

UPPER ELEMENTARY

NOVEMBER WEEK 2

Notes

- Yellow highlighted text are cues for audio and visual slides.
- Game, Worship, and the Bible verse from the stage
- Intro and Bible story are on video.

GAME/STORY SUPPLIES

- Stand Up

WORSHIP

- Praise
- Alive



Today's Bible Story

Jonah

Jonah 1-3

Conversation Starter

What keeps people from doing what's best?

Bottom Line

God knows what's best.

Memory Verse

"Those who trust in the LORD will receive new strength. They will fly as high as eagles. They will run and not get tired. They will walk and not grow weak."

Isaiah 40:31 (NirV)

WELCOME

(Welcome kids)

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

Show Series Graphic: Bedrock!

This month, we're digging into Bedrock by building confidence in God block by block. Placing our trust and confidence in God is something that we learn by doing it! We all need practice. And in today's story, we'll meet a guy who REALLY needed some practice. In fact, instead of trusting God, he ran away and found himself in a fishy situation.

GAME TIME

Game:

Okay, I'm going to need everyone for this game! I'm going to say something, and if you agree with it, I want you to stand up. So if I say: 'I like pizza!'—then everyone who likes pizza will stand up.

If you don't agree with something, that's okay! Just stay sitting down. Then I'll move on to the next statement. If you're standing up and you don't agree with the next thing I say, just sit down. Everybody ready to take a stand? Okay, here goes!

➤ Share some of the following statements—or create your own that are more unique to your environment. Make sure to include statements that will allow everyone to stand at least sometimes. (YOU COULD ALSO OFFER AN OPTION OF SIMPLY RAISING A HAND INSTEAD OF STANDING.)

1. I like ketchup on French fries.
2. I like ketchup on green beans.
3. I like to wake up early in the morning.
4. My favorite color is yellow.
5. My favorite color is blue.
6. My favorite color is red.
7. I can do a cartwheel.
8. My favorite holiday is Christmas.
9. My birthday is in the summer.
10. I've eaten a s'more this fall.

11. I have a pet at home.
12. I would have a pet (OR ANOTHER PET) if my mom let me.
13. I can say something in a different language.
14. I have a brother or sister.
15. I like telling jokes.
16. I've written someone a letter and sent it in the actual mail.
17. I like salt and vinegar potato chips.
18. I like dark chocolate more than milk chocolate.
19. I've played on a sports team.
20. I probably have more stuffed animals than anyone.

Wow! I feel like I know so much more about you all!

Before we talk about our Bible Story today, let's praise and worship the God who put us where we are for this exact right time and then goes with us through everything we face!

WORSHIP

One of the ways we worship is by giving praise and honor to God by singing and dancing. Now, it's your time to jump in and give all you've got as we worship! You can follow along with the moves or worship in your own way. Let's sing!

Show Worship: 2 Songs

Great work, everyone! I love worshipping God with all of you. Let's go ahead and sit down and get ready for our Bible Story today.

INTRO

Show Series Graphic: Bedrock!

Before we dive into our fishy, fishy tale from the Bible about Jonah today, let me tell you about something amazing we're doing this year. We're going through the story of the entire Bible together! Why? Well, God really, really wants us to know Him! He is God, and He could have remained a mystery, but He wants us to know who He is. And part of the reason He gave us the Bible is so we can know who He is.

(HOLD UP BIBLE.) This week, we're going to learn about one of the prophets whom God sent to speak His messages. The prophet Jonah! At first, Jonah was not-so-great as a prophet—he didn't want to share God's message. Let's check it out our Bible story!

BIBLE TRUTH

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APPLICATION

Show Series Graphic: Bedrock!

Even when Jonah decided he himself didn't want to follow God's ways, God didn't give up on him—and God won't give up on you either! Even when Jonah wasn't listening, God was still patient and kind in saving him and redirecting him.

Sometimes we choose to do what we want. We feel scared, angry, or even think someone doesn't deserve forgiveness. But God is always, always, always kind and loving and good and merciful. When His love is greater than ours, and it always is, He can help us trust Him and show His loving heart, even when it's tough. Here's what we need to remember:

Show Graphic: WK 2_Bottom Line

[BOTTOM LINE] God knows what's best.

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

Confidence is living like you believe God is with you.

You don't have to get it perfectly. God didn't give up on Jonah, and God didn't give up on the Ninevites either. He's got grace and mercy and forgiveness in buckets, so just keep doing your best, with His help, to follow His ways.

It can be hard to be kind and loving like Jesus, but you don't have to do it in your own strength! When you choose to follow Jesus, the Holy Spirit, God's very Spirit, comes to live inside of you! And He will give you the strength and the courage to follow God's ways, even if you don't want to! So ask Him for help!

This month's memory verse reminds us of this truth:

Show Verse: Isaiah 40:31

“Those who trust in the LORD will receive new strength. They will fly as high as eagles. They will run and not get tired. They will walk and not grow weak.”

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

This week, maybe you'll face something that feels impossible. Maybe it's a challenge at home, at school, or inside your own heart. Maybe you'll feel like running the other way or giving up. When that moment comes, remember Jonah. Remember that God's love is bigger than your biggest mistake, and His power is greater than

whatever stands in your way. You can have confidence—not because you have all the answers, but because God is with you and for you. The question we're left with is the same one Jonah had to face:

SLIDE: Wk 2 Conversation Starter

What keeps people from doing what's best? Let's think about that question as we head to our Small Groups. Now, let's pray together.

PRAYER

God, sometimes it's easier to run away than to trust You—especially when things feel impossible or when we don't want to do what's right. Thank You that You never give up on us, even when we mess up or when we're afraid. Give us courage to follow You. Help us believe that Your ways are best, so we always follow them. We love You, and we pray these things in Jesus' name. Amen.

SMALL GROUPS

Show Graphic: Small Group

(Dismiss kids to their small groups)