

Upper Elementary Large Group

MAY 2025

WEEK 1

Key Question:

How has God met your needs?

Sometimes it's easy to get so distracted by the things we want most in life, or that we don't have, that we forget about the things we already DO have. Whether we have a little or a lot, God has given us each the best gift we could ever receive. We Initiative this question invites preteens to reflect on how God has shown up for them throughout their lives.

We start the month in **John 3:16-17**, where John writes about the greatest love of all. God loved us so much, that God sent Jesus to take our place because of our sin. God took the initiative by making a move to restore our broken relationship, allowing us to one day live with God forever.

Bottom Line: God took care of our greatest need.

Love is a pretty powerful thing. God knew we could never fix sin on our own and needed a Savior, so God sent Jesus to rescue us out of love for us. God didn't just see a need but chose to do something about it, and when we put our trust in Jesus we can live with God forever.

Bible Truth:

God so loved the world

John 3:16-17

MEMORY VERSE

"NONE OF YOU SHOULD LOOK OUT JUST FOR YOUR OWN GOOD. EACH OF YOU SHOULD ALSO LOOK OUT FOR THE GOOD OF OTHERS."

PHILIPPIANS 2:4, NIRV

INITIATIVE

SEEING WHAT NEEDS TO BE DONE AND DOING IT

NOTES:

- All **yellow highlighted text** are cues for visual and audio slides.
- The text in **red** indicates stage directions.

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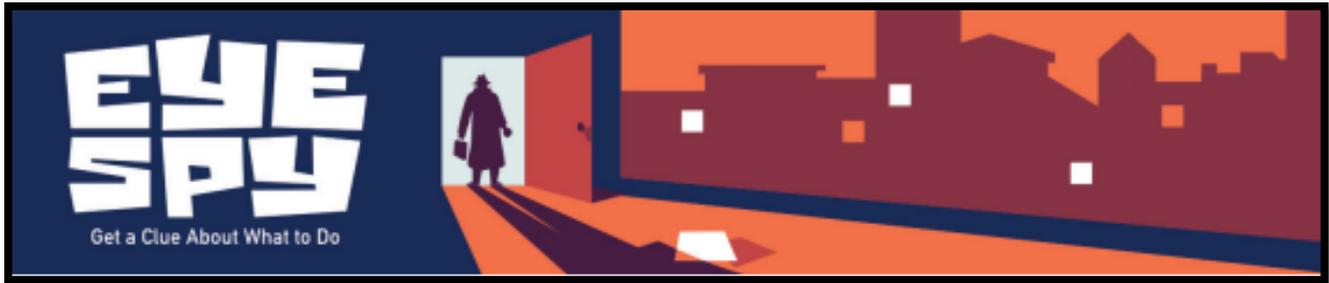
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Eye Spy -- Week 1 Teaching Outline:

Start at 15 after (if service is expected to be about an hour)

1. Intro: **Welcome kids, get them excited**
2. Game Time: **Is It Cake?**
3. Worship
4. Intro: **Eye Spy**
5. Bible Lesson Video: **God So loved the world**
6. Application
 - a. Weekly Bottom Line: **God took care of our greatest need.**
 - b. Monthly Virtue: **Initiative -- Seeing what needs to be done and doing it**
 - c. Memory Verse: **“None of you should look out just for your own good. Each of you should also look out for the good of others.” -- Philippians 2:4 (NirV)**
 - d. Prayer
7. Small Groups: 15 minutes

End on the hour



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WELCOME 3 minutes

(Welcome kids)

Hi everyone! Welcome to Flatirons Kids! I'm so excited to see you here today!

Show Series Theme Graphic: Eye Spy

Welcome to an amazing day of mystery and discovery! We are here to uncover some clues so that we don't miss even one tiny detail. I don't know about you, but I love solving a mystery. Part of what makes a detective really good at solving cases is their attention to detail. They're able to look and see things that other people might miss... and that can help them figure out what really happened. All month we'll be talking about how we can SEE what needs to be done ... and then do it! That's how God created us to live.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

(Share campus-specific announcements. See your Kids Director for details)

GAME TIME

Now, as we kick off our time today, I've got a fun game for us to play.

Show Graphic: Is it Cake?

I'll show you some pictures on the screen. Use your detective skills. Look closely and decide if it's real or cake! Give a thumbs up if you think it's cake. Here we go!

Show Slides: 1- 13 Is It Cake?

Great work, friends! Great detective work ! That was really fun. Let's keep the fun going by worshiping God together!

WORSHIP 6-7 minutes

I'm so excited for us to worship together! This is your time to jump in and give all you've got as we worship! You can follow along to the moves or worship in your own way. Let's sing!

(Encourage kids to worship God through song and dance. Play worship songs)

Show Worship Song: Look Like You

Show Worship Song: Big House

Great work everyone! I love worshipping God with all of you. You can have a seat.

INTRO 1 minute

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Today's story comes from the book of John. (Hold up Bible) John is one of the four books known as the Gospels, which tell stories from the life of Jesus. This book was written by a man named John. Since John was there with Jesus, he had an up-close look at everything that Jesus said and did. He traveled around with Jesus from place to place, so he got to see how Jesus taught and healed people and showed love everywhere He went. Let's check out our video to learn more!

BIBLE TRUTH 10 -12 minutes

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APPLICATION 3 minutes

Show Series Theme Graphic: Eye Spy

There is no greater example of love than what God did for us by sending Jesus. God sent Jesus to make things right and fix what was broken, once and for all. Nicodemus found out about God's great love in an amazing way. We all need to be 'born again' by believing in Jesus, and then we have the promise of eternal life! Through Jesus, this incredible offer of life forever with God is open to everyone, everywhere, for all time. For every person, our greatest need is our sin problem.

Show Graphic: WK1_Bottom Line

Our **[Bottom Line]** this week is **"God took care of our greatest need."**

Say that with me! (Repeat with leaders and kids)

See, God's love for us is deeper than we can ever completely know or understand. God knew that our greatest need is to be restored to relationship. So, God made a way! God sent Jesus. And when we choose to believe in Jesus, we can live forever with God. We are made in God's image, and as we grow in relationship with Jesus, we begin to reflect more of Who God is to the world around us. Part of that is about showing initiative.

Show Graphic: WK1_Virtue

Initiative is our **[Virtue]** for the month. It is about **seeing what needs to be done and doing it.**

Loving others is a way that we can show our gratitude to God for seeing our greatest need and taking care of it. God loves and is always with us. We can trust God no matter what. And we can show God's love to others—not because someone told us to, but because we choose to take that step ourselves!

Listen to what Paul wrote in his letter to the Philippians. This is our Memory Verse for this month, Philippians 2:4.

Show Verse: Philippians 2:4 (NirV)

"None of you should look out just for your own good. Each of you should also look out for the good of others." Philippians 2:4 (NirV)

Let's say it together! (Repeat with leaders and kids)

Show Slide: WK 1 KEY QUESTION

As you go to your small groups today, think about this: **“How has God met your needs?”** We’ve talked a lot today about how God met our need for a Savior by sending us Jesus. Along with that, though, how has God met the needs you experience throughout your everyday life? Maybe it’s how you have food at the table or friends who love you. But if you’re not quite sure how to answer that question, don’t worry. You’ll have a chance to chat about that with your Small Group. Before you head out to groups, let’s talk to God and thank God for sending Jesus to be our Savior. Let’s pray.

PRAYER

Dear God, thank You for the amazing truth that Jesus showed Nicodemus when they talked that night. Thank You, God, for sending Jesus and making a way for us to be with You forever. As we go about each day of our lives, please help us to do what Jesus said: to love You and love other people. Show us how to look around, see what needs to be done, and then do something to help. We love You, and we pray these things in Jesus’ name. Amen.

SMALL GROUPS

Show Graphic: Small Group

(Dismiss kids to their small groups)