

**5th Grade
Large Group**

**January 2026
Week 3**

WEEK 3: 5TH GRADE (70 MIN. SERVICE)

WELCOME

(5:20pm // 9:20am // 11:20am)

PLAY: 2 Minute Countdown to dismiss from Small Groups to Large Group

As kids are coming in from small group, high five, walk around room, and welcome them.

WELCOME to Flatirons Kids – I’m so glad you guys are here today. I think it’s so important to get to know each other since we’re here EVERY week together, don’t you?

So, I have a very, extremely, and I mean seriously important question...

If you could wake up and have a single food brought right next to your bed EVERY morning, what would it be?

I know. Serious question. Ok turn to the person next to you and talk about it... I’ll come around and pick 3 of you to share.

As kids are answering in their small groups, welcome in the rest of the groups coming in and give them the question! Notice the kids that don’t have a partner and ask them yourself!

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Ok let’s hear from 3 of you...

I love getting to know each other. Even when it may seem silly, talking to each other about anything and everything helps us get closer, and we spend EVERY weekend together, so it’s fun to get to know each other *even better* every week.

Now TODAY, we’re continuing our series GAME PLAN. Over the last couple weeks, we’ve kind of been creating a game plan, like when you create a game plan to be good at sports or a hobby you might have, to get close to God.

Was anyone here last week? Do you remember what we learned about? *Give kids a chance to raise their hands and call on someone to answer (CORRECT ANSWER: Practice PRAYING to God) – Give a few hints if no one is getting it!*

YES! Last week we learned all about how to practice praying to God, because you have to TALK to someone to be close to them, especially God.

This week, we're learning about how to HEAR from God, because you can talk ALL you want, but the next step in getting closer to God is hearing from HIM too – but first, we're going to play a GAME, because JESUS is FUN, so Church is FUN. And it may help us learn a little more about our bible story today...

GAME: MOUTH MADNESS
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To start this game, I'm going to need 2 volunteers... *Choose 2 volunteers from audience.*

Alright, now before we begin I'm going to need one of you to be the SPEAKER, and one the GUESSER.
Choose between the 2.

Now my speaker, you get to put THIS on *Reveal the cheek retractor*

I'm going to whisper a word to you, and you are going to have 30 seconds to try to say this word.

My GUESSER, your job is to try and guess the word they are saying before 30 seconds is up...

Got it?

My audience, you just get to laugh at them while doing it. The best role in any game.

Ok are we ready?

Quietly reveal first word to speaker and let them guess for around 30 seconds. Countdown from 5 when it's time for the round to be over.

You have enough cheek retractors for 2 people to be the speaker, so feel free to switch your volunteers up mid-way through!

NOTE: PLEASE THROW AWAY CHEEK RETRACTORS WHEN FINISHED.

WORDS FOR SPEAKER:

- Peanut butter
- Cinnamon roll
- Scooby Dooby Doo
- Supercalifragilistic
- Bubblegum machine
- Water balloon fight
- Slippery spaghetti
- Cheesy cheeseburger
- Marshmallow mouth

As you play each round, make funny commentary and engage the audience!

Once game is over, send volunteers back to their seats.

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Ok so that was hilarious, and slightly disgusting... but you saw how important it was to realllyyyy be listening... which actually leads us into our bible story for the day.

But hey, before we get into that, it's time to WORSHIP.

WORSHIP

(5:35pm // 9:35am // 11:35am)

WORSHIP INTRO: We're about to sing songs that declare WHO God is, why we praise Him, and a song all about how we can live a life that is filled with joy because of Him!

When we sing the words "Goodbye Yesterday" we're singing about how our life that is sometimes filled with sadness, fear, and worry, is now filled with JOY and PEACE because we have Jesus!

So, let's stand back on our feet, and NOW use those voices as we praise our God!

Play: THAT'S WHO I PRAISE

Play: GOODBYE YESTERDAY

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I love worshipping God with all of you and seeing our hands raised to Him together. Let's go ahead and take a seat and get ready for our Story.

INTRO

(5:43pm // 9:43am // 11:43am)

This year, we're going through the key stories of the Bible from the front to the back! *Hold up bible.*

Has anyone ever wondered, “**how do I HEAR from God? He usually doesn't talk to us the way you and I are talking right now?**” *Raise hand in agreement.* The bible is one way we can HEAR from God, which is why we make sure to open it every single weekend to learn more about what God says.

And that leads us to today's story - we're learning all about how we can use the bible to hear from God and make the right choices.

BIBLE NAVIGATION TIME FROM STAGE: (HOLD UP BIBLE.) If you have your bible, we're going to open them up to the Book of MATTHEW, which is in the New Testament (*Flip to the book of Matthew in your bible on stage*).

Now, we're going to Chapter 7, the BIG number 7. The verse will be verse 24, so the tiny tiny number 24.

If you don't have a bible with you, share one with your neighbor, and make sure you bring yours next weekend!

Let's keep our bibles open, and let's check out our story!

BIBLE STORY

(5:45pm // 9:45am // 11:45am)

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APPLICATION

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I LOVE that story, because it really shows that *listening* to what God says helps us *do* what is best, which is ALWAYS what God says – because he wants what's best for us.

We learned about one of the best ways to hear from God and learn what he says is through the BIBLE.

Sometimes the bible can be confusing, but the *more* you read it, the more we understand. You don't need to be perfect at reading or understanding, but God promises that when we look to HIM for what to do, he will always answer.

SHARE A PERSONAL STORY OF HOW YOU DO THIS.

AND, asking a trusted adult to help you read it makes a huge difference, like your parent, grandparent, or even your small group leader!

That brings us to our bottom line for today...

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[BOTTOM LINE] Practice HEARING from God.

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

We can practice, just like you practice at a sport you want to be really good at, or an instrument you want to play well, to learn how to HEAR from God.

But *this* is so much more important than sports or an instrument, and that brings us to our memory verse for this month...

Show Verse: 1 Timothy 4:8

“Training the body has some value. But being godly has value in every way. It promises help for the life you are now living and the life to come. 1 Timothy 4:8”

Let's say that all together.

Now *really* quiet.

Now as LOUD as you can!

Just like we practiced saying our memory verse, and it got a little easier each time, we can practice hearing from God everyday!

Before we head to our small groups to learn EVEN MORE about this, I'd love for someone to pray for us! Anyone want to be brave and pray for our group?

PRAYER

(5:57pm // 9:57am // 11:57am)

HAVE A KID PRAY!

SMALL GROUPS

(6:00pm // 10:00am // 12:00pm)

Show Graphic: Small Group

(Dismiss kids to their small groups)