

# LEADER GUIDE

Wk 2 - ES - 4-5 - Leader Guide

Basketball

*Do you like to play any sports? (ALLOW responses)*

*God has a plan for your life, including seeing you have joy while doing the things that you enjoy. Be sure to thank God for His good plan for your life!*

Stoplight

*Have you ever seen a car drive through a red stoplight? (ALLOW responses)*

*Why do you think there are traffic plans and laws? (ALLOW responses)*

*Traffic plans and laws are in place to keep people safe. When people don't follow the plan, accidents can happen and people get hurt. In the same way, God's plan is the best plan for our lives – one that brings joy and peace.*

Scared Face

*Have you ever felt like you weren't sure how things were going to turn out? (ALLOW responses)*

*Sometimes it can be scary when we're unsure about things. But we can believe that God has a plan for our lives!*

Bible

*When you are nervous that things won't work out for good, what can you read to help you know that God has the best plan? (The Bible)*

*Yes! When we need to remember that God has the best plan for our lives, we can read the Bible, which is the best story ever!*

Bus

*Have you ever been surprised by something that happened at school or on the bus? (ALLOW responses)*

*Is God ever surprised by the things that happen in our lives? (No)*

*No! God knows everything, and He has the best plan. We can trust Him!*

Family

*Who can you talk to when you don't know if God's plans are good? (God, your family, small group leader, teacher, friends, etc.)*

*You're right! You can always talk to God. And God gave you the family, leaders, and friends you have to help you, too! You can talk to anyone who loves and follows Jesus!*

Church	<p><i>Where can you go to learn more about God's plans? (Church, Bible Study)</i></p> <p><i>You got it! When you come to church, you discover more about how God's plan of sending Jesus to fix our friendship with Him is the best plan for you!</i></p>
Garbage Can	<p><i>How would you feel if you drew plans for building a fort and someone threw them away? (ALLOW responses)</i></p> <p><i>Just as you don't build something without using a good set of plans, God doesn't want us trying to build our life without using His best plans! The Bible tells us God's best plan for us. When can you read your Bible? (ALLOW responses)</i></p>
Ice Cream	<p><i>Does God pick and choose who gets to follow His plans, like you pick and choose what ice cream toppings you want? (No)</i></p> <p><i>No way! God loves all people, and His good plans are for everyone! He wants everyone to know and follow His best plan for their lives.</i></p>
Pray	<p><i>If you are having a rough day, do you think God can use the hard things in your day for good? (ALLOW responses)</i></p> <p><i>He can! Even when things seem bad, God can turn them for good because He loves us. When you are having a rough day or seem unsure about God's plan, you can pray and talk to Him. He promises to hear and help you!</i></p>
Cross	<p><i>Why was it important that Jesus died on the cross? (ALLOW responses)</i></p> <p><i>Was it necessary for Jesus to come back to life? Why? (ALLOW responses)</i></p> <p><i>Our friendship with God is broken because of sin. So, God made a plan to fix our friendship with Him, and that meant Jesus would die on the cross to take the punishment for the sins of all people. If Jesus would not have come back to life, He would be no different than any of the fake gods of false religions. But God's plan was for Jesus to come back to life and make a way for our friendship to be restored forever!</i></p>
Phone	<p><i>Who is someone that you can tell about God's best plan that we celebrate at Easter? (ALLOW responses)</i></p> <p><i>That's awesome! What God planned for Jesus to do for each of us is the best! It's too good to keep it to ourselves! You could invite the person you mentioned to come to church with you next week to hear more about God's plan for them!</i></p>