

4TH-5TH | JULY 12 W2

Elementary Service Flow

- Pre-Service Activities
- Opener
- Worship
- Story Time
- Salvation Moment
- Application Activity #1
- Application Activity #2
- Closer & Prayer



Bible Story

**The Parable of the Bags of Gold •
Matthew 25:14-30 NIV**

Bottom Line

**God's kingdom grows when you
use what He's given you.**

Conversation Starter

"What has God given you?"

Monthly Memory Verse

***God's kingdom is not about
eating or drinking. It is about
doing what is right and having
peace and joy. All this comes
through the Holy Spirit. • Romans
14:17 NIV***

5 min

Pre-Service Activity

5 min

Pre-Service Activity

What You Need

 Index cards	Several
 Writing supplies	Several

What You Do:

During the Activity:

- Greet each kid by name with a fist bump, high-five, smile, or wave as they arrive.
- Give each kid an index card.
- Instruct them to write down three "talents" or skills. Two must be true, and one must be a lie. (e.g., 1. I can speak a little Spanish. 2. I can juggle three tennis balls. 3. I can bake awesome chocolate chip cookies.)
- One at a time, invite each kid to read their three talents aloud.
- The rest of the group will then discuss and vote on which talent they think is the lie.
- The kid will then reveal which talent is the lie.

What You Say:

"That was fun! I learned something new about each of you! It's cool to hear about the real talents you all have. God has given every single one of us unique gifts and abilities. In our Bible Story today, Jesus told a story or parable about what we're supposed to do with the things God has given us. Let's go learn more!"

5 min

Opener

5 min

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What You Need

 4 half-size, curved pool noodles (2 full-size, curved pool noodles cut in half; use new pool noodles if possible)	1
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HOST: "Hey, everyone! Welcome back to Kingdom Quest! How's summer going so far? If you've already forgotten what day of the week it is at least once ... raise your hand.

(Pause while kids respond.)

"Yep. That's when you know it's officially July!

"We're deep into summer now—long days, late nights, sunscreen that never works, and hopefully, you've run through the sprinklers at least once. But whatever your summer has been like—awesome,

boring, chaotic, or surprisingly chill—I'm really glad you're here!

"This month, we're talking about what it looks like to actually live in God's kingdom. The name of our series this month is 'Kingdom Quest—Living the Greatest Adventure.'

"But what is God's kingdom? Well, it's anywhere that God reigns! It's anywhere where He is seen as King and His good ways are lived out. God is loving, joyful, patient, kind, honest, trustworthy—all of these amazing things. God's kingdom is good because He is so good! We want His good kingdom everywhere. That's the Kingdom Quest we're on—to show off God's good kingdom!

"And today's Bible Story is all about something God has entrusted you with as you live in His kingdom.

"But before we go there, we need to warm up! I've got a challenge that looks easy ... until you're the one doing it. Today, we're going to play 'Balance Battle!'

SLIDE: Balance Battle! Title

"I need four volunteers who think their summer reflexes are on point. If you've spent July waking up at noon ... we're about to find out how that's working for you.

"Raise your hand if you want to volunteer!

(Pick four kids from the ones who have their hands raised, and invite them to the game area.)

"Here's how the game works: Each of you gets a pool noodle. You're going to balance it vertically on your hand—just your flat, open palm. No gripping. No pinching. No leaning it on your body. Palm only.

(Demonstrate balancing one of the pool noodles with a flat hand.)

"If you drop your pool noodle or it falls, you're out! Whoever balances their pool noodle the longest wins! Sound good?"

(Line up each player in a straight line facing the audience, and give each player a pool noodle.)

"Players ready? Audience, are you ready to cheer them on? Let's do this!"

"3 ... 2 ... 1 ... Balance!"

AUDIO: Upbeat music

"Okay, okay, strong start!"

(Play the game. Encourage the players, and involve the audience.)

(If the game is too easy, instruct the kids to stand on one foot, hop on one foot, jump up and down, or walk around the game area as they're trying to balance the pool noodles.)

"Oh, that one went down fast! It's alright, dramatic exits are welcome. Look at this concentration! Absolute legends up here."

(Play until there's only one kid left balancing their pool noodle. Declare the winner.)

"And ... we have a winner! Give it up for [Kid's Name]!"

(As time allows, continue with more rounds. Pick four new volunteers at the start of each round.)

"Awesome job! You can all take your seats."

"Looks like it's time to check out our Bottom Line for today! Let's see what it says."

SLIDE: Bottom Line

[Bottom Line] "God's kingdom grows when you use what He's given you. Can you say that with me?"

5 min

Worship | God I'm just Grateful | Elevation Worship & Chandler Moore

5 min

Memory Verse

What You Need

No supplies needed

KIDS AND HOST: *[Bottom Line]* "God's kingdom grows when you use what He's given you."

HOST: "Nice job! Now let's get ready to learn more about God's kingdom together!"

"Let's look at something really important—our Memory Verse for this month! This verse isn't just something to memorize—it's about what God's kingdom is really like. I'll read it out, then we'll say it together.

SLIDE: Memory Verse

LEADER: "God's kingdom is not about eating or drinking. It is about doing what is right and having peace and joy. All this comes through the Holy Spirit (Romans 14:17 NIV).

"Now let's all say it together!"

KIDS AND LEADER: "God's kingdom is not about eating or drinking. It is about doing what is right and having peace and joy. All this comes through the Holy Spirit (Romans 14:17 NIV)."

LEADER: "These are words Paul wrote about God's kingdom. He shared that God's kingdom is full of what's right, peace, and joy. It is full of good stuff because God is good!"

5 min

Bible Story

5 min

So and So Show Bible Story | Video

What You Need

No supplies needed

10 min

Closing

5 min

WHAT'S OUR PART IN THE STORY

What You Need

No supplies needed

"And we can get these good things in our own lives, but we don't get them by trying harder ... we get them because they're gifts from the Holy Spirit. As you keep in step with the Spirit, your life will be filled with righteousness, peace, and joy. God's Spirit will grow these good things because He is good!

"Thanks for worshiping with me today, friends!"

COMMUNICATOR: "Jesus told this story because He wanted His followers to understand something huge: God doesn't just give us gifts to have them. He gives them to us so we can use them for His kingdom. The servants in the story weren't all given the same amount of gold, but that's not the point. The point is what they chose to do with what they had.

"God has placed something in your hands: your personality, your ideas, your skills, your compassion, your voice, your opportunities. Not so it can sit quietly, but so His kingdom can grow.

"God isn't asking you to be perfect. He isn't asking you to be impressive. He's asking you to be faithful.

5 min

SALVATION MOMENT & PRAYER

What You Need

No supplies needed

5 min

Application Activity

To show up. To try. To use what He's given you. And He will do great, kingdom things when you do. "And that's what our Bottom Line today is all about! Let's check it out.

SLIDE: Bottom Line

COMMUNICATOR: [Bottom Line] "God's kingdom grows when you use what He's given you. Say that with me!"

Leader: Let's talk to God together, friends. You can bow your heads and close your eyes.

Kids, have you ever made a mistake? Maybe you disobeyed your parents, were unkind to a friend, or told a lie.

The bible calls those things sin. Every one of us has sinned- even grown ups! Sin separates us from God, and no matter how hard we try, we can't fix that problem on our own.

That's why we need Jesus. Jesus loves us so much that he came to take the punishment for our sins so we could be close to God and have eternal life with Him.

Maybe you've heard about Jesus before, but you've never personally asked Him to be your forever friend. Today, you can make that choice. If you have never asked Jesus to be your forever friend, and today you want to say "Yes" to Jesus, raise your hand right now."

That's amazing! Let's all pray together. Repeat after me: Read the ABC Prayer

Creating a Safe Place to Connect

5 min

APPLICATION ACTIVITY #1

What You Need

 Timer (or smartphone or watch)

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What You Do:

During the Activity:

- Tell the group you're going to do a quick-fire "Skill Show and Tell."
- Give them 60 seconds to find a partner.
- In their pairs, each kid has 30 seconds to share one thing they feel they are good at or are "becoming an expert" in. It could be anything from a sport to a video game to being a good listener to making people laugh.
- After the minute is up, bring the group back together.
- Ask a few kids to share what their partner's skill is.

What You Say:

"It's awesome to hear about the incredible variety of gifts in this room! In the Bible Story, the 'bags of gold' or 'talents' aren't just about money; they represent the gifts God has given us. That includes our abilities, our time, and our resources—everything we have. Jesus' story reminds us that these aren't just for our own benefit. When we use what God has given us, He will do great kingdom things with what we do. **[Bottom Line] God's kingdom grows when you use what He's given you.**"

5 min

Memory Verse Activity

5 min

APPLICATION ACTIVITY #2

What You Do:

During the Activity:

- Give every kid a Bible.

What You Need

-  Bibles
-  Sticky notes
-  Writing supplies

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- Invite them to look up Romans 14:17 using the Bible Navigation Tips below:
- Read the Memory Verse out loud together several times.
- Review any words that might be unfamiliar to the kids.
- Invite the kids to set their Bibles aside.
- Give each kid three sticky notes.
- Ask them to think about the Memory Verse in terms of "Who," "What," and "Where."
- On the first sticky note, have them answer: **WHO** does this verse apply to? (*me, Christians, everyone*)
- On the second sticky note, have them answer: **WHAT** does this verse tell me to focus on? (*doing what is right, having peace, having joy*)
- On the third sticky note, have them answer: **WHERE** can I live this out this week? (*at home, at school, on my team, etc.*)
- Let them stick their notes on a wall and briefly share one of their answers with the group.

What You Say:

"Great thoughts! This verse is a powerful reminder of what our real mission is: living in God's kingdom. And God's kingdom is full of good things—like things that are right, peace, and joy—because God, the King, is so good! And as we stay close to the Holy Spirit, He will grow those good things in us. We don't have to grow them on our own!

"As you stay close to the Holy Spirit, those good things will grow in you and spread all around you like the atmosphere. So just stick close to the King, and let Him grow His good kingdom!

"Then, as God grows those things in you, you can live them out everywhere! And everyone can see that the good King you follow is so worth following!"

5 min

Prayer

5 min

PRAY & DISMISS

What You Need

 Cardstock

1

 Scissors

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What You Do:

Before the Activity:

- Print "Kingdom Challenge Cards" on cardstock and cut, one card per kid.

During the Activity:

- Invite each kid to draw one challenge card to take home.
- Tell them this is their personal "investment" for the week—a way to use what God has given them.
- Close by praying for the group.

What You Say:

"This week, your challenge is to be like the first two servants in the Bible Story—take what you have, and put it to work for God's kingdom! Let's pray that God will help us with our challenges."

Prayer:

"God, thank You for giving us so many good gifts. Forgive us for the times when we're afraid to use them, or we forget they're from You. Help each of us with the challenge we're taking home this week. Give us the courage to 'invest' our talents and our time for You so You can grow Your kingdom. We love You, and we pray these things in Jesus' name. Amen."

Supplies

Pre-Service Activity Quantity

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| 1. | Index cards | Several |
| 2. | Writing supplies | Several |

Opener Quantity

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| 1. | 4 half-size, curved pool noodles (2 full-size, curved pool noodles cut in half; use new pool noodles if possible) | 1 |
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APPLICATION ACTIVITY #1 Quantity

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| 1. | Timer (or smartphone or watch) | 1 |
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APPLICATION ACTIVITY #2 Quantity

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| 1. | Bibles | 1 |
| 2. | Sticky notes | 3 |
| 3. | Writing supplies | 1 |

PRAY & DISMISS Quantity

- | | | |
|----|-----------|---|
| 1. | Cardstock | 1 |
| 2. | Scissors | 1 |