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Slide: Welcome

(Start kid's countdown once all classes are present.)

Hey kids! Welcome to Kid's Church. I'm so glad you could be here today.

Slide: Series Intro

Before we get into our lesson for the day I want you guys to answer some questions! What is your favorite animal? (allow kids to answer.) What is your favorite food? (allow kids to answer.) What is your favorite game? (allow kids to answer.) Those are all some really good favorites!

Have you ever wondered if God has favorites? Well, in today's story we are going to learn about an important lesson the apostle Paul learned. In Paul's day they thought that God had a favorite group of people: the Jews. However, Paul knew that wasn't right.

We'll talk about that some more in a few minutes. But first, let's stand and sing a song together.

Song

Unshakeable

Good job! I think God loves hearing all your voices praising him! Now let's say our Big Idea together.

Slide: Big Idea

All together:

God didn't play favorites when he gave the gift of Jesus. (Repeat)

Video

Play lesson video.

Slide: Recap

So, what did we learn from the video today? Let's review...

- What did some of the Jews do when Paul taught about Jesus? (said mean things)
- Who did Paul go teach after the Jews were mean? (the Gentiles)
- True or False: God only sent Jesus to save his favorite people. (F)

Exactly! God doesn't care who you are or what you've done in your life. All he cares about is that you love Jesus and try your hardest to honor him. You don't have to be some special person in order to be a Christian. You don't have to have a certain job, or a certain hairstyle, or eat a certain way, or dress a certain way. All you have to do is put your trust in Jesus. God sent him to this earth to die for EVERYONE'S sins. He wants all of us to be able to live in heaven with him someday, so he gave all of us the choice and opportunity to follow Jesus. And because he sent Jesus for all of us we should be willing to tell anyone about him.

That reminds me of our memory verse. Let's all stand and say it together.

Slide: Memory Verse

"I have made you a light to the Gentiles (put arms up and sweep them out), to bring salvation (hands over heart) to the farthest corners of the earth (march in place)." Acts 13:47 (Repeat)

The Gentiles were all of the people who weren't Jewish. Those people didn't know all of the Jewish laws and they didn't know a whole lot about the Bible. That's the reason the Jews thought they were God's favorites. They knew the whole Bible and all of the laws, but that made them think that they didn't actually need Jesus. They thought that they could make it to heaven all on their own. So, they didn't listen to Paul, but that helped Paul to realize something important.

Paul learned that God loved everyone, not just the Jews. If Paul hadn't learned this lesson, most of us wouldn't be Christians today. He would have just kept teaching the Jews about Jesus and no one else would have had the chance to accept Jesus into their hearts. Paul realized that God's love and forgiveness was for every single person on earth. So, he made it his mission to teach everyone he met about the awesome power of Jesus! Aren't you glad Paul learned this lesson?

Now let's all stand and sing one last song together.

Song

Live It Out

Okay, let's all say the Big Idea together one last time!

Slide: Big Idea

God didn't play favorites when he gave the gift of Jesus. (Repeat)

Slide: Let's Pray

Pray and dismiss.