

K-5TH

LARGE & SMALL GROUPS

MAY 3RD, WEEK 1

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

Peter and John Are Taken
to the Sanhedrin
Acts 3-4:22

Bottom Line

Keep going because of what God
has done.

Memory Verse

Let us not become tired of doing
good. At the right time we will
gather a crop if we don't give up.
Galatians 6:9 NIV

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

PRE-SERVICE

What you need:

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 - Paper That looks like a rugged mountain
 - Crayons
 - Markers
 - Glue
 - Items to Glue
 - Tape to put it on the wall
- MegaBlocks/Legos (3-5)—Build a Mountain
- Codebreaker Activity Page
 - Pencils

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. Encourage children to bring home their creations to share what they know with their families.

“Don’t Stop” Poster

Have children work together to make a collage on the mountain (You will have two) with glue and materials, crayons and markers. When they are done, tape the mountains to the wall.

Build a Mountain

Direct the children to build a mountain with mega-blocks and/or legos (3-5).

Codebreaker Activity Page

Have children use the codebreaker to find the message.

LARGE GROUP

OPENER GAME

“Mountain Climber Relay”

What You Need:

- Host
- 8 Kid Volunteers
- Floor tape
- Two mountains (boxes) to represent mountains
- 4 Flags for TEAM ONE and 4 different flags for TEAM TWO

Set Up:

- Make a starting line for each team
- A few feet away, enough room the teams to race, put the mountains with four flags in each one.

HOST: *“Hey, everyone! I’m so glad you’re here today. Let me hear you make some noise if you’re ready to get moving!”*

(Pause while kids cheer.)

“Nice! Today, we’re kicking off a brand-new series called ‘TREK’! The full name of the series is ‘TREK: Don’t Stop, Don’t Give Up—God’s with You!’

“Everybody say it with me, ‘TREK’!

“Awesome! A trek is a long journey. It’s not a quick walk, and it’s definitely not a shortcut. A trek means you keep moving, even when things get hard. And that’s exactly what we’re going to be talking about all month long—don’t stop, don’t give up because God’s with you. But before we jump into our true story from the Bible today, we’re starting with a game, because every good trek starts with some movement.”

“This game is called ‘Mountain Climber Relay!’

SLIDE: *Mountain Climber Relay! Title*

“And yes, you’re going to climb a mountain today! At least ... kind of.”

“Okay, I need 8 volunteers! Who’d like to play?”

(Pick 8 volunteers from the kids who have their hands raised and invite them to the game area. Split them into two teams of four and have each team line up single file behind the start line.)

“Let’s hear it for our climbers!”

“Here’s how this works. We have two teams: Team One and Team Two. The start line is your base camp, and the flags at the top of the mountain, are your goal. Think of them like the top of the mountain. One person from each team will climb across the room, grab a flag, mountain climb back down the mountain, and bring the flag to their team. Then you tag the next person, and they go.

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OPENER GAME (CONT.)

“But here’s the catch: you’re not running or walking. You have to mountain climb the entire time! That means crawling on the floor doing mountain climbers, like this! “

(Demonstrate mountain climbers—hands and feet stay on the ground while crawling.)

“The first team to bring all four flags back to their base camp wins!”

“Okay, teams, get ready! Audience, your job is to cheer. When I say, ‘TREK,’ you say, ‘KEEP GOING!’ Let’s practice:

HOST: *“TREK!”*

KIDS: *“KEEP GOING!”*

HOST: *“That was perfect! Okay, teams ready? Audience ready? On your mark ... get set ... GO!”*

AUDIO: Upbeat music

“Nice climbing! Don’t stop now! You’re almost there, keep going!”

HOST: *“TREK!”*

KIDS: *“KEEP GOING!”*

HOST: *“TREK!”*

KIDS: *“KEEP GOING! KEEP GOING!”*

(Play the game. Encourage all the teams and involve the audience. Make sure each kid is doing mountain climbers during the relay. Play until one of the teams brings all four flags back to the start line.)

HOST *“Woohoo! It looks like [Team Name] is the winner! Let’s give it up for ALL our climbers! Great job, everyone.*

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

“Let me ask you guys something. Did anyone’s legs start to feel tired? Did it get harder the longer you went? Yeah, that’s what happens on a trek.

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OPENER GAME (CONT.)

“And sometimes, following God can feel like that too. There are moments when it would be easier to stop, easier to quit, or easier to give up. But today, we’re going to hear about two guys, Peter and John, who didn’t stop; they kept going! And our Bottom Line today tells us what helped them keep going.

“Let’s check it out!”

SLIDE: *Bottom Line [Bottom Line] “Keep going because of what God has done”*

Can you say that with me?”

KIDS AND HOST: *[Bottom Line] “Keep going because of what God has done.”*

HOST: *“Awesome job today, everyone! Let’s go learn 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: **"Can't Steal My Joy" by Better Life Kids Worship***

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:*

Peter and John Are Taken to the Sanhedrin Acts 3–4:22

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

“Better Than Coins”

What You Need

- Bowls
- Plastic Coins
- Spoons
- Timer (or smartphone or watch)

What You Do

- Divide the kids into two teams and have them name their team.
- Give each team one bowl of plastic gold coins, one empty bowl, and one spoon.
- Say: “We’re going to see who can scoop the most coins into their bowl in 30 seconds!”
- Invite the first kid from each team get ready with the spoon.
- Start the timer (or smartphone or watch) and instruct the kids to scoop as many coins as they can from one bowl to the other using only the spoon.
- When the timer goes off, count the coins in each team’s bowl.
- Say: “It looks like (team name) scooped the most coins! Great job, friends! Let’s do another round.”
- Reset the bowls and let two more kids from each team have a turn.
- Continue until every kid has had a turn.

What You Say

“That was a fun game! Teams, what was the number of coins you scooped? (Pause for responses.) Wow, that’s a lot of coins! Some coins are worth a lot of money! In our true story from the Bible today, we’re going to hear about something even better than silver or gold coins. Two friends of Jesus, named Peter and John, gave someone a gift that was much, much better than coins. Let’s go find out what happened!”

SMALL GROUP

ACTIVITY 2

“Who Said It”

What You Need

- “Matching Cards” Activity Page
- Print “Matching Cards” on cardstock and cut, one set per kid.

What You Do

- Open your Bible and review the Bible Story with the kids (Acts 3–4:22). Share the following main points:
 - Through the power of the Holy Spirit, Peter and John healed a man who couldn’t walk.
 - When Peter began preaching about Jesus, the religious leaders got angry and arrested Peter and John.
 - The Holy Spirit moved 5,000 people to believe in Jesus!
 - The next day, Peter and John were brought out of prison to a gathering of religious leaders.
 - The religious leaders questioned Peter and John, but the Holy Spirit helped them answer boldly.
 - When the religious leaders commanded Peter and John never to speak in Jesus’ name again, Peter and John said they couldn’t stop because they had seen the good things God had done!”
- Give each kid a set of the character cards from the “Matching Cards” Activity Page.
- Explain that you will read something that happened in today’s Bible Story.
- Instruct the kids to listen carefully and hold up the picture of the person or group of people who said it or did it.
- Read the following statements one at a time:
 - “Who saw a man who couldn’t walk and healed him in Jesus’ name?” (Peter and John)
 - “Who was so happy he could walk that he jumped and leaped and praised God?” (the healed man)
 - “Who were the angry leaders who arrested Peter and John?” (the religious leaders)
 - “Who boldly told the religious leaders they would never stop talking about Jesus?” (Peter and John)
- Help kids (as needed) choose the right card and celebrate their great listening.

What You Say

“You all remembered our story so well! Peter and John were disciples of Jesus, and now they were leaders in the new church. One afternoon, they went up to the temple for prayer. Ahead, they saw a man asking for money because he couldn’t walk and couldn’t work. Peter said, “I don’t have any silver or gold. But I’ll give you what I do have. In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, get up and walk” (Acts 3:6 NIV). Just like that, the man’s feet and ankles became strong. For the first time in his life, he took a step. And then another. The man went right into the temple

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SMALL GROUP

ACTIVITY 2 (CONT.)

courtyard with Peter and John, jumping and praising God. Everyone who recognized him was filled with wonder and amazement.

“Peter was quick to step up and share the good news of God’s story. The religious leaders tried to stop Peter and John. They arrested them, and then the next day, the religious leaders commanded Peter and John to never again speak or teach in Jesus’ name. But Peter and John said, ‘Which is right from God’s point of view? Should we listen to you? Or should we listen to God? You be the judges! There’s nothing else we can do. We have to speak about the things we’ve seen and heard’ (Acts 4:19-20 NIV). They had seen what God had done, and they couldn’t stop talking about it! They knew they had to speak boldly and **[Bottom Line] keep going because of what God has done.**”

SMALL GROUP

PRAY AND DISMISS

What You Need

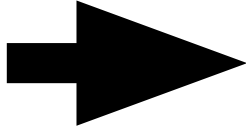
No Supplies Needed

Prayer

“Dear God, thank You for all the amazing things You’ve done for us. Thank You for sending Jesus to rescue us so we can be friends with You forever. Help us to be brave and keep telling people about You, just like Peter and John. Help us to always [Bottom Line] keep going because of what God has done. We love You, and we pray these things in Jesus’ name. Amen.”

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