



1ST THRU 5TH GRADE

STORY: JESUS AND THE CHILDREN

KEY QUESTION: WHO SAYS YOU ARE VALUABLE?

5:45

Leaders meet & pray

5:50

Doors open & Kids head to Kids Church

5:50-6:00

Pre-Service Activity Page

6:00-6:30

Worship & Story

6:30-6:45

Small Group & Snack

6:45-7:00

Closing Activity: VIP Badge

7:00-7:25

Free Play, Outside, Hangout.

7:30

Prepare for pick up

SMALL GROUP

After Large Group, head straight to your classroom or small group space.

- Kids can drop off any items they brought with them in the classroom.
- Grab your Snack Basket and bring it with you.
- Depending on the number of leaders, divide into one or two groups.
- Stay in your classroom or find another space where you can sit down together.
- Circle up!
- Pass out snack as everyone settles in.
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Before starting your discussion, remind kids of a few simple guidelines:

- One person talks at a time.
- Respect the people around you.
- Try your best to participate.

WIN & WRESTLE: Go around the circle and give each kid a chance to share:

WIN: What's something good that happened this week?

WRESTLE: What's something that was hard, frustrating, or difficult this week?

Leaders, be willing to share your own Win & Wrestle too!

Key Question of the Day After everyone has had a chance to share, go around the circle again with the Key Question of the Day:

Who says you are valuable?

Jesus' disciples thought the children weren't important enough to come to Jesus. But Jesus said, "Let the children come to me!" Jesus welcomed the children and showed them that they mattered to Him.

Talk About It:

1. Can you think of a time when someone made you feel important or special? What did they do?
2. Can you think of a time when someone made you feel like you weren't important? How did that make you feel?
3. How did Jesus show the children that they were important to Him?

Remind kids: Sometimes people may make us feel important, or they may make us feel like we aren't important. But our worth doesn't change based on what other people say or do. God made you, God loves you, and God says you are valuable!

Pray Together Wrap up by asking kids to share a prayer request or praise (WOW moment). Write them down in the class journal, then pray together.

ACTIVITY VIP BADGE

Supplies: Plastic key cards, stickers, paint pens, lanyard necklaces

Leader: "Today we learned that God values us. God made us with worth! Jesus welcomed the children and said, 'Let the little children come to me.' Jesus wanted the children to know they were important to Him.

Today you're going to make your very own VIP badge! VIP means Very Important Person. You are a VIP at Creekside Kids, but most importantly, you are a VIP to Jesus!"

"Decorate your badge with stickers and paint pens. Add your name and make it your own!"

The Surprise Feature!

"Your VIP badge has a secret feature! Once it's set up, you'll be able to scan it to check in when you come to Creekside Kids. A volunteer will be here to help you get it ready."

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While You Craft: "Jesus told the children to come to Him, and Jesus invites us to come to Him too."

Ask: "What are some ways we can come to Jesus?"

Kids might say: praying, reading the Bible, worshiping, coming to church, or talking to Jesus.

"Every time you wear your badge, remember: God loves you. You are important to Him. I am important to Jesus!"

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PRESCHOOL
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MAIN IDEA: GOD VALUES ME—GOD MADE ME WITH WORTH

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5:50-6:00

Opening Activity: Playdoh Me. & Jesus

6:00-6:30

Free Play in class room or Outside

6:35-6:55

Kids Church: Worship & Story

7:00-7:20

Craft: VIP Badge

7:20-7:30

Snack & Conversation Time

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OPENING ACTIVITY PLAY-DOH ME & JESUS

Say: "Today we're going to use Play-Doh to make something really special. I want you to make a Play-Doh person that looks like YOU! You can choose the colors and make your hair, clothes, and anything else that makes you... YOU!"

As kids create:

"Wow! God made each of you special and different. There is no one else exactly like you!"

Adult Creation:

While the kids are creating, the leader can make a Play-Doh Jesus.

When everyone is finished, say:

"Look at all of us! Now let's put our creations together with Jesus. Jesus loves YOU and wants to be with you!"

Take a picture of all the creations together, then have kids put their Play-Doh away.