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HOW TO USE

The *Preschool TeamKID: Good News Playbook* is designed to assist game leaders as they lead Games for 40 Sessions of *TeamKID: Good News*. Game time is designed for kids to run, play, and laugh with fun games and activities that reinforce the Bible study, Daily Points, and Bible skills.

Each of the 4 units of *TeamKID* contains 19 games—2 games per Session and 1 Unit Game that can be played each Session in the unit. A brief summary of each game can be found in the Leader Guide as well. Each game includes a debrief section to connect the game to the Session's study. Use this playbook to lead each game and debrief. Find additional resources and tips for leading games from the downloadable printable items in the *Preschool TeamKID: Good News Leader Kit* (9781087766799).

GAME TIPS

BE PROACTIVE—NOT REACTIVE

- Be ready for the children before they arrive.
- Keep two adults present with the children at all times.
- Establish a way to get kids' attention quickly (blow a whistle, say a special phrase, or clap your hands).
- Specify the boundaries and maintain them.
- Tell the children what you expect from them and consistently enforce the rules.
- Explain the game before distributing equipment.
- Keep the children actively involved.
- Modify or end a game if kids become restless.
- Get at eye level with a child and listen to what she is saying.
- Try to show attention to each child.
- Deal with problems immediately. If needed, remove a disruptive child from the game for one round.
- Talk to a misbehaving child privately but always within view of another adult.
- Love and accept each child.
- Notice a child's good behavior.

UNIT 1: THE PROMISED KING

Unit Game: Grab the Shape (Sessions 1-9 and Bonus Session 1)

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UNIT 1 GAME

GRAB THE SHAPE

*Leader Tip:
Keep the blank
shapes from week
to week. Make new
shapes to print the
Verse/Point each
week.*

PROVIDE:

- Cardstock in various colors
- Markers
- Parachute or large sheet

TO DO:

- Cut the cardstock into simple shapes such as squares, triangles, and circles. You will need one per word in the Key Verse or Point, plus extra blank shapes.
- Print each word of the Verse or Point on a shape.
- Place the shapes under the parachute.

To play:

Equally space kids and leaders around the parachute. Count aloud to three and lift the parachute. Call out the name of a child and a shape to be retrieved. If the shape has a word on it, the child will give it to one of the leaders. If there is no word, the child can set the shape on the floor behind her. Lift the parachute again, call out a different color or shape. Repeat until all the shapes with the words have been retrieved. Help kids put the words in order and read them aloud.

Debrief:

Remind preschoolers that God told men what to write in the Bible, and the Bible tells us about Jesus.

Jesus is
God's Son.
John 20:31

SESSION 1 GAME 1

DROP AND TELL

PROVIDE:

- Clothespins
- Jar with a wide mouth

To play:

Distribute a clothespin to each child. Ask kids to stand in a line behind the jar. Instruct the child at the front of the line to hold the clothespin at his chin and attempt to drop it in the jar. Lead the child to name where he was born or where he lives now as he tries to drop the clothespin in the jar. Continue the game until all kids have had a turn. Play additional rounds as time allows. Encourage the kids to drop the clothespins in the jar from different levels. Change up what they share based on other details from the Bible story, Point, or Key Verse.

Debrief:

Recall how men wrote in the Old Testament that Jesus would be born in Bethlehem. Remind preschoolers that everything God told the men to write about Jesus in the Old Testament came true in the New Testament just as God said it would.

SESSION 1 GAME 2

GOING ON A BIBLE HUNT

Jesus is
God's Son.
John 20:31

PROVIDE:

- Bible
- Tape

TO DO:

- Make a winding course from the door of your room to a Bible placed at the opposite side of the room.
- Place the Bible at the end of the course.
- Print Today's Point—**The Bible tells about Jesus.**—on a strip of paper and place it inside the Bible.

To play:

The leader will lead kids across the taped course to the Bible. Kids will start from the door of the room and go through the course by pretending to go on a Bible hunt. Give instructions such as: pretend to crawl through a cave; jump through a lava field; or swim across a river. Direct kids to act out the instructions you call out as they follow the taped path. When kids reach the Bible, direct them to sit down where they are.

Debrief:

Ask a child to pull the slip of paper from the Bible. Read the Point aloud. Remind the kids that when we seek and search through our Bibles, we will learn about Jesus. Lead kids to name some things they learned about Jesus today from the Bible story.