

GAME PLAN (Imaginarium)

WEEK 4 (Sept 28 2025)

BIG IDEA

Forgiveness is always God's game plan.

BIBLE

David and Nathan: 2 Samuel 11:26–12:13; Psalm 34:15–22

ABOUT THIS WEEK

Once the game is over, teams will often put aside whatever happened on the field and settle their differences by shaking hands. This week, we'll take a look at the time when Nathan rebuked David for what he did to Uriah and Bathsheba until David repented for his actions. David's confrontation with Nathan helped him discover firsthand that forgiveness is always God's game plan.

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Felix Bucks Store (15 MIN)

Felix bucks store will be open every week (15 min before the experience begins 9:15am, 10:55am, 12:55pm).

Kids can shop as they arrive. Simply write their names and the date on a paper so you know who has already shopped that day. Same rules apply they can buy 2 small items or 1 large item each week.

Still start countdown right at the start of the experience (9:30am, 11:10am, 1:10pm). Store is closed with 1 min left on countdown so you can begin the experience right as the countdown ends.

CHECK-IN/PLAYTIME (5 MIN)

Check-In Opens 15 min before the Experience begins and closes 15 min after it begins

Kids will play until the main experience begins and then you will start lesson (check in will still be open for 15 more minutes station one of your helpers at the door for the remainder of check in)

Start countdown as soon as the main experience starts (9:30am, 11:10am, 1:10pm)

Whoever is doing check-in should stay there and welcome all kids. An Adult (18years or older) must drop kids off and check for name-tag with phone number on it.

Large Group Time

Welcome (5 MIN)

Introduce yourself and the other teachers

Welcome any first time kids (Have them come up front, introduce them, give them their 5 Felix Bucks and explain what Felix bucks are)

Pass out Felix Bucks (those attending more than one experience can receive Felix Bucks for all experiences they attend)

- Bible (1 Felix Buck)
- Notebook (1 Felix Buck)
- Paper from previous week (5 Felix Bucks)

Welcome back to *Game Plan*! Today, we will continue to learn a time when David *didn't* follow God's game plan and needed God to forgive him for a huge mistake.

It's fantastic to see basketball players battle it out during the game but then shake hands afterward.

It's like they're letting go of the rage and competitiveness from the game and being forgiving.

That moderate—and sometimes half-hearted—forgiveness isn't anywhere close to the kind of forgiveness we're going to see God display in today's Bible story.

Rules (5 MIN)

Go over Rules quickly but thoroughly:

1. No Talking without Permission
2. Be Kind!
 - Use Kind words (no curse words)
 - Keep your hands and feet to yourself (no fighting/shoving)
3. No Running
 - No leaving the classroom without a leader
4. No personal Toys or Electronics
5. HAVE FUN!

You can give Felix bucks to those who know the rules (ex. what is rule #1? whoever can tell you gets a Felix Buck then quickly move to next rule)

Generosity Time (5 MIN)

Briefly explain what a tithe and offering is. That a tithe is giving back to God what is His and then he blesses the rest. An offering is anything more than our tithe. Everytime we sacrifice and give it opens the door for God to bless us even more.

MEMORY VERSE | Psalm 33:11 (NIV) (5 MIN)

- **PRE SUNDAY PREP:** Have the scripture written out on the white board
 - **INSTRUCTIONS:** Write out the scripture on the white board; Have the kids say the scripture with you a couple of times then erase one or two words each round and have the kids recite it to see if they can say it with the missing words until there are no words left and they are saying it from memory
- **"But the plans of the Lord stand firm forever, the purposes of his heart through all generations."**

MUSIC (8 MIN)

- - Play one worship songs from Pro Presenter
 - **1st Experience:** [Praise You Anywhere](#) (**motions**) by LifePoint Kids
 - **2nd Experience:** [Tell the World](#) (**Motions**) by Hillsong United (FWC Kids)
 - Lead Teacher go on stage and have 2 volunteers on either side of you (remind the volunteers what they are doing on the stage. Leading their friends in worship not playing)
 - Don't be afraid to teach the kids about worship for a minute if you feel it is needed or explain the meaning of some of the words in the songs
 - Make sure you pray out of worship. (pray for upcoming week, families, the kids, whatever Holy Spirit is leads you to pray)
 - Don't forget to do Salvation Prayer.
 - make sure helper grabs green salvation bag from the back of Imaginrium, where the shirts are for those who said "yes".
 - Place bag by the door and give to kid(s) who said "yes" to Jesus as they leave. Also, let parent know the decision they made.

WHAT? What are we talking about today?

ACTIVITY | Musical Sports (10 MIN)

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** *For this activity, kids will need to get into groups of various numbers as you call them out. But, instead of calling out numbers, you'll call out a sport below that traditionally has that many players on a team. Run through the different sports and their corresponding numbers before you play, and run a quick quiz to make sure they got it. To*

play, put on upbeat music (like the soccer anthem), then have kids lock elbows and move in a circle. Call out one of the sports when the music stops and have kids form correctly numbered groups. Kids who can't find a team at the end of ten seconds get "benched." After a few rounds, tell teams they're allowed to call in kids from the bench to help them form the numbers needed!

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- Golf = one
- Tennis = two
- Gymnastics = three
- Polo = four
- Basketball = five
- Volleyball = six
- Baseball = nine (for large groups)
- Being out or getting benched in a game never feels great, but in this game, you all had a chance to come back. It's kind of like the fact that you were out just got erased! Today, we're going to talk about something God does for us that wipes the slate clean when we mess up!

QUESTION | Have you ever needed forgiveness? (5 MIN)

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** Ask the following questions. You can have every kid shout their answer but then ask a few kids to share their answers with everyone. Comment briefly on their answers —and have fun with this!
- Imagine yourself in a basketball game. It's tied with one second left on the clock. You just got fouled by the other team, and now you have a chance to shoot a free throw and win the game! But ... you miss.
 - **How would you respond?**
 - **How would you want your teammates to respond?**
 - **Now imagine yourself as one of the teammates. How would you respond?**
 - **Have you ever been in a situation similar to this (sports or not) where you made some kind of mistake and needed someone to forgive you? How did that situation play out?**
- Forgiveness is a choice we make to let go of bitter or angry feelings toward someone else. Oftentimes, forgiveness is followed by giving someone a chance to do better and repairing a relationship. God gave us stories like the one we'll look at today so that we might know how God forgives and wants us to do the same!

SO WHAT? Why does it matter to God and to us?

VIDEO | Game Plan, Episode 4 (8 MIN)

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** Play this week's episode of [Grow TV](#).
- Or download the months videos [here](#).

BIG IDEA | Forgiveness is always God's game plan. (5 MIN)

PRE SUNDAY PREP: Have 6 11x14 poster boards in the room and markers

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** Give a large piece of butcher paper or poster board to each team of three to five kids. Assign each team a word or group of words from the Big Idea. Give them five minutes to design a banner with their word in large letters in the middle. Other things on the sign include "Go team!" or "Yeah, sports!" and fun sports-themed doodles. Afterward, line up the teams in order of the Big Idea words, and have two of the team members hold the banner while a third runs through the middle of the banner, tearing it and yelling their word. If you are short on time, create the banner beforehand and invite kids to run through it together. Afterward, chant the Big Idea together as a cheer!
- **Hands in!** (Invite kids to hold out their hand toward the middle or front.)
- **One, Two, Three, Forgiveness!** (Lift hands up.)
- **Forgiveness is always God's game plan!**

VIDEO | A Clip Of A Professional Athlete Who Had A Rocky Start (5 MIN)

PRE SUNDAY PREP: Have the below clip loaded on proresenter and ready to play

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** As a teaching tool, play [this clip](#), or something like it, from the Stephen Curry documentary "Underrated."
- When he was recruited for the NBA, Steph Curry, now one of the biggest pro basketball stars, was considered "far below NBA standards." They thought he was lacking in build and athleticism, but he turned out to be a greater athlete than those physical qualities alone predicted ... some might even say his ability to make three-point shots is legendary!
- **Can you think of someone else from the Bible who was underestimated for his physical qualities?** That's right—David! No one thought David, the youngest son of Jesse and a shepherd, could take on a giant like Goliath. Let alone become the king of Israel. But with God's help, David did both of those things. He might have been "far below standards" in everyone else's eyes, but God looked at the heart. And David was a man after God's own heart.
- Until he took Uriah's wife and had him killed — now, he had fallen down. But not so far that he was beyond the reach of God's forgiveness. God sent Nathan to confront David so that he could admit his wrongdoing, repair his relationship with God, and get back up again. And when David recognized his sin against God, God was at the ready to forgive him.
- Because **forgiveness is always God's game plan.**

NOW WHAT? What does God want us to do about it?

RESPONSE | God's Plan Playbook (10 MIN)

- **PRE SUNDAY PREP:** Print Game four page on the printable one per kid; Print an example of what it could end up looking like (the "like this" link below)
 - **INSTRUCTIONS:** For this activity, you'll need to print out "Game #4" of the [printable](#). During the activity, have kids draw up a "play" based on a situation where they can

make peace. Invite them to use Xs and Os to represent different people and arrows to indicate how they'll move or what they'd do. It can end up looking something [like this](#).

- Okay, team, here's the situation: somebody just said "sorry" to you, and you can accept their apology and forgive them.
 - You're not sure what to do because it's not the first time this person was mean to you.
 - Or you're not ready to move on and want to stay mad at them.
 - Or perhaps it's someone who doesn't sound like they mean "sorry" at all.
- **How could you choose forgiveness in these kinds of situations? Who could help you with this choice you have to make?**
- Draw up the play on your play sheet, using Xs and Os like a team coach would. We might not be perfect forgivers, but all of us, at one point, have been forgiven for something.
- God is the ultimate forgiver who made it so that all our sins could be forgiven through Jesus. Jesus is the perfect reminder that **forgiveness is always God's game plan**.

Small Group Time

REFLECTION | Pass It! (if needed)

PRE SUNDAY PREP: Have a basketball in the room (you may want to have it hidden in sound booth or backstage so the kids don't try to grab it before this activity)

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** For this activity, you'll need a basketball. The one who has the basketball is the one who gets to speak. Start with the basketball yourself, then ask the first question and pass the basketball to a person who wants to answer. Keep the basketball moving around with all who wish to share.
- **Forgiveness is always God's game plan.** When playing sports, our fouls or penalties are often numbered and held against us.
 - **How does this mindset (counting fouls) sometimes sneak into our everyday lives with others? Do you keep track of how often people have wronged you?**
 - **How about in our relationship with God?**
 - **When was a time when someone forgave you for a big-time mistake? How did this make you feel?**
- When it comes to forgiving others, especially people who hurt us in a big way, it doesn't necessarily mean we just let it go and pretend it didn't happen. It's okay to acknowledge the pain someone else has caused you and learn to distance yourself from people who repeatedly treat you unkindly.
- After all, only God can forgive us completely and embrace us even after we've made a mess of things. But we can also forgive by controlling our own actions.
- We can let God's love drive our decisions ... not hate, anger, or bitterness. Following God in our Bible story looked like David seeking forgiveness for a big mess.
- **What might forgiveness look like for us in our day-to-day life?**