Kids | November - Week 4

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November 2026, Week 4

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
→ Game
→ Worship
→ 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

Feast of Booths • Nehemiah 8:13-18
(supporting: Leviticus 23:33-34)

Bottom Line

Make time to celebrate God.

Memory Verse

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5 min

Large Group Opener

5 min

Opener

What You Need

No supplies needed

What You Say:

SLIDE: Play high-energy music as kids enter.

SLIDE: Theme

(Host enters with energy and excitement.)

SLIDE: Countdown

SLIDE: Theme Intro

(Things to have ready: Red, green, blue, and yellow sheets of construction paper taped in different corners of the room, notecards with $1,000,000 written on one, $3.42 written on another, "dirty socks" written on another, and "A high five from a fish" written on the last one. Game slide. Bottom Line slide.)

OPENER

HOST: "Hey, everyone! Quick—let's celebrate that we're in [name of environment] today. 1...2...3...Celebrate!

(*Give time for kids to have fun with their celebration*)

"We are in a series called The Great Gratitude Challenge—Thank God for Every Good Thing, and we are learning all about how we can be grateful to God for, well, everything! Alright, this time we're going to celebrate being in [name of environment] today, but this time in slow motion. I want to see the slowest, craziest celebrations ever! Ready? 1...2...3...Celebrate!
(*Give time for kids to have fun with their celebration*)

"Celebrating is awesome. That's because celebrating means that something great has happened. You lay down that last card in Uno, you're the last person standing in Monopoly, or you jump the last piece in checkers and win the game; all of these would have me raising my hands in celebration for sure!

Large Group Game_

"We're going to keep talking about celebrating today, but before that, we have to play a game and see if anyone celebrates a win here!"

SLIDE: Monopoly Millionaire March!

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What You Need

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$1,000,000 Notecard	1
$3.42 Notecard	1
Dirty Socks Notecard	1
High Five From a Fish Notecard	1

"Welcome to 'Monopoly Millionaire March'! In this game, the entire room is our game board. As you can see, we have four different colors in each corner of the room

(*Point to each corner and identify each color*)

"That corner is the Red corner, that corner is the Green corner, that corner is the Blue corner, and that corner is the Yellow corner.

"I am going to give you guys five seconds to pick a corner of the room and run to that corner. While you're running, as you can see, I have these four cards in my hand. On these cards are four different 'prizes' awarded to each corner. For example, you could pick the corner that gets $1,000,000 or you could pick the corner that wins dirty socks. I will shuffle them and then place them here on my table.

"When the five seconds is over, I'll pick a corner and flip a card, revealing what that corner won. You guys are then going to celebrate as loud and crazy as you can at your prize! Make sense?"

PRACTICE ROUND

"We're going to do a practice round. When I say go, you run to a corner, and I'll shuffle the notecards to see what each corner gets.

"Ready? GO!"

(Countdown from five seconds.)

AUDIO: Upbeat music

"Alright, here we go!

(Select a color corner, flip the first card in your pile, and tell that corner what they won)

"Congrats to our million-dollar winners of the round! Are you guys ready to see which corner will be the next million-dollar corner? Remember, I want to see some crazy, out-of-this-world celebrations! Here we go, five seconds on the clock. Ready, set, go!"

AUDIO: Upbeat music

(Continue playing as many rounds as time allows.)

"Awesome job, awesome job. Is that really how you guys would celebrate if you won a pair of dirty socks?! I'm honestly not sure what I'd do if I won dirty socks, but to each their own.

"Today, we're going to learn about celebrating, kind of like we did in our game, but this is going to be a different kind of celebration. We're going to talk about celebrating God and all that He has done for us. I think now is a perfect time to take a look at our Bottom Line for the day. Check this out!

SLIDE: Bottom Line

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[Bottom Line] **"Make time to celebrate God.** Can you say that with me?"

KIDS AND HOST: *[Bottom Line]* "Make time to celebrate God."

HOST: "Awesome, awesome! I hope we can all remember that today. We can, and should, celebrate what God has done in our lives. I can't wait to keep learning with you guys!"

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10 min

Bible Story

10 min

StoryLab Bible Story | Video

What You Need

No supplies needed

Creating a Safe Place to Connect

SLIDE: Bible Story W4

Wrapping up the Story

STORYTELLER: "God's people went through a lot. Over time, they forgot God's laws and stopped making time to celebrate what He had done. But when Ezra read God's Word, they remembered again. They gathered branches, built booths, rested, ate together, and celebrated God with great joy.

"Wait a second. Do you remember this backpack from the beginning?

(Take off the backpack and begin pulling items out one at a time.)

"I had an A+. That was a good gift. I had a birthday invitation. That was a good gift. I had my favorite snack. That was a good gift. I had a crazy cool vacation to look forward to. That was a good gift.

"But I just kept putting each one in my backpack and moving on to the next thing. I didn't stop to celebrate any of it.

"And that can happen to us too. God gives us good gifts. He helps us. He provides for us. He gives us people who love us. But sometimes we just keep moving to the next thing and forget to stop and celebrate what God has done.

"So this week, don't just stuff God's good gifts into your day and move on. Stop. Remember. Celebrate God. That is what God's people finally did in Nehemiah. They made time to remember what God had done, and their joy was very great.

"Doesn't that sound a lot like our Bottom Line for today? Let's check it out again.

SLIDE: Bottom Line

***[Bottom Line]* "Make time to celebrate God.** Let's say it together!"

(Host enters and joins in.)

KIDS, STORYTELLER, AND HOST: *[Bottom Line]* "Make time to celebrate God."

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Memory Verse Activity

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Closing

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Talk It Out!

What You Need

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Prompting Action Beyond the Experience

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. What was the special celebration God told His people to have?
Answer: The Feast of Booths!

2. Which book of the Bible tells us about the Feast of Booths?
Answer: Leviticus!

3. How many days did God tell His people to celebrate the Feast of Booths?
Answer: Seven days!

4. Why did God want His people to celebrate the Feast of Booths?
Answer: To remember what God had done for them and celebrate with joy!

5. What did the people do after Ezra read God's Word?
Answer: They built booths, rested, ate together, and celebrated God with joy!

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Prayer

What You Need

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What You Say:

PRAYER

STORYTELLER OR HOST: "Dear God, we are so grateful for all that You've done for us. Please remind each of us of just how good You've been. Help us see the things we can celebrate. Thank You for being a God who is worth celebrating because You are so good. Help us make time this week to celebrate You. We ask all these things in the name of Your Son, Jesus. Amen."

SLIDE: Play calm music as the kids exit.

SLIDE: Theme

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Supplies

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