

K-5TH

LARGE & SMALL GROUPS

MAY 10TH, WEEK 2

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

Philip and the Man from Ethiopia
Acts 8:26-40

Bottom Line

Keep following God, even when you have questions.

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 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

What you need:

- “My Big Questions About God” Journal
 - Paper
 - Markers
 - Stapler
 - “My Big Questions About God” Stickers
- Memory Verse Scroll
 - Scroll Activity Page
 - Crayons
 - Ribbon
- Play-dough and Word Play-dough Mats
- God Word Search

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.

“My Big Questions About God” Journal

Children can choose to use two or more pieces of paper for their journals. Fold the paper in half to make a book and staple along the edge to secure their pages. Put the “My Big Questions About God” sticker on the front and decorate.

Memory Verse Scroll

Color the Scroll Activity Page. Roll page from both ends to make a scroll and tie it with a ribbon. Take it home to help learn this month's Memory Verse.

Word Play-Dough Mats

Use play-dough to write the words on the mats.

God Word Search

How many of the word God can you find?

LARGE GROUP

OPENER GAME

“Campfire Collect”

What You Need:

- Host
- 6 Kid Volunteers
- 20 Sticks
- 6 Pieces of Orange Tissue Paper
- 6 Pieces of Red Tissue Paper
- Leaders to Count Sticks and Oversee the Game

Set Up:

- Scatter the 20 sticks or paper tubes around the game area.
- Have six pieces of uncrumpled tissue paper—three red and three orange pieces—in the fire-making area for each team.
- Prep two leaders ahead of time to count sticks and make sure the “campfire” is assembled correctly with crumpled tissue paper during the game.

HOST:

“Hey, everyone! What’s up? I’m really glad you’re here today. If this is your first time at Fusion Kids, welcome! I’m so pumped you’re here. And if you’ve been coming for a while, welcome back! Today we’re in Week Two of our series called ‘TREK.’ The full title of our series is, ‘TREK: Don’t Stop, Don’t Give Up—God’s with You!’

“When you hear the word ‘trek,’ what comes to mind?”

“Go ahead and shout it out!” (Pause while kids shout out answers.)

“Yeah! Hiking, backpacks, long walks, getting tired, maybe even wanting to quit halfway through. A trek isn’t quick or easy. It’s a journey, and journeys take time, effort, and commitment. That’s what this whole series is about: not stopping and not giving up, even when things feel confusing or hard.”

“So we’re starting today with a game that goes along with that idea perfectly.”

“Think about being out on a long hike. It’s cold, it’s getting dark, and you’re exhausted. What’s one thing that instantly makes things better?”

(Pause while kids call out answers.)

“Those are some great answers! What about a campfire? A campfire keeps you warm. It gives you light, and of course, you can roast marshmallows over it!”

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OPENER GAME (CONT.)

“Speaking of campfires, today, we’re going to make our very own campfires in our game called ‘Campfire Collect!’”

SLIDE: “Campfire Collect! Title”

“Here’s how it works: we’re going to have two teams of three; Team One and Team Two. Each team is going to build their own campfire, but you don’t get it handed to you. You have to go get it! All around the room are these sticks.”

(Gesture to sticks scattered around the room.)

*“Two of you will be the runners, and your job is to collect ten sticks and bring them back to your other teammate—the fire maker! The fire maker’s job is to hold up all the sticks like a teepee while the two runners collect the sticks. If you’re the fire maker, you have to hold up all the sticks for the **WHOLE** game!”*
“But once your team has ten sticks, don’t celebrate yet. Your leader has to count them and make sure you have ten! After your leader counts your sticks, the runners are to crumple up the six pieces of tissue paper—I mean pieces of flame—and put them in the pile of sticks to finish the fire. The first team to build a complete campfire wins!”

*“Oh! One more important detail. To make this a little more challenging, if your job is a runner, you can only collect **ONE** stick at a time! So that means both runners will have to work together as a team to collect and carry the sticks back to the fire maker!”*

“And if you’re in the audience, you get to cheer on both teams as they build their fires!”

“Okay, I’m going to need six volunteers. Raise your hand if you’d like to play!”

(Choose six volunteers from the kids who have their hands raised and invite them to the game area. Split them up into two teams of three and choose one fire maker and two runners for each team. Prompt the two leaders who are going to help you with the game to come on stage.)

“Alright, teams, get ready. Runners, you can start collecting sticks when I say, ‘GO!’”

“On your mark ... get set ... GO!”

AUDIO: Upbeat music

(CONT.)

OPENER GAME (CONT.)

(Play the game. Make sure the runners are only grabbing one stick at a time and bringing it back to the fire maker before grabbing another stick. Once a team collects ten sticks, make sure the team crumples up the pieces of tissue paper to finish their campfire.)

Nice teamwork! Keep it moving! Don't give up! Those campfires are looking awesome!"

(Once one team has built a complete campfire ...)

"Woohoo! Looks like [Team Name] is the winner! Let's give a big hand to both of our teams! "

(As time allows, continue with more rounds. Ask for six new volunteers at the start of each round. Scatter the sticks around the game area at the start of each round.)

"Nice job! Everybody have a seat and catch your breath for a second. Now I want some s'mores!"

"That took some serious teamwork and focus! But you guys didn't stop, and you didn't give up. And that's what we've been talking about this month in our 'TREK' series!"

"Looks like it's time to check out our Bottom Line for today! Let's see what it says."

SLIDE: Bottom Line

[Bottom Line] "Keep following God, even when you have questions.

"Let's all say it together!"

HOST AND KIDS: [Bottom Line] "Keep following God, even when you have questions."

HOST: "We're going to talk more about that in our Bible Story today!"

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:*

Philip and the Man from Ethiopia Acts 8:26-40

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

“Trek Memory Game”

What You Need

No Supplies Needed

What You Do

- Gather the kids to sit with you in a circle and explain that you’re going to play a memory game.
- Start by saying, “I’m going on a trek, and I’m taking ... ” then name an item, like “binoculars.”
- Instruct the kid to your right to repeat what you said and add their own item. “I’m going on a trek, and I’m taking binoculars and a ... water bottle.”
- Continue around the circle with each kid repeating the full list from the beginning and adding one more thing at the end.
- See how long the group can remember everything! Help them out when they get stuck.

What You Say

“Wow, that was a lot to remember! You did a great job trying to keep going. In our Bible Story today, we met someone who was on a long trip, or a ‘trek,’ and he had a lot of questions. Remember who helped him?”

SMALL GROUP

ACTIVITY 2

“Memory Verse Emojis”

What You Need

- Bibles
- “Emoji Verse” Activity Page (cut, 1 set per child)
- Craft Sticks
- Tape

What You Do

- Give every kid a Bible.
- Invite them to look up Galatians 6:9 using the Bible Navigation Tips in your orange binder.
- Read 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.
- Give each kid a set of the five emoji cards, 5 craft sticks and tape to share. Have them tape their emoji’s to the craft sticks before you move on.
- Explain that they are going to “translate” the Memory Verse into emojis.
- Read the verse phrase by phrase and have the kids hold up the emoji that best fits each phrase.

- “Let us not become tired”



- “of doing good.”



- “At the right time”



- “we will gather a crop”



- “if we don’t give up.”



- Once complete, challenge the kids to lay the emojis in the correct order and say the Memory Verse together.

What You Say

“That was a fun way to think about our Memory Verse! This verse is the ultimate message of perseverance. It’s a promise from God that our efforts in ‘doing good’ are never wasted. So even when you have questions or when things are hard, don’t give up. [Bottom Line] **Keep following God, even when you have questions.**”

SMALL GROUP

PRAY AND DISMISS

What You Need

- “Sandwich Art” Activity Page

What You Do

- Explain that you’re going to build a prayer sandwich together with the “ingredients.”
- Hold up the first piece of bread that says, “Dear God.”
- Hold up the lettuce. Say, “The lettuce reminds us to say, ‘Thank You’ to God. What are you thankful for?” (Let kids share.)
- Hold up the cheese. Say, “The cheese reminds us to say, ‘I’m sorry.’ Let’s pause and tell God sorry for any wrong choices we’ve made. You can pray silently in your head.” (Pause for a minute or two while kids pray silently.)
- Hold up the piece of meat. Say, “This piece of meat reminds us to ask God to ‘Please help me ... ’ What do you need God’s help with?” (Let kids share.)
- Hold up the tomato. Say, “The tomato reminds us to ask God to ‘Please heal ... ’ Do you or someone in your life need God’s healing?” (Let kids share.)
- Hold up the cucumber. Say, “The cucumber reminds us to ask God to ‘Please bless ... ’ Who or what do you want to ask God to bless?” (Let kids share.)
- Hold up the slices of bacon. Say, “This bacon reminds us to ask God to ‘Help me remember ... ’ What do you want God to help you remember? (Let kids share.)
- Hold up the other piece of bread that says, “Amen.” • Stack all the ingredients together as you pray.

What You Say

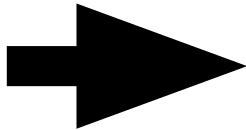
“We made a delicious prayer sandwich! It’s another reminder that we can talk to God about anything and everything. We can ask God questions—even the really big questions! Nothing is too hard or too big for God! When we ask questions, we’ll understand more and grow in our faith. Let’s pray together.”

Prayer

“Dear God, thank You for being a God who listens to our questions. Please help us to be brave and keep asking when we want to know more about You. Help us to keep going as we follow You and never give up. We love You, and we pray these things in Jesus’ name. Amen.”

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