample.*) First, we are going to use crayons to decorate the stopwatch. Then I will use a hole punch to make a hole at the top of your stopwatch and help you thread yarn in the hole and tie it.

These are great looking stopwatches. What is our Super Clue today? (*A stopwatch!*) If you have a stopwatch, you can use it to start a race or a game and time yourself. If you need to, you can stop the timer on the stopwatch and start again. That is called a *redo*. Sometimes we need a redo when we are playing a game, making a craft, or because we make a wrong choice. God gives a redo when we ask Him to forgive us; He gives us a new start. We all make wrong choices and need God to forgive us. Jesus came so we can be forgiven and have a friendship with God. I hope that when you see your stopwatch you remember how God's forgiveness gives you a new start.

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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Activity:

Preschoolers will create a road system and enjoy playing with it together.

Big Goal: Share with friends.

Supplies:

Craft sticks 4-6 per child

Small toy cars 1 per child

Script: Hello, everyone! Let's do an activity called "Road Work." What is it called? (*Road Work!*) Yeah! Are you all ready to work together and make a giant road we can drive toy cars on? Each one of us is going to get a handful of craft sticks. We are going to lay them down like this. (*Lay two sticks down parallel to each other, about 2 inches apart.*) As you lay down your sticks, you can start to connect them with your friends' craft sticks to make a giant road. When we are all done, we can drive our cars around on the road between the sticks. Let's get started!

Wow! We made a really long road together. As we worked together, we had lots of opportunities to take turns and share. Because we were sharing and working together, we made a big road, and we had a lot of fun while we did it.

Countdown Video:

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Welcome Video:

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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 to see you! Do you know what season we are in? (*Allow*

responses.) Yes! Fall is the season we are in. In some places this time of year, leaves fall from the trees. Let's pretend to be trees full of fall leaves. Everyone, stand up and stretch your arms up, up, up. *(Allow time for movement.)* Your arms look like tree branches when you raise them up high. *(Demonstrate by raising your arms above your head. Keep them raised.)* Now let's pretend like our hands are leaves. Can you wiggle your fingers? *(Demonstrate wiggling your fingers.)* Oh! I feel a little bit of wind. Can you make your branches and your leaves blow in the wind? *(Demonstrate gently swaying your arms.)* The wind is getting a little bit stronger. Can you make your leaves fall all the way to the ground? I will count to three, and we can pretend our leaves are falling to the ground. 1-2-3! *(Lower your hands gently, like they are leaves falling to the ground.)* Fantastic! You made great fall trees! Now, everyone, sit back down. When a leaf falls off a tree branch, it does not get a redo. It cannot float back up onto the branch, can it? But you and I get redo's all the time! We get to try again. When we make wrong choices, we need God's help to give us a redo because we need God to forgive us. Today we are learning that God forgives me and you. Let's say that together. "God forgives me and you!" Great job!

Let's stand up! We are going to celebrate God by singing! Let's count to three, and we will start. Ready? 1-2-3! Let's sing!

Play Theme Song Video.

Super Clue & Bible Story Video:

Supplies:

Super Box 1 per group
"Super Clue: New Batteries" printable 1 per group
New Batteries 1 per group (optional) Bible 1 per group
"Session 2 Bible Story" printable (optional) 1 per group

Big Deal Motions:

Redo! *(Point up and make a circle in the air.)*
God Forgives Me and You! *(Pull from your shoulders down to your front.)*

Script: Today we are learning that God forgives us. That makes me think about our Big Deal. Our Big Deal teaches something important and true about God. Today's Big Deal is, "Redo! God Forgives Me and You!" Let's practice saying it together. I'll say it first, and you can say it after me. *(Use motions above as you say the Big Deal.)* Redo! *(Redo!)* God Forgives Me and You! *(God Forgives Me and You!)* When God forgives us, it means that He lets go of our wrong choices.

Today we are going to learn that God forgives us when we ask Him. God can change our hearts to know and love Him.

Wow! Did you hear that? That is the sound of our Super Box! When we open the Super Box, there is a Super Clue inside. The Super Clue connects to our Big Deal, “Redo! God Forgives Me and You!” Let’s open it up and see what we find!

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

Amazing, friends! Our Super Clue is new batteries. I know that new batteries help toys work the way they are supposed to, but I can’t think of how they connect to our Big Deal, “Redo! God Forgives Me and You!” I know just who can help us—the Super Crew! We can send the Super Clue to our friends in the Clubhouse, and they will help. Let’s send it to them now.

(Place the 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)* Thank you, Super Crew! I knew you all would be able to help.

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

Today’s Super Clue is new batteries. When you put new batteries in a toy, the toy works like new again. When God forgives us, He changes our hearts and makes us new. Only God can

change our hearts to know and love Him. Hearing the word *forgive* reminds me of our Big Deal, “Redo! God Forgives Me and You!”

Game:

Preschoolers will play a game pretending to be powered up and down.

Big Goal: Remember the Main Idea, “**God Gives Me a New Heart.**”

Script: I have a fun game for us to play. It is called “Power Up, Power Down.” What is it called? (*Power Up, Power Down!*) Great job! In this game we will use our walking feet to move carefully through our room. When I call out, “Power down,” I want everyone to melt down to the ground like a toy that is fading and not working like it is supposed to. (*Demonstrate by slinking slowly to the ground.*) Everyone will stay frozen in this position until I call out, “Power up!” When you hear that, you can stand up and start moving again. Keep moving carefully around until I call out, “Power down!” When I do that, you can melt down to the ground like a fading toy again. We will do this a couple of times and then mix up the way we are moving around. Are you all ready? Let’s begin when I say, “Go!” Ready? 3-2-1 Go!

In this game we saw the difference between powering up and powering down. When you put new batteries in a toy to power it up, the toy works the way it is meant to work. This makes me think about what we have learned today—God gives us a new heart. Everyone, put your hand on your chest. (*Demonstrate putting your hand on your chest.*) Everyone has a heart that beats inside their chest. When we talk about a new heart, we are not talking about the heart inside of you that is beating. We are talking about the part of you that wants to do things and make choices. We can want to do things that are wrong and not in God’s best plan for us. When we make wrong choices, that is called sin, and sin always needs to be forgiven. When God forgives us, He gives us a new heart. This means He forgives us and helps us want things that are His best for us. This is something only God can do. God will forgive our wrong choices and change our hearts to know and love Him when we ask. **God gives me a new heart.** Let’s say that together. Ready? 3-2-1 Go! “**God gives me a new heart.**” Great job!

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he is a new creation. (*Cross open palms in front of body moving upward.*)

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

Script: The Bible tells us God will forgive our wrong choices and change our hearts to know and love Him when we ask. Today's Theme verse is found in 2 Corinthians. Let me show you where that is. *(Open the Bible to 2 Corinthians 5:17. Turn the Bible for preschoolers to see and point to the verse.)* Let's watch a video that helps us learn our Theme verse.

Play Theme Verse Video.

Script: Excellent! This Theme verse tells us that when we know Jesus, God forgives us of our wrong choices and makes us new. This is just like in our Bible story when God promised to give people new hearts. Only God can change our hearts and make us new. God helps us love and know Him. This is an amazing thing to remember.

Craft:

Preschoolers will decorate heart shapes with watercolors.

Big Goal: Remind preschoolers of the Bible story.

Leader Prep: Print "Arty Heart-y" printables on cardstock, one per child.

Supplies:

"Arty Heart-y" printable 1 per child
Cardstock 1 per child
Watercolors several per group
Markers or crayons Several per child
Paintbrushes 1 per child
Small cups of water several per group
Painting smocks or large T-shirts 1 per child
"Arty Heart-y Instructions & Example" printable 1 per group

Craft Instructions:

1. Before the session, print "Arty Heart-y" printables on cardstock, one per child.
2. Distribute painting smocks, watercolors and paintbrushes, cups of water, and "Arty Heart-y" printables to preschoolers.
3. Invite preschoolers to paint their pictures.
4. Set pictures aside to dry.

Note: If you do not want to use paint, provide markers or crayons for preschoolers to decorate their heart pictures.

Script: Look at this heart shape. (*Display “Arty Heart-y” printable.*) We are going to make a craft called “Arty Heart-y.” Let’s say, “Arty Heart-y,” together. Ready? “Arty Heart-y!” Great job! To make our craft we will decorate these hearts with watercolor paints. You can decorate the heart however you would like. I can’t wait to see what they all look like when they are finished. (*If you choose not to paint, provide markers or crayons for preschoolers to use to decorate their pictures.*)

These hearts you decorated are wonderful! I like how each one is unique and one of a kind, just like each of you. When I see a heart shape, I am reminded that God forgives us. Today’s Bible story talked about God’s forgiveness. We learned that God sent a special messenger to His people to tell them that He wanted to give them new hearts. He did not give them heart shapes on a piece of paper like these. Instead, God was going to give people a new way of knowing, following, and loving Him. I am so thankful God made this promise. When I see a heart shape, I can remember that God forgives me and you, and He loves us!

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Activity:

Preschoolers will pretend to be on a bus and gather table tennis balls from around the room.

Big Goal: Be part of a team.

Leader Prep: Place table tennis balls around the room.

Supplies:

Table tennis balls 1 per child

Basket or bowl 1 per group

Script: Hello, everyone! Today we are going to travel around our room together while pretending we are driving around town on a bus. Our activity is called "Around Town." What is it called? (*Around Town!*) Great job! First, we will line up. We are going to pretend we are on a bus by putting our hands gently on the person's shoulders in front of us. The person at the front of the line is the bus driver. She will hold this basket (or bowl), and she will lead us around the room until she comes to the first table tennis ball. She will pick it up and put it in the basket. Then she will pass the basket to the next person in line, go to the back of the line, and put her hands gently on the shoulders of the person at the back. The person now at the front of the line will be the bus driver. We will continue until everyone has a turn. Are you ready? Let's start our trip around town. (*Feel free to narrate as you travel around. For example, say, "Now we are driving past the park," or "Look! There is our church!" You can use local landmarks.*)

It was so fun to travel around the room pretending we were on a bus together. Each bus driver took us this way and that way to find the table tennis balls. We have many things we are going to learn together today. I can't wait to find out what they are!

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Play Welcome Video

Music Video:

Script: *(Invite preschoolers to count down with you and the video.)* 5-4-3-2-1! Hello, my friends. My name is _____, and I am so glad you are here! When I count to three, let's sit down and all give a giant wave while saying, "Hello!" together. *(Demonstrate by waving your arm from down low to up high.)* Ready? 1-2-3! "Hello!" I am so glad to be here with you. In fact, I'm so glad to be here, I'd like to "redo" that greeting. *Redo* means we get another chance to do something. I'll count to three, and we will wave and say, "Hello!" again. 1-2-3! "Hello!" Good! Today we are going to talk more about what a redo is and how God forgives us.

Let's all stand up and give another big wave. *(Allow time to stand and wave.)* Fantastic! I am ready to start our music time. Let's sing our Theme song.

Play Theme Song Video.

Super Clue & Bible Story Video:

Supplies:

Super Box 1 per group

"Super Clue: Road Rug" printable 1 per group

Bible 1 per group

"Session 3 Bible Story" printable (optional) 1 per group

Big Deal Motions:

Redo! *(Point up and make a circle in the air.)*

God Forgives Me and You! *(Pull from your shoulders down to your front.)*

Script: Let's all sit down. *(Allow time for preschoolers to sit down.)* Singing our Theme song was so fun, and it helped us learn something super important—God forgives me and you! That is part of what we are learning today in our Big Deal. Today's Big Deal is, "Redo! God Forgives Me and You!" Let's say our Big Deal together. I'll say it first, and you can say it after me. *(Use the*

motions above as you say the Big Deal.) Redo! (Redo!) God Forgives Me and You! (God Forgives Me and You!) To forgive means to let go of our wrong choices. God forgives us when we ask Him, and He also shows us a new way to go. That is super! Today we are learning that when God forgives us, He also gives us a new way to live. We can turn from our old, wrong choices and have a friendship with Him. That is super!

Did you hear that sound? That sound lets us know there is a Super Clue in our Super Box. The Super Clue connects to our Big Deal, “Redo! God Forgives Me and You!” *(Use motions while saying the Big Deal.)* I can’t wait to open the Super Box and see what is inside.

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

Well, what do we have here? It is a picture of a road rug. Road rugs are so fun to drive toy cars and trucks on. If you are driving a toy car on a road rug and need to turn around, you can look at the road on the rug to find the right way to go. I wonder how a road rug connects to our Big Deal, “Redo! God Forgives Me and You!” We have some friends in the Clubhouse who are always so good at figuring out how our Super Clue connects to our Big Deal. They are the Super Crew. Let’s send the Super Clue to our friends in the Clubhouse. They will be able to help us. Ready?

(Place the 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)* Thank you, Super Crew! That was very helpful! *(To preschoolers)* Wow! In our Bible story, when Peter saw the net full of fish, he knew Jesus had power that only comes from God. Peter remembered all the wrong choices he had made. He told Jesus to go away because he was embarrassed by what he had done. Jesus invited Peter to follow Him, and Peter said yes. We all sin, which means we make wrong choices, and we need God to forgive us and help us. When we believe in Jesus and ask God to forgive us, God gives us a new way to go.

Our Super Clue today is a road rug. When you are playing with cars and driving on a road rug, you can drive your car all around the rug. If you are driving and need to turn around, you can look at the rug and find the right way to go. In our lives, God gives us a new way to go too. We can turn around and stop going our own way and turn to Jesus—the only way! We can believe in Jesus and ask God to forgive us. When we do, God gives us a friendship with Him.

Game:

Preschoolers will carry a paper fish throughout an obstacle course

Big Goal: Remember the Main Idea, “**God Gives Me a New Way.**”

Leader Prep: Print and cut out the “Fishy Obstacles” printable on cardstock, one per group. Create an obstacle course outline on the floor using painter’s tape and pool noodles. Decide how you want the preschoolers to move through the obstacle course. Some ideas are putting down a straight line for walking backward, a dotted line for hopping, a straight line for walking heel to toe, a zigzag line for crawling on all fours, and holding up a pool noodle for crawling under.

Supplies:

“Fishy Obstacles” printable 1 per group

Adult scissors 1 per group

Painter's tape 1 per group

Cardstock 1 per group

Pool noodle 3-5 per group (optional)

Script: We are going to play a game where we carry a fish and follow an obstacle course. It is called “Fishy Obstacles.” What is it called? (*Fishy Obstacles!*) Great job! I am going to show you how to follow the tape and move through the obstacle course. Then everyone will take turns. Don’t worry! I will help you remember the movements when it is your turn. (*Walk through the tape obstacle course, explaining and showing how you want preschoolers to move.*) When you are finished with the obstacle course, you can run back to the start and hand the fish to the next person. Let’s line up, and we will get started.

That was very good work following the instructions and moving through the obstacle course. It was a lot different than just walking across the room. You had to walk a different way or do something in a new way to get around, over, or under the obstacle. Today we have learned that God forgives us and gives us a new way. Jesus invites all of us to follow Him and see how we

can go the right way every day. Let's say, **"God gives me a new way,"** together. Ready? 3-2-1 Go! **"God gives me a new way!"** Way to go, everyone!

Theme Verse Video:

Theme Verse Motions:

If anyone is in Christ, (*Point to the sky.*)

he is a new creation. (*Cross open palms in front of body moving upward.*)

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

Script: The Bible tells us about how God forgives us. Today's Theme verse is found in 2 Corinthians. Let me show you where that verse is in the Bible. (*Open the Bible to 2 Corinthians 5:17. Turn the Bible for preschoolers to see and point to the verse.*) Let's watch a video to learn our Theme verse.

Play Theme Verse Video.

Script: Our Theme verse says, "If anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation." *Christ* is another name for Jesus. This Bible verse tells us that when someone believes in Jesus and asks for forgiveness for their wrong choices, they are friends with God. When we are friends with God, we are "a new creation." God helps us stop going our own way and turn to Jesus—the only way!

Craft:

Preschoolers will create their own Super Clue road rug.

Big Goal: Remember the Super Clue.

Leader Prep: Print "Road Rally" printables, one per child. Cut the bottom strip off of each printable, and then cut the smaller squares, one set per child.

Supplies:

"Road Rally" printable 1 per child

Adult scissors 1 per group

Glue sticks 1 per child

Markers or crayons Several per child

"Road Rally Instructions & Example" printable 1 per group

Craft Instructions:

1. Before the session, print "Road Rally" printables, one per child. Cut the bottom strip off of each printable, and then cut the smaller squares, one set per child.
2. Give each child a printable and set of small picture squares.
3. Invite preschoolers to color and decorate the road rug and small picture squares.
4. Invite preschoolers to glue the small picture squares to the "Road Rally" printable to make buildings alongside the roads.

Script: Today's Super Clue is a road rug. What is it? (*A road rug!*) Way to go! We are going to make road rugs to take home so we can remember that God forgives us and gives us a new way to go. First, you can color the road rug and these small picture squares. Then you can glue the pictures on the road rug. I can't wait to see your road rugs when you finish.

Your road rugs are awesome! They look like today's Super Clue. When we see road rugs, we can remember that, just like cars on the road, Jesus shows us the *right* way to go so we can know God and follow Him. We can believe in Jesus and ask God to forgive us. That is such great news!

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.

-Currently, you're welcome to keep a few key items out for children to play with while they wait for their parents to arrive. Our goal in building this into our Sunday morning routine/schedule is to ensure that our classrooms are refreshed and ready either for the next service or to close out our Sunday morning. We want to encourage and teach our little ones how to take care of the church and instill that value in their lives. This will also help our weekday volunteers in preparing the rooms for the next Sunday.

Pick Up Time:

During this time, children may play with toys that are not already put away in and around the room until their parents arrive to pick them up. Once all children have left, please make sure to collect and put back any of the items that are left out in the respective places. The photographs around the room will help make sure we leave these spaces the way we found them. We are so appreciative of all you do!



Preschool Leader Guide

October 26 – **Pre-K & Kindergarten**

Monthly Theme: God Forgives Me

Today's "Big Deal" Theme Tie: God Gives Me a New Hope

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 to parent pick up. Use your discretion as the classroom leader in choosing when to distribute snack to children.

**Previews of all videos listed below can be found on the Teacher Resource Page in the corresponding digital media folder.*

Welcome & Connect Time:

Use this time to welcome children as they arrive! Introduce yourself, learn names, and help children learn their friends' names. Connect Time is an easy way to help a child feel included and part of the team right from the beginning. The purpose is to help kids meet other kids, connect with their leaders, and feel a part of the team. These "stations" are already found all around each preschool classroom. Building blocks, cars, baby dolls, or any of the other toys and manipulatives in the classrooms for kids to play with. Please feel free to pull out blank paper and writing/drawing materials as well as playdough and cookie cutters. All of these are available to you for use during this time. If you need any other items, please feel free to let Katie Grace or your hallway coordinator for the week know and they will work on next steps to secure those items for your room.

Treehouse Music & Worship:

Using the Treehouse TVs select the **Preschool Worship** or **Kid's Worship Sing & Dance Along** playlist to play 3 songs for worship time. Pray to open your time in the treehouse and then after the final song send kiddos back to their classrooms to do Super Clue and Bible Story.

Please note: ***THE PUPPET STAGE DOOR SHOULD BE CLOSED AT ALL TIMES FOR SAFETY AND SECURITY. Both the door to the treehouse storage closet and the door to the back of the treehouse must remain closed during programming as both pose a safety and security risk for children.***

Activity:

Preschoolers will get to know each other by name as they pass a leaf around the circle.

Big Goal: Be seen and heard by my team.

Supplies:

Fall leaf (artificial) 1 per group

Script: Friends, I am so glad you are here today. We are going to do an activity called "Falling Introductions." What is it called? *(Falling Introductions!)* Super! An *introduction* is when you say your name and meet new friends. Let's stand up in a circle and pass this leaf around. If more friends come, we can scoot back and make room for them. When the leaf is passed to you, I will count to three, and you can say your name and do a special move. Your special move could be a wave, a big smile, a spin around, or you could make the leaf fall to the ground. We will all clap our hands three times when we are finished, and you can pass the leaf to the next person. I can't wait to see your special moves. I think we're ready! *(Pass the leaf to the person on your right and count to three.)*

It was so much fun introducing ourselves to our team. We all had special moves that we did, and then we clapped together as a team. Great job!

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. Let's stand up and do a little warm-up exercise. *(Lead preschoolers to stand.)* Now that we are all standing, let's warm up our feet. Stomp your feet with me. *(Model stomping. Allow responses.)* Excellent! Now let's see how fast we can stomp our feet. *(Model stomping quickly. Allow responses.)* You all have some very fast feet! Next let's see how slow we can stomp our feet. *(Slow your voice and model stomping slowly. Allow responses.)* Great job! I wonder if we could stomp even more slowly? Let's redo that and try to go in super-slow motion. When we redo something, we try it again and start over. If you are ready to try again, say, "Redo!" *(Redo!)* Good! Let's try stomping slowly again, but this time in super-slow motion. *(Slow your voice and model stomping slowly. Allow responses.)* Way to go! That was very slow! We had a redo and tried stomping slowly again. Sometimes in life we mess up, make wrong choices, and need a redo, which means we need to try again.

Let's sing about how God forgives us. Ready? Let's sing our Theme song.

Play Theme Song Video.

Super Clue & Bible Story Video:

Supplies:

Super Box 1 per group

"Super Clue: U-turn Sign" printable 1 per group

Small U-turn sign from a toy car set 1 per group (optional)

Bible 1 per group

"Session 4 Bible Story" printable (optional) 1 per group

Big Deal Motions:

Redo! *(Point up and make a circle in the air.)*

God Forgives Me and You! *(Pull from your shoulders down to your front.)*

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

Oh! Did you hear that sound? That sound lets us know that we have a Super Clue in our Super Box. Today's Super Clue connects to our Big Deal, "Redo! God Forgives Me and You!" I can't wait to see what Super Clue is in the Super Box. Let's open it and find out what is inside.

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

Oh, look! It's a U-turn sign. A U-turn sign is a street sign that tells drivers it is OK to make a U-turn. A U-turn is when you are driving in one direction, and you need to turn and go back the other way. *(Demonstrate.)* I wonder what a U-turn sign has to do with our Big Deal, "Redo! God Forgives Me and You!" Oh! I know who can help us. We can send this Super Clue to our friends in the Clubhouse. The Super Crew will know how to help.

(Place the 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 for your help, Super Crew!

(To preschoolers) In today's Bible story, God's people were hurting and suffering because of their wrong choices, but when they turned away from their wrong choices and asked God to forgive them, He did. God gave them a new hope in Him. *Hope* is waiting and trusting that something good is coming. Like a U-turn sign shows us when to turn around and go a different

way, God's people did a U-turn when they turned away from their wrong choices. God forgave them, and they got a chance to have a redo and make right choices. That is a big deal! Let's say our Big Deal together. "Redo! God Forgives Me and You!" God offers to give us a redo too. We all sin, which means we make wrong choices, and we need God to forgive us and help us. The good news is God sent Jesus so we can be forgiven and have a friendship with Him. When we ask God to forgive us, He does, and He gives us a new hope in Him. This new hope helps us turn from our wrong choices and follow Him.

Game:

Preschoolers will play a game of "Red Light, Green Light" with a twist.

Big Goal: Remember the Bible story.

Script: Let's play a fun game called "Red Light, Green Light, U-Turn." What is it called? (*Red Light, Green Light, U-Turn!*) Good! One person will be the traffic light. He will stand at one end of our space. The rest of us will be in a line across the room from the traffic light. The goal of the game is to be the first person to reach the traffic light. If you reach the traffic light first, you get to be the next traffic light. When the person who is the traffic light says, "Red light," everyone stops and freezes. When the traffic light says, "Green light," everyone moves toward the traffic light. There is one more thing! The person who is the traffic light can also say, "U-turn!" When he says, "U-turn," everyone needs to turn around and go back to the starting line. Are you ready? Let's play!

Great job listening to the directions. Whenever someone said, "U-turn," we turned around and went in the opposite direction. God gives us a chance to turn around when we make wrong choices. God forgives us when we ask Him. He helps us go in the opposite direction and make the right choice. In our Bible story today, God's people chose to turn away from their wrong choices and asked God to forgive them. God forgave His people and sent a special message to them through the prophet Joel. God told the people not to be afraid. God would make everything new, and the people could have hope and know that God is the only true God. We can know that God is the only true God too! God sent Jesus so that we can be forgiven and have a friendship with Him.

Theme Verse Video:

Theme Verse Motions:

If anyone is in Christ, (*Point to the sky.*)

he is a new creation. (*Cross open palms in front of body moving upward.*)
2 Corinthians 5:17a (*Hold hands out like a book.*)

Script: We can learn in the Bible that God forgives us and gives us a new start. Today's Theme verse is found in 2 Corinthians. Let me show you where that verse is in the Bible. (*Open the Bible to 2 Corinthians 5:17. Turn the Bible for preschoolers to see and point to the verse.*) Let's watch a video to learn our Theme verse.

Play Theme Verse Video.

Script: Excellent! Our Theme verse has the word *Christ* in it. *Christ* is another name for Jesus. When we ask Jesus to forgive us, it means we belong to Him, and He helps us turn from our wrong choices and make right choices. God gives us a new hope that only comes from Him. *Hope* is waiting and trusting that something good is coming.

Craft:

Preschoolers will create traffic signs so they can play "Red Light, Green Light, U-Turn" at home.

Big Goal: Remember the Main Idea, "**God Gives Me a New Hope.**"

Leader Prep: Print and cut out "Which Way Signs" printables on cardstock, one set per child. Each child needs two traffic lights and a U-turn sign. Make sample cards.

Supplies:

"Which Way Signs" printable 1 per child

Adult scissors 1 per group

Cardstock 1 per child

Red and green markers or crayons Several per child

Ziplock bag 1 per child (optional)

"Which Way Signs Instructions & Example" printable 1 per group

Craft Instructions:

1. Before the session, print and cut out "Which Way Signs" printables on cardstock, one set per child. Make sample cards.
2. Give each child a traffic light card. Explain that a traffic light has three lights. When the top light is red, the traffic is supposed to stop. Invite preschoolers to find a red marker or crayon and color the top light red. Show a sample.

3. Give each child the next traffic light card. Explain that when the bottom light is green, the traffic is supposed to go. Invite preschoolers to find a green marker or crayon and color the bottom light green. Show a sample.
4. Give each child the U-turn card and explain that a U-turn sign tells the traffic to turn around and go a different way. Invite preschoolers to color the U-turn card.
5. Place each child's cards in a ziplock bag (optional).

Script: We are going to make a craft called "Which Way Signs" so you can play our game, "Red Light, Green Light, U-turn," at home with your family or friends. What is our craft called? *(Which Way Signs!)* Great! I'm going to give each of you a picture of a traffic light. *(Pass out a traffic light card to each child.)* In our game, when the traffic light said, "Red light!" we had to stop and freeze. A real traffic light has a red light at the top. When the light is red, drivers have to stop their cars. Let's all find a red crayon and color the top light red. *(Allow time for coloring. When the group is finished, pass out the next traffic light card.)* When we were playing our game and the traffic light said, "Green light!" what did everyone do? *(Allow responses.)* That's right! We all got to go. On this next card we are going to color the bottom light green. *(Allow time for coloring. When the group is finished, pass out the U-turn sign cards.)* This is a U-turn sign. In our game, what did we do when the traffic light said, "U-turn"? *(Allow responses.)* That's right! We turned around and went back to the starting line. You can take these cards home and play this game with your family or friends. *(Place each child's cards in a ziplock bag with their name on it.)*

Nice work, everyone! Now everyone has a red traffic light, a green traffic light, and a U-turn sign. Earlier we played a game of stopping for red lights, moving or going for green lights, and turning around when we heard the word *U-turn*. When you take these cards home, you can show your friends and family how to play the same game we played. You can also tell them what our game reminds us of. Our game reminds us that we can turn from our wrong choices. God sent Jesus to forgive us so we can have a friendship with Him. When we turn away from our wrong choices, we can ask God to forgive us, and He will! He gives us a new hope in Him. **God gives me a new hope.** Let's say that together. Ready? 3-2-1 Go! **"God gives me a new hope."** Good work!

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