

4TH-5TH | JULY 26 W4

Elementary Service Flow

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- Story Time
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- Closer & Prayer



Bible Story

The Story of the Widow Who Would Not Give Up • Luke 18:1-8

Bottom Line

God's kingdom grows when you pray and don't give up.

Conversation Starter

What do you need to keep doing?

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

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What You Need

 Floor tape	1
 Safety cones	1
 Chairs	1
 Tables	1
 Pool noodles	1

What You Do:

Before the Activity:

- Use the items listed above, as well as any other items from your activity area, to create a simple, fun obstacle course around your room.
- Create a clear start and finish line with floor tape.

During the Activity:

- Greet each kid by name with a fist bump, high-five, smile, or wave as they arrive.
- Explain each part of the obstacle course to the kids. (e.g., "Crawl under the table, walk the tape line, hop around the cone, and run to the finish line!")
- Let the kids take turns going through the course.
- Cheer for them, and encourage them to keep going, even if a part is tricky.
- Celebrate everyone as they cross the finish line.

What You Say:

"Awesome job, everyone! You all did a great job not giving up—even on the tricky parts! That's called perseverance. In our Bible Story today, Jesus tells us about a woman who had amazing perseverance. She refused to give up! Let's go hear about her."

5 min

Large Group Opener

5 min

Opener

What You Need

-  Host 1
-  2 leaders 1
-  2 pool noodles 1
-  10 kid volunteers (Ask for 10 new volunteers at the start of each round!) 1

HOST: "Hey, everyone! Welcome back to Kingdom Quest! I'm so glad you're here today. This room is full of energy, and I can tell it's going to be an awesome morning. If today is your first time, we're so happy you're here!"

"This whole summer, we've been going on a Kingdom Quest and discovering more about what it means to live in God's kingdom. The full name of our series this month is 'Kingdom Quest—Living the Greatest Adventure.'"

"But what is God's kingdom? Well, God's kingdom is anywhere where He reigns! He is loving, joyful, kind, trustworthy, holy, and righteous—and all of these really great things. God's kingdom is good because the King is good. And we want God to spread this good kingdom everywhere because it is so good!"

"Before we jump into our game, let's warm up. Everyone, stand up!"

"If you're excited to be here, wiggle your fingers.
(Pause while kids wiggle their fingers.)"

"If you're really excited, wiggle your toes.
(Pause while kids wiggle their toes.)"

"If you're really, really, really excited, wiggle your ears.
(Pause while kids wiggle their ears.)"

"And if you're super excited ... give me your biggest, goofiest, wiggliest wave!
(Pause while kids wave.)"

"Nice! You all look ready."

"Go ahead and take a seat. It's officially game time! Today's game is called ... 'Dodge the Drop!'

SLIDE: Dodge the Drop! Title

"I need some volunteers who want to play 'Dodge the Drop!' Raise your hand to volunteer!

(Choose 10 kids from the ones who have their hands raised, and line them up behind the pool noodle "bridge" in a single file line.)

"Awesome! Come line up right here. Now, we have two leaders holding pool noodles to make a bridge. Your job is to run under that bridge... but watch out! If the bridge drops while you're under it, you're out! If the bridge drops on you, you get to join the cheering section! If not, get back in line, and go again!

"The leaders can drop the bridge at any moment, so keep your eyes open and your feet fast.

"Everyone else, pick your favorite runner and cheer them on! Sound good?

"Alright, racers ... are you ready? On your mark ... get set ... GO!

AUDIO: Upbeat music

(Play the game.)

"Whoa! That was fast! Nice dodge! Keep running!

(Play the game until one runner remains. Declare the winner.)

"And we have a winner! Great job, runners, and great cheering from the rest of you!

(Continue with more rounds as time allows. Ask for 10 new volunteers at the start of each round.)

"Now that we're warmed up, let's check out our Bottom Line.

[Bottom Line] "God's kingdom grows when you pray and don't give up. Can you say that with me?"

5 min

Worship | God I'm 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 pray and don't give up."

HOST: "Great job, friends! We're going to learn more about that very soon!"

"Now it's time to go over our Memory Verse we've been learning all month! This verse helps us remember what God's kingdom is like. God's kingdom is good and full of good things because He is good!

"Our Memory Verse is found in Romans 14:17. I'll read it first, then I'll guide you through it!

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 me guide you through it. Repeat after me—nice and loud!

LEADER: "God's kingdom is not about eating or drinking."

KIDS AND LEADER: "God's kingdom is not about eating or drinking."

LEADER: "It is about doing what is right"

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LEADER: *"and having peace and joy."*

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LEADER: "Romans 14:17!"

KIDS AND LEADER: "Romans 14:17!"

LEADER: "This verse tells us something really important: God's kingdom is full of good things, and it grows when we stay close to the Holy Spirit. When we stay close to God, the Source of good things, good things grow!"

"Thanks for worshiping with me today, friends!"

Bible Story

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

HOST: "God loves it when we talk to Him. He loves hearing your voice. He loves when you tell Him what you need, what you're worried about, what you're hoping for, and what you're thankful for. And just like the widow didn't give up, God wants us to keep praying too.

"Sometimes we pray about something one time, and it takes a while before anything changes. But God does answer prayer. Sometimes God says, 'Yes.' Sometimes He says, 'No.' And a lot of times, God says, 'Not yet.' But no matter what, Jesus gives us permission to keep on asking for what we want.

"We should start praying over and over again. God never gets tired of you. He never says, 'Go away.' He never ignores you.

"When you keep praying—when you keep talking to God, and talking to God, and talking to God—it helps your heart stay close to God. And even when things are slow or hard, God is working. He is listening.

"So this week, think about something you want to talk to God about. Maybe someone you love is sick. Maybe you're scared of something. Maybe you want to be brave. Maybe you want help with a friendship. Whatever it is, keep praying and praying and praying, and don't give up.

"Let's talk to the God who wants to hear from you!"

5 min

SALVATION MOMENT & PRAYER**What You Need**

No supplies needed

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."

(Pause and look for raised hands.)

"That's amazing! Let's all pray together. Repeat after me: READ THE ABC PRAYER

(Dismiss kids to Small Groups.)

SLIDE: Theme

5 min

Application Activity

5 min

Application Activity #1 | Yes, No, Not Yet

What You Need

 Floor tape

1

What You Do:

Before the Activity:

- Create three tape lines on the floor parallel to each other, a few feet apart.

During the Activity:

- Gather the kids near the tape lines.
- Point to the first line and say: "This is the 'Yes' line!"
- Point to the second line and say: "This is the 'No' line!"
- Point to the third line and say: "This is the 'Not Yet' line!"
- Explain that when we pray, God answers our prayers in one of these three ways.
- Tell the kids you are going to call out one of the answers, and they have to run to that line as fast as they can.
- Call out the answers in a random order: "Yes!", "No!", "Not Yet!", "Yes!"
- Keep the game moving quickly for a minute or two.

What You Say:

"Great job running! Sometimes when we pray, God says, 'Yes!' right away. Sometimes He says, 'No' because He knows what's best for us. And sometimes He says, 'Not yet,' and we have to wait. The woman in our Bible Story had to wait! But did she give up? (No!) That's right! No matter how God answers, we can keep talking to Him.

"God loves it when we talk to Him about everything! One of the key parts of being someone's friend is

talking to them. It's the same with God! He loves it when we talk to Him.

"When you keep praying—when you keep talking to God, and talking to God, and talking to God—it helps your heart stay close to God. And even when things are slow or hard, God is working. He is listening. He loves you so much and will always answer what you ask Him in a way that's best for you."

5 min

Memory Verse Activity

5 min

Application Activity #2

What You Need

	Bibles	20
	Plastic cups	Several
	Ping-pong ball	1

Creating a Safe Place to Connect

What You Do:

During the Activity:

- Give every kid a Bible, and direct them to look up Romans 14:17.
- Demonstrate how to look up the Memory Verse
- Repeat 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 the kids a stack of plastic cups.
- Challenge them to work together to build a tall tower or castle.
- Once their tower is built, give them a ping-pong ball.
- Say: "Your challenge is to balance this ping-pong ball on the very top cup of your tower! Then, carefully move the cup with the ping-pong ball down to collect all the cups without the cups falling or the ping-pong ball falling off."
- This will take steady hands and patience. If the ping-pong ball or cups fall, encourage them to restack the cups and try again. Say: "Don't give up!"
- While they work, repeat the 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).

What You Say:

"You did it! It wasn't easy, but you didn't give up. It's like that when we pray. Sometimes we have to keep

5 min

Pray & Dismiss

5 min

Pray and Dismiss

What You Need

 Cardstock	20
 Coloring supplies	1

asking and keep trusting God. When we do, God gives us peace and joy, just like our Memory Verse says. He will grow the good things of His kingdom in our hearts as we stay close to Him. **[Bottom Line] God's kingdom grows when you pray and don't give up."**

What You Do:

Before the Activity:

- Print "My Persistent Prayer Calendar" on cardstock, one per kid.

During the Activity:

- Give each kid a "My Persistent Prayer Calendar" and coloring supplies.
- Read the simple prayer prompts for each day.
- Monday: Pray for a friend.
- Tuesday: Pray for your family.
- Wednesday: Pray for your school.
- Thursday: Say, "Thank You" to God.
- Friday: Pray for someone who is sick.
- Let them circle the day/days or color a picture for the day/days they want to remember to pray this week.

What You Say:

"This little calendar can help us remember to be like the woman in our Bible Story: to keep asking and not give up! Talking to God over and over strengthens your relationship with Him. God wants to hear your heart because He is your friend. Let's pray together right now."

Supplies

PRE-SERVICE ACTIVITY

	Quantity
1. Floor tape	1
2. Safety cones	1
3. Chairs	1
4. Tables	1
5. Pool noodles	1

Opener

	Quantity
1. Host	1
2. 2 leaders	1
3. 2 pool noodles	1
4. 10 kid volunteers (Ask for 10 new volunteers at the start of each round!)	1

Application Activity #1 | Yes, No, Not Yet

	Quantity
1. Floor tape	1

Application Activity #2

	Quantity
1. Bibles	20
2. Plastic cups	Several
3. Ping-pong ball	1

Pray and Dismiss

	Quantity
1. Cardstock	20
2. Coloring supplies	1