

K-5TH

LARGE & SMALL GROUPS

MAY 24TH, WEEK 4

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

Paul Shipwrecked
Acts 27–28:10

Bottom Line

Don't give up on God when bad things happen.

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:

- “Fish & Ship” Craft
 - Scissors
 - Glue Sticks
 - Dark Blue Construction Paper-Base
 - Light Blue Construction Paper-Waves
 - Fish & Ship Activity Page
- Paul’s Shipwreck Activity Pages
 - Color by Number
 - Shipwreck Maze
 - “Don’t Give Up” Dots
 - Crayons
 - 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.

“Fish & ship” Craft

Use the dark blue paper as the base (ocean). Take 3 or 4 strips of paper and make waves by glueing the ends to the base and making an arch for a wave. Color the fish and ship on the Activity Page. Cut out the fish and ship along with the box underneath it as a tab. Fold the tab and glue them between the waves.

“Paul’s Shipwreck” Activity Pages

“Paul’s Shipwreck” Color by Number

“Help Paul Find His Way to Safety” Maze

“Don’t Give Up” Dots

Connect the same color dots without crossing over any lines.

LARGE GROUP

OPENER GAME

“Sorting Challenge”

What You Need:

- Host
- 1 Kid Volunteer For Every Two -Three Rounds
- Spin Wheel

Set Up:

- Put prepared “Spin Wheel” on screen.

HOST:

“Hey, everyone! I’m so glad you’re here today! Go ahead and get comfortable, take a look around, and give someone near you a friendly wave or high-five. It’s awesome to see so many faces ready for another adventure together!”

“Every time we gather, we’re stepping into another part of our ‘TREK,’ our big journey of learning what it means to keep going with God.”

The full name of our series this month is ‘TREK: Don’t Stop, Don’t Give Up—God’s with You!’ And let me tell you ... Today’s trek is a wild one. If you like action, surprises, and plot twists, then you picked the perfect day to be here.”

“But before we jump into our story, we’re going to kick things off with a game that might feel a little unpredictable ... because when you go on hikes and treks, you have to prepare for all types of weather. It could be hot and sunny, rainy, fog could roll in, or a thunderstorm might even show up! So we’re going to play a game called ‘Weather Wheel!’ and get prepared for lots of different types of weather! Are you ready?”

SLIDE: Weather Wheel! Title

AUDIO: Upbeat music

“Here’s how it works: I’m going to need one volunteer to come up here and spin the Weather Wheel! I’ll call out what type of weather the spinner lands on, and then you, the audience, have to act it out!”

“So if it lands on ‘SUNNY,’ stretch your arms up like you’re in the warm sun, or wave a pretend fan because it’s so hot.

“If it lands on ‘RAIN,’ move your arms down like rain is falling.”

“If it lands on ‘WIND,’ lean side to side like you’re blowing in the breeze.”

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OPENER GAME (CONT.)

“If it lands on ‘STORM,’ stomp your feet and clap like thunder and lightning.”

“And if it lands on ‘SNOW,’ spin slowly like falling snowflakes.”

“Now, who would like to come up here and help me? Raise your hand to volunteer!”

(Pick one volunteer from the kids who have their hands raised and invite them to join you at the front of the game area.)

“Thank you for volunteering, friend! Are you all ready to see what the weather is going to be?”

(Pause for audience response.)

“Let’s go! Okay, you can go ahead and spin!”

(Play the game. The volunteer spins the Weather Wheel, the Host calls out whatever weather the spinner lands on, and the audience acts out the weather.)

(Continue for as many rounds as time allows. Ask for a new volunteer every two or three rounds.)

“You all did awesome! You can go ahead and take your seats.”

“Just like the weather can get really stormy, our lives can get really stormy too. And in today’s true story from the Bible, something BIG and STORMY happened to a Jesus-follower who was just doing God’s work. It’s gonna be a wild ride! Our Jesus-follower totally lived out our Bottom Line for this week. I’ll read it to you!”

SLIDE: Bottom Line

HOST: “Don’t give up on God when bad things happen. Say that with me!”

KIDS AND HOST: [Bottom Line] “Don’t give up on God when bad things happen.”

HOST: “Great job! Now let’s get ready to hear our awesome Bible Story!”

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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:*

Paul Shipwrecked
Acts 27–28:10

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

“Memory Verse Twister”

What You Need

- Floor Tape
- 25 Sheets of Construction Paper; a Variety of Colors; at least 2 of each Color
- Bibles

Set Up

- Create a 5 x 5 grid on the floor with the construction paper, with space in between each piece of paper. Use at least two of each color.
- Secure each piece of paper with floor tape.

What You Do

- Give every kid a Bible.
- Invite them to look up Galatians 6:9 using the Bible Navigation Tips in the 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.
- Instruct the kids to stand on the outside of the colored grid.
- First, say the Memory Verse, Galatians 6:9, together as a group.
- Explain the game: You will call out a color. All the kids must find a square of that color and step on it.
- Then, you will call out a line from the Memory Verse. The kids will repeat it back to you.
- Next, call out a different color and the next line of the verse.
- For a challenge, call out two colors they have to touch (one hand, one foot) while saying the verse, or have them hop from color to color as they recite the verse.

What You Say

“Great job! You had to stay focused to keep up. That’s what perseverance is—staying focused on doing good, even when it’s hard or you get tired. Our Memory Verse is a promise that if we keep going, there will be a harvest. We will see the good results of our faithfulness. Over and over, through every difficulty he faced, Paul chose to keep trusting God and keep going. In time, Paul shared the good news about Jesus with so many people! Through the work of Paul, the Church grew with more and more believers! So, [Bottom Line] **don’t give up on God when bad things happen.**”

SMALL GROUP

ACTIVITY 2

“The Floor is Lava”

What You Need

- Bible
- 3 Large Pieces of Paper
- Permanent Marker

What You Do

- Instruct the kids to line up on the other side of the room.
- Explain that the floor is lava, and they have to get to an island.
- Let them hop, jump, or crawl across the “lava” to one of the three islands. They can share islands.
- Once everyone is on an island, go and flip over each island one by one.
- Celebrate the group standing on the island with the Memory Verse on it, and let the “winners” lead everyone in saying the verse.
- Play again, mixing up the islands.
- Open your Bible to Galatians 6:9 and read the 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”

What You Say

“Raise your hand if you made it to Memory Verse Island. (Pause.) Congratulations! You all won the chance to say our verse one more time. Ready? Go! 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! Great job! This verse is all about perseverance. It tells us not to get tired of doing good. Even if something bad happens, we can keep doing the right thing, because at the right time, God promises that we will harvest something good. God is working for good! So [Bottom Line] **don't give up on God when bad things happen.**”

SMALL GROUP

PRAY AND DISMISS

What You Need

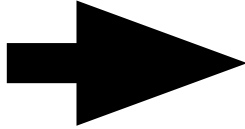
No Supplies Needed

Prayer

“Dear God, thank You for being with us when things are hard. Please help us to remember Paul’s story and not give up. We know that You’re always with us. We love You, and we pray these things in Jesus’ name. Amen.”

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