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I am Here to Share Jesus Kindergarten - 5th grade

Leader Notes

Bible Passage: Jesus is the Good Shepherd- John 10:1-18

Bottom Line: Jesus is God's Only Son

Leader Context: When it comes to Jesus, kids can know they are here to Pass It On and share Jesus with others. This week, we will teach kids that they can share the truth that "Jesus Is God's Only Son." In John 10, Jesus told people He is the Good Shepherd. Jesus cares for, protects, and provides for His people the way a shepherd cares for his sheep. Jesus laid down His life for His sheep, meaning His followers, making the way for us to have a relationship with God. Only Jesus can do this because only Jesus is God's Son. Kids will learn that Jesus, God's only Son, is the only reason and way we can have a relationship with God. This is news worth sharing with others!

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.

Social

Games and Music (10 minutes)

What You Need: Instruction Page, Game Sets, Roku Game Instruction Page, "Who I'm Like Portrait" printable (1 per child), Markers or crayons (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."

Videos

Bible Story Video (10 minutes)

Bible Story Recap- Say This

Jesus said that He is the Good Shepherd, and His sheep will follow Him because they know His voice. Sometimes it can be hard to know who to trust and who to follow. Jesus tells us in this story that we should follow Him! He tells us that everyone who follows Him will be saved, meaning they will be able to have a relationship with God. Like how a shepherd leads, protects, and cares for his sheep and sheep know follow their shepherd, we can trust Jesus as our Good Shepherd. Ask, "Why?" (*Why?*) Because Jesus is God's only Son. Say, "Jesus is God's only Son!" (*Jesus is God's only Son!*) This is the best news, and we can pass on this news to others!

Gospel Connection: (refer to the 4 Circles poster in your small group spaces)

(*Circle one*) When God created the world and created the first people, everything was perfect. God made people to know, love, trust, and follow Him—just like a sheep follows and trusts a shepherd.

(*Circle two*) But sin entered the world when the first people gave into temptation, meaning they gave into a moment when they wanted to do their own thing, which was the wrong thing. They disobeyed God and sinned. *Sin* is when we choose to do what we think is best rather than follow what God says is best. After sin came into the world, people no longer followed God the way He designed. They began to follow their own way instead of following God's true and right way.

Since the beginning, all people sin—including us. Sin leads to brokenness in our lives, in our thoughts, in our words, and even in the things we want to do. This brokenness also breaks our relationship with God. No matter how hard we try to fix our brokenness, we can't.

(*Circle three*) But there is someone who can rescue us! Jesus loves us so much that He came to earth so that He could make the only way for us to have a relationship with God. **Jesus is God's only Son.** He is the Good Shepherd who leads us to life forever with God, meaning we get to live with God now and we get to live with Him forever even after we die. Our story today tells us that Jesus sacrificed His life by dying on a cross and taking the punishment for our sin. But He did not stay dead. Say, "What?!?" (*What?!?*) That's right! On the third day after Jesus died, He rose again, showing that He is more powerful than sin and death because He is God's only Son. Jesus is alive today! We can respond to this good news when we confess and turn away from our sin and put our trust in Jesus. He takes the punishment for our sin that keep us from God! (*Circle four*) From the moment we trust in Jesus, we have life forever with Him. **Jesus is God's only Son**, and He's the *only* one who can rescue us.

We can trust and follow Jesus, like a sheep follows a shepherd. This life with Jesus and relationship with God is the best gift we can ever get, and God made us to share the news of this gift with others. Everyone, say, "I am here to share Jesus!" (*I am here to share Jesus!*) Say, **"Jesus is God's only Son!" (Jesus is God's only Son!)** If you would like to hear more about trusting and following Jesus or if you have questions, talk with me or your Campus Leader. We would love to talk to you more about following the Good Shepherd, Jesus!

Jesus is the Good Shepherd, and He is God's only Son. Say, **"Jesus is God's only Son!" (Jesus is God's only Son!)** We can always trust Him and follow Him. When can we trust and follow Jesus? (*Always!*) Jesus is the only way to have a relationship with God. Everyone who trusts in Jesus will have a relationship with God forever. We are here to share Jesus because *everyone* can follow Him and have life with Him forever! Let's pray and talk to God before we go to Team Time in 3-2-1.

Jesus, thank You for being the Good Shepherd who gives us life in You. Thank You for saving us from sin and making the way for us to have a relationship with God. Help us share the truth of You with those around us. Amen.

Pass On The Paper —

Kids will work together to draw a picture.

Big Goal: Remember to pass on the truth of Jesus' love.

Leader Prep: Set out supplies.

Supplies: Large Sheets of Paper (several per group), pencils (1 per kid), Stopwatch or timer (1 per group)

What To Do: Let's work together to draw a picture. Everyone, say, "Let's draw!" (*Let's draw!*) We will make a line, and the person in front will get the paper. First, I'll give our team something to draw. Next, the person will have 20 seconds to start drawing what I said to draw. When the time is up, that person will pass the paper on to the next person in line, who will continue the drawing. When time is up, the paper gets passed to the next person, who will continue and add to the drawing. We'll continue to pass on the paper until the last person in line draws!

Suggested Pictures:

An amusement park

The inside of a grocery store

A playground

A restaurant

A beach

Keep It Going: Invite kids to come up with their own pictures to draw.

Leader Tip: Larger group option: Form smaller groups. Give each group a chance to work together and draw one of the examples.

Loud And Clear: It's cool to see what you came up with when you were all working together! Passing the paper led to you creating some great pictures! When we pass on the truth about Jesus' love for us and the life He gives, something even greater happens. People can hear the good news and make the choice to follow Jesus themselves! Remember, we are here to share Jesus. Everyone, say, "I am here to share Jesus!" (*I am here to share Jesus!*)

Let's chat about this more by looking at some questions that make us think deeper.

Discussion Questions:

- Who are the people who live in your home that you are the most like? How are you like them? *(Allow kids to answer. Share that, when we learn about Jesus and have a relationship with Him, we learn about God because He is God's only Son.)*
- A picture of a family shows they are people who belong together in a special way. How is the relationship between God and Jesus special? **(Jesus is God's only Son.)**
- The Bible tells us to share Jesus with others because He is God's only Son and the Good Shepherd. Jesus leads us to God the Father. Let's open our Bibles to **John 10:9-11** and read about it together. *(Invite kids to open their Bibles. Read the passage aloud, or invite a kid who volunteers to read the passage aloud. Be sure to have Bibles available for kids who need one. Help kids find the passage so everyone can follow along together.)* What do you think it means that Jesus is the Good Shepherd? *(Allow kids to answer. Remind kids that, like a shepherd leads his sheep, Jesus leads us to God. Jesus leads us to a forever relationship with God.)*
- Jesus said that He lays down His life for His sheep. That means Jesus was selfless and took the punishment for our sins when He died for us and rose again. Jesus offers to rescue everyone who admits their sin and repents, by turning away from sin and following Him instead. What are ways you can share this good news with others this week? *(Allow kids to answer. Remind kids that they can share Jesus with their words and their actions.)*
- The Bible tells us we are here to share Jesus because He is God's only Son and the Good Shepherd who leads us to life forever with Him. What is something you learned today? Is there anything you have questions about? *(Allow kids to answer, and share your own answer.)*

Let's pray and talk to God. *(Lead the group in prayer. Consider using the following prayer prompt.)*

Thank You, Jesus, for being the Good Shepherd. You laid down Your life here on earth for us so that we can have life with You forever. Thank You for being God's only Son and leading us to God. You always lead us in the best and perfect way. Help us to follow You every day and share You with others. Amen.

We are here to share Jesus. When we trust in Him, He leads us to a relationship with God the Father. We have the greatest gift we could ever pass on to someone else—the truth about life forever with Jesus. Jesus will never stop leading us once we follow Him. Let's follow Jesus and share Him with others through our words and actions this week!

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.