



## WEEK FOUR – JULY 2025 – SECOND/THIRD

**Bible Story:** *Great Commission | Romans 15:14 (suppt. Matthew 28:16-20)*

**Bottom Line:** *Teach one another*

**Memory Verse:** *“Our God is a God who strengthens and encourages you. May he give you the same attitude toward one another that Christ Jesus had.”- Romans 15:5 (NIrV)*

**Virtue:** *Live It Out – Discover how to love like Jesus*

**Basic Truth:** *I should treat others the way I want to be treated*

**Series Overview:** Jesus is the greatest example of what it looks like to value others. Through the way He lived His life, Jesus taught us how to value one another. And when we follow Jesus, God’s Spirit helps us to live like Jesus—transforming not only us but the world around us.

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## 8:45 - 9:00 | 10:45 – 11:00 | EARLY ARRIVERS ACTIVITY

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### Connection Centers

*Connect: a time that invites kids to share with others and leaders*

**What You Need:** Activity Bins + Coloring Sheets (find on your shelves in space)

### What You Do:

- *PRE-CONNECTION TIME*
  - Before kids arrive, pray for your group. Pray for those who might visit your group for the first time. Thank God for being trustworthy and faithful in every situation. Thank God for sending Jesus as the perfect example of how to live! Ask God to help the kids in your group follow Jesus' example in their words and actions—no matter what challenges they face.
- *DURING CONNECTION TIME*
  - Greet each child by name and with a high five or fist bump!
    - **Make sure to grab second sticker from the child + place it on your sticker sheet**
  - Invite kids who brought an offering to place it in the offering container.
  - Pull out your activity bins + set aside some coloring sheets for kids to partake in your small group space
  - Ask questions in order to connect with + get to know your few as you partake in activities alongside them...you can use these :
    - “What’s something nice you did for someone this past week?”
    - “What’s been your favorite part of summer so far?”
    - “Can you tell me about something you are thankful for?”
    - “What’s your favorite thing to do with your family?”
    - “What’s the best part of your day when you are at school?”
    - “Who do you like to play with at home or school?”
- *AFTER CONNECTION TIME*

- *Use this time to review over how to be successful in small group time as well as Flatirons Kids by using the SG Structure 101 sheet featured on your activity shelf*
  - Go over each rule to create a great small group experience
- Transition into the Opening Small Group Activity

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## **9:00 - 9:15 | 11:00 – 11:15 | OPENING SMALL GROUP**

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### **Opening Activity**

*Move: an activity that increases the oxygen in the brain and taps into the energy in the body*

**What You Need:** Painter's tape

### **What You Do:**

- Tape a line down the center of your group space.
- Invite the kids to form a line on the tape.
- Designate the side of your group space to their left, "A," and the side to their right, "B."
- Explain to the kids that you will read "Would You Rather?" scenarios aloud.
- Kids are to choose "A" or "B" by traveling to that side of the tape line.
- One at a time, ask a "Would You Rather?" question below, pausing for the kids to physically demonstrate their choice.
- Continue until all "Would You Rather?" questions have been asked and answered.
  - Would You Rather:
    - A) Write and illustrate your own comic book, or B) perform a magic show for your friends?
    - A) Create a giant sculpture out of clay, or B) compose and perform a song on a musical instrument?
    - A) Help design your very own board game, or B) write a story and turn it into a play to perform with your friends?

- A) Learn to bake a cake and decorate it like a pro, or B) make a cool DIY craft project and give it as a gift?
- A) Use your photography skills to capture the perfect picture of nature, or B) make a funny video and share it with your family?
- A) Paint a mural on a big wall with your friends, or B) make handmade greeting cards to pass out to friends?
- A) Start your own YouTube channel about your favorite hobbies, or B) organize a talent show and be the host?
- A) Learn how to juggle and show your friends, or B) be a great storyteller and perform your stories in front of others?
- A) Be an expert at solving puzzles, or B) spend the day baking cookies?
- A) Design your dream treehouse, or B) become a champion sports player?

**What You Say:**

“Okay, this was a lot of fun! I learned so much about you all watching you choose a Would You Rather? side. The truth is, each of you has unique gifts and skills and that’s what makes us all SO special. *[Transition]* **Today, we’ll discover a big mission God has called each of us to and how the things we love doing play a role in it! Come with me!**”

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**9:15 - 9:50 | 11:20 – 11:50 | LARGE GROUP**

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This whole summer you get to lead kids through nine amazing weeks of discovering what it looks like to love like Jesus. Each week will break down a “one another” statement from the Bible. God designed us to be in community with one another even when it’s challenging, and we’ll need God’s Spirit to help guide us as we do. In these nine weeks, kids will learn about difficult concepts such as living in peace with one another or forgiving one another. Invite kids to bring open and honest conversation but be sure to create a safe space for them to process what makes some of those things challenging to do. Some kids may be in situations that

make it hard for them to trust, forgive, be at peace with, or even pray for those who have mistreated or hurt them in some way. Be open to listening and hearing their needs and let them know you are here for them. Always be sure to bring the correct people into any conversation that involves the safety of a child.

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**9:50 – 10:10 | 11:50 – 12:10 | SMALL GROUP**

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**My Gifts, My Mission**

**[Live for God | Application Activity]**

*Reflect: an activity that creates space for personal understanding and application*

**What You Need:** “My Gifts, My Mission” Activity Page, scissors, stapler, and markers

**What You Do:**

- Instruct the kids to sit a circle.
- Give each kid a “My Gifts, My Mission” Activity Page and a pair of scissors.
- Instruct each kid to cut the four booklet pages along the dotted lines.
- Direct the kids to place the pages in order by numbers (1-4).
- Staple the booklets together for the kids.
- Set the markers in the center of the circle.
- Encourage them to draw a picture of themselves in the picture slot.
- Read the Bible verse that’s on the cover out loud to the group.
- Invite the kids to turn to page 2 and ask:
  - “What is something you are good at? Circle an idea below or write your own idea!”
- Give the kids time to complete this page.
- Invite the kids to turn to page 3 and say: “Sometimes, the best way to teach others about Jesus is to share His love through something I’m good at. Draw a picture of you doing something you’re good at!”

- Give the kids time to complete this page.
- Invite the kids to turn to page 4 and ask: “How could you share the love of Jesus this week by teaching someone something?”
- Encourage kids to write down their responses. Assist as needed.

**What You Say:**

*“Sometimes the best way to teach others about Jesus is to share His love through something you’re good at. Can someone share something they’re good at that you wrote down today? (Allow time for kids to share their unique responses.) I loved getting to hear about the gifts God has given you. **[Make It Personal]** (Share about a gift or skill you have and how you have used it to share Jesus with others.)*

*“Does telling others about Jesus mean you have to stand on a big stage and preach? (Invite responses.) Nope! You can share Jesus by using the gifts God has given you. Maybe you’re great at encouraging friends, writing notes, or inviting someone to church. You can be part of telling others about Jesus by showing Jesus’ love in simple ways. Remember, we all have something we can learn from each other, and we all have something we can **[Bottom Line]** teach one another. This week, I want to challenge you to lean into the gifts God has given you to share Jesus with one person!”*

***As adults arrive to pick up, encourage adults and kids to share Jesus with someone this week!***