

K-3 | JULY 12 W2

Elementary Service Flow

LARGE GROUP

- Pre-Service Activities
- Opener
- Worship
- Story Time
- Salvation Moment

EHT LOCATION ONLY(SMALL GROUP TRANSITION)

- K-1ST Grade: Move to K-1st Classroom
- 2ND-3RD Grade: Stay in Current Classroom

Small Group

- 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 Activities

5 min

PRE-SERVICE ACTIVITIES

What You Need

 Latex-free balloons

Several

 Coins

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What You Do:

Before the Activity:

- Scatter the yellow circle "coins" on the floor in one part of your activity area.
- Blow up the balloon(s), and tie the end in a knot.

During the Activity:

- Greet each kid by name with a fist bump, high-five, smile, or wave as they arrive.
- Ask one kid to come stand at the coins, and give them the balloon.
- Explain the game: "When I say, 'Go,' bop your balloon into the air, and reach down and collect some coins. Continue to bop the balloon once each time you collect coins. Keep going until you've collected all the coins. But if the balloon hits the ground, your turn is over."
- On "Go," let the first kid start while the other kids watch and cheer them on.
- Once the balloon hits the ground, help the kid count how many coins they collected, then return the coins to the ground for the next kid to have a turn.
- Cheer for everyone's effort.
- Continue until every kid has had a turn.
- For a fun twist, let two kids go at the same time, and see who can collect the most coins with one balloon bop.

What You Say:

"Great job collecting all those coins! It was tough to keep your balloon up and collect coins at the same time. Jesus told stories or parables to teach us about God and His kingdom. Today, we're going

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Large Group Opener

5 min

Opener

What You Need

 Host

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to hear a story Jesus told about some people who were given something valuable, like gold coins. Let's go find out what they did with what they were given!"

HOST: "Hey, everyone! Welcome back to Kingdom Quest! It's summertime, which means new adventures! If this is your first time, welcome—I'm so glad you are here!

"Before we do anything else, let's get moving. Everybody, stand up!

"Turn to someone near you and give them a high-five.

(Pause while kids high-five each other.)

"Nice! Now find someone wearing a summer color—blue like the pool, yellow like the sun, or green like the grass—and give them a fist bump.

(Pause while kids fist bump each other.)

"Great! Now turn to someone else and tell them one thing you love about summer. Ready? Go!

(Pause while kids talk to their neighbor.)

"Awesome! This whole summer, we've been talking about God's kingdom. The name of our series this month is 'Kingdom Quest—Living the Greatest Adventure.'

"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 since we're on a Kingdom Quest, I have a game for us today that's called ... 'Kingdom Quest Switch!'

SLIDE: Kingdom Quest Switch! Title

"In this game, everyone is going to be assigned a quest object: a map, a shield, a compass, or gold. "Leaders, go ahead and assign everybody their quest object!

(Leaders assign map, shield, compass, or gold to all the kids.)

"Alright, everyone know what you are? Great! Go ahead and say your quest object out loud on the count of three. One, two, three!

(Kids yell out their quest object.)

"Amazing! Everyone, remember which quest object you are!

"Here's how the game works: When I call out your quest object, you switch spots with someone else who has the same object. Maps switch with maps. Shields with shields. Compasses with compasses. Gold with gold.

"Now listen carefully, because this is an important rule: When I yell 'Kingdom Quest!', everyone switches spots! Every single person in the room moves at the same time.

"It gets loud, it gets fast, and you have to stay sharp. Let's practice a little.

"Map!

(Pause while kids switch.)

"Shield!

(Pause while kids switch.)

"Compass!
(Pause while kids switch.)

"Gold!
(Pause while kids switch.)

"Great! Now let's try the big one.

"Kingdom Quest!
(Pause while the entire room switches places.)
"Nice! You guys are ready for the real round. Here we go!
(Play the game. Call out the quest objects quickly to keep the kids moving!)

AUDIO: Upbeat music

"Map!
(Pause while kids switch.)

"Shield!
(Pause while kids switch.)

"Compass!
(Pause while kids switch.)

"Gold!
(Pause while kids switch.)

"Map!
(Pause while kids switch.)

"Compass!
(Pause while kids switch.)
"Kingdom Quest!

(Pause while kids switch.)
"And freeze! Amazing work. What a great job! And great listening, everyone!

(Continue with more rounds as time allows. If you play more rounds, leaders can reassign quest objects to the kids to mix up the game a bit.)

"That was so much fun! Let's take a look at our Bottom Line for today. It tells us something amazing Jesus wants us to know about God's kingdom.

SLIDE: Bottom Line

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

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!"

5 min

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

5 min

Memory Verse

What You Need

No supplies needed

"Now it's time to look at our Memory Verse for the month! 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's full of good stuff because God is good!

"And we don't get those good things in our lives 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!

"Our Memory Verse this month is found in Romans 14:17. I'll read it first, and then I'll lead 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 lead 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"*

KIDS AND LEADER: *"It is about doing what is right"*

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

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

LEADER: *"All this comes through the Holy Spirit."*

KIDS AND LEADER: *"All this comes through the Holy Spirit."*

LEADER: "Romans 14:17!"

KIDS AND LEADER: "Romans 14:17!"

LEADER: "Great job! This verse is a reminder that we aren't on our own. When you need help doing what's right ... the Holy Spirit can guide you. When you need peace because something feels stressful ... the Holy Spirit can calm you. When you need joy because you're having a tough day ... the Holy Spirit can bring you joy."

"And here's something simple you can do this week: If you start to feel frustrated, worried, or unsure, stop for a moment, and whisper this verse to yourself. You can even say, 'God, please help me.' God loves to help us! He loves to spread His ways into your heart! It is so good to be a part of God's kingdom because the King is just so good!"

"Thanks for worshiping with me today, friends!"

5 min

Bible Story

5 min

StoryLab 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: "This is the part Jesus wants us to understand: God doesn't want what He gives us to stay locked away. He doesn't want our gifts, our talents, our kindness, or our chances to help others to stay hidden. When we bring those things out, when we actually use what God has placed in our hands, His kingdom grows.

(Unlock the money box, and take out the third bag of gold.)

"I encourage you not to hide what God has given you. Use every single thing you have in a way you know would make Him happy. But don't do good things with your gifts to try to earn God's love. God already loves you—so much so that Jesus paid for your sins!

"But do use every last thing God has given you—not to try to earn His love, but to make Him happy. Maybe He has put you on the swim team this summer. You can ask, 'Okay, Jesus, how can I use this time on the team to make You happy?' Maybe you can encourage a teammate who isn't really very good at backstroke. Maybe swimming is really hard for you, and you show faithfulness by trying again. Maybe if you're really good and win all the time, you can be humble even though you're so fast!

"Or maybe you really like to bake, and when you look in the pantry, you find all the ingredients to bake cookies. You can ask yourself, 'How can I make Jesus happy with those ingredients and my baking skills?' Maybe bake some cookies and share them with a lonely neighbor. Or share them with your brother or sister, who is really hard to get along with sometimes.

"Think of every single thing you have and ask: 'How can I make God smile with this?' He's given you

5 min

SALVATION MOMENT & PRAYER**What You Need**

No supplies needed

great things, and you can use them well until He gets back!

"Because just like the master in the story, Jesus, our wise master who left us with so many gifts, is coming back. He wants to see what we've done with all the gifts He's given us. That might sound scary, but you never have to be afraid, because God loves you, He is always with you, and He wants to see you do great things with what He's given you. God will help you use your gifts to do great kingdom things! Ask Him to help you think of things to do if you need it!

"Let's take a quiet moment to talk to the good master who left us with gifts."

SALVATION MOMENT & PRAYER**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.

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

What You Need

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|  | Bible marked at Matthew 25:14-30 NIV | 1 |
|  | Cardstock | 1 |
|  | Painter's tape | 1 |

What You Do:

Before the Activity:

- Print "Run to the Gold" on cardstock, one set per Small Group.
- Tape the pictures in different spots around the room.

During the Activity:

- Gather the kids in the center of the room.
- Open the Bible, and show the kids where the Bible Story is.
- Say: "We're going to talk about this story in the Bible that Jesus told to help us understand God's kingdom. When I get to a key part, run to the picture that shows what I'm talking about."
- "The story starts with a rich man giving bags of gold to his servants. Run to that picture!"

- "Two of the servants used the gold to make more. Run to the picture of the men working!"
- "But one servant did something different. He dug a hole in the ground and hid his gold. Run to that picture!"
- "When the rich man came back, was he happy with the first two servants? Yes! Run to the happy face!"
- "Was he happy with the servant who hid the gold? No! Run to the sad face!"

What You Say:

"Great job running to all the parts of our Bible Story! Jesus wanted us to know that when we live in God's kingdom, we're called to use what we've been given to love God and love others. In the story that Jesus told, a rich man, the master, was going on a long journey, so he left three servants in charge of some gold.

"When the rich man came back from his journey, two servants had used the gold the master had given them to make more gold! The master was so happy. But the third servant hid the gold while the master was gone. He didn't use the gold the master had given him. And the master was so sad.

"Jesus told us this story to tell us something true about His kingdom. Jesus is the master, and He has gone away for a little while. He's in heaven, but He's coming back! And in the meantime, He wants us to use everything He has given us, absolutely everything, to do things that make Him happy—just like the first two servants did.

"God gives us all amazing gifts, like our talents, our time, and our smiles, and He is so happy when we use them! And He does great kingdom things when 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 Need

	Bibles marked at Romans 14:17	1
	Plastic cups	10
	Permanent marker	1
	Timer (or smartphone or watch)	1

What You Do:

Before the Activity:

- On each cup, write a short phrase of the Memory Verse using the guide below:
- Cup 1: "God's kingdom
- Cup 2: is not about
- Cup 3: eating or drinking
- Cup 4: It is about doing
- Cup 5: what is right
- Cup 6: and having
- Cup 7: peace and joy
- Cup 8: All this comes
- Cup 9: through the Holy Spirit.
- Cup 10: Romans 14:17 NlrV

During the Activity:

- Give each kid a Bible marked at 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.
- Mix up the cups.
- Challenge the kids to work together to stack the cups into a pyramid with the verse in the correct order from the bottom up.
- Once the pyramid is built, read the verse together.
- Knock it down and challenge them to build it again, but even faster this time.

What You Say:

"Awesome teamwork! You built a great Memory Verse tower. Let's say our verse together one more time: *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).*

"God's kingdom is full of good things because He is so good! Today's Bible Story teaches us that when we use what God has given us—our gifts and talents—to help others, we are doing what is right and spreading God's peace and joy. You are showing people God's kingdom! No matter what God has given you, He wants you to use it all to show people His kingdom. **[Bottom Line] God's kingdom grows when you use what He's given you.**"

5 min

Prayer

5 min

K1 - Pray and Dismiss | Made to Reflect

What You Need

	Small container or cup	1
	Play sand	1
	Paper plate	1
	Plastic gold coin	1
	Paper towels	1

what You Do:

Before the Activity:

- Fill the container/cup with sand, and place on top of the plate.

During the Activity:

- Invite the kids to sit in a circle with you.
- Show them the gold coin. Say: "This coin can be like one of the special gifts God has given you."
- Show them the sand. Say: "The lazy servant in the story buried his gift. He didn't use it."
- Slowly bury the gold coin in the sand.
- Ask: "Is this coin helping anyone right now? Is it growing or doing anything good?" (No.)
- Say: "What should we do with the gifts God gives us?" (Use them!)
- Take the coin out of the sand, and wipe it off.

What You Say:

"Let's pray and ask God to help us never bury the gifts He's given us, but to use them to point to Him so He can grow His kingdom."

Supplies

PRE-SERVICE ACTIVITIES

1. Latex-free balloons Quantity: Several

2. Coins Quantity: 1

Opener

1. Host Quantity: 1

APPLICATION ACTIVITY

1. Bible marked at Matthew 25:14-30 NIV Quantity: 1

2. Cardstock Quantity: 1

3. Painter's tape Quantity: 1

APPLICATION ACTIVITY #2

1. Bibles marked at Romans 14:17 Quantity: 1

2. Plastic cups Quantity: 10

3. Permanent marker Quantity: 1

4. Timer (or smartphone or watch) Quantity: 1

K1 - Pray and Dismiss | Made to Reflect

1. Small container or cup Quantity: 1

2. Play sand Quantity: 1

3. Paper plate Quantity: 1

4. Plastic gold coin Quantity: 1

5. Paper towels Quantity: 1