



## Preschool Leader Guide

March 1 – Pre-K & Kindergarten

**Monthly Theme:** God Wants Me to Know Him

**Today's "Big Deal" Theme Tie:** God is Holy

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## Activity:

Preschoolers will pretend to grow from small to extra-large by following the leader's prompts.

**Big Goal:** Remove barriers to belonging.

**Script:** Hello, friends! Let's do a growing activity together. When we were babies, we were small. Over time, we grow and grow and grow! We are going to do an activity to show how we grow. It will show how we what? (*Grow!*) Great! We will start small on the ground, and every time we hear the word *grow*, we will move our bodies to be taller. Let's practice together moving from a ball on the carpet to squatting, then to standing, then to stretching high in the sky. Remember, every time you hear the word *grow* you will move up. What word do you move on? (*Grow!*) Ready, set, grow!

Everyone is growing. That is something we have in common! We all have things in common with each other, and one other thing we have in common is that we all belong to the same team. We all belong because God created us to grow to know Him.

## Countdown Video:

Play Countdown Video

## 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! My name is \_\_\_\_\_. I am so glad you are here today. Before we get started, let's do some stretches to get ready. Let's reach down low to our toes, stretch our arms wide to the side, and then reach high

to the sky. If you are ready, repeat after me. Ready! (*Ready!*) Set! (*Set!*) Grow! (*Grow!*) (*Lead preschoolers to do warm-up stretches.*) It looks like we are growing when we do these stretches. Look at your friends and say, "Ready, set, grow!" (*Ready, set, grow!*) Great job!

We have a new Theme song to learn! It is called "Ready, Set, Grow!" Let's stand up and use our voices to celebrate God as we sing.

Theme Song Video.

## Super Clue & Bible Story Video:

### Supplies:

Super Box 1 per group

"Super Clue: Crown" printable 1 per group

Crown 1 per group (optional)

Bible 1 per group

### Big Deal Motions:

Ready, Set, Grow! (*Spread hands in front of body making a circle with palms facing out.*)

God Wants Me to Know Him! (*Push hands up to the sky with palms facing each other.*)

**Script:** A Big Deal teaches us something important about God. Today's Big Deal is, "Ready, Set, Grow! God Wants Me to Know Him!" Let's say it together. I will say it first, and you say it after me. If you are ready, give me a thumbs up! (*Allow responses. Use motions above as you say the Big Deal.*) Ready, Set, Grow! (*Ready, Set, Grow!*) God Wants Me to Know Him! (*God Wants Me to Know Him!*) That is a big deal! God wants us to know Him. One thing we can know is that **God is holy**. That means God is perfect and not like anyone else. Isn't that super?

Did you hear that? What was that sound? (*Allow responses.*) It was the sound of the Super Box! Inside the Super Box is our Super Clue. The Super Clue will connect to today's Bible story and our Big Deal, "Ready, Set, Grow! God Wants Me to Know Him!" Let's open our Super Box and see what is inside.

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

Oh, wow! Our Super Clue is a crown! Have you ever worn a crown before? (*Allow responses.*) I wonder how a crown connects to our Big Deal, "Ready, Set, Grow! God Wants Me to Know

Him!" Let's send our Super Clue over to the Super Crew in the Clubhouse. They can help us know how it connects to our Big Deal and our Bible story.

*(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!

*(To preschoolers)* In today's Bible story, God spoke to Isaiah in a vision while he was awake. God wanted Isaiah to know Him, and God showed Isaiah that He is holy and different from everything. Let's say, "**God is holy,**" together. Ready? "**God is holy.**" Good job!

What is today's Super Clue? *(A crown!)* Yes! Our Super Clue is a crown! When you wear a crown, it shows that you are special. God is very special and set apart. He is not like anyone else. **God is holy,** and He is the King of everything! Even though **God is holy,** we can know Him! This reminds me of our Big Deal, "Ready, Set, Grow! God Wants Me to Know Him!" Let's say our Big Deal together. I will say it first, and you say it after me. Ready, Set, Grow! *(Ready, Set, Grow!)* God Wants Me to Know Him! *(God Wants Me to Know Him!)* Great job!

Let's take time to talk and listen to God. This is called *prayer*. We can thank God that His is holy and King of everything.

*God, You are holy. Thank You for sending Jesus, Your Son, so we can know You, the King of everything! Amen.*

## Game:

Preschoolers will participate in a relay where they pass a crown over their heads.

**Big Goal:** Understand what is super about the Super Clue.

**Leader Prep:** Print the “Pass It Over Relay” printable on cardstock, two per group. Cut out the crowns and assemble them using a stapler.

**Supplies:**

“Pass It Over Relay” printable 2 per group

Adult scissors 1 per group

Cardstock 2 per group

Stapler 1 per group (adult use only)

**Script:** Let’s play a game together called “Pass It Over Relay.” What is it called? (*Pass It Over Relay!*) Great! We are going to form two teams, and you will stand in a straight line with your teammates. When you hear the word *go*, each team will pass a crown over their heads to reach the other end of the line. If your team finishes first, stop and cheer on the other team as they finish. If you are ready to play, let me hear you say, “Pass the crown!” (*Pass the crown!*) Let’s play!

**Keep It Going:** Play additional rounds as time allows, varying how preschoolers pass the crown: under their legs, alternating overhead then under their legs, or going from one end and then back again so the preschooler who started with the crown ends with the crown.

**Script:** Everyone did an awesome job working together as a team to pass the crown. What is today’s Super Clue? (*A crown!*) A person who wears a crown is special. God is very special and set apart. God is different from everyone else because all people sin and make wrong choices, but God never makes wrong choices. **God is holy!**

## Theme Verse Video:

**Big Deal Motions:**

Ready, Set, Grow! (*Spread hands in front of body making a circle with palms facing out.*)

God Wants Me to Know Him! (*Push hands up to the sky with palms facing each other.*)

**Theme Verse Motions:**

That they may know you, (*Bring right hand around with palm flat.*)

the only true God, (*Bring left hand around with palm flat.*)

and the one you have sent—Jesus Christ. (*Bring right hand around with one finger up, then point up to sky.*)

John 17:3b (*Hold hands out like a book.*)

**Script:** We can learn how to know God in the Bible. Our Theme verse is John 17:3b. Let me show you where that verse is in the Bible. (*Open the Bible to John 17:3. Turn the Bible for preschoolers to see and point to the verse.*) Our Theme verse says, "That they may know you, the only true God, and the one you have sent—Jesus Christ." (John 17:3b) Let's watch a video to help us learn our Theme verse.

Theme Verse Video

**Script:** Great job! Our Theme verse tells us that we can grow in what we know about God and in our belief in God, which is our faith. God helps us grow and learn more about Him. We grow in our faith and learn more about Jesus when we follow Him.

## **Craft:**

Preschoolers will decorate a letter to give to a friend.

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

**Leader Prep:** Print "Special Delivery" printables, one per child.

### **Supplies:**

"Special Delivery" printable 1 per child

Envelopes 1 per child

Stickers Several per child

Markers or crayons Several per child

"Special Delivery Craft Instructions and Example" printable 1 per group

### **Craft Instructions:**

1. Before the session, print "Special Delivery" printables, one per child.
2. Give each preschooler a "Special Delivery" printable and markers or crayons.
3. Encourage preschoolers to decorate their letters.
4. Assist preschoolers in folding their letters, putting them in envelopes, and sealing them with a sticker.
5. Help them write the name of the person they will deliver their special message to on the envelope.

**Script:** In today's Bible story, God gave a man named Isaiah a special message in a vision. What was the man's name? (*Isaiah!*) Great! In the vision, God showed Isaiah that He is holy and different than anything else. We are going to decorate a letter with an important truth about God and seal it in an envelope.

After you finish, think about someone you want to deliver your letter to when you leave. I will help you write the name of the person on the front of your envelope.

These letters are going to make a very special delivery! In our Bible story today, we learned that God wanted Isaiah to know Him. God showed Isaiah that He is special and set apart. He is the King of everything, and He is holy! God is different from everyone because all people sin and make wrong choices, but God never makes wrong choices.

## 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 respond to different characteristics that describe them by saying, "Hey, that's me!"

**Big Goal:** Learn a new name.

**Script:** Let's play a game called "Hey, That's Me!" What is the name of our game? (*Hey, That's Me!*) In this game, I will say something that might describe you, like a color you are wearing or a food you like to eat. If what I describe is true for you, I want you to stand up and say, "Hey, that's me!" I will point to you, and you will say your name. Then we will all say, "Hello, \_\_\_\_\_ (*friend's name*)!" This will be a great way to get to know the names of all of our friends.

Great job saying your names to our team! It is so important for us to know each other's names. When we can call each other by name, we can feel like we are part of our group. We all belong here on 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! Hi, everybody! It is a great day because you are here! Let's get started by saying something together. I will say a word, and I want you to say it after me. Ready! (*Ready!*) Set (*Set!*) Grow! (*Grow!*) When

something grows, it moves from small to big. Let's do that as we say those words again. Start by squatting low, then each time we call out a word, move up a little bit more. Here we go! Ready! (*Ready!*) Set (*Set!*) Grow! (*Grow!*) Great job!

Let's stand up and sing our Theme song. Our Theme song will teach us more about our Theme, *Ready, Set, Grow!* Let's worship God together as we sing.

Play Theme Song Video.

## Super Clue & Bible Story Video:

### Supplies:

Super Box 1 per group

"Super Clue: Evergreen Tree" printable 1 per group

Evergreen tree figure 1 per group (optional)

Bible 1 per group

### Big Deal Motions:

Ready, Set, Grow! (*Spread hands in front of body making a circle with palms facing out.*)

God Wants Me to Know Him! (*Push hands up to the sky with palms facing each other.*)

**Script:** Each week we learn a Big Deal. A Big Deal teaches us something important about God. Today's Big Deal is, "Ready, Set, Grow! God Wants Me to Know Him!" Let's say it together. I will say it first, and you can say it after me. If you are ready, wave your hand at me. (*Allow responses. Use motions above as you say the Big Deal.*) Ready, Set, Grow! (*Ready, Set, Grow!*) God Wants Me to Know Him! (*God Wants Me to Know Him!*) That's super!

Did you hear that? What was that sound? That sound means we have something special in our Super Box. (*Point to the Super Box.*) Inside the Super Box is a Super Clue. The Super Clue will help us connect today's Big Deal to our Bible story. Today's Big Deal is, "Ready, Set, Grow! God Wants Me to Know Him!"

Let's open our Super Box and see what is inside.

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

Oh wow! Our Super Clue is an evergreen tree! Evergreen trees are always green; their leaves don't turn red, orange, or yellow and fall off like other trees do in the fall. I wonder how an evergreen tree connects to our Big Deal, "Ready, Set, Grow! God Wants Me to Know Him!" Let's send it over to the Super Crew at the Clubhouse. They will be able to help us!

*(Place the Super Clue back in the Super Box.)*

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Ready? 3-2-1 Go!

Play Bible Story Video.

## Game:

Preschoolers will play a matching game.

**Big Goal:** Remember the Main Idea: **God never changes.**

**Leader Prep:** Print "Find The Change" printables on cardstock, one per group. Cut apart the cards. Place the matching cards facedown on the floor.

### **Supplies:**

"Find The Change" printable 1 per group

Adult scissors 1 per group

Cardstock 1 per group

**Script:** Let's play a game called "Find the Change." What is our game called? *(Find the Change!)* We will sit in a circle around these cards on the floor. *(Lead preschoolers to sit around the cards.)* When it is your turn, you will turn two cards over. Usually when we play a matching game, we try to find two cards that are the same. In this game, we will try to find two cards that go together, but they will not be the same. They will be things that change. If they are a match, you can leave them faceup on the floor. If they do not match, we will turn them back over and play again.

The items on these cards show things that change. We are learning that **God never changes.** Let's say, "**God never changes,**" together. Ready? "**God never changes!**" Great! We can learn this truth about God as we hear stories from the Bible. We can know God by listening to the Bible, by talking to God through prayer, and by going to church and learning from our leaders, friends, and family.

## Theme Verse Video:

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**Script:** The Bible tells us **God never changes.** Our Theme verse comes from the Bible. Today's Theme verse is *John 17:3b*. Let me show you where our Theme verse is in the Bible. (*Open the Bible to John 17:3b. Turn the Bible for preschoolers to see and point to the verse.*) Let's watch a video to help us learn our Theme verse.

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**Script:** Awesome! This Theme verse tells us that we can know the only true God and the one He sent—Jesus Christ. God sent Jesus so we could have a friendship with Him. God wants us to know Him—to know that He never changes and always keeps His promises.

## Craft:

Preschoolers will create two promise wristbands by twisting chenille stems together. They will make one to keep and one to give to a friend.

**Big Goal:** Connect to the Bible story.

**Supplies:**

Chenille stems 4 per child

“Promise Band Craft Instructions and Example” printable 1 per group

### **Craft Instructions:**

1. Guide preschoolers to choose four chenille stems.
2. Demonstrate the following steps: twist two chenille stems together, wrapping them all the way to the end. Bend the twisted chenille stems and make a circle. Twist the ends together to connect the circle into a band.
3. Invite preschoolers to make two promise bands. Assist with twisting them as needed.

**Script:** Today’s Bible story is full of God’s promises for us. We can share these promises with others. We are each going to make two promise bands, one to keep and one to give away. What are we going to make? (*Promise bands!*) There are different colored chenille stems here. To make a promise band, choose two, twist them together, and then bend them into a circle, connecting the ends by twisting them together.

**Keep It Going:** Encourage preschoolers to share who they will give their second promise band to when they leave and what promise of God they will share with them.

**Script:** Hold up your promise bands, and let’s see what you created. These look amazing! They can remind us that God made faithful promises to His people, and He kept all of His promises. He still keeps His promises today! God wants us to know Him—to know that He never changes and always does what He says He will do. That is good news we can share with someone else. When I say, “Go,” I want you to shout out the name of who you are going to give one of your promise bands to. Ready? Go! (*Allow responses.*) That is so exciting!

## **Room Refresh & Clean Up:**

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## Activity:

Preschoolers will follow instructions as they create sounds and motions to make a rainstorm.

**Big Goal:** Be a part of a team.

**Script:** Let's all sit in a circle and do an activity together. As more friends come in, we can all scoot back and give them space to join us. Let's work together to create a rainstorm. What are we going to create? *(A rainstorm!)* Follow the instructions I give you, and let's listen to the sounds! Everyone, rub your hands together like this. *(Demonstrate rubbing hands together.)* Great! Now clap your hands. *(Demonstrate clapping hands lightly.)* Now tap your legs. *(Demonstrate tapping legs.)* Now let's do it a little faster. Can you hear the rain? Let's make it really loud and stomp our feet! *(Demonstrate stomping feet.)* That's it! Way to go!

**Keep It Going:** Slow the rainstorm down by reversing the order of steps.

**Script:** That was great! The way we all worked together as a team helped make our rainstorm sound so amazing! It sounded so strong because we all got to be a part and do it together.

## 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! I am so excited we are together today. Let's get up and move. Stand up and stretch low to the ground. *(Demonstrate.)* Now reach out as wide as you can. *(Demonstrate.)* Now stretch as high as you can. *(Demonstrate.)* Great! Now look at someone near you and say, "Hi!" *(Encourage preschoolers to look at a friend and say, "Hi!")* Awesome!

Let's stand up and sing our Theme song. This song reminds us that we can get ready and set to grow! Just like our bodies grow, God helps us grow and learn more about Him. Let's sing!

Play Theme Song Video.

## Super Clue & Bible Story Video:

### **Supplies:**

Super Box 1 per group

"Super Clue: Rainbow" printable 1 per group

Rainbow 1 per group (optional)

Bible 1 per group

### **Big Deal Motions:**

Ready, Set, Grow! *(Spread hands in front of body making a circle with palms facing out.)*

God Wants Me to Know Him! *(Push hands up to the sky with palms facing each other.)*

**Script:** I love getting to learn and grow together! Today we are learning our Big Deal. A Big Deal teaches us something important about God. Today's Big Deal is, "Ready, Set, Grow! God Wants Me to Know Him!" Let's say it together. I will say it first, and you say it after me. *(Do the motions above as you say the Big Deal.)* Ready, Set, Grow! *(Ready, Set, Grow!)* God Wants Me to

Know Him! (*God Wants Me to Know Him!*) We can grow in our faith and learn more about Jesus when we follow Him. Isn't that super?

Did you hear that? (*Allow responses.*) Oh, that sound means there is a Super Clue in our Super Box! (*Point to the Super Box.*) The Super Box holds our Super Clue. The Super Clue will help us understand our Big Deal, "Ready, Set, Grow! God Wants Me to Know Him!" and how it connects to the Bible.

What do you think is inside our Super Box? (*Allow responses.*) Let's open it to find out what is inside!

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

Oh wow! Look! A rainbow! I love all the colors! I saw a rainbow once when I looked up in the sky after it rained. I wonder how a rainbow connects to our Big Deal, "Ready, Set, Grow! God Wants Me to Know Him!" We can send this to our friends, the Super Crew, in the Clubhouse. They 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.

## Game:

Preschoolers will take turns tossing a beanbag to another preschooler and sharing a truth about God.

**Big Goal:** Remember the Main Idea: **God is just and kind.**

**Supplies:**

Beanbags Several per group

**Script:** Let's play a game called "Toss and Share." What is our game called? (*Toss and Share!*) Great! We are going to form two lines. We will stand side by side in our lines with the lines facing each other. The friend across from you will be your teammate for this game. We will start out standing close together. I will give everyone in one of the lines a beanbag. When I say, "Go," you will gently toss or hand your beanbag to your teammate and say, "God is just and kind!" Then you and your teammate will take one step backward so there is more space between you. You will say, "God is just and kind," and toss the beanbag back to your teammate. We will keep playing this way, getting farther apart as we say, "God is just and kind." Be listening because at some point I will say, "Move forward." You will play the same way, but this time you will step forward and say, "God is just and kind." You will play until you are standing close to your teammates again. If you are ready, let me hear you say, "Let's go!" (*Let's go!*)

God wants us to know Him, and some things we can know about God are that He is just and kind and always keeps His promises. *Just* means that God always does the right thing. *Kind* means that God is good and loving. This means that God always does what is right and best.

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God Wants Me to Know Him! (*Push hands up to the sky with palms facing each other.*)

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That they may know you, (*Bring right hand around with palm flat.*)

the only true God, (*Bring left hand around with palm flat.*)

and the one you have sent—Jesus Christ. (*Bring right hand around with one finger up, then point up to sky.*)

John 17:3b (*Hold hands out like a book.*)

**Script:** The Bible tells us that God wants us to know Him. Our Theme verse comes from the Bible. Today's Theme verse is John 17:3b. Let me show you where that verse is in the Bible. (*Open the Bible to John 17:3b. Turn the Bible for preschoolers to see and point to the verse.*) Let's watch a video to help us learn our Theme verse.

Play Theme Verse Video.

**Script:** Great job, everyone! This Theme verse tells us that God wants us to know Him. The Bible teaches us that we can know God is kind and always does what is right and best. God is just too. *Just* means that God always does the right thing. God wants us to know Him, and we can know Him through His Son, Jesus. God sent Jesus so we could be forgiven of our wrong choices and have a friendship with Him.

## **Craft:**

Preschoolers will make a rainbow by attaching colored strips of streamer paper to a paper plate cloud.

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

**Leader Prep:** Cut paper plates in half, one half per child. Cut colored streamer paper (colors of the rainbow) in strips, one of each color strip per child. Make a sample.

### **Supplies:**

Adult scissors 1 per group

Colored streamer paper (rainbow colors) Several per group

Cotton balls Several per child

Glue sticks 1 per child

Paper plates Several per group

Tape 1 per group

Yarn Several per group

“Rainbow Hanger Craft Instructions and Example” printable 1 per group

### **Craft Instructions:**

1. Before the session, cut paper plates in half, one half per child. Cut colored streamer paper (colors of the rainbow) in strips, one of each color strip per child. Make a sample.
2. Give preschoolers half a paper plate. Invite preschoolers to glue cotton balls onto the plate to look like a cloud.
3. Pass out pieces of tape and streamer paper strips to attach to the bottom of the plate to look like a rainbow.
4. Assist preschoolers in taping the streamers to the back of the paper plates. Overlap as needed to fit the colors.
5. Attach yarn to the back of the rainbow to create a hanger.

**Script:** Let's make a craft called a "Rainbow Hanger." What are we going to make? (*A Rainbow Hanger!*) Good! For this craft you will get half of a paper plate, a glue stick, and some cotton balls. You will glue the cotton balls to your plate to make it look like a cloud. What will this look like? (*A cloud!*) That's right! When you finish the cloud, you will get some streamers and tape. You will tape your rainbow strips of streamer paper to the bottom like this. When the streamers are taped on, it will make a rainbow! What will it make? (*A rainbow!*) Yeah! Remember, as you tape the streamers to the back of your paper plates, you may have to overlap your streamers so all of your colors will fit. *Overlap* means that parts of some of the streamers may be on top of each other. When you finish I will attach yarn to the back of your rainbow so you can hang it up when you get home. Are you ready to make our craft? Let's do it!

The rainbow hangers look amazing! A rainbow in the sky reminds us of God's promise to never destroy the earth by flood again. God wants us to know Him, and we can know that God is kind, just, and always keeps His promises.

## 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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## Preschool Leader Guide

March 22 – Pre-K & Kindergarten

**Monthly Theme:** God Wants Me to Know Him

**Today's "Big Deal" Theme Tie:** God is Wise

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### 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.

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## Activity:

Preschoolers will move to music and make silly poses when the music stops.

**Big Goal:** Celebrate every child.

### **Supplies**

Music and music player 1 per group

**Script:** It is so exciting that you are here today. Let's celebrate by doing an activity together called "Freeze And Move." What is our activity called? (*Freeze And Move!*) That's right! When the music is playing you can move around, but when the music stops, I want you freeze in a silly pose and hold still until you hear the music start again. Before we play, let's practice some silly poses. Ready? Show me your best silly pose in 3-2-1 Go! (*Allow responses.*) Good! Let's do one more silly pose. Ready? (*Allow responses.*) Way to go! OK, let's play!

It was fun to see everyone freeze in silly ways. It is great to play a game together and to all be on the same team. I am so glad we are all here today.

## 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! As we get started today, let's see if you can keep up with the motions I do. (*Lead preschoolers through different motions like lift arms up high, move arms down low, clap two times, hop up*

*and down, squat low to the ground, stand up and show arm muscles, and wave really fast to everyone.) I am so glad you are here today. I want you to turn to a friend and wave and say hello. (Allow time for preschoolers to wave and say hello.) Today we are going to get ready and set to grow and learn more about God!*

Let's stand up and sing our Theme song. It reminds us that God wants us to know Him. Ready? Let's sing!

Play Theme Song Video.

## Super Clue & Bible Story Video:

### **Supplies:**

Super Box 1 per group

"Super Clue: Stars" printable 1 per group

Stars 1 per group (optional)

Bible 1 per group

### **Big Deal Motions:**

Ready, Set, Grow! (*Spread hands in front of body making a circle with palms facing out.*)

God Wants Me to Know Him! (*Push hands up to the sky with palms facing each other.*)

**Script:** Today we are going to get ready to grow and learn more about God. We can learn about God by saying our Big Deal. Today's Big Deal is, "Ready, Set, Grow! God Wants Me to Know Him!" Let's say it together. I will say it first, and you say it after me. (*Use motions above as you say the Big Deal.*) Ready, Set, Grow! (*Ready, Set, Grow!*) God Wants Me to Know Him! (*God Wants Me to Know Him!*) That's super!

Did you hear that sound? (*Allow responses.*) That is the sound of our Super Box. Where is our Super Box? (*Look around for the Super Box.*) Here it is! Inside the Super Box is our Super Clue. The Super Clue will help us connect to today's Big Deal, "Ready, Set, Grow! God Wants Me to Know Him!"

Let's open our Super Box and see what is inside.

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

Stars! Oh, I love to look at the stars in the sky at night! They are so bright when they shine. Do you like to look at the stars? *(Allow responses.)* I wonder how stars connect to our Big Deal, “Ready, Set, Grow! God Wants Me to Know Him!” We can send our Super Clue to our friends, the Super Crew, in the Clubhouse. They 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, Super Crew!

*(To preschoolers)* In our Bible story we learned that **God is wise**. *Wise* means knowing and doing the right thing. When no one could tell the king what his dream was and what it meant, Daniel and his friends prayed to God. God, in His wisdom, told Daniel what the dream was and what it meant so the king would know what is true about God—He is wise and powerful.

Today’s Super Clue is stars. When we are outside at night, stars can help us see where to go. Wisdom helps us make good choices and know the right things to do. God wants us to know Him, and we can know is that He is wise and always makes the right choices. That reminds me of our Big Deal, “Ready, Set, Grow! God Wants Me to Know Him!”

Let’s pray and thank God that He is wise and that we can know Him. *To pray* means to talk and listen to God. Let’s pray in 3-2-1.

*God, thank You that You are wise. Thank You for helping us grow in our faith by knowing You. Amen.*

**Game:**

Preschoolers will try to make wise choices to choose the correct path.

**Big Goal:** Remember the Main Idea: **God is wise.**

**Leader Prep:** Create a finish line on the floor using painter's tape. Create different paths on the floor using different colored yarn. Lay out the paths so that one color crosses the finish line and the others end up somewhere else. Paths may cross each other.

**Supplies:**

Adult scissors 1 per group

Painter's tape 1 per group

Yarn (assorted colors) Several per group

**Script:** We are going to play a game called "Choose a Path." What is the game called? (*Choose a Path!*) Let's see if we can choose the right path to get to the finish line. There are several paths to choose from. You will each choose a color path. You will follow the colored yarn and walk the path to see if you can make it to the finish line or if the path you chose leads you somewhere else. If it leads you somewhere else, that is OK. We can play another round, and you can choose a different path to follow.

In this game you each had to choose a path to take. One path was the right choice. The others led you to different places. In life we have to make wise choices and choose the right way to go, but God helps us know what is right. We are learning that **God is wise.** Let's say, "**God is wise,**" together. Ready? "**God is wise!**" Good! God always makes the right choice, and He helps us know what is right and good too.

## Theme Verse Video:

**Big Deal Motions:**

Ready, Set, Grow! (*Spread hands in front of body making a circle with palms facing out.*)

God Wants Me to Know Him! (*Push hands up to the sky with palms facing each other.*)

**Theme Verse Motions:**

That they may know you, (*Bring right hand around with palm flat.*)

the only true God, (*Bring left hand around with palm flat.*)

and the one you have sent—Jesus Christ. (*Bring right hand around with one finger up, then point up to sky.*)

John 17:3b (*Hold hands out like a book.*)

**Script:** The Bible tells us **God is wise**, and we can know Him. Our Theme verse comes from the Bible. Today's Theme verse is found in the book of John. Let me show you where our Theme verse is in the Bible. (*Open the Bible to John 17:3b. Turn the Bible for preschoolers to see and point to the verse.*) Our Theme verse says, "That they may know you, the only true God, and the one you have sent—Jesus Christ." (John 17:3b) Let's watch a video to help us learn our Theme verse.

Play Theme Verse Video.

**Script:** Great! This Theme verse tells us that we can know the one true God and Jesus, who God sent so we can follow Him. When we have a friendship with God, He helps us grow as we learn more about Him. When we grow in our belief in God, we grow in our faith. This is an amazing thing to remember.

## **Craft:**

Preschoolers will create a flower craft to remind them of truths about God.

**Big Goal:** Connect truths about God to the Bible story.

**Leader Prep:** Print "Truths About God" printable, one per child. Cut out petals. Make a sample.

### **Supplies:**

"Truths About God" printable 1 per child

Adult scissors 1 per group

Crayons Several per child

Glue sticks 1 per child

"Truths About God Craft Instructions & Example" printable 1 per group

### **Craft Instructions:**

1. Before the session, print "Truths About God" printables, one per child. Cut out petals. Make a sample.
2. Give each preschooler a flower printable, a set of five petals, crayons, and a glue stick.
3. Invite preschoolers to color the flowers.
4. Instruct preschoolers to glue the petals onto their flowers.

**Script:** Let's do a craft called "Truths about God." What is this craft called? (*Truths about God!*) That's right! For this craft each of you will get a set of flower petals that share truths about God.

These truths include **God is wise**, *God is holy*, *God never changes*, *God is just*, and *God is kind*. First, you will use crayons to color your flowers. Then you will glue each petal on the flower.

Your flowers with truths about God look awesome! They will be a great way to share these truths with your family and friends. Today we are learning the truth that **God is wise**. Daniel was used by God to help the king know what is true about God. Daniel helped the king know that **God is wise**.

## Room Refresh & Clean Up:

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## Pick Up Time:

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## Preschool Leader Guide

March 29 – Pre-K & Kindergarten

**Monthly Theme:** God Wants Me to Know Him

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

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## **Activity:**

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

**Big Goal:** Encourage preschoolers to help other preschoolers belong.

### **Hooray Day Cheer:**

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

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

We celebrate and see! *(Make double windmill arms in front of body.)*

God gives hope to you and me! *(Extend arms up with hands open. Bring hands together over chest.)*

**Script:** Welcome, everyone! I am so glad you are here! Today is a very special day. It's Hooray Day! On Hooray Days we celebrate, so let's do an activity called "Join In!" 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 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 above as you say the Hooray Day cheer.)* Hip, hip, hooray! God leads the way! We celebrate and see! God gives hope to you and me! Ready to say the Hooray Day cheer with me? 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!)*

We celebrate and see! *(We celebrate and see!)*

God gives hope to you and me! *(God gives hope to you and me!)*

Way to go, 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 it. *(Stand up and lead the cheer again.)*

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

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

We celebrate and see! *(We celebrate and see!)*

God gives hope to you and me! *(God gives hope to you and me!)*

Yeah! Let's sit down and say it one last time in our whisper voices. *(Sit down and say it one more time in whisper voices.)*

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

## Countdown Video:

Play Countdown Video

## Welcome Video:

Play Welcome Video

## Music Video:

**Script:** Let's celebrate by singing our Hooray Day Theme song! Ready? Let's sing!

Play Theme Song Video.

## Super Clue & Bible Story Video:

### **Supplies:**

Super Box 1 per group

"Super Clue: Donkey" printable 1 per group

Toy donkey 1 per group (optional)

Bible 1 per group

### **Big Deal Motions:**

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

God Leads Me to Hope! *(Bring hands together over chest.)*

**Script:** Let's learn our Big Deal together. Our Big Deal teaches us something important about God. Today's Big Deal is, "Hooray! God Leads Me to Hope!" Can you say that with me? I'll say it first, and then you say it after me. Hooray! (*Hooray!*) God Leads Me to Hope! (*God Leads Me to Hope!*) Let's learn some fun motions to help us remember the Big Deal. (*Teach preschoolers the motions while saying the Big Deal.*) You did such a good job!

Yippee! Did you hear that? I am so excited because that sound means we have a Super Clue in the Super Box. Our Super Clue connects to the Big Deal, "Hooray! God Leads Me to Hope!" Alright! Let's open the Super Box and see what's inside. If you are ready to open the box, say, "Let's open it!" when I count to three. Ready? 1-2-3! "Let's open it!" We are ready!

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

Our Super Clue is a donkey! Can you say, "Hee-haw"? (*Hee-haw!*) I wonder how a donkey connects to our Big Deal, "Hooray! God Leads Me to Hope!" Our friends in the Clubhouse, the Super Crew, can help us. They will tell us how our Super Clue connects to our Big Deal, "Hooray! God Leads Me to Hope!" Let's put our Super Clue back in the Super Box and send it to the Super Crew.

*(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.

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

*(To preschoolers)* In our Bible story today, we learned that Jesus rode a donkey into Jerusalem. The people had been hoping and waiting for Someone special to come, the One God promised. When the people saw Jesus coming, they were very happy and excited. One day, Jesus will come back and make everything new again. While we wait for Jesus to come back, we can have hope and be excited too!

Our Super Clue today is a donkey. Jesus gave the people hope when He rode into town on a donkey. That reminds me of our Big Deal, “Hooray! God Leads Me to Hope!” Let’s say that together. I will say it first, and you say it after me. Ready? Hooray! *(Hooray!)* God Leads Me to Hope! *(God Leads Me to Hope!)* Good work!

Let’s pray. *Prayer* is talking and listening to God. Let’s thank God for the hope He gives us and thank Him for Jesus. Ready?

*God, thank You for Your Son, Jesus. Thank You for the hope He gives that we will be with You forever if we believe and trust in You. Amen.*

## Game:

Preschoolers will participate in a relay game with party supplies.

**Big Goal:** Review the Big Deal, “Hooray! God Leads Me to Hope!”

**Leader Prep:** Place sets of party supplies in separate piles with space in between. Put a bowl or bucket on the other side of the room for each team.

### **Supplies:**

Bowls or buckets Several per group

Streamer paper rolls Several per group

Party hats Several per group

Party plates Several per group

**Script:** Today is Hooray Day! Let’s say, “Hooray!” together. Ready? “Hooray!” Yeah! Today we have been celebrating that God leads us to hope. Celebrations are fun! We are going to play a relay game to keep the party going. Each team has a set of party supplies that will need to travel from one side of the room to the other side of the room. The first person in line will pick up a party supply, take it to the other side of the room, and place it in the bowl or bucket. Then the next person in line will take a party supply across the room and put it in the bowl or bucket. When all supplies have been taken to the other side of the room, I want you to shout out the Big Deal. Let’s say our Big Deal together before we start the game. I will say it first, and you can say it after me. Hooray! *(Hooray!)* God Leads Me to Hope! *(God Leads Me to Hope!)* Alright! Let’s take these party supplies to the other side of the room in 3-2-1 Go!

This game was so much fun! We really are ready to celebrate now that we have all of our party supplies. Today is Palm Sunday, and we can celebrate that God leads us to hope in His Son, Jesus. Jesus gives us hope for a life with God forever. I am so happy we can have this hope.

## 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.)*

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

**Script:** Our Theme verse comes from the Bible. Remember, the Bible is God's Book. The Bible is true, and it's for you! Today's Theme verse is Psalm 139:23a. Let me show you where that verse is in the Bible. *(Open the Bible to Psalm 139:23. Point to the verse for preschoolers to see.)* Let's watch a video to help us learn our Theme verse.

Play Theme Verse Video.

**Script:** You all did such a great job listening and doing the motions. Our Theme verse reminds us that God knows our hearts. God knows we need hope. God gives us hope through His Son, Jesus.

## Craft:

Preschoolers will make palm branches using paper and chenille stems.

**Big Goal:** Remember the Main Idea: **God leads me to hope.**

**Leader Prep:** Print "Make A Palm Branch" printables on cardstock and cut them out, one per child.

**Supplies:**

“Make A Palm Branch” printable 1 per child

Adult scissors 1 per group

Cardstock 1 per child

Green or brown chenille stems 1 per child

Child-safe scissors 1 per child

Green markers or crayons Several per group

Tape 1 per group

“Make A Palm Branch Craft Instructions and Example” printable 1 per group

### **Craft Instructions:**

1. Before the session, print “Make A Palm Branch” printables on cardstock and cut them out, one per child.
2. Give each child a palm leaf, markers or crayons, child-safe scissors, and a chenille stem.
3. Instruct preschoolers to color and decorate their palm leaves.
4. Invite preschoolers to cut along the edges of the palm leaf to make it fringed and have a leaf-like texture.
5. Assist preschoolers in taping a chenille stem to the back of the leaf, leaving several inches to serve as a leaf stem.

**Script:** Today we are going to make a palm branch to help us remember that God leads us to hope. Let’s say, “**God leads me to hope,**” together. Ready? “**God leads me to hope!**” Great job! *(Display a copy of the printable. Pass out a leaf to each child.)* Let’s make our own palm branches to celebrate Jesus. First, we will decorate the leaf and color it green. Next we will use scissors to cut along the edges of our leaves to give them texture. Then a leader will come by and help you tape a chenille stem to the bottom of your leaf to make a stem.

God leads us to hope! God promised to send Someone special. When Jesus arrived, the people had hope that God had kept His promise. We can have hope and be excited because God always keeps His promises. God has promised that one day, Jesus will come back. When Jesus comes back, people who believe in Him will be with Him forever.

## **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:

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!