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## I AM HERE TO SHARE JESUS Kindergarten - 5th grade

### Leader Notes

**Bible Passage:** Philip Brought His Friend to Jesus, John 1:43-51

**Bottom Line:** I can tell a friend about Jesus.

**Leader Context:** Jesus called Philip to follow Him and become His disciple. Philip then found his friend, Nathanael, and invited him to come and see Jesus. Sharing the good news of Jesus is the best gift we can give a friend.

**THE WIN FOR SUNDAY GROUPS:** Give kids a first look at The Bible, Jesus, and our need for a Savior by embracing their physical needs or engaging their interests. Use The Code when necessary to help redirect kids and build relationships.

### Games and Music (10 minutes)

**What You Need:** Instruction Page, Game Sets, Roku Game Instruction Page, coin

#### 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."

### Social

### Bible Story Video (10 minutes)

#### Bible Story Recap- Say This

In today's Bible story, a man named Philip met Jesus and realized He was the Savior—the One God promised to send to save His people! When Jesus told Philip to follow Him, he agreed. Philip went to his friend Nathanael, and invited him to come and see Jesus. He could not wait to share the good news with his friend.

We are here to share Jesus. As followers of Jesus, we can invite others to come and see Jesus too. We can tell them who Jesus is, how He changes us, and how He gives us a new identity in Him. So what does that teach you and me? Jesus has given each of us a special place in life. We have different friends, and we get to tell them about Jesus. We are here to tell our friends about Jesus and how much He loves them. Our friends can hear the good news that Jesus loves them and that they can have a relationship with Him.

Let's pray together. Remember prayer is listening and talking to God.

God, thank You for our friends and that we can tell them about You. As we think about our friends, give us hearts that want to share You. Help us be excited about You and give us the words to tell our friends about You— who you are, why we love You, and what You are teaching us. We love You so much! Amen.

### Videos

**Stick Together(20 minutes)**

**What You Need:** colored paper (5 different colors for each kid), Stick Together printable (1 per kid), markers, glue sticks

*Set out the supplies. Make an example of the craft ahead of time.*

We've learned today that we can tell our friends about Jesus. We're going to make reminders of this idea that we can keep at home. On your Stick Together paper, write "I can tell my friends" nice and big. You want the words to take up most of the paper.

You see all these different colors of paper we have here? I want you to think of some friends you can tell about Jesus. You can think of one friend, two, three, or even four. For each specific friend you think of, take a different colored piece of paper. Then tear small pieces of each paper and glue those pieces into the white spaces on your paper. When you are finished, you will have a visual reminder of the friends you can share Jesus with. On the back or side of the paper you can glue one piece that represents each of the friends in their collage and write the name of that friend next to their color paper.

**Say:** "Just like Philip found Nathanael to tell him he has just met Jesus, we can tell our friends how Jesus changes us. Each of us can tell Jesus in a way that is unique to our personalities and the places we go. Use this artwork to remind you to pray for your friends. Look for opportunities to tell them about Jesus when you see them.

**Discussion Questions:**

- When you have something exciting to share, who is the first friend that comes to mind? It is usually difficult to keep something exciting from friends, isn't it? What makes you want to tell your friends? How do they usually react?*(Allow kids time to answer and share your own answer.)*
- You might like to play basketball with your friends. A basketball can remind us that life is more fun with friends. God gives us friends, and when we trust and follow Jesus, we have exciting news to tell them! How might our friends respond when we tell them about Jesus? *( Allow kids time to share. Answers might include how our friends may get excited too, they may ask questions, they may not believe us, they may want to come to church with us and so forth.)*
- The Bible tells us we are here to share Jesus, and we can tell our friends!. Let's open our Bibles to John 1:46 and read about it together. *(Invite kids to open up their Bibles. Read the passage aloud or invite a kid who volunteers to read the passage aloud. Help kids find the passage so everyone can follow along together.)* What is this passage teaching us?
- The Bible tells us that Philip found his friend Nathanael, to tell him that he had met the Messiah, Jesus! He went to find his friend to let him know that his own life had been changed, and he wanted the same for his friend. At first, Nathanael was a little doubtful, but realized Philip was right when he saw Jesus! Philip loved his friend and couldn't help but share. How can our excitement about Jesus and the way we talk about Him help our friends want to know more about Him?*(Allow kids time to answer and share your own response. Answers may include how our friends trust us, so they believe what we say; that when we share about His love, they want to know more about it, and so forth.)*
- If you or your friends wonder who will listen to you, remember that all of us have special people in our lives. You go to certain schools, live in certain neighborhoods, and participate in certain activities. These all have people to tell about Jesus! Where are places you go, and who can you tell about Jesus? *(Guide conversation about common places they go and how they can impact their community for Jesus.)*

In today's Bible story, we learned that Philip went to find his friend, Nathanael, to take him to meet Jesus. We can find friends around us and invite them to follow Jesus too. We are here to share Jesus.

**Going Home**

Pass out the coloring pages for kids to take home. Greet families as they arrive and tell them something about their child you saw today. Say goodbye and call everyone by name.