



COSTUME DAY | WEEK 5 | OCTOBER 29, 2023

## Preschool Lesson

# 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday Funday!

**Bible Story:** The Greatest Verse! (John 3:16)

### LEADER BIBLE STUDY

Today is the 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the month...let's have a party! Today, we will be emphasizing two of our core values in KidCity: **FUN** and **RELATIONSHIPS**. Whatever your volunteer role, really lean into having fun with the kids...which will then turn into developing a deeper relationship with them. Kids connect through fun! To be at your best, skim through the entire lesson so you know what to expect. **Large group will run longer than normal (approximately 25 minutes) so plan to start exactly on time (9:40 AM/11:25 AM).**

Today, we are leaning into the fun that comes naturally with Halloween! Consider wearing a costume to serve! We just ask that it's family-friendly and that it doesn't cover your face.

### Pre-Service Check List

- HUDDLE AS TEAM → You're in this together! Pray together and talk about the activities for the day.
- PLAY MUSIC
- PUT OUT TOYS → A welcoming environment is important! We want it to be obvious from the moment kids walk in that they belong HERE!
- PUT ASIDE DISTRACTIONS
- ENGAGE WITH KIDS

### Morning Flow

Doors  
Open  
9:15/11:00

Kid  
Connect  
9:35/11:20

Large Group  
Starts  
9:40/11:25

Small Group  
Starts  
10:05/11:50

### KID CONNECT

### WELCOME TIME

**(VIDEO: ARRIVAL MUSIC)**

Play intro music in the background as you greet preschoolers and follow the KidCity check-in procedures. Set out a few favorite theme-related toys, such as puzzles and blocks.

### OPENING ACTIVITY

**("Ollie Around the Room" Activity Page - precut and taped around the room)**

Kid Connect time is spent building relationships with the kids. Gather your small group together for some intentional connecting time before Large Group. You can do small activities while you chat together (like coloring or building with blocks) or just sit and listen to each other. **Look around the room and try to spot all of the hidden Ollies.**

Ask your kids relationship-building questions like:

- Tell me about your costume! Who are you?
- What's your favorite candy?

*Transition to Large Group...*



## LARGE GROUP

### COUNTDOWN

(VIDEO: COUNTDOWN)

Show the countdown video as the children clean up and transition to Large Group.

### SETTING UP FOR SUCCESS

(CG: EXPECTATION SLIDE: BASIC TRUTHS SLIDE; BIBLE)

LGL: “Hello friends! I’m so glad you are here today on 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday Funday. Those are some awesome costumes you have on! You all look amazing.

“Before we start having even more fun, we have rules to keep us safe when we’re in KidCity! Let’s say them together...

1. **Be kind.** We can be kind by using our indoor speaking voices, by staying on our blankets (or whatever space you have), and by obeying our leaders.
2. **Be safe.** We can be safe by using our walking feet and keeping our hands to ourselves.
3. **Have fun!** We are going to have SO much fun, and that’s because you are here!

“Let’s say our memory verse together!

**Be strong and courageous.** (Hold fists in front of body.)

**Do not be afraid . . .** (cross and uncross hands)

**for the Lord your God** (flat hand with thumb to forehead, pull down)

**goes with you,’** (march in place)

**Deuteronomy 31:6.”** (Open hands like a book.)

### COSTUME RELAY

(CG: Costume Relay VIDEO: Fun song)

(Costume pieces or elements of a SGLs costume)

Let’s play a game! I need everyone to sit in one big circle. We are going to help get \_\_\_\_ (insert SGLs name) ready for our Costume parade. We are all going to pass part of their outfit around the circle, and maybe we can guess what they are dressed up as!

*Pass one item at a time around the circle. At the beginning, hold up the item and say what it is. Encourage kids to pass the item to the person next to them. When the item gets to the leader, they can put it on. Halfway through, pause and ask the kids what they think the leader is dressed up as. Continue passing after taking some guesses.*

*NOTE: If you have a large group of kids and enough materials, you can create multiple passing circles.*



## COSTUME PARADE

(CG: 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday Funday; VIDEO: Fun song)

(Fun Headbands or glasses for kid who didn't wear a costume)

That looks so fun! Our leader looks so good. Ok, I need everyone to stand up!

*Pass out fun headbands or glasses for kids who didn't wear a costume. You are going on a costume parade and everyone should look their best!*

We are all going to go on a costume parade! We are going to walk around and you get to wave and show off your costumes. Everyone stand up and let's get in a line!

*Depending on your campus dynamics, you may just parade around the room with all of the leaders cheering the kids on, or you may be able to walk down the hallway to a different area. Be sure to touch base with your campus coordinator and ask!*

*There is fun music on Playlister for you to play while kids are parading.*

I loved seeing all of your costumes! Everyone stay standing because we are going to sing our worship songs!

## WORSHIP

(VIDEO: BE BRAVE, SUPER DUPER KID)

Sing the worship songs together.

## INTRO SKETCH

(“Gospel Pumpkins” - cut, Giftbags [or plastic pumpkins] - 4, Story Box)

*LGL brings the story box with the props inside to the middle. Place the pumpkins in their own gift bags or pumpkins.*

We've been having SO much fun already with all of our friends. We are going to be talking about a really special friend soon, but first let's see what is in our story box for today.

*Pull out the bags that have the Gospel images in them, but don't reveal the images yet! Wait until after the story.*

Ooo...we have some gifts! Did you know that God gave us a very special gift? He gave us His son, Jesus! We are going to wait to open these until after our Bible story. Let's watch!

## WATCH THE BIBLE STORY

(VIDEO: BIBLE STORY, BOTTOM LINE)

God loves us SO much that He gave us Jesus! Let's look inside these gift bags and see what's in there.



**(Heart)** A heart! This is to help us remember that “God Loved” us so much from the very beginning. Can you all say, “**God Loved**”?

**(Cross)** Do you know what this is? It’s a cross. When Jesus came to Earth, he died on the cross for our sins. Three days later, he came back to life! “God gave” us Jesus. Can you say, “**God Gave**”?

**(Praying hands)** These are praying hands. They help us remember how important it is to believe that we needed Jesus to come and die on the cross and come back to life to save us from our sins. We believe! Can you say, “**We Believe**”?

**(Gift)** Finally, this is a gift! Just like what we get at Christmastime. We receive gifts from family, but the best gift we’ve EVER received is God’s gift of Jesus! When we believe in Jesus and what He did for us, Jesus will be our friend forever! Can you say, “**We Receive**”?

“Who wants to be your friend forever?’, I want you to say, ‘**Jesus wants to be my friend forever!**’ Ready? **Who wants to be your friend forever?**” (*Jesus wants to be my friend forever!*)

Let’s pray together!

Dear God, thank You for the gift you’ve given us of your son, Jesus. Jesus wants to be our friend forever! We love You, God. In Jesus’ name, amen.

Before we go to small groups, let’s sing this fun song together!

## FUN SONG

**(VIDEO: 5 LITTLE PUMPKINS)**

*Encourage kids to engage while singing. Play along with them!*



## TRANSITION TO SMALL GROUP

‘Good job singing everyone! Ok, now let’s dance our way to small groups!’



## SMALL GROUP

**Bible Story: The Greatest Verse! (John 3:16)**

*Today, your small group activities will just focus on having FUN and building relationships!*

### PIN THE COSTUME ON OLLIE (2's-5's)

(**"Ollie 11x17" Activity Page** – 1 per group/printed on 11x17 paper, **"Ollie Costumes" Activity Page** – precut/1 per 2 groups printed on 11x17 paper for correct sizing, Tape, Blindfold)

**What You Do:**

- Tape the "Ollie 11x17" Activity Page to the wall at a little lower than eye level for preschoolers.
- Choose one kid at a time to be blindfolded and try to tape the costume onto Ollie.
- Repeat as time and interest allows

### PUMPKIN TOSS (2's-5's)

(**Plastic Pumpkin Buckets with Gospel Pumpkins** tape on them - 4, Bean Bag)

**What You Do:**

- Place the buckets at one end of your space.
- Line kids up a distance away from the buckets and hand the first kid a bean bag.
- Have them try to toss the bean bag into the bucket.
- Repeat as time and interest allows

### PRAYER

"Let's pray together. *(Have kids "put both hands up in the air, clap them together once [keep hands clasped], and then lower them down to their lap")*

"Dear God, thank You for sending Jesus to be our friend forever and for having big plans for us. We love you, amen."

### PARENT PICK UP ACTIVITY - COLORING SHEET (2's-5's)

(**"Costume Day Color Page" Activity Page** – 1 per kid, Crayons)

**What You Do:**

- Precut color page in half
- As parents are picking up, encourage kids to color the Costume Day Color Page together.
- Continue having intentional conversations with your small group.

### CONNECT WITH PARENTS/INFLUENCERS

(**First Look Placemats** - 1 per child)

Hand out placemats to parents as they arrive. Encourage parents/influencers to review the Preschool lesson with their child this week.

