

K-5TH

LARGE & SMALL GROUPS

JUNE 21ST, 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

The Story of the Lost Son
Luke 15:11-32

Bottom Line

God wants everyone to be part of
His kingdom.

Memory Verse

"May your kingdom come. May
what you want to happen be done
on earth as it is done in heaven."
Matthew 6:10 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:

- “Welcome Home” Craft
 - Glue
 - Craft Sticks
 - Welcome Home Stickers
 - Markers
 - House Template
- “Prodigal Son” Activity Pages

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.

“Welcome Home” Craft

Cut out the house. Glue two craft sticks, one on each side of your house template for the roof. Put the “Welcome Home” sticker in the center of the largest part of the template and fold the sides over like a door. Decorate with markers.

“Prodigal Son” Activity Pages

- Maze
- Coloring Page
- Word Search

LARGE GROUP

OPENER GAME

“Slippery Steps”

What You Need:

- Host
- Floor Tape
- Cones
- Large Paper Plates
- 3 Volunteers

HOST:

“Welcome back to Kingdom Quest, everyone! I’m so glad you’re here! We’ve been learning about God’s kingdom all month long, and the full title of our series this month is ‘Kingdom Quest— Seeking the Greatest Treasure.’

“So, what is God’s kingdom? Well, God is good, kind, just, trustworthy, and patient—among other things! And His kingdom is anywhere where He reigns. The kingdom is where the ways of the King are the way things run! God wants to spread His good kingdom everywhere! And that’s what we’re going to learn about today in today’s Bible Story.”

“But before we get started learning more about God’s kingdom, I need to see how awake you are. Let’s warm up with a quick crowd check. If you’re feeling at least 50% awake, let me hear you make some noise!”

(Pause while kids respond.)

“Okay, okay ... that’s decent. But if you’re feeling 80% awake, let me hear a louder shout!”

(Pause while kids respond.)

“Nice! Alright, if you’re 100% awake and ready for some fun, I want you to give me your best shout on the count of three.”

“Ready? One ... two ... three!”

(Pause while kids respond.)

“Beautiful. Now let’s get moving for a second. Everybody, stand up for a micro warm-up.”

“Here’s what I want: On the count of three, everyone take TWO giant sliding steps to the right, like you’re ice skating. Ready? One ... two ... three ... SLIDE!”

(Pause while kids slide to the right.)

“Nice! Now back to the left. One ... two ... three ... SLIDE!”

(Pause while kids slide to the left.)

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OPENER GAME (CONT.)

“That was impressive! You guys already look like professionals, and you just got prepped for our game! See these?”

(Hold up paper plates.)

“Yes, these are pure, premium-grade paper plates. Strong enough to hold a sandwich, but can they hold your entire body weight? We’re about to find out. It’s time to play ‘Slippery Steps!’

SLIDE: Slippery Steps! Title

“The rules are simple: Each of our three racers will line up with one paper plate under each foot, and from that moment on, you can ONLY slide across the floor on the plates.”

“When I say, ‘GO,’ racers will slide through all the cones that are set up for you, then turn around and slide back through them. The first person to finish the race and cross the start line wins. Style points? Always optional ... always appreciated.”

“So, who’s feeling brave enough to take on ‘Slippery Steps’ today? I need three volunteers! Raise your hand if you want to play!”

(Pick three kids from the ones who have their hands raised, invite them to the game area, and line them up in a single file line at the start line. Give each kid two paper plates—one for each foot—and help them place the plates under their feet.)

“Look at these champions. Look at this confidence. Look at the fear in their eyes. Perfect!”

“Racers ready? Plates steady? Audience, are you ready to cheer them on? Let’s go!”

“Three ... two ... one ... SLIDE!”

AUDIO: Upbeat music

(Play the game. Make sure the paper plates stay underneath the kids’ feet the whole time they’re racing.)

“Look at that! Racer One with the strong start! Racer Two looks like they’re skating on butter! Racer Three, that’s some amazing effort!”

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OPENER GAME (CONT.)

(Play until one of the kids has completed the race and crossed the start line. Declare the winner.)

“And we have a winner of ‘Slippery Steps!’ Give it up for our champion!”

(Continue with more rounds if time allows. Ask for three new volunteers at the start of each round, and give each player new paper plates at the start of each round.)

“Today’s game reminds us of an important Bible story — the story of the Prodigal Son from the Bible. The son decided to leave his father’s house and go far away to do things his own way. At first, it probably felt exciting... kind of like sliding fast across the room! But after a while, he realized he had made some wrong choices and wanted to return home to his father. That reminds us that no matter how far we go or what mistakes we make, God always loves us and is ready to welcome us back.”

“Looks like it’s time to check out our Bottom Line for today. Remember how we talked about God’s kingdom earlier? Well, here is an important truth about it!”

SLIDE: Bottom Line [Bottom Line]

“God wants everyone to be part of His kingdom. Can you say that with me?”

KIDS AND HOST: [Bottom Line] *“God wants everyone to be part of His kingdom.”*

HOST: *“We will learn more about that soon! Great job today, friends!”*

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:

"Alleluia"

by Elevation Worship and Chandler Moore

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:*

The Story of the Lost Son Luke 15:11-32

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

“Lost Son Relay”

What You Need

- Bibles
- Plastic Coins (as many as there are kids on each team)
- 2 Brown Paper Bags
- 2 Buckets
- 2 Robes or Large T-Shirts
- 2 Plastic Rings

Set Up

Remove coins from the brown bag to match the number of children on each team

What You Do

- Give each kid a Bible.
- Demonstrate how to look up Luke 15:11-32 using the Bible Navigation Tips on the first page of the binder.
- Read Luke 15:11-32 together.
- Talk about how Jesus used parables to teach us about God and His kingdom. Ask, “What did you learn from this parable?”
- Invite the kids to set their Bibles aside.
- Divide the group into two teams.
- Set up a simple relay race.
 - On one side of the room, place the buckets for both teams with space in between.
 - Place the props—the robe, the ring, and the paper bag of plastic coins—for each group across the room from their buckets.
 - Instruct the kids to line up near their teams’ props.
- Explain the relay:
 - The first person in line will put on the robe and the ring, grab the paper bag of coins, run to the other side of the room, drop ONE coin in the bucket (representing wasting the money), run back, and take everything off for the next person. That person will repeat. Continue with each kid.
 - The relay continues until all the coins are gone.
 - The first team to put all their coins in the bucket wins.

What You Say

“Great job! That relay helps us remember some key parts of the story Jesus told to teach us about God’s love. Let’s review our Bible Story: / There was a man who had two sons. The younger son spoke to his father. He said, “Father, give me my share of the family property.” So the father divided his property between his two sons’ (Luke 15:11-12 NIV).

At this time, a son usually received his share of the family property after his father died. So when the younger son demanded his money right away, it was almost like saying he wished his father were dead!

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SMALL GROUP

ACTIVITY 1 (Cont.)



“The father must have been terribly hurt, but he allowed his son the freedom to make mistakes and learn the hard way. /Not long after that, the younger son packed up all he had. Then he left for a country far away. There he wasted his money on wild living. He spent everything he had. Then the whole country ran low on food. So the son didn’t have what he needed’ (Luke 15:13-14 Nlrv). The younger son bought whatever he wanted when he wanted it. So when a famine came, and food was scarce, the younger son had nothing left. He went from living the party life to starving in a very short time. In fact, the younger son became so desperate that he went to work feeding pigs. This was one of the worst jobs a Jewish young man could do, since pigs were considered to be ‘unclean.’ But the son was so very hungry that he actually wanted to eat the slop he gave to the pigs! That’s when he hit rock bottom.

“The younger son finally understood how he had messed up. He thought he would need to earn his way back into his father’s house. But when he approached his father’s house, his father did something totally unexpected! /While the son was still a long way off, his father saw him. He was filled with tender love for his son. He ran to him. He threw his arms around him and kissed him’ (Luke 15:20b Nlrv). That is such a powerful picture of forgiveness. The father didn’t care about the wasted money; he was just so thrilled his son was home.

“The older son had stayed with the father the entire time and had done all of the right things. The older son was upset that the father did such great things for the younger son. But the father wanted the older son to join the party and celebrate too!

“That’s a picture of God. God celebrates when we come to Him, no matter what we’ve done. He loves us and wants us to be part of His kingdom. [Bottom Line] God wants everyone to be part of His kingdom.”

SMALL GROUP

ACTIVITY 2

“Pass the Squeeze”

What You Need

- Bible marked Matthew 6:10

What You Do

- Invite kids to join you, standing in a circle
- Explain that you are going to send a secret message—a hand squeeze—all the way around the circle.
- Start by gently squeezing the hand of the person on your right.
- Tell them that when they feel the squeeze, they should pass it on by squeezing the hand of the next person.
- Practice sending the squeeze around the circle a few times.
- Then, say, “When the squeeze makes it all the way back to me, we’re all going to say our Memory Verse together!”
- Start the squeeze. When the squeeze returns to your other hand, lead the kids in saying: “May your kingdom come. May what you want to happen be done on earth as it is done in heaven” (Matthew 6:10 NIV).”
- Play a few times, seeing if the squeeze can travel faster each time.

What You Say

“Great job! EVERYONE felt the squeeze! God’s kingdom is like that.

[Bottom Line] God wants EVERYONE to be part of His kingdom because God loves everyone so much, no matter what!

“No matter who you are or what you’ve done—no matter whether you’re like the older son or the younger son from the Bible Story—God loves you.

God loves you so much that He sent His own Son, Jesus, to make a way for you to be close to Him forever. Because [Bottom Line] God wants everyone to be part of His kingdom.

Let’s open the Bible to Matthew 6:10. (Open Bible.) That’s where we can find our Memory Verse. Listen as I read. “May your kingdom come. May what you want to happen be done on earth as it is done in heaven” (Matthew 6:10 NIV).

SMALL GROUP

PRAY AND DISMISS

What You Need

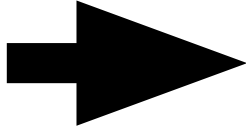
No Supplies Needed

Prayer

“God, we celebrate You! Thank You for being a good Father who welcomes us home. Thank You for all the amazing things You’re doing in our lives. We praise You because You are good, and You are forgiving. Help us to have hearts like Yours and to welcome everyone, because we know You want everyone to be part of Your kingdom. We love You, and we pray these things in Jesus’ name. Amen.”

GETTING READY

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