



LOWER ELEMENTARY

WEEK 4- STARTER



Activity Name: Ninja Moves

What You Need:

- 1 tissue/napkin per kid

What You Do:

- Give each kid a single tissue/napkin.
- Show them how to place the tissue on their head.
- Explain that you are going to call out some ninja warrior moves, and they have to try to do them without the tissue falling off their head.
- Call out simple moves one at a time:
 - “Ninja warrior, walk in a circle!”
 - “Ninja warrior, touch your toes!”
 - “Ninja warrior, turn around!”
 - “Ninja warrior, hop on one foot!”
- If a kid’s tissue falls, invite them to just pick it up and keep playing.
- Celebrate everyone for trying their best.

What You Say:

Great job, ninja warriors! It was tricky to follow the plan and keep that tissue on your head at the same time! In our Bible Story today, we’re going to meet a man named Matthew who made a big move to follow Jesus’ plan for his life. Let’s go find out what he did!

(Inclusive Pro-Tips: Allow groups to simply talk through their two responses or draw pictures instead of creating a full skit.)

Lead your group to the Large Group area.

Activity Name: Matthew Maze

What You Need:

- Bible
- “Matthew Maze” Activity Page
- Colored pencils or markers

What You Do:

- Read through discussion questions as a group
- Open the Bible and read Luke 5:27-32.
- Give each kid a “Matthew Maze” Activity Page and a pencil.
- Review the story of Jesus choosing Matthew. Remind the kids that when Jesus said, “Follow me,” Matthew stopped what he was doing and followed Jesus right away. Then Matthew hosted a banquet to introduce all his friends to Jesus.
- Tell the kids that their job is to help Matthew and Jesus get to Matthew’s house for the party.
- Instruct them to use their pencil to draw a line through the maze, starting with Jesus and Matthew and ending at the house.
- Encourage kids to also color in the pictures on the page

What You Say:

Great job helping Matthew and Jesus get to the party! Matthew made a wise choice to follow Jesus. He left his old life behind to start a new life living for God. When we choose to follow Jesus, we get to ***[Bottom Line]*** practice living for God every day too.

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KEEP GROUP TOGETHER UNTIL PICK UP