

4TH-5TH WK3

Elementary Service Flow

Large Group

- Pre-Service
- Opener
- Worship
- Memory Verse
- Story Time
- Salvation moment | ABC Salvation

Small Group Transition (EHT ONLY)

K-1st grade: Move to K-1st classroom

2nd-3rd Grade: Stay in current classroom

Small Group

- Activity One
- Activity Two
- Prayer and Dismiss



Bible Story

The Vine and the Branches

John 15:1-11

Bottom Line

I can grow when I stay close to God.

Memory Verse

My sheep listen to my voice. I know them, and they follow me. •
John 10:27 Nlrv

5 min

PRE SERVICE ACTIVITY

5 min

Pre Service Activity

What You Need

	"Vine Relay" Activity Page	1
	Cardstock	1
	Brown construction paper	5
	Scissors	1
	Painter's tape	1

What You Do:

Before the Activity:

- Print "Vine Relay" on cardstock and cut, one cutout per kid.
- Cut long strips of brown paper
- Tape them into a vine shape with branches off the main vine.
- You may also use tape to make a vine shape directly on the floor or wall.
- Prepare tape ahead of time by rolling small pieces and sticking them along the vine (sticky side out), spaced out for easy access.
- Place one to two extra tape rolls nearby for leaders only.
- Mark two start lines on the floor with painter's tape.

During the Activity:

- Welcome kids by name with a high-five, fist bump, smile, or wave as they arrive.
- Invite any kids who brought an offering to place it in the offering container.
- Once most kids arrive, divide them into two teams and have each team line up behind the starting lines.
- Say: "Alright, friends! Today we're going to build something really cool – but you have to work as a team!"
- Point to the vine. Say: "Do you see this vine? Right now, it looks pretty empty. Your job is to fill it up with leaves! Here's how the game works. When it's your turn, you will run to the vine, grab one leaf, and stick it onto a piece of tape that is already on the vine. Then run back and tag the next person in line. Once you have finished your turn, you can take a seat at the back of the line."
- You can demonstrate the steps as you explain: run → grab leaf → stick leaf → return → tag.
- Say: "Let's practice the rules together. How many leaves do you take at a time?" (Allow kids to respond.) "That's right. One leaf at a time! And where do the leaves go?" (Allow response.) "Yes – on the vine! Make sure your leaf is touching the vine so it stays connected."
- Say: "When I say go, the first person in each line will start. Ready? 3... 2... 1... GO!"

- Start the relay and encourage kids as they play:
- "Nice job!"
- "Keep going!"
- "Look at your vines grow!"
- The game ends when the first team has had all team members successfully add leaves to the vine.

What You Say:

"You all worked hard to build your vines! At first, it just looked like a line but as you added more leaves, it started to look full and alive. Jesus used a picture like this to teach us something important. He said, 'I am the vine, and you are the branches.' That means we are like branches that grow on a vine. Branches don't grow by themselves! They only grow when they stay connected to the vine. That's how they get what they need to live and grow. In the same way, we grow when we stay close to God. When we spend time with God, like praying, reading the Bible, and listening to Him, it's like staying connected to the vine. That's how we grow on the inside. If a branch isn't connected, it can't grow anything. But when it stays connected, it grows strong and full. **[Bottom Line] I can grow when I stay close to God.** I can't wait to learn more with you!"

5 min

LARGE GROUP OPENER

5 min

OPENER

What You Need

-  Pool noodles 2
-  Kid volunteers, sixteen per Large Group 1

HOST: "Hey, everybody! I'm so glad you're here today! This room already feels ready for something fun. If this is your first time with us, welcome! We're really glad you came. And if you've been here before, welcome back!"

"This month, we're in a series called 'Frequency—Learning to Hear from God.' We're talking about how we can hear from God and how listening to God actually changes our lives. We're going to learn some more about that later today!"

"But before we do, let's kick things off with a quick, fun game so you can meet someone new."

"Okay, I need everyone to stand up! When I call out something, find someone near you who matches it and give them a high-five. Ready? Find someone who loves the same ice cream flavor as you. Go!

(Pause while kids high-five each other.)

"Nice! Does anybody like Rocky Road? It's a classic!

"Now, find someone who can whistle, and give them a high-five!

(Pause while kids high-five each other.)

"I see high fives all around! Let's do another one!

"Now find someone who has the same favorite superhero as you. Go!

(Pause while kids interact with each other.)

"Okay, one more: Find someone who is wearing the same color shoe as you. Go!

(Pause while kids interact with each other.)

"I love it! You guys did great! Now it's time for a very unique game! This one is called ... 'Pass the Vine!'

SLIDE: Pass the Vine!

"It's time to play 'Pass the Vine'! I need **sixteen** volunteers who are ready to jump in with this game! Raise your hand if you'd like to play!

*(Pick sixteen **IF YOU HAVE THAT MANY KIDS IF NOT PICK ENOUGH TO MAKE TWO EVEN GROUPS. EX: TOTAL 6, 2 TEAMS OF 3'S** kids from the ones who have their hands raised, invite them to the game area, and divide them into two teams of eight.)*

"Okay, teams, line up in a straight line, and put some space between each of you. Everyone else, you're the crowd, of course, so cheer loudly and stay encouraging!

"Okay, we have our teams lined up and ready! The person at the beginning of the line gets a pool noodle. That pool noodle is your vine. Your goal is to pass the vine from the beginning of your line all the way to the last person in line.

"Here's the twist though: No one can use their hands. You can use elbows, shoulders, the crook of your arm, whatever works! If the vine drops, that team sends it back to the front of the line and tries again. The first team to get their vine all the way to the end of the line without dropping it wins! Sound good?

"Okay, here are your pool noodles!

(Hand one pool noodle to the first kid in line for each team.)

"Ready? On my count! Three ... two ... one ... GO!

AUDIO: Upbeat music

(Play the game until one of the teams passes the pool noodle all the way down the line without dropping it. Make sure the kids aren't using their hands to touch the pool noodle, and make sure if one of the teams drops their pool noodle, they pass the pool noodle back to the first kid in line and try again.)

"Nice and steady! Pass it gently! Keep going! Look at that recovery, great job!

"Looks like [Team Name] got it first! Great job to both of our teams!

(Continue with more rounds as time allows. Select sixteen new volunteers at the start of each round.)

"What a blast! You all did great! Everyone can have a seat. Now, let's check out our Bottom Line for today!

[Bottom Line] "I can grow when I stay close to God. Can you say that with me?"

KIDS AND HOST: **[Bottom Line]** "I can grow when I stay close to God."

HOST: "Awesome job! We will be talking more about that very soon!"

WORSHIP

PSALM 8 (Hallé)| Phil Wickham

What You Need

No supplies needed

All right guest what time it is ? Its time to worship!

Worship is one of the best things we get to do together. It's a chance to sing, move, and thank God just for being who He is.

"You don't have to sing perfectly. You don't even have to know all the moves. It's more about us coming together and saying, 'I love You, God. You are number one in my life!'

MEMORY VERSE

John 10:27 NIRV

"It's time to review our Memory Verse for this month!

What You Need

No supplies needed

"Close your eyes for just a second and imagine this: You're standing in a huge open field. There are sheep everywhere. It's a little noisy and definitely a little smelly. There's dust in the air.

"And then, all of a sudden, one voice calls out.

"And the sheep don't panic. They don't scatter. They don't look confused. They move toward that voice. Because they know it. That's the picture Jesus gives us in this verse.

"Just like sheep know their shepherd's voice, we can know the voice of Jesus, our Good Shepherd.

"You can open your eyes!

"Here's our Memory Verse for this month. It's John 10:27. It's Jesus speaking, and He said ...

SLIDE: Memory Verse

WORSHIP LEADER: *"My sheep listen to my voice. I know them, and they follow me" (John 10:27 NIV).*

"Now, let me guide you through it. Repeat after me—nice and loud!

WORSHIP LEADER: *"My sheep listen to my voice."*

KIDS AND WORSHIP LEADER: *"My sheep listen to my voice."*

WORSHIP LEADER: *"I know them,"*

KIDS AND WORSHIP LEADER: *"I know them,"*

WORSHIP LEADER: *"and they follow me."*

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WORSHIP LEADER: "John 10:27!"

KIDS AND WORSHIP LEADER: "John 10:27!"

WORSHIP LEADER: "Great job! Think about how loud life can be. Friends talking. Teachers giving directions. Videos playing. Games beeping. So many voices telling you what to do, what to think, who to be.

BIBLE STORY

Story Time Video

What You Need

No supplies needed

SALVATION MOMENT | ABC PRAYER

ABC Prayer

What You Need

No supplies needed

"Sometimes, it feels like everyone has an opinion for you. And when everything is that loud, it can get confusing. You might wonder, 'Which voice do I listen to?' That's why this verse, and the truth in it, matters. In a world full of noise, Jesus is the voice that leads you in the right direction.

"Thanks for worshiping with me today, friends!"

What You Say:

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.

SMALL GROUP ACTIVITY ONE

Scripture Stack

What You Need

 Ball of yarn

1

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

(Tech Crew) Slides A, B, C

Leaders read each slide and have kids repeat after you.

SLIDE: Theme

What You Do:

During the Activity:

- Have kids sit in a circle.
- Say: "We're going to build something together again, but this time, we're not building with leaves. We're going to build a connection."
- Hold up the ball of yarn. Say: "This yarn is going to help us see what it looks like to stay connected."
- Explain how it works:
- Leader holds the end of the yarn.
- Leader says one way to stay connected to God.
- Leader tosses the ball to a kid while holding the end.
- Each kid shares and tosses to someone new, while holding on to the piece of yarn.
- Say: "When you catch the yarn, you'll say one way you can stay connected to God. Then hold onto your piece and toss the ball to someone else."
- Demonstrate:
- Hold the end.
- Say: "I can stay connected to God by praying."

- Toss to the yarn to a kid.
- Continue guiding the activity as kids participate.
- Prompt if needed:
- "Reading the Bible."
- "Talking to God."
- "Listening during quiet time."
- "Doing what God says."
- As the web forms, pause and point it out.
- Say: "Look at this! We're all connected."
- After all kids have had a turn, gently lower the yarn web to the floor or keep holding if manageable.

What You Say:

"Take a look at the yarn in your hands. It connects all of us, and it helps us see something important.

Jesus said, 'I am the vine, and you are the branches.' A branch stays alive and grows when it stays connected to the vine. That's where it gets everything it needs. When Jesus said this, He was teaching that He is our source. He is the One who gives us what we need to grow and begin to show things like love, joy, and patience. But there are a lot of other voices around us every day. Voices that try to tell us what matters most, what we should do, or how we should live. Sometimes those voices can be loud and distracting. Jesus invites us to stay connected to Him instead. When we stay close to Jesus – when we listen to His words, talk to Him, and remember what is true – we start to recognize His voice more clearly. We begin to want the things He wants. And over time, our lives begin to show it. We don't have to try to grow all on our own. Growth happens when we stay connected to Him. So, when you think about this yarn, let it remind you: staying close to Jesus is what helps you grow strong on the inside. **[Bottom Line] I can grow when I stay close to God.**

SMALL GROUP | ACTIVITY TWO

Take a Snapshot | Made to Move

What You Do:

Before the Activity:

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What You Need

 Floor tape	1
 Timer or smart watch	1
 Purple balloons	1
 Laundry baskets or plastic bins	1

Create a tape line on the floor on one side of the room. Place two laundry baskets, three to five feet apart, at the start line.

- Place two more laundry baskets across the room from the start line, about three to five feet apart.
- Inflate the balloons and tie a knot. Place ten balloons in each of the baskets at the start line.

During the Activity:

- Divide the kids into two teams and have them line up behind the start line.
- Ask the first two kids from each team to stand back-to-back.
- Help place a balloon between each team's backs and instruct them to hold it there without using their hands.
- Explain the challenge: "You and your partner are going to work together to carry the balloon across the room to your team's basket, but you can't use your hands! If you drop the balloon, you have to pick it up, come back to the start, and try again."
- Explain that the teams will see how many balloons they can get across the room and into their basket in one minute.
- On "Go!" Start the timer and let the first pair from each team begin. Once the balloons have been dropped into the team's basket, the pair will race back, and a team member will help place another balloon in between their backs.
- Cheer on the teams and remind them to work together!
- Repeat until the time runs out.
- Count how many balloons each team successfully moved to their basket.

What You Say:

"Great job working together! That was tricky, wasn't it? You had to stay super close to your partner to keep the balloon from falling. You had to stay connected! When we stay connected with Jesus, we start to think His thoughts and want the things that He wants—so much that when we ask Jesus for something, it will be what He already wants to do! When we stay that close to Jesus, we don't have to try super-hard to do good things. Instead, it becomes natural to show others the love of Jesus. **[Bottom Line] I can grow when I stay close to God.**"

PRAY AND DISMISS

Pray and Dismiss

What You Need

No supplies needed

What You Do:

- - *During the Activity:*
- Invite kids to sit in a circle or spread out with a little personal space.
- Say: "We're going to take a few quiet moments to talk to God. You can close your eyes if you want or just look down to help you focus. I'm going to say a few short prayers. After each one, you can quietly repeat it in your heart or say your own words to God."
- Pause between each line
- "God, thank You that You are always with me."
- "Help me stay close to You."
- "Help me listen to Your voice."
- "Help me follow You – even when it's hard."
- Say: "Now I want you to take a moment to talk to God in your own words. You can ask Him to help you stay close to Him this week."
- Allow twenty to thirty seconds of quiet and then gently close with "Amen."

What You Say:

"Jesus said He is the vine, and we are the branches. That means we're not meant to do life on our own. Prayer is one way we stay close to Him. You can talk to God anytime, about anything. And you can also take time to just be quiet and listen. God is always with you. He is the one who gives you life and helps you grow. **[Bottom Line] I can grow when I stay close to God.**"

As adults arrive to pick up, remind the kids that they can stay connected to Jesus this week!

Supplies

Pre Service Activity	Quantity
1. "Vine Relay" Activity Page	1
2. Cardstock	1
3. Brown construction paper	5
4. Scissors	1
5. Painter's tape	1

OPENER	Quantity
1. Pool noodles	2
2. Kid volunteers, sixteen per Large Group	1

Scripture Stack	Quantity
1. Ball of yarn	1

Take a Snapshot Made to Move	Quantity
1. Floor tape	1
2. Timer or smart watch	1
3. Purple balloons	1
4. Laundry baskets or plastic bins	1