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I Am Made for Community > Preschool Leader Guide

the place for kids to take their first steps with jesus.

Z S In Acts, we see two unlikely men become friends through the common love of Jesus. Kids can follow Jesus and connect with others who trust and follow Him.

BIBLE- Saul and Barnabas- Acts 9:26-31; 13:42-52

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At a Glance

The Code

Gospel Page

Leader Devos

The first 10-15 minutes as kid's arrive are some of our most important times to meet needs and show kids they are valued. This is why we provide strategic activities for you help engage with every kid as they arrive.

- This month you have Magnet Blocks with Shape/Number Cards and Animal Action Dice.
- You will also find 2 Social activities each week. **Use one now and one at the end to redirect attention.

Games and Music (10 minutes)

What You Need: Social Game Instruction Page including Roku Games, Toy farm animals (several)

What You Do:

- Play worship songs and other songs available on Roku during the Social Game or while kids are playing.
- Using the supplies and game instruction page, choose one game to play with the kids today.
- As you are playing, use this as a time to call each kid by name and learn their names well.

Say: That was a fun game to get us ready to watch our Bible video. Let's sit and listen to our story today."

Bible Story - Say This!

Thanks, Super Crew and Bark! You are always so helpful! 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 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.

Can you say the Big Deal with me?

Jump In! (Make a small hop forward.)

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

Bible Story Video (10 minutes)

Collect the Shapes and Build a Walking Rope (20 minutes)

Preschoolers will collect shapes around the room and tape them to a walking rope.

Big Goal: Remember what is super about the Super Clue.

Leader Prep: Use shapes such as circles, squares, triangles, and rectangles. Hide shapes around the room. Cut a piece of rope to use as a walking rope.

Supplies: Foam <u>Shape Stickers</u> (5-6 per kid), Walking Rope Printable (1 per kid), crayons, Large Foam Shapes (1 of each shape for each group), piece of rope (1 per group)

What To Do: Let's play a game called "Collect the Shapes." Collect the what? (Shapes!) Great! Look around the room. I have hidden lots of foam shapes, and I need your help to get them back to place them on our walking rope. When I say, "Go," I want each of you to look around the room and find one shape to bring back to me. When you bring it to me, we will tape it to our walking rope. Ready to play? 3-2-1 Go!

Now I am going to put the same shapes on your table and you will peel the sticker paper off and stick it to your walking rope.

Ask kids to tell you what shape they are putting on the paper. Read the Bible verse together and remind kids, God connects us!

Keep It Going: Allow preschoolers to use the walking rope once the shapes are added. Walk around the room as you say, "Jump In! God Gives Me Friends!"

Loud And Clear: Just like a walking rope connects us and gives everyone a place to stand and be a part of the group, God connects us and gives us friends. God invites us all into a friendship with Him. We are connected to Him when we choose to follow Jesus.

Say:

- Who remembers what our Super Clue is today? (a walking rope)
- What does a walking rope help us remember? (Everyone has a place and can be connected.)
- What friend are you thankful that God has connected you to?
- Today we learned that **God connects us.** In our Bible story, who did God connect in friendship with Barnabas? (Saul)
- What did you learn about God today?
- Do you remember today's Big Deal? I'll say it first, and you say it after me (with motions below): Jump In! (Jump In!) God Gives Me Friends! (God Gives Me Friends!)

Keep It Going: Say the Big Deal as you jump in place. Jump high, jump low, and jump on one foot.

Big Deal Motions:

- Jump In! (Make a small hop forward.)
- God Gives Me Friends! (Bring hands together in front of you.)

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.

Prepare kids to talk with their family about what they learned today.

- Pass out coloring pages for kids to take home.
 As family members arrive to pick up their kid, greet them and tell them one thing you noticed about their kid that day or something you talked to each kid about remembering this week.
- If there is time to chat with the family, ask how you can pray for them this
- Say bye to the kids and call them by name.