



## LOWER ELEMENTARY

JANUARY WEEK 3 (JAN. 17-18)

*Week 3 of January and we're already seeing a TON of new families returning! Thank you for making this space FUN, inviting, and a place where kids bump into Jesus.*

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**Pro Tip:** NAIL those transitions! Ever feel like you're losing the kids? Like no one is listening? Make those transitions smooth by 1) PRACTICING, 2) Knowing the playlister WELL, & 3) Making transitions FUN! Transitions help kids re-engage – try drumrolls, countdowns, and anything else you can think of to make those transitions re-engagement opportunities!

### Notes

- **Yellow highlighted text** are cues for audio and visual slides.
- *Red text is for nonverbal cues*

### GAME/STORY SUPPLIES

- N/A

### WORSHIP

- That's Who I Praise
- Goodbye Yesterday



### Bible Story

The Wise and Foolish Builders | *Matthew 7:24-27 (Supporting: John 10:27-28)*

### Bottom Line

Practice hearing from God.

### Monthly Memory Verse

*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 NlrV*

**Lower Elementary  
Large Group**

**January 2026  
Week 3**

## **WEEK 3: LOWER ELEMENTARY (70 MIN. SERVICE)**

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### **WELCOME**

**(5:20pm // 9:15am // 11:15am)**

#### **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 hope you had an awesome small group, our small group leaders are the best aren’t they? Hey while we welcome in the rest of our small groups, answer THIS question:

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

I know. Serious question. Ok circle up with your small group 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! Walk around and find a few people to answer*

#### **Show Series Graphic: Game Plan**

I love hearing all about your guys’ week, and most of all, I love that Flatirons Kids is a part of ALL of our weeks – I’m so glad each and every one of you are here today.

Can you look to the person next to you, give them a high five, and say “I’m SO glad you’re here”? *Mimic giving a high five.*

TODAY, we’re continuing our series GAME PLAN. 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? What did we learn 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. This week, we're learning about how to HEAR from God – 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...

So I'm going to need everyone to STAND UP! And let's play...

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**GAME: COACH CALLS...**  
**(5:27pm // 9:27am // 11:27am)**

**Game: COACH CALLS (Basically, Simon Says)**

**Show Game Music Slide**

Ok, has anyone ever played Simon Says? This is BASICALLY that, but because we're in a series about making a Game Plan, I'm going to be your COACH.

In this game, listening closely is going to be key... So let's remind ourselves how to play.

**How to Play:**

1. Have everyone STAND to their feet!
2. When you say "COACH CALLS" and a prompt, everyone does that motion/action!
3. When you say the prompt WITHOUT saying "COACH CALLS" first, and they still do the action, they are OUT.
4. When you are out, sit on the ground until the next time the coach calls for EVERYONE to stand back up!

*Hosts: When a good amount of kids are sitting, do a "COACH CALLS everyone to get back in the game!"*

Play as many times as time allows.

**PROMPTS: Feel free to get creative and come up with your own!**

1. Touch your nose with your pinky
2. Walk like you're stuck in slow motion
3. Pretend the floor is hot lava
4. Spin around

5. Throw a football
6. Jump 3 times
7. Clap your hands over your head
8. Touch your toes
9. Run in place
10. Do 5 jumping jacks

*As you play each round, mention how well the kids are LISTENING!*

*Once game is over, have everyone SIT ("Coach calls SIT DOWN!) back down!*

### **Show Series Graphic: Game Plan**

Man, you guys did awesome – it was really hard to be good at that game unless you listened *veryyyy* well, which actually leads us to our bible story for today and the importance of LISTENING to God!

But before we do that, we're going to worship together!

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### **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" all we're singing is our life that is sometimes filled with sadness, fear, and worry, is now filled with JOY and PEACE because we have Jesus!

So I want everyone to stand back up on their feet, and let's use those voices as we praise our God!

**Play: THAT'S WHO I PRAISE**

**Play: GOODBYE YESTERDAY**

### **Show Series Graphic: Game Plan**

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 Bible Story.

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### **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!

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. Nice job!

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

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### BIBLE STORY

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

**Show Video: Video\_WK3 StoryLab**

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### APPLICATION

(5:53pm // 9:53am // 11:53am)

**Show Series Graphic: Game Plan**

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... does anyone remember?

The BIBLE! Yes!

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...

### **Show Graphic: WK3\_Bottom Line**

**[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?

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### **PRAYER**

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

HAVE A KID PRAY!

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### **SMALL GROUPS**

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

**Show Graphic: Small Group**

(Dismiss kids to their small groups)