

K-5TH

LARGE & SMALL GROUPS

APRIL 19TH, WEEK 3

## TODAY'S SCHEDULE

### PRE-SERVICE

ACTIVITIES 15 MIN

LARGE GROUP [33 MIN]

OPENING GAME 10 MIN

WORSHIP 5 MIN

STORY VIDEO 13 MIN

BOTTOM LINE

WHAT'S OUR PART IN THE STORY

SALVATION MOMENT 5 MIN

SMALL GROUP [30-35 min]

ACTIVITY 1 12 MIN

ACTIVITY 2 12 MIN

CLOSING PRAYER 6 MIN

## THIS MONTH



### Today's Bible Story

Great Commission and Ascension

Matthew 28:16-20

Acts 1:1-11

### Bottom Line

You can share the good news about Jesus.

### Memory Verse

Always be joyful because you belong to the Lord.

I will say it again. Be joyful!

Philippians 4:4 NIV

Please make sure that children who were not here last week receive a memory verse card to take home so they can practice and memorize it throughout the week.

Please go over the memory verse with the class every Sunday.

## PRE-SERVICE Activity & Coloring Pages

What you need:

- “Shout Out to Jesus”  
Megaphone
  - Construction Paper
  - Stickers
  - Tape
  - Crayons and Markers
- “Joy” Activity Page
  - Cotton Make-Up Rounds
  - Washable Markers
- “Story Telling Emoji” Cards

Welcome kids by name as they arrive with a high five, fist bump, or a wave!

Have tables set up with activities before the kids arrive. Explain that they can choose to work on whatever they want and can move between the activities if they wish

- **“Shout Out to Jesus” Megaphone**

Have children decorate their paper with crayons and/or markers and stickers. Roll to make a megaphone and secure with tape. They can use it to “shout out” “Jesus is alive”!

- **“Joy” Activity Page**

Children will color the rounds with different, bright colors and tape it where the “O” belongs in the word JOY. They can take it home and follow the instructions to see the colors in water with their families. If you have time, you can make one and show the children how it will work.

- **“Story Telling Emoji” Cards**

Have children arrange the cards in order of how the story goes.

## LARGE GROUP

## OPENER GAME

### “Don’t Keep It”

#### What You Need:

- Host
- 12 Kid Volunteers for two teams of 10
- Floor tape
- 20 Inflated Balloons
- Timer, Smartphone or Countdown

#### Set Up:

- Use floor tape to split your game area into two equal sides.
- Blow up 20 balloons.
- Scatter 10 balloons on each side of the floor tape

**HOST:** *What is UP, everybody? Welcome to Fusion Kids! We’re in the third week of our Block Party theme, ‘Celebrating Jesus and Joy That Never Ends’! And today, we’re talking about something Jesus asked all of us to do.*

*“But first, we’re starting with a game that is loud, fast, and basically impossible to play calmly. I call it: ‘Don’t Keep It!’*

**SLIDE:** Don’t Keep It! Title

**HOST:** *“Take a look right here. See this giant line of tape running down the middle of the room? That line splits the room into two sides. Team One is on my left, and Team Two is on my right. And I need six players for each team. If you want in, let me see those hands! Let’s pick our teams!*

(Pick twelve volunteers from the kids who have their hands raised. Split them into two teams of six and have each team stand in their game zone.)

*“Okay, we have our teams! Now, notice the floor around you. Yup, there are 20 balloons out here, 10 on each side. When that countdown clock starts, these balloons are your entire mission.”*

*“Your goal is simple: when the one-minute timer ends, you want the fewest balloons on your side.*

*“That means if a balloon touches your foot? Don’t keep it. If a balloon rolls into your corner? Don’t keep it. If a balloon is staring at you like, ‘Please hold me’? NOPE, don’t keep it!*

*“You can grab it, toss it, kick it, head butt it, whatever you’ve got to do to get it to the other side. Just don’t cross the line! And be gentle with your teammates! “*

*“And remember, when the time is up, whichever team has the least amount of balloons on their side wins.”*

*“Okay, teams ready? Audience, are YOU ready? Countdown ready?”*

*“Alright then ... let’s play ‘DON’T KEEP IT ,3 ... 2 ... 1 ... GO!”*

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## OPENER GAME (CONT.)

### **Optional Video:** One-Minute Countdown

#### **AUDIO:** Upbeat music

(Start the timer—or smartphone or watch or countdown. Play the game. Cheer on both teams and involve the audience. Make sure each team is staying on their side of the game zone.)

(Once the one-minute timer is up ... )

*“Okay, time is up! Great job, [Team Name]! You have the fewest number of balloons on your side! Let’s give a big hand for both of our teams!”*

(Repeat for as many rounds as time allows. Ask for twelve new volunteers at the start of each round.)

**HOST:** *“That was awesome! Now I want you all to think about something. In that game, the whole point was not to keep things to yourself. If you held onto a balloon, your team lost.*

*“And today, we’re talking about something Jesus told His followers—something that works the same way. Jesus didn’t want the good news He told His followers to be kept quiet. He wanted it passed on. Shared and told. Given away so EVERYONE could know the good news about Jesus and that He loves us so much!*

*“That’s why our Bottom Line today is this:*

**SLIDE:** Bottom Line [Bottom Line] *“You can share the good news about Jesus.”*

*“Say that with me, everyone!”*

**HOST AND KIDS:** *“You can share the good news about Jesus.”*

**HOST:** *“Nice job, everybody! Let’s go find out more about what that means!”*

## Service Flow

### WORSHIP

### STORY VIDEO

### SALVATION MOMENT

What You Need

- Salvation cards
- Salvation sheet

#### **WORSHIP:**

*Alright everyone — it's time to worship Jesus!*

*Let's spread out across the room so we have space to move and praise.*

*(Production: turn off one main light and turn on the light tower by the booth.)*

*Let's lift our voices and give God our best!*

*Worship Song: "Thank God I'm Free" by Elevation Rhythm*

**STORY TIME:** *Wow! What an incredible time of worship! You all did such an amazing job praising God!*

*Now, let's all find a seat on the floor and get ready for today's story:*

#### **Great Commission and Ascension**

*Put on your listening ears and quiet voices — let's see what God wants to teach us today!*

**SALVATION MOMENT:** *Alright friends, this is a very special moment. Everyone, bow your heads and close your eyes so we can focus and give privacy to our friends. Walk through the salvation slide and explain clearly and simply. Ask: If you want Jesus to be your forever friend, raise your hand so I can see. Pause. Give the Holy Spirit time to work. Celebrate those who raised their hands! Have everyone open their eyes. **Go through the ABC Prayer together, asking the kids to repeat and follow along with the slides.***

**HELPERS:** During the salvation moment (while heads are bowed and eyes are closed):

- Quietly walk around and give an "I Decided" card to each child who raised their hand.
- Afterward, ask them to meet with you so you can fill it out.
- Clearly print their first and last name on the salvation sheet.
- Make sure the card goes home to their parents.

If no one raises their hand, that's okay. The Holy Spirit is still working.

Simply mark "**No Response**" on the salvation sheet so we know the moment was covered.

Remember: We plant seeds — God brings the growth.

## SMALL GROUP

### ACTIVITY 1

#### “Pass the World”

##### What You Need

- Inflatable globe balls

#### What You Do

- Encourage the kids to stand in a circle on the floor.
- Explain that you are going to pass the “world” around the circle, but there’s a catch! They cannot use their hands.
- They must use their feet, elbows, or knees to pass the globe to the person next to them.
- If the globe touches the ground, they can use their hands to pick it up and start again.
- See how many times they can get the globe all the way around the circle.

#### What You Say

“That was tricky but fun! We sent the world all around to all the people in our group. In our true story from the Bible today, Jesus gave His friends a very big job to do. He wanted them to take His message of love to everyone in the whole world! Let’s go see what He said.”

## SMALL GROUP

### ACTIVITY 2

#### “Unscrambled Relay”

##### What You Need

- Bibles
- Floor Tape
- 17 prepared crepe paper streamers
- “Unscramble Relay” Activity Page

#### What You Do

- Create two starting lines with floor tape.
- Place a complete pile of streamers on the opposite side of the space from the starting lines.
- Give every kid a Bible and direct them to look up Philippians 4:4.
- Demonstrate how to look up the verse using the Bible Navigation Tips.
- Repeat the verse aloud several times.
- Review any words that might be unfamiliar to the kids.
- Guide the kids to put their Bibles aside.
- Divide the kids into two teams and line both teams up at the opposite end of the room, behind the floor tape starting lines, and across from a pile of streamers
- Explain that they will take turns running to the pile, choosing one streamer, and running it back to their team.
- Once both teams have collected all their streamers, help them read the words on the streamers and put the verse in order.
- When both teams finish, say the verse together.

#### What You Say

“You all did an awesome job running, collecting, and solving your verse puzzle! This Memory Verse tells us, ‘Always be joyful because you belong to the Lord’ (Philippians 4:4 NIV). That means we can have joy every day, not just because we feel happy, but because we belong to God! He loves us so much! We belong to God, and that news is too good to keep to ourselves. One of the reasons to have joy is knowing that we get to share the good news about Jesus with everyone we meet. We can remember this verse on good days and bad days, because sharing Jesus’ love brings light to the world no matter what. So say it again, be joyful! **[Bottom Line]** You can share the good news about Jesus.”

## SMALL GROUP

### PRAY AND DISMISS

What You Need

No Supplies Needed

### What To Do:

- Invite the kids to sit in a circle.
- Ask, "Where is one place you will go this week?" (e.g., school, park, grandma's house, soccer practice)
- Go around the circle and let everyone answer.
- Then ask, "Who is one person you will see there?"
- Let everyone answer.

### What You Say:

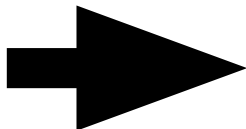
"In all those places, God is with you! And you can tell all those people and more about Jesus."

### Pray

"God, thank You that You are with us at school, at home, and everywhere we go. Please help us follow Jesus and share with everyone the truth about You and Your great love. When we do this, we can help people see how good and true and beautiful Jesus is, so they want to follow Him too. Thank You for giving us joy and being with us as we tell others about You. We love You, and we pray these things in Jesus' name. Amen."

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