Kids | November - Week 5

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November 2026, Week 5

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

God's Plan to Send Jesus • John 1:1-5,14; Micah 5:2; Isaiah 9:6-7; Isaiah 7:14-15

Bottom Line

We can thank God for giving us hope.

Memory Verse

"Every good and perfect gift is from God. This kind of gift comes down from the Father who created the heavenly lights. These lights create shadows that move. But the Father does not change like these shadows." • James 1:17 NIrV

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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

SLIDE: Countdown

SLIDE: Theme Intro

(Things to have ready: Blindfold, Jenga set, a large enough table for two kids to build towers of Jenga blocks, a quarter/coin. Game slide. Bottom Line slide.)

OPENER

HOST: "What is going on, [name of environment]? Quick, everyone, stand up. I want you to tell three different people, 'I hope you have a great day' in the craziest voice you can think of. Ready? Go!

(*allow kids time to tell others*)

"Excellent work. I also would like to say, I hope each of you have a great day here! We've been learning about our theme **The Great Gratitude Challenge.** It's been really fun! Can anyone here tell me what gratitude means?

(*take a few answers from the kids*)

"When we feel gratitude, we're experiencing thankfulness; we want to show kindness in return; we're ready to show appreciation, or a combination of all three!

"Today we're going to learn about gratitude, but remember what we said to our friends just a minute ago? 'I hope you have a great day.' I want you to remember that word, 'hope'. Sound good?

Large Group Game_

"We're going to come back to hope in just a little bit, so thank you for telling your brain to remember that word. For now, though, I want to play a game. Who's with me?"

SLIDE : Jenga Jam!

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What You Need

Table	1
Genga Set	1
Blind fold	1
Quarter/coin	1

"Has anyone here played the game Jenga before? If you haven't, the game is pretty simple: you build a tower of these wooden blocks, and then you and some friends pull blocks out of the tower one by one. Whoever causes the tower to fall by pulling out a block loses.

"Today, instead of taking blocks away, we're going to be building towers of Jenga blocks. We'll have two of you come up to our table, and you will have 20 seconds to build the tallest tower you can. At the end of the 20 seconds, whoever's tower is taller wins!

"This wouldn't be [name of environment] if there wasn't a twist, though! One of you will be blindfolded! How do we decide who's blindfolded? We're going with the classic coin flip. Whoever is youngest will call heads or tails. If they get it right, they do not get blindfolded, and the other person will be wearing it. If they get it wrong, they will be the ones getting blindfolded, and the other person will be able to see. Make sense?

"You guys in the crowd also play an important part. You're going to help our friends up here, especially the one blindfolded. Be sure to tell them if they need to make an adjustment or change to make sure their Jenga tower stays standing!

"Last thing, you can't knock each other's Jenga towers over. That's not cool! Alright. I need two volunteers. Who wants to go first?

(*Select two volunteers and bring them to the front. Introduce them and identify who is younger.*)

"Alright, [name of younger kid], heads or tails?

(*After they call it, flip the coin, and then from there determine who is blindfolded and who isn't*)

"Are our Jenga tower builders ready? Are you guys in the crowd ready? 20 seconds on the clock. This game starts in 3...2...1...Go!"

AUDIO: Upbeat music

"Great job! Keep building those towers tall!

"Jenga Jam ends in 3...2...1... Stop! It looks like we have a winner!

(*Declare the winner as the person whose tower was taller. Select two new volunteers and play as long as time allows.*)

"Great job, everyone! That was not easy, was it? When you could not see what was happening, you had to guess where the blocks should go. You were probably hoping you were putting the blocks in the right place.

"Today, we are actually talking about hope! God gives us a hope that is strong and sure. Our Bottom Line will help us understand this.

SLIDE: Bottom Line

***[Bottom Line]* "We can thank God for giving us hope.** One more time, this time everyone together!"

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KIDS AND HOST: ***[Bottom Line]*** **"We can thank God for giving us hope."**

HOST: "Great job, everyone! As we're learning about gratitude, this is such an important thing we don't want to miss. We can be grateful for the hope God gives us!"

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Bible Story

10 min

StoryLab Bible Story | Video

What You Need

No supplies needed

Creating a Safe Place to Connect

SLIDE: BIBLE WEEK 5

Wrapping up the Story

STORYTELLER: "Our hope is not found in something shaky or unsure. Our hope is not just 'Maybe things will work out' or 'Maybe I'll get what I want.'

"Our hope is found in Jesus.

"From the very beginning, God's plan was always to send Jesus to rescue us from sin. Jesus was not plan B. Jesus was always God's rescue plan. God kept every promise by sending Jesus.

"This hope does not mean we will never have trouble. It does not mean we will always get what we want. But it does mean we can be confident that God is with us, God is working, and in the end, He will make everything right.

"We can thank God for giving us hope!

"Does that sound a little familiar? That's our Bottom Line for the day! Here, check it out.

SLIDE: Bottom Line

***[Bottom Line]* "We can thank God for giving us hope.** One more time, this time you say it, too!"

(Host enters and joins in.)

KIDS, STORYTELLER, AND HOST: *[Bottom Line]* "We can thank God for giving us hope."

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Memory Verse Activity

SLIDE: Memory Verse

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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 God's plan from the very beginning?
Answer: To send Jesus to rescue us from sin!

2. Who was with God before the world was created?
Answer: Jesus!

3. What does the name "Immanuel" mean?
Answer: God with us!

4. Who were the two prophets who shared God's promises about Jesus?
Answer: Isaiah and Micah!

5. Who gives us hope we can always count on?
Answer: Jesus!

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Prayer

What You Need

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What You Say:

PRAYER

STORYTELLER OR HOST: "Dear God, thank You for the hope found in Jesus. Thank You that from the very beginning, You loved us and wanted to give us a way to have a relationship with You. God, we are so grateful that Jesus came to Earth to save us from our sins. I pray that we never lose the wonder of that truth, that You loved us so much You sent Jesus to save us. Please fill us with Your hope this week, and please help us to show our gratitude for all You've done. In the name of Jesus we pray, Amen."

(Dismiss kids to Small Groups.)

AUDIO: Play calm music as the kids exit.

SLIDE: Theme

Optional Video (Media Package): Theme Loop

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Supplies

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4.	Quarter/coin	1

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