

5 Rules for Kid Connection

LESSON #2

TEACHER'S GUIDE

LESSON OVERVIEW

Big Idea: We need to stay connected to Jesus.

Key Question: How does connecting to Jesus help us to be a better friend?

Memory Verse: *And because you belong to Jesus, you are being built together.* **Ephesians 2:22**

Overview: We're finishing our short series about legos. Last week, we learned that God created us to be like legos. He created us to fit together. We need people to encourage us when we're sad and to help us in times of need. Just like you need a lot of legos to build something really cool, God created each of us to fit together in just the right way to make His ultimate "lego" creation. Really, what that means is God created us to play a special part on His team. He needs our help to spread the word about Jesus to our family, friends, and neighbors. Today, we're going to talk about some important rules for how we should connect. In other words, how to be a good friend. For example, we shouldn't brag to our friends about how great we are and we should never lie. Jesus is the best example of what a friend should be. If you treat others the way Jesus does, you'll be a great friend, too. God made us to connect a certain way. If we follow His rules, we'll be a great friend to others and will help God create the biggest lego creation ever made that reaches all the way to heaven!

CLASSROOM AGENDA

- 5 min **PLAY:** Begin working on Activity Page #1.
- 5 min **WARM UP:** List 3 rules you have in your home. Why do you think your parents chose to have those rules? What happens if you don't follow them?
- 5 min **PREVIEW:** Write out the Big Idea and Memory Verse and Key Question on a whiteboard. Have the kids copy it down on Activity Page #1. (if applicable)
- 20 min **LARGE GROUP:** Gather for songs and videos with other kids. Then return to small group to finish this guide.
- 5 min **RECAP:** Read the Lesson Overview from the Teacher's Guide **to the class** and then **answer** the KEY QUESTION.
- 5 min **EXPLORE:** Read [Matthew 7:12](#). This is where the Golden Rule comes from. As a class, explain what the Golden Rule means. How can it help you to be a better friend?
- 10 min **PLAY:** Choose a group activity from Activity Page #2.
- 5 min **CLOSE:**
 - Which of the 5 rules of connection do you need to work on the most?
 - Share prayer requests and pray as a class.

TEACHER TIPS

Don't forget that you set the tone for your kids. Smile. Have fun. Pursue God together.

Allow each kid to share. The point: Get kids thinking about the rules they have to follow at home. God has rules for us that help us to know how to treat others.

Answer: Because Jesus is the perfect friend. He has modeled for us the best way to connect with others. Here's some examples:

- Even though He's God, He didn't walk around bragging about it.
- He is the most unselfish person ever. Remember, He died on the cross for OUR sins, not His.
- He never lies.
- He forgives every one of our sins, past and future.

Bonus Questions: Why is bragging an unattractive quality in a friend? Why is it hard to be friends with people who lie?
4-5th: What kind of a friend are you? What can you learn from Jesus and how He relates to us?

We should be the kind of friend that we want others to be to us. Pay attention to the things that bother you about how your friends treat you and choose not to do those things. Pay attention to the things you like that your friends do for you and choose to do those for others.

Allow each kid to share. Have them identify one rule they will work on this week.

ACTIVITY PAGE #2

Classroom Activities K-1st

Option #1

The 5 Rules Plaque

- Give each kid a plaque template (**page 5**), **precut**
- Give each kid a 5 rules word template (**page 6**)
- Have kids cut out each rule
- Have kids glue each rule onto their plaque
- If you have time, have kids color their plaque

Supplies needed

- Plaque template (pg 5), one per kid, precut
- 5 rules word template (pg 6), one per kid
- scissors
- glue sticks
- crayons

Bonus Activity:

Play the **Telephone Game**.

Have kids sit in a circle. Whisper the **Big Idea** in the ear of one kid. Have them whisper what they heard in the ear of the kid to their right. Continue around the circle. The last kid gets to say what they heard to the class.

Option #2

Paper Chain Big Idea

- Give each kid a Big Idea paper chain template (**page 7**)
- Have kids cut out each strip
- Have the kids put them in the correct order to say the Big Idea
- Have them create a paper chain by gluing each link to the next one in line.

Supplies needed

- Big Idea paper chain template (pg 7), one per kid
- scissors
- glue sticks

Bonus Activity:

Play the **Silly Memory Verse Game**.

Say the memory verse as a class. Say it again but do it while **jumping up and down**. Repeat again while **spinning around**.

5 RULES FOR KID CONNECTION

LESSON #2

1 Discover Truth

Watch this week's lesson video as a family (see link above) and fill in the blanks.

1. Rule #1: Be _____.
2. Rule #2: Don't be _____.
3. Rule #3: Always _____.
4. Rule #4: Tell the _____.
5. Rule #5: Stay connected to _____.

2 Talk about it

Answer these questions together as a family.

1. What happens when kids don't follow the rules at school? What happens when you don't follow the rules at home?
2. Give some examples of being selfish. Why is it better to think about others before yourself?
3. Should you forgive people even if you don't want to? How do you forgive when you're still mad?
4. Read [1 Peter 4:7-8](#). Why is prayer important to your relationship with God? What other things should we do to connect to God? How does connecting to God help you to be a better friend?

3 Live it out

Memorize this week's Bible verse:

"And because you belong to Jesus, you are being built together."

Ephesians 2:22

Bonus: Read these additional passages as a family this week.

- Read [Matthew 5:5](#). What do you think it means to be humble? Why does God want to bless the humble not the proud?
- Read [Luke 17:4](#). How often should we forgive someone? What does that really mean?
- Read [Psalm 5:11](#). Refuge is a fancy word for trust. Why should you trust God? How does God protect you?

Learn the 3 basic truths of the Christian faith in the [Foundations for Kids](#) series.



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ACTIVITY PAGE #1

K-1st Grade

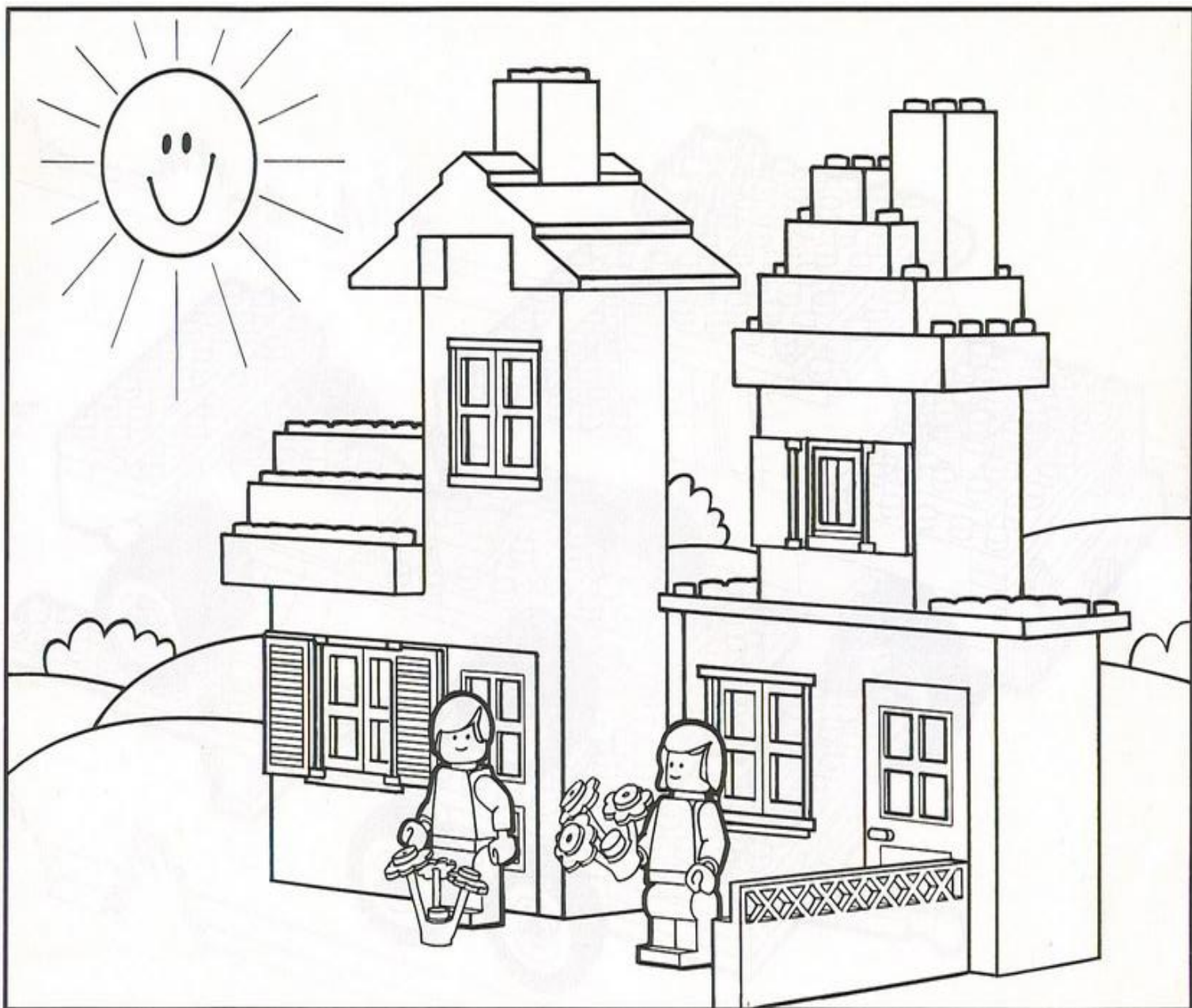


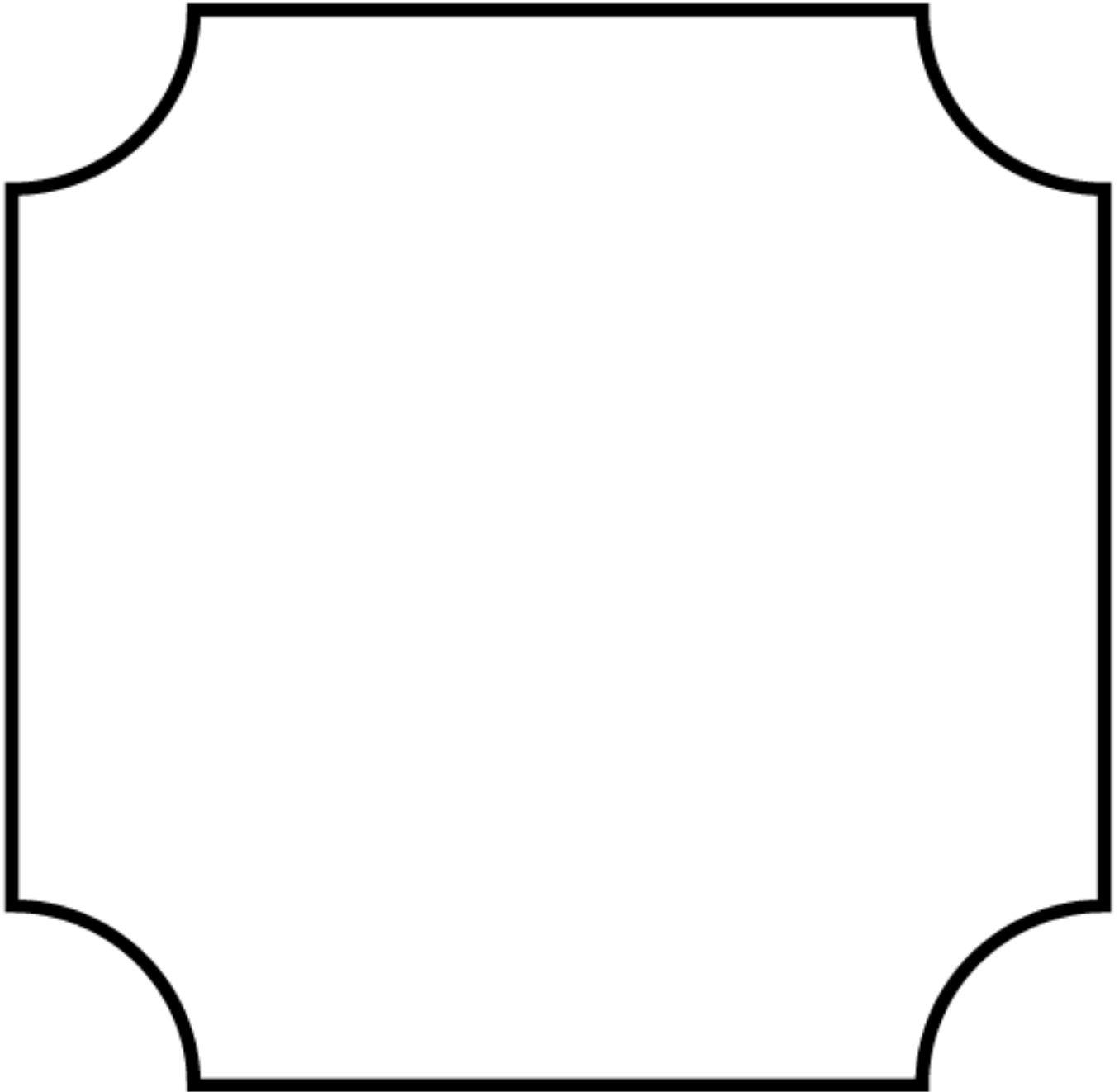
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