



WEEK ONE – AUGUST 2025 – KINDER/FIRST

Bible Story: *Creation + The Fall | Genesis 1-2:3, 3 (suppt. Romans 5:8)*

Bottom Line: *You can trust God no matter what*

Memory Verse: *“Faith is being sure of what we hope for. It is being sure of what we do not see.”- Hebrews 11:1 (NIrV)*

Insight: *Faith in God’s Son – I believe in Jesus and will continue to trust Him even when life doesn’t make sense*

Application: *Faith – Trusting in what you can’t see because of what you can see*

Series Overview: Every story has a beginning. As we explore Creation, the Fall and other pivotal moments in the origin of our faith, kids will discover that not only did God create everything, but even after people chose to go their own way, God had a plan to restore us. We can see how God faithfully began to fulfill that plan in Abram’s call and in the lives of Jacob and Joseph—and we look forward to the fulfillment of that plan in Jesus. When kids see how God has worked in the past, they can grow in faith that our faithful God continues to work in and through each person who chooses to follow Jesus.

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

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 before they arrive. Pray for those who might visit your group for the first time. Ask God to remind every kid that God is with them, even when they don't feel ready. Pray that the kids would find the courage to try new things. Ask God to help the kids remember that even when it feels big or scary, God's plan is perfect!
- *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 one thing you're excited to learn or do now that summer is almost over and school is starting soon?”***
 - ***“If you could have any superpower for just one day, what would it be and why?”***
 - ***“What's the best thing you did this summer? (Could be big or small!)”***

- *“What’s something super cool or interesting you know how to do? (Like tie your shoes, draw a great picture, or tell a funny joke!)”*
- *“If you could invent a new ice cream flavor, what would it be called and what would be in it?”*
- *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

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

OPENING ACTIVITY

What You Need: Uno Cards

What You Do:

- Welcome kids by name as they arrive with a high-five, fist bump, or a wave.
- Invite any kids who brought an offering to place it in the offering container.
- Gather the kids together
- Shuffle the remaining Uno cards (only numbers 1-4) and review the numbers with the kids.
- Deal out one card to every kid.
- Review all possible colors of the cards with the kids (red, yellow, green, and blue).
- Ask the kids, “What color card do you have?”
- Explain that each kid will name that amount of things God created that match the card’s color.
 - For example, a kid with a yellow 4 might say, “duck, sun, flower, and leaf.”

- Demonstrate the activity for the kids by drawing a card and naming that many things that match the card’s color.
- Give kids a few moments to look at their cards and think. If needed, encourage them with hints or examples.
- Go around the circle and let each kid share their answers.
 - If time allows, collect cards, shuffle, and play another round.

Inclusive Pro-Tips:

- Pair kids up with a friend to brainstorm things God made together.
- Some kids may require extra time to think. Offer them suggestions or inform them that you will return to them if necessary.
- Encourage and celebrate participation for all responses, even if they don’t perfectly match the kid’s color or card number.

What You Say:

“Great job, friends! You all pointed out SO many amazing things God created! But, did you know the most AMAZING thing God created was people like you and me? Yes, it’s true! *[Transition]* In today’s true story from the Bible, we’re going to hear how God made the heavens and the Earth and everything in them—including people. It was wonderful! And . . . we’ll hear about the first two people God made chose not to listen to God, and that made everything not-so-wonderful. But don’t worry, there’s GOOD NEWS! Let’s go find out more!”

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

In the beginning—the very beginning...God created everything, including people! We were made to live in perfect friendship with God forever. But when people turned away from God, sin entered the world. Everything was broken, including our relationship with God. But God already had a plan to rescue us and restore that relationship... and everything else in the whole world. *[BOTTOM LINE]* **You can trust God no matter what.**

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

YOU CAN TRUST GOD

[Live for God | Application Activity]

What You Need: “Trust God Frames” Activity Page; “Origin Story Stickers” Activity Page; Prepared picture frame example; Coloring Supplies

What You Do:

- Give each kid a “Trust God Frames” Activity Page.
- Show the finished example of the project.
- Assist the kids with writing their names at the top of their frame.
- Invite the kids to repeat after you.
- Say, *[Bottom Line] “You can trust God no matter what!”*
- Instruct the kids to decorate their frames with coloring supplies and stickers from the “Origin Story Stickers” Activity Page.
- Encourage the kids to take their frames home and hang them up on a mirror.
- Challenge the kids to look in the mirror frame this week and say to themselves, *[Bottom Line] “You can trust God no matter what!”*
- Set frames aside for the Prayer activity

Inclusive Pro-Tips:

- Keep the finished example visible for the kids to refer to. Remind the kids that each frame is unique, just like them! They can decorate it however they’d like.

What You Say:

“Look at these amazing frames! Of all the incredible things God made, people (that’s you and me!) are God’s favorite! He made us in His very own image, and He wants us to be His friends! God made you and loves you SO much, friends. God proved that love by sending Jesus. By choosing to give up His life for our sins (the things we do that go against God and His ways), Jesus took care of the big

problem of sin and made a way for everyone to have a relationship with God that lasts FOREVER! He rescued us because He loves us! No matter what you've done, or how many times you mess up, remember that God loves you and ***[Bottom Line] you can trust God no matter what!***

“I want you to take these frames home and with a grown-up's help, tape them to your mirror so that they frame your face each time you look in the mirror. When you do, I want you to remember that: ***[Bottom Line] You can trust God no matter what!***

WORK IT OUT VERSE

[Hear from God | Memory Verse Activity]

What You Need: Bibles marked at Hebrews 11:1

What You Do:

- Invite kids to form groups of two.
- Give each group a Bible.
- Use the Bible Navigation tips below to lead the kids to look up Hebrews 11:1 together.
 - ***Finding verses with kindergartners:*** Guide children to open the Bibles to the marked page. Point to the word *Hebrews* at the top of the page as you say “Hebrews” aloud. Then guide children to find the big number 11 on the page. Explain that this is the chapter number. Finally, guide them to look under the big 11 for the little 1; this is the verse number. Tell them to leave their finger on the verse as you read the verse aloud. Then lead everyone to say the verse together.
 - ***Finding verses with 1st graders:*** Guide them to open their Bibles to the front and find the table of contents. (Hold up a Bible opened to the table of contents to show the kids what the page looks like.) When the kids find the table of contents, lead them to find Hebrews in the list under “New Testament.” You can help by telling them that Hebrews starts with the letters H-E. When the kids find Hebrews, lead them to

look at the page number beside the word. Explain that the number tells them on what page they can find Hebrews. Help the kids find the page. When they find Hebrews, explain that the big numbers on the page are the chapter numbers. Help them find chapter 11. Explain that the small numbers are verse numbers. Help them find verse 1 in chapter 11.

- Repeat the verse together several times.
- Talk through any possibly unfamiliar words or phrases, focusing on the meaning of the verse.
- Point out the first part of the verse
 - For NIV: *“Faith is being sure of what we hope for.”*
- Explain to the kids that while we can’t see God with our eyes, we can be sure (or have confidence) that God is with us because we have “seen” the wonderful things He has done.
- Instruct the kids to stand up and spread out.
- Share with kids that they will perform superhero exercises to get in shape while reciting this month’s Memory Verse.
- Call out various exercises based on your group’s ability, and encourage the kids to recite the Memory Verse with you as they perform the movement.
- Exercises:
 - Arm curls: bend both arms up and down
 - Squats: lower your hips from a standing position, and then stand back up
 - Leg balance: lift one leg out to the side
 - Arm circles: stretch both arms out to the side and rotate arms in a circle
 - Hops: jump up and down in place
 - Planks: hold up your body in a push-up position
- Before each movement, demonstrate it for the kids.

Inclusive Pro-Tips:

- For versions with less movement, allow kids to sit while performing the motions.

What You Say:

“Awesome job, friends! I love our Memory Verse this month. Why do you think we memorize verses from the Bible? (*Invite responses.*) That’s right! The Bible is God’s Word and it reminds us of what’s true. When we remember verses from the Bible, we can carry the truth with us no matter where we are—at school, at a soccer game, or on the playground. We could be facing a tough situation and Hebrews 11:1 reminds us that faith is being sure of what we hope for! We can be reminded that God is with us because we can see all that God has made and all that He has done! And because of all God has done, **[Bottom Line] you can trust God no matter what.**”

PRAYER TIME

[Pray to God | Prayer Activity]

What You Need: Handheld mirror

What You Do:

- Gather kids to sit in a circle.
- Say the Bottom Line: **[Bottom Line] You can trust God no matter what.**
- Repeat the Bottom Line again, then invite the kids to say it with you.
- Demonstrate how to hold the mirror in front of you, point to yourself and say: **[Bottom Line] “I can trust God no matter what!”**
- Pass the mirror around the circle, encouraging each kid to repeat the Bottom Line to themselves.
- Close in prayer.

Inclusive Pro-Tips:

- If any kid is shy or hesitant to participate, invite them to observe first and join in when they feel ready.
- If a kid has trouble pointing to themselves or holding the mirror, offer assistance or suggest saying the Bottom Line out loud without holding the mirror.

What You Say:

“God, we love You. Thank You for the wonderful world You made and for creating each one of us in Your image. Thank You for loving us so much! When we make a bad choice, help us to remember that Your love for us is always bigger and we can trust You no matter what! Thank You for sending Jesus to rescue us from sin so we could be close to You. Teach us to be Your friends so we are close with You our entire lives. We love You, and we pray these things in Jesus’ name. Amen.”

As adults arrive to pick up, encourage the kids to show off their “Trust God Frames” as they tell their grown-ups that [Bottom Line] you can trust God no matter what.