

Upper Elementary Large Group

MAY 2025

WEEK 4

Key Question:

How did you first hear about Jesus?

Everyone has a starting point in their faith journey. Thankfully God has placed people in our lives to help us grow. We don't have to figure out the hard parts on our own. We hope this question helps preteens think about their faith and who they can talk to when they want to learn more.

For week 4 we head to **John 1:35-42** where we meet Jesus' cousin, John the Baptist. One day as John was with his disciples, they saw Jesus walking by. Jesus was the very same man John had been preparing his disciples for! So when the time came, John's disciples left to go follow Jesus, and that decision led to more disciples following Jesus as they began to tell one another about Him.

Bottom Line: Look for ways to tell others about Jesus. When you hear good news do you typically keep it to yourself? Probably not! You want to share it with everyone around you no matter how that happens: notes, video, facetime, email, etc. Good news is worth sharing, and Jesus is the best news of all. So what can you do to share Jesus with others?

Bible Truth

John's Disciples Follow Jesus

John 1:35-45

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

- The text in red indicates stage directions.

SUPPLIES

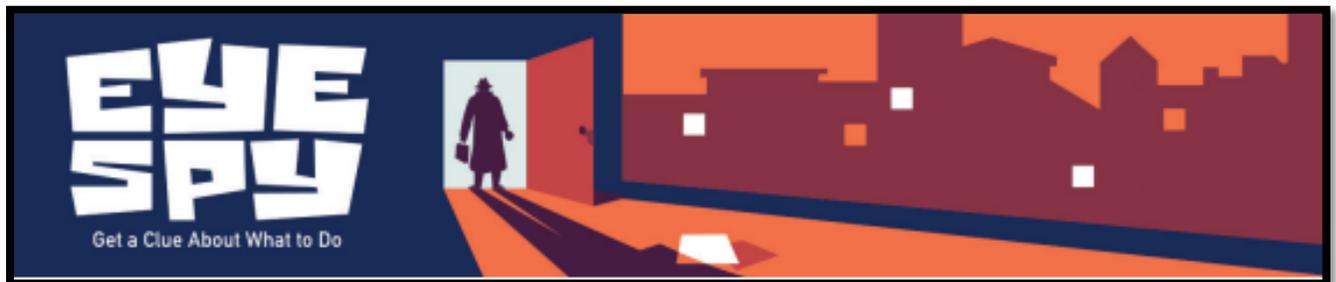
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Eye Spy -- Week 4 Teaching Outline:

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

7. Intro: **Welcome kids, get them excited**
8. Game Time: **What's that sound?**
9. Worship
10. Intro: **Eye Spy**
11. Bible Lesson Video: **John's Disciples Follow Jesus**
12. Application
 - a. Weekly Bottom Line: **Look for ways to tell others about Jesus.**
 - b. 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 of the hour



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OPENER 3 minutes

(Welcome kids)

Hello, my friends! It's always great to be here with you at Flatirons Kids.

All month we've been doing some spy training . . . or really, 'Eye Spy' training. We've got to keep a lookout so that we can see ways to help others. Then we can *[Basic Truth] treat others the way we want to be treated*. If we see something that we can do to lend a hand, then we need to take action! That's something God made us to do. It's a GREAT way that we can share God's love with others.

(Share a quick personal story about a time when someone took the initiative to help you and showed you God's love.)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

GAME TIME

Can't believe we've reached the end of May, but that's not gonna stop us from having a great time together today. Every week, we've had an Eye Spy challenge where we've had to find clues and figure out answers to puzzles, photos, and phrases . . . you've all met those challenges with amazing skill. And we've got another one today that will get you leaning in and listening closely . . . So, who's ready for another Eye Spy challenge? Awesome! This is called 'What's That Sound? '

Show Graphic: What's That Sound?

This challenge is for the whole room. Here's how it works. You'll have to listen closely. We'll play a sound effect and repeat it once. Give your best guess for what that sound effect represents. We'll go through all of them, then we'll review them to see if you guessed correctly. Everyone understand? Any questions? Great! Let's play!

Play audio sounds. Allow kids to shout out guesses. Review each of the sounds, revealing the correct answer.

Show Audio:

AUDIO: Turning on a car

AUDIO: Kazoo

AUDIO: Pen clicking

AUDIO: "Raking" LEGO

AUDIO: Opening a bag of cereal

AUDIO: Flipping through a book

AUDIO: Pouring soda into a glass of ice

AUDIO: Start-up sound on a computer

AUDIO: Cracking eggs

AUDIO: Scissors cutting paper

That was fun! Great job listening, everyone. Now, let's get ready to not only listen but also sing along with some great worship music that gives praise to our amazing God!"

WORSHIP 6-7 minutes

Everybody on your feet! It's time for us to sing and give praise to Jesus for all that He has done and all that He is doing RIGHT NOW in our lives! (Encourage kids to worship God through song and dance. Play worship songs)

Show Worship Song: Look Like You

Show Worship Song: Big House

That was great! Thanks guys! I love worshipping God with all of you. You can have a seat.

INTRO 1 minute

Show Series Graphic: Eye Spy

(Hold up Bible) Today we're looking in the book of John, which is known as one of the four Gospels. The Gospels are the first four books in the New Testament, and they tell us stories about the life of Jesus. Let's check out our story!

BIBLE TRUTH 10 minutes

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APPLICATION 3 minutes

Show Series Graphic: Eye Spy

Wherever Jesus went, people were changed . . . and they couldn't wait to tell others about Him. That's something we can still do today. Just like Jesus' early followers . . .

Show Graphic: WK4_Bottom Line

[Bottom line] Look for ways to tell others about Jesus.

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

People could tell that Jesus was different. They wondered if He really might be the Savior they had been waiting for. They saw how Jesus loved and cared deeply about everyone He met—even people who didn't seem important. And when people met Jesus, they didn't just wait around for someone to ask them about it. They were so excited that they started looking for ways to tell people about Jesus right away. That took initiative!

Show Graphic: Virtue

Initiative means seeing what needs to be done and doing it.

There are lots of ways to tell people about Jesus. We can use our words and share how Jesus has changed our life. We can also share Jesus' love with the way we live each day. We can show initiative in the way we care for the people around us. We know that Jesus is always with us. Sometimes we can feel Him nudging us to show His love and kindness to others. And we know that He's always with us, so we can have His peace in any situation.

Those are the things you can share with your friends. You can share how Jesus gives you peace. You can offer to pray with someone and encourage them that Jesus is with them too.

Our **[Memory verse]** also reminds us of this truth. It is Philippians 2:4 (NirV).

Show Verse: Philippians 2:4 (NirV)

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

“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)

Show Slide: WK 4 KEY QUESTION

As you go to your small groups today, think about this: **“How did you first hear about Jesus?”** Was it a family member who told you about Jesus? A Small Group Leader? A coach or mentor? You can also think about what they said and how you've experienced Jesus since then. What's so great about this sort of question is that there's no right answer.

We all have unique stories when it comes to our decision to follow Jesus. But if you're not sure about how you'd answer these questions, that's okay, too. You'll have a chance to chat all about this and more with your Small Group Leader. Before you head to groups, let's pray and thank God for loving us so much and sending us Jesus! Let's pray.

PRAYER

Dear God, thank You for seeing our need for a Savior. Thank You for sending Jesus for us! We can see how Jesus' first followers were so excited to tell others about Him. They helped others see how Jesus could change their lives. Please give each of us in here the courage to **[Bottom Line] look for ways to tell others about Jesus . . .** and to share His love with everything we do and say. We love You, and we pray these things in Jesus' name. Amen.

SMALL GROUPS

Show Graphic: Small Group

(Dismiss kids to their small groups)