

MAY LG K-3 | W1

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

Today's Suggested Schedule

Kids arrival: 9:25 / 11:10

Play high-pitch music as kids arrive

Countdown: 9:30 / 11:15

Start the countdown with excitement!

Large Group: 9:30-9:55 / 11:15-11:40

- Opener
- Bible Story
- Memory Verse
- Talk it Out!
- Prayer

Transition to Small Group: 9:55-10:00 / 11:40-11:45

Kids move with their leader to small groups

Small Group: 10:00-10:25 / 11:45-12:10

Creating a safe place to connect



Bible Story

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Conversation Starter

What have you seen God do?

Bottom Line

Keep going because of what God has done.

Monthly Memory Verse

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10 min

Large Group Opener

5 min

Opener

What You Need

No supplies needed

5 min

Large Group Game | Backpack Adventure Relay!

AUDIO: Play high-energy music as kids enter.
SLIDE: Theme

(Host enters with energy and excitement.)

SLIDE: Countdown

SLIDE: Theme Intro

OPENER

HOST: “Hi, friends! Welcome to [Name of Environment]! I’m so glad you’re here today. After all, there are some days when it’s just not fun to wake up and get out of bed. But you did it. You came to be here with all of us and learn what God is up to because good things are worth some work!

“It’s kind of like hiking up a tall mountain. You might get SO TIRED along the way, but when you get to the top and see the incredible view, it’s SO WORTH IT! That’s why this month, our theme is ‘TREK: Don’t Stop, Don’t Give Up—God’s with You!’

“To get us all warmed up and ready to hike, we’re going to play a game called ‘Backpack Adventure Relay!’

SLIDE: Backpack Adventure Relay!






(Host picks up the two backpacks.)

“Okay, I need some volunteers who would like to help me fill these backpacks for our epic hike. Who’s in? Raise your hand if you’d like to volunteer!

(Choose 10-14 volunteers—based on the number of hiking items, there should be one for each kid—from the kids who have their hands raised and invite them to the game area. Split them into two teams of 5-7 and line them up in two single-file lines at the start line. Set a backpack on the start line by each team.)

“All right! We’ve got Team Everest over here (*point*) and Team Kilimanjaro over here (*point*). Those are two of the highest mountains in the world!

What You Need

-  Floor tape 1
-  Table 1
-  kid volunteers for each round you do (Ask for new volunteers at the start of each round!) 10
-  backpacks 2
-  Sets of hiking items, one set for each backpack, one hiking item for each kid volunteer for the game (Suggested items: water bottle, bandana, whistle, compass, snack bar, flashlight, first aid kit, etc.) 2

When I say, 'Hike!' the first person in each line will run to the table, pick an item for your backpack, and run back to put it in your team's backpack. The second person can't start until the item is INSIDE the backpack! The first team to finish putting all the items in their backpack wins our mountain climbing race. Everyone ready?

"Oh, wait! There's one more thing. See, this mountain is tough and rocky. Sometimes you might have to crawl. Sometimes you might have to go backward. Maybe you'll have to wobble back and forth in the wind! I'll shout out instructions as you race—and if I change the movement, you have to change how you run! Since it's a mountain, our first racers are going to do mountain climber legs, like this!

(Demonstrate mountain climber legs.)

"Okay, everybody ready? On your mark ... get set ... HIKE!

AUDIO: Upbeat music

(Direct and encourage kids as they run the relay. Make sure each hiking item is placed inside the team's backpack before the next kid in line starts the relay.)

(Shout out a new movement style for approximately each runner, but some kids will need to change movement in the middle of their turn. Some suggestions are below.)

("Hop over a stream!")

("Bear crawl on your hands and knees over some rocks!")

("Sway back and forth in the wind!")

("Run backward away from a snake!")

("Tiptoe so you don't wake the bear!")

("Spin in circles in a whirlwind!")

(Play until one of the teams has placed all the items in their backpack.)

"Wow! You all did an incredible job of climbing that mountain and facing all those challenges while filling your backpacks! It looks like our winner is [Team Name]! Let's give them a big round of applause!

(Send volunteers back to their seats.)

(Repeat for as many rounds as time allows. Ask for 10-14 new volunteers at the start of each round. Empty the hiking items from the backpacks onto the table at the start of each round.)

"That was so much fun! Thanks for playing today, everyone!

"Now let's check out our Bottom Line for today!

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: "Let's go learn about what that means!"

12 min

Bible Story

12 min

StoryLab Bible Story | Video

What You Need

No supplies needed

Wrapping Up The Story

What You Need

No supplies needed

"Today we're going to look at the story of two men in the Bible who had the Holy Spirit living in them, and they faced a hard, hard situation where it would have been easy for them to give up.

"Let's check out our Bible Story now!"

SLIDE: Story Lab_W1

"Wow, friends...what an incredible story. Let's remember what happened.

"First, Peter and John healed the man who couldn't walk through the power of the Holy Spirit.

"Then Peter began preaching about Jesus.

"The religious leaders were angry and had Peter to believe in Jesus!

"But the Holy Spirit helped them answer boldly.

"Then the leaders commanded Peter and John to never speak in Jesus' name again.

"But Peter and John were freed, and all the people praised God!

"Peter and John faced a lot of pressure. But they didn't cave in. They didn't give up. They kept going because they remembered what God had done. They remembered that Jesus was with them through the Holy Spirit. And that gave them the courage to keep going.

"Jesus has done great things for you too! God made a way for us to be close friends with Him again! And then He moved in closer than close through His Holy Spirit. We can be bold and brave and strong because of all of the awesome things that God has done!

"Let's take a look at our Bottom Line again.

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!"

Memory Verse

What You Need

No supplies needed

"Let's say our Memory Verse together: '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.' One more time! '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.'"

3 min

Closing

Talk It Out!

What You Need

No supplies needed

Now, before we move on, I have a question for you... (lean in and whisper) do you know what time it is?

It's time to... (pause, cup your hand to your ear) **TALK IT OUT!**

That means it's your turn to do the talking! You get to share your thoughts, ask questions, and see how this story connects to YOUR life. So, let's put on our 'thinking caps' ... zip up our listening ears... and get ready to Talk. It. Out!"

SLIDE: Talk It Out!

1. **Who did God send to save us and show His love?**

(Answer: Jesus)

2. **Who helped Peter and John be brave and strong?**

(Answer: The Holy Spirit)

3. **What happened to the man who could not walk? How was the man healed?**

(Answer: He was healed and could walk! He was healed through faith in the name of Jesus.

4. **Did Peter and John stop talking about Jesus when people told them to stop? What did they say when they were told to stop talking about Jesus?**

(Answer: No!/"Which is right in God's eyes, to listen to you or to Him? You decide. As for us, we cannot help speaking about what we have seen and heard.")

5. **When things are hard, why can we keep going?**

(Answer: Because we know what God has done for us / Because how much He loves us / Because the Holy Spirit is with us)

3 min

PRAYER

What You Need

No supplies needed

STORYTELLER or HOST: "You can close your eyes and get still as we talk to Jesus.

"Jesus, thank You for loving us so much. Thank You that You never leave us alone, and thank You that God has sent the Holy Spirit to live inside every single person who believes in and follows You. When we face difficult times, remind us of everything You have done. Please give us power through the Holy Spirit to be bold and keep going, no matter what happens. We love You, and we pray these things in Jesus' name. Amen."

AUDIO: *Play calm music as the kids PRAY.*

SLIDE: *Theme*

Supplies

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