

K-3RD | JULY 19 W3

Elementary Service Flow

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- Story Time
- Salvation Moment
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- Closer & Prayer



Bible Story

The Servant Who Had No Mercy
• **Matthew 18:21-35**

Bottom Line

God's kingdom grows when you forgive.

Conversation Starter

What and who do you need to forgive?

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 ACTIVITIES

What You Need

 Offering container	1
 Cardstock	1
 Scissors or 2-inch circle punch	1

What You Do:

Before the Activity:

- Print "Coins" on cardstock and cut, one set per Small Group.

During the Activity:

- Greet each kid by name with a fist bump, high-five, smile, or wave as they arrive.
- Divide the kids into three groups, and instruct them to sit facing each other on either side of the room or Small Group space.
- Divide the coins between the three teams, and explain that the goal of the game is to make matching pairs of coins.
- Pick a team to go first.
- During their turn, one team says to another team, "Friend, may I borrow ...," and they insert a coin amount and color they need based on whatever coins they already have.
- Each time a match is made, kids put those coins down in front of them, and those coins are now "out of play."
- The goal is for each team to match as many coins as they can.
- Keep going until one team has no coins without matches left.
- The team with the most matches at the end is the winner.

What You Say:

"Wow, that was a fun game! You guys are so good at matching up all the coins! Let's go hear a Bible Story about someone who borrowed money from a king and couldn't quite give it all back!"

5 min

Opener

What You Need

	Host	1
	Floor tape	1
	4 balloons (Consider having more in case some pop!)	1
	4 kid volunteers (Ask for 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 already feels alive and ready for a great morning. If today is your first time with us, thanks for joining. We're happy you're here!"

"This whole summer, we've been learning about God's kingdom, and 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 get started talking about God's kingdom, let's kick things off with a quick warm-up. Everyone, stand up!"

"Turn to the person next to you. That's your partner for this warm-up. One of you will be the Leader, and the other will be the Mirror. Leaders, you're going to make a simple move with your arms or body. Mirrors, your job is to copy the Leader exactly."

"Ready? Leaders, go ahead and make your first move!"

(Pause while kids play the game.)

"Nice! Now switch roles. Mirrors become Leaders. New move ... go!"

(Pause while kids play the game.)

"Awesome. Stay with your same partner for one more round, and switch roles again. Leader, choose one last move. Ready ... go!"

(Pause while kids play the game.)

"Great job! You're warmed up! You all can take a seat. It's officially game time! Today's game is called ... 'Moonwalk!'

SLIDE: Moonwalk! Title

"I need four racers who are ready to take on a challenge that's a little silly and a lot of fun. And honestly, it's kind of going to look like you're walking on the moon, which has always been a dream of mine!

"Raise your hand if you want to play 'Moonwalk!' *(Choose four kids from the ones who have their hands raised, invite them to the game area, and line them up next to each other at the start line. Give each kid a balloon.)*

"Okay, racers, here's the deal. Each of you has a balloon, but here's the trick: You can't hold it with your hands. You have to keep the balloon squeezed between your knees the entire time.

"If it drops, you have to stop and put it back between your knees before moving again. The first person to reach the finish line with their balloon wins! Sound good?

"Everyone else, pick a racer to cheer for. Point to your racer so they know you're supporting them! *(Pause while kids point.)*

"Racers, get ready. On your mark ... get set ... moonwalk!

AUDIO: Upbeat music

(Play the game. Make sure players are keeping their balloon between their knees the entire time.)

"Wow, they Definitely look like they're walking in space! I wonder if astronauts would agree? *(Play until one of the kids crosses the finish line with their balloon. Declare the winner.)*

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

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

"That was so much fun! You all did great!

"Looks like it's time to check out our Bottom Line for today. It will help us understand something huge about God's kingdom. Let's see what it says!

SLIDE: Bottom Line

[Bottom Line] "God's kingdom grows when you forgive. Can you say that with me?"

KIDS AND HOST: **[Bottom Line]** "God's kingdom grows when you forgive."

HOST: "Great job, friends! We will learn more about that soon!"

5 min

Worship | God I'm Grateful for you | Elevation worship & Chandler Moore

5 min

Memory Verse

What You Need

No supplies needed

"Let's take a minute to review our Memory Verse for the month. This verse helps us understand what God's kingdom is really like. It's not a kingdom of castles and crowns. It's full of good things—things that are right, peace, and joy—because God, the King, is so 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

WORSHIP 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!

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

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

WORSHIP LEADER: *"It is about doing what is right"*

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

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

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

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

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

WORSHIP LEADER: *"Romans 14:17!"*

KIDS AND WORSHIP LEADER: *"Romans 14:17!"*

WORSHIP LEADER: "Here's what I want you to remember this week: When you stay close to the Holy Spirit, God's Spirit Himself, He will grow the good things of God's kingdom in you. Things that are right, things that are peaceful, and things that are joyful. You stay close to God through His Spirit, and those good things will just grow in you!

"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

Salvation moment & Prayer

5 min

WHAT'S OUR PART IN THE STORY?

What You Need

No supplies needed

WHAT'S OUR PART IN THE STORY?

HOST: "Here's the thing: We're just like the first servant. Every single one of us has done things that go against God and His ways. We've sinned. And just like the servant owed a huge amount, our sin is something we could never fix on our own.

"But God is like the king in the story. Because Jesus paid for our sin, God forgives us completely. He gives us a fresh start, just like the king gave the servant a brand-new beginning.

"And because God has forgiven us of so much, He wants us to share that forgiveness with others. Not because what they did was okay ... and not because it didn't hurt ... but because forgiveness lets the pressure go. It keeps our hearts soft instead of tight and frustrated.

"Forgiving someone doesn't mean what they did was okay or you should let them keep doing it. If someone hurts you or makes you uncomfortable, tell a grown-up you trust! But forgiveness helps you

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Salvation moment & Prayer

What You Need

No supplies needed

let go of the pressure inside, so it doesn't grow bigger and bigger.

"When we forgive, we're choosing to live the way Jesus teaches us to live. And when we live that way, we are pointing to God and to His good kingdom! He is the King who forgives.

"Let's take a quiet moment to talk to the King who has forgiven us of so much."

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.)

5 min

Application Activity

5 min

Application Activity #1 | Heavy or Light Backpack

What You Need

	Cones or pillows	1
	Small backpacks	2
	Heavy-but-safe items (like books or water bottles)	1

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

(Dismiss kids to Small Groups.)

SLIDE: Theme

Creating a Safe Place to Connect

What You Do:

Before the Activity:

- Set up two simple, similar paths across the room using cones or pillows. Space the two paths about three to five feet apart from each other.
- Put the heavy items in the backpacks.

During the Activity:

- Divide the group into two teams.
- Ask for two volunteers to put on the "heavy" backpacks.
- When you say: "Go!" have kids race their paths from one side of the room to the other.
- When the kids get back to the start, they will take off their backpacks and hand them to the next kid in line, then they'll race down and back. Continue until each kid on the team has had a turn.
- Ask the teams: "Was that easy or hard?"
- Now, remove all the heavy items out of the backpacks, making them light.
- Encourage the teams to race again, but this time with the "light" backpacks.
- Ask: "Was that easier or harder?" *(Easier!)*

What You Say:

"It was so much easier to race when the backpack was light! When we don't forgive someone, it can feel like carrying a heavy backpack. It makes our hearts feel heavy and sad. But when we forgive, God takes the heavy feeling away! He makes our hearts feel light.

"God is like the good king in the Bible Story who completely forgave the huge amount of money. When we trust that Jesus paid for our sin on the cross and choose to follow Him, God wipes out our sin debt. We were completely tied up in our sin, but now we're free!

"Because God has forgiven us of such a giant sin debt, He wants us to pass that forgiveness on to the people around us. Like Jesus told Peter, we can continue to forgive without putting limits on it.

"Forgiving someone doesn't mean what they did was okay or you should let them keep doing it. It doesn't even mean you have to keep being friends with them. If someone hurts you or makes you uncomfortable, tell a grown-up you trust!

"Forgiving someone says you're trusting God to make things right. And when you forgive, it frees *you* from staying angry and becoming hard and bitter. Forgiveness isn't a feeling, it's a choice. And when you ask God for help and choose to forgive, you are showing your world God's good heart of forgiveness. And God will do great kingdom things when you choose to forgive. **[Bottom Line] God's kingdom grows when you forgive."**

Creating a Safe Place to Connect

5 min

Memory Verse Activity

5 min

Application Activity #2

What You Need

 Bibles	20
 Latex-free balloons	20

What You Do:

During the Activity:

- Give every kid a Bible.
- Invite them to look up Romans 14:17
- Review any words that might be unfamiliar to the kids.
- Invite the kids to set their Bibles aside.
- Give each kid a balloon.
- Tell them the balloon is like us. It can have the *potential* for doing what's right, peace, and joy, but on its own, it's just flat. It can't do anything.
- Ask: "What does the balloon need to fly?" (*air/breath*)
- Say: "The breath is like the Holy Spirit. He is the power that helps us live out the stuff of God's kingdom."
- Instruct the kids to blow up their balloons. On the count of three, have everyone let their balloon go and watch them fly all over the room.

What You Say:

"Just like the air makes the balloon go, the Holy Spirit is the power that helps us do what is right and feel God's peace and joy. We can't do the kingdom stuff on our own! We need help from the Holy Spirit.

"You can pray and ask the Holy Spirit to help you forgive. Forgiving someone says you're trusting God to make things right. And when you forgive, it frees *you* from staying angry and becoming hard and bitter. Forgiveness isn't a feeling, it's a choice. And when you ask God for help and choose to forgive, you are showing your world God's good

5 min

Prayer

5 min

Pray and Dismiss

What You Need

	Index cards	20
	Pencils	20
	Pink Pearl® erasers or similar	20

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Creating a Safe Place to Connect

What You Do:

During the Activity:

- Give each kid an index card, a pencil, and an eraser.
- Ask them to scribble all over the paper until it's very messy.
- Say: "This mess can be like the times we mess up or do something wrong."
- Say: "The king in our story forgave the man's big, messy debt. He wiped it all away, just like this!"
- Show them how to use the eraser to clean up a small spot on their messy paper.

What You Say:

"Every single one of us has sinned against God. We have done and said things that go against God and His ways—including His rules that He gave because He made us and loves us and knows the best way for us to live. God is so amazing and perfect and holy that any sin creates a giant debt, just like the money the first servant owed the king in the Bible Story. But Jesus loves us so much that He paid our giant debt we owed because of sin. Let's pray and thank God for His forgiveness and ask Him to help us forgive others."

Supplies

PRE-SERVICE ACTIVITIES

	Quantity
1. Offering container	1
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Opener

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