



I Am Designed for a Purpose – I Can Speak Up for Jesus

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Bible Story: Paul and Timothy (Acts 16:1-4; 2 Timothy 1; 3)

Theme Verse: Matthew 5:16

Agenda

1 - Huddle

All Leaders

🕒 40 Minutes

Team Time

Transition from Leaders to Team Time

🕒 0 Minutes

2 - Connection Questions

Team Time Leader

🕒 0 Minutes

3 - We Go Together — Younger Game

Team Time Leader

🕒 5 Minutes

4 - Feeling Kind Of ... — Broadly Graded Activity

Team Time Leader

🕒 5 Minutes

5 - Make the Discovery — Younger Kids

Team Time Leader

🕒 10 Minutes

6 - Tower Time — Younger Game

Team Time Leader

🕒 5 Minutes

7 - Shout It Out — Younger Craft

Team Time Leader

🕒 5 Minutes

8 - Hop the Theme Verse — Theme Verse Activity

Team Time Leader

🕒 5 Minutes

9 - Activity Page

Team Time Leader


🕒 5 Minutes

10 - Pickup Time

Team Time Leader

🕒 0 Minutes

1 - Huddle


 Leaders



Leader Tip

Huddle is a pre-service time for you to be equipped and encouraged in your ministry. Your ministry leader will celebrate with you, lead you, and pray for you. Read the Highlight of the Week (sent in your weekly email) to prepare for this time.

2 - Connection Questions

 Team Time



Leader Tip

As kids arrive, assign them to a Color Team—Red, Yellow, Blue, or Green.

Use these questions to help you get to know kids as they arrive. Ministry happens best through relationships. By spending this time with kids at the beginning, you will be able to make stronger connections as you begin teaching about how God knows them!

- What was the best part of your week?
- What are some things you like to do when you first wake up in the morning?
- If you could be *really* good at sports or *really* good at singing, which would you choose and why?
- If you could pick a new thing to learn how to do, which would you choose?
- If you could move like any animal, which would you choose and why?

3 - We Go Together — Younger Game

🕒 5 Minutes

📍 Team Time

Kids will draw an item and try to get their friends to guess the item that matches it.

Big Goal: Encourage kids to help other kids belong.

Leader Prep: Write the following pairs of objects, one pair per card: *Table/Chair, Fork/Spoon, Bat/Ball, Pen/Paper, Peanut Butter/Jelly, Sock/Shoe, and Sun/Moon.* Place the cards in a bucket.

Supplies

- 3-by-5-inch index cards
- Marker
- Bucket
- Dry erase board and marker

We Go Together — Younger Game Script



Team Time Leader

🗨️ **What To Do:** We're going to play a game called "We Go Together!" What's it called? (*We Go Together!*) In this game, you will come up to the board and take a card from the bucket. On that card are two things that go together, like "day" and "night." You will draw one of the items on the board. The rest of our team will try and guess the *other* word that is on your card! Try and work together to figure out what items go together!

Keep It Going: Play several rounds. Invite kids to come up with their own pairs to add to the game. ”



Leader Tip

Assist kids with reading the words on the cards as needed. Consider drawing pictures that correlate with the words.

We Go Together — Younger Game Script



Team Time Leader

“ **Connect It:** Great job working together to figure out the items that went together! It was so nice to see you work as a team and help one another. You are an important part of our team, and this game was more fun because you came today! ”

4 - Feeling Kind Of ... — Broadly Graded Activity

🕒 5 Minutes

📍 Team Time

Kids will draw faces on paper plates and hold them up based on how they would feel.

Big Goal: Find something in common.

Leader Prep: Set out the supplies.

Supplies

- Paper plate
- Markers or crayons



Team Time Leader

🗨️ What To Do: We're going to talk about feelings! Show me your best happy face! *(Allow kids to demonstrate.)* Now, how about your best sad face? *(Allow kids to demonstrate.)* It can be easy to tell how someone is feeling just by looking at them. Today we are going to create faces on our paper plates. Use your marker to draw a happy or brave face on one side of the plate and a sad or scared face on the other side of the plate. *(Allow kids to complete this step.)*

Now, I will read a situation, and you will hold up the face on your paper plate based on how you would feel. Ready? Let's go!

What if you had to ...

- 1. Sing in front of a crowd?*
- 2. Introduce yourself to a new kid?*
- 3. Make an important decision?*
- 4. Drive a car?*
- 5. Go to a new school?*
- 6. Get a new haircut?*
- 7. Stand up to bullies for a friend?*
- 8. Tell a friend that you're having trouble with math?*
- 9. Read a 200-page book?*
- 10. Ride a horse?*
- 11. Do all the laundry in your house?*
- 12. Get a new pet?*

Keep It Going: Invite kids to come up with scenarios. Ask kids to volunteer and share why they answered in the ways they chose. ”



Leader Tip

Prepare a few premade plates to invite kids who arrive during the activity to participate immediately.

Feeling Kind Of ... — Broadly Graded Activity Script



Team Time Leader

” **Connect It:** It is certainly fun to see how each of you would react to different situations. Did you notice how many of you had the same feelings about those situations? We have so many things in common, so it’s fun that we can discover those through games like the one we just played! ”

5 - Make the Discovery — Younger Kids

🕒 10 Minutes

📍 Team Time

Leader Tip



Use this time for side-by-side discovery-based learning. Kids are invited to participate and discuss, building relationships with each other and their leader. These questions are designed to help all kids—regardless of biblical knowledge or background—feel like they can contribute.

Make the Discovery — Younger Kids Script



Team Time Leader

“ What To Do: Let’s talk about how God designed us for a purpose! ”

1. Who are some older people you look up to? What makes you look up to them? *(Allow kids to answer and share your own answer.)*
2. Does someone have to be just like you for you to look up to them? Why or why not? *(Allow kids to answer and share your own answer.)*
3. We can use translation apps to help us communicate with people who speak different languages. God also helps us speak up for Jesus with people who may think or act differently than us. What are some things we can tell people who don't follow Jesus? *(Answers may include Jesus loves them, Jesus died on the cross for their sins, God wants to have a relationship with them, and so forth.)*
4. The Bible tells us we are designed for a purpose, and we can speak up for Jesus. Let's open our Bibles to 2 Timothy 1:12 and read about it together. Listen for a word or phrase that stands out to you. *(Invite kids to open up their Bibles. Read the verse aloud or invite a kid who volunteers to read the verse aloud. Be sure to have Bibles available for kids who need one. Help kids find the passage so everyone can follow along together.)* What is something that stands out to you in this Bible verse? *(Allow kids to answer and share your own answer.)*
5. Paul encouraged Timothy to remember that he was designed for a purpose! You are designed for a purpose too! It wasn't always easy for Timothy to speak up for Jesus and it won't always be for us either. How can remembering that God is with you help when you have a chance to speak up for Jesus? *(Allow kids to answer and share your own answer.)*
6. We are designed for a purpose, and part of that purpose is to speak up and share Jesus with those around us. The good news of Jesus' love is too good *not* to share! Jesus made a way for us to have a relationship with God. When we trust and follow God, He works through us to point others to that good news. We don't have to be loud when we tell people about Jesus—we can use our words and actions to share why we follow Him and show others that we love Him. Do you have any questions about what it means to love and follow God? Or do you have any stories you want to share about speaking up for Jesus? *(Allow kids to answer and share your own answer.)*
7. The Bible tells us we are designed for a purpose, and we can speak up for Jesus. God wants us to go and speak up for Him! *(Lead the group in prayer. Consider using the following prayer prompt.)*

God, thank You for loving us and designing us with a purpose—to speak up for Jesus! May we find ways to point others to You. Help us to be like a light to the world and show everyone Your love. In Jesus' name we pray, amen.

6 - Tower Time — Younger Game

🕒 5 Minutes

📍 Team Time

Kids will attempt to build the tallest tower possible using play dough, cups, and crayons.

Big Goal: Know that when we speak up for Jesus, it helps others by pointing them to God.

Leader Prep: Set out the supplies. Print and display the “Allergy Alert” printable, drawing attention to a potential gluten allergy.

Supplies

- “Allergy Alert” printable
- Plastic cups (several)
- Crayons (several)
- Play dough
- Timer or stopwatch



Team Time Leader

“ What To Do: ___ Team, stand up and make yourselves as tall as you can! *(Allow kids to follow the instruction.)* Wow! You all look so tall! Today, we’re going to play a game where you get to build a tower as tall as you can. I will put you in four different teams, and your team will get cups, crayons, and play dough. Your mission is to create the tallest tower possible using the supplies *without talking*. You will have two minutes to build silently!

(Place the kids in groups and allow them two minutes to build.)

Great job on the towers! Do you think it would be easier to build if everyone could speak? *(Yes!)* Let’s try it! Take your towers apart. Then, I will give you another two minutes to build, but this time, you can talk!

(Allow the kids time to build again.)

Keep It Going: Invite kids to play another two rounds using just one hand. **”**



Team Time Leader

“ Loud And Clear: Did you find it easier to build the tower when you could talk? *(Yes!)* It can be much easier to get something done when we can communicate! When it comes to speaking up for Jesus, God will always help us. It is easier to share His love with others when we open our mouths and speak His truth to those around us. Paul encouraged Timothy to speak and live boldly, and we can do the same! **”**

7 - Shout It Out — Younger Craft

🕒 5 Minutes

📍 Team Time

Kids will make a paper megaphone.

Big Goal: Brainstorm what we can tell others about Jesus.

Leader Prep: Set out the supplies.

Supplies

- “Shout It Out” printable
- Markers or crayons (several)
- Child-safe scissors
- Tape
- Stickers (several; optional)
- Dry erase board and marker

Shout It Out — Younger Craft Script



Team Time Leader

🗨️ What To Do: Let me hear you say, “Shout It Out!” (*Shout It Out!*) Today, we’ve learned that God has a purpose for us and that we can speak up for Jesus. Let’s talk about some ways that we can speak up for Jesus. What are some things we can tell people about Jesus? (*Allow kids to share answers and write them on the dry erase board. Consider things like: Jesus loves you, Jesus cares about you, Jesus wants you to follow Him, and so forth.*)

Pick your favorite statement and write it on your paper. Then cut it out, and I will help you tape it together. Use this megaphone to remember that you can speak up for Jesus!

Keep It Going: Invite kids to decorate their megaphones before cutting them out. 🗨️



Leader Tip

As kids are working, ask them about people they can talk to about Jesus or places they go where they can speak up for Jesus.

Shout It Out — Younger Craft Script



Team Time Leader

🗨️ Loud And Clear: When we love and follow God, we can know that He designed us for a purpose—to speak up for Jesus! The love of Jesus is good news that we can share with everyone we know. So use your megaphone to remember that you can speak up for Jesus! Hold your megaphone to your mouth and say, “I am designed for a purpose!” (*I am designed for a purpose!*) Say, “I can speak up for Jesus!” (*I can speak up for Jesus!*) 🗨️

8 - Hop the Theme Verse — Theme Verse Activity

🕒 5 Minutes

📍 Team Time

Kids will play hopscotch as they jump on a phrase of the Theme verse.

Big Goal: Learn that the Theme verse encourages us to speak up for Jesus.

Leader Prep: Print one copy of the “Hop the Theme Verse Pattern” printable to use for your hopscotch board. Cut the Theme verse papers in half to match the setup of the pattern. Use tape to secure the papers to the floor in a hopscotch pattern, matching the layout on the printable. Use the Theme Verse Poster, Theme Verse Slide, or write the Theme verse in a visible location for the kids to see: *“Let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven.” (Matthew 5:16)*

Supplies

- “Hop the Theme Verse Pattern” printable
- Scissors (adult-use only)
- Masking or painter’s tape



Safety Tip

Tape the papers to the floor to ensure kids don’t slip and fall.

Hop the Theme Verse — Theme Verse Activity Script



Team Time Leader

“**What To Do:** We are going to learn our Theme verse together as a team! First, let’s read it together: “Let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven. (Matthew 5:16).”

Now let’s play a game called “Hop the Theme Verse.” It’s a game like hopscotch. One at a time, you will hop on a piece of paper and say the phrase on that paper. If there’s one paper, hop with one foot. If there are two papers side by side, hop with both feet. Ready? Let’s hop!

Keep It Going: Allow kids to play while their friends are still on the papers (at least three spaces apart), leading to silly chaos while they are saying the Bible verse at different times. ”

Hop the Theme Verse — Theme Verse Activity Script



Team Time Leader

“**Loud And Clear:** This Bible verse says that we should let our light shine before others. That means that our words and actions point others to God. We can do that when we speak up for Jesus! When we speak up for Jesus, we give glory to God, meaning we point others to Him. So let’s let our light and love for Jesus shine bright! ”

9 - Activity Page

🕒 5 Minutes

📍 Team Time

Big Goal: Point to the Simple Truth and provide an opportunity for connection. Celebrate that we can be bold for Jesus.

Leader Prep: Print copies of the Activity page for each child. Set out the supplies.

Supplies

- Activity page
- Markers or crayons (several)

Activity Page Script



Team Time Leader

🗣️ **What To Do:** This Activity page helps us remember some big things we've learned about today. As you color and work on activities, talk to a friend about some of your favorite parts of our time together. 🗣️



Leader Tip

This is a great time to get to know the kids better. You can ask them what they remember about the Bible story, or you can remind them that God designed us for a purpose. We can speak up for Jesus and share the truth about Him—even with people who believe differently than us.

Activity Page Script



Team Time Leader

“ **Loud And Clear:** In today’s Bible story, we learned that Paul encouraged Timothy to be bold and speak up for Jesus! We are designed for a purpose, and we can point others to God by speaking up for Jesus too! We can tell people around us the truth about who Jesus is and what we’ve learned about Him in the Bible. ”

10 - Pickup Time



Team Time



Leader Tip

As kids leave, make sure they have their crafts and papers. Share with the person picking them up something positive you observed today. Invite them back next week.