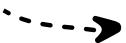


# **October 5, 2025**

I Am Forgiven

Preschool Leader Guide



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God sent Jesus to forgive our sins and make us totally new with brand-new identities in Him! We get a new start when we believe in Jesus.

**BIBLE-** Jesus Called a Tax Collector- Matthew 9:9-13; Mark 2:13-17; Luke 5:27-32

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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 Potato Head Play Sets and Dino Dance Cards.
- 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

#### 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!**

Awesome! Thank you, Super Crew! 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.

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.

(4 Circles Gospel Opportunity)- Use The Gospel Poster in Your Group Space to point to each circle as you talk through these points.

**Circle 1-** God made a perfect world and created people to live in it and be His friends. Can you make a big circle above your head with me? (Model drawing a circle above your head and invite preschoolers to do the same.)

**Circle 2-**God loved the world He made, but Adam and Eve, the first people, disobeyed God's one rule, bringing sin into the world. Can you make an X with me? (Take your arms and model the X.) Sin makes the world sad and broken, and it separates people from God. Even today, we all sin by doing wrong things, and that's why we need Jesus.

**Circle 3-** God loves us and sent His Son, Jesus, to help fix our broken friendship with Him. Jesus is our King who wants to take away our sin and give us a new start. Can you take a pretend crown and place it out in front of you like you are putting it on someone's head? (Demonstrate this for preschoolers and have them do this with you.)

**Circle 4-** When we believe in Jesus and follow Him, God forgives us, and we can have a friendship with Him again. One day, everyone who believes in Jesus will live forever with Him in heaven.

Let's pray and talk to God. We can thank Him for sending Jesus. When we ask Jesus to forgive us, He does! Let's close our eyes as we pray. Ready? Let's pray in 3-2-1.

God, thank You for forgiving us. Thank You that Jesus came so we can be forgiven and have a friendship with You. Thank You for giving us a new start. Amen.

#### Let's say our Bid Deal Together:

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

## **Bible Story Video (10 minutes)**

## **Decorate a Party(20 minutes)**

Preschoolers will decorate a scene from today's Bible story.

**Big Goal**: Remember the Bible story.

**Leader Prep**: Print "Decorate" printables, one per child. Prepare confetti. Use premade confetti, cut tissue paper into small pieces, or make hole-punched dots.

**Supplies:** "Decorate" printable (1 per child), Glue sticks (1 per child), Confetti (see leader prep for ideas) (several), Crayons (several), Baby wipes (several; optional), Colored paper (several; optional), Colored tissue paper (several; optional), Adult scissors (1 per group; optional), Single hole punch (1 per group; adult use; optional)

#### **Craft Instructions:**

- 1. Before the session, print "Decorate" printables, one per child. Prepare confetti. Use pre-made confetti, cut tissue paper into small pieces, or make hole-punched dots.
- 2. Give each preschooler a "Decorate" printable and crayons.
- 3. Invite preschoolers to color the scene with crayons.
- 4. Demonstrate how to add confetti to the party scene with glue. Place glue on the paper and then sprinkle confetti on the paper. Press down as needed.

What To Do: Today we are going to make a craft that will remind us of our Bible story. What will it remind us of? (Our Bible story!) Yes! Great job! After Jesus asked Matthew to follow Him, Matthew had a party for Jesus at his house. We are going to color this drawing of Matthew's party. After we finish coloring the picture, we are going to decorate it with confetti by putting some glue on our papers with our glue sticks and pressing the confetti on it.

**Keep It Going:** Ask preschoolers about parties they have attended. What did they like? Who was there? What types of activities did they do?

Leader Tip: Keep wipes nearby to wipe glue from fingers.

**Loud And Clear:** Your pictures look so great! In our Bible story, Jesus called a tax collector named Matthew to follow Him. He forgave Matthew for his wrong choices, and Matthew followed Jesus and told other people about Him. 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 God. Matthew had a party at his house to celebrate the new start Jesus gave him. Matthew followed Jesus and told other people about Him. Jesus came to forgive all people so we can be friends with Him. That is a new start worth celebrating!

# Say:

- Who remembers what our Super Clue is today? (a stopwatch)
- What does a stopwatch help us remember? (Stopwatches stop and start again. They remind us that God gives us a new start.)
- What was a part of our Bible story that you liked?
- Today we learned that God gives us a new start. How does God give us a new start? (When we ask Him, God forgives us when we make wrong choices.)
- What did we learn about God today? (God gives us a new start.)

Our Big Deal is, Redo! God Forgives Me and You!

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

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

Today we learned we all sin, which means we make wrong choices and need God to forgive us. Jesus came so we can be forgiven and have a friendship with God. When God forgives us, we get a new start. That is one amazing redo!

# 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.