



**Lower Elementary  
Large Group**

**January 2026  
Week 4**

## **WEEK 4: LOWER ELEMENTARY (65 MIN. SERVICE)**

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### **WELCOME**

**(5:10pm // 9:10am // 11:10am)**

#### **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 excited to be with you today! How we doing, thumbs up for really good, thumbs down for not so good, and thumbs to the side for just *meh*.

*Give a moment for kids to raise thumbs. Raise yours to encourage engagement.*

Well wherever you're at today, I'm SO glad you're here, just as you are. And I know your small group is too!

Speaking of your small group, turn into your small group on your rugs and ask each other THIS question...

**If you woke up tomorrow and could only talk like an animal for the whole day, which animal would you choose... and why?**

I know. We're getting deep fast here.

Talk about it with your small groups while the rest of the groups come on in and I want to hear from 3 of you when you're ready!

*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 getting to know each other here at Flatirons Kids, even the silly things.

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.*

I'm so glad you're here, because TODAY, we're FINISHING our GAME PLAN on how to be close to God, because HE wants to be close to US.

Let's do a quick review, who can remember the 3 parts of the game plan we've learned about over the last few weeks?

*Give kids a chance to raise their hands and call on someone to answer*

*CORRECT ANSWERS: Practice TALKING about God, practice PRAYING to God, and Practice HEARING from God – Give a few hints if no one is getting it!*

It's been an awesome game plan so far, and this weekend, we're wrapping it up with, DRUMROLL PLEASE... *mimic drumroll on knees*

**Practice LIVING for God.**

We're going to learn all about how we can live every day, not for ourselves, but for God.

Now before we get into that, 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: JIGGLE PUFF**  
**(5:17pm // 9:17am // 11:17am)**

**Game: JIGGLE PUFF**

**Show Jiggle Puff Slide**

**Poses (demonstrate first!):**

Make sure everyone knows these poses for the game:

1. **Dragon Egg** – Crouch down and hug your knees like you're protecting an egg
2. **Electrolytes** – Pretend to chug a drink while holding a flexed arm up
3. **Tourist** – Pretend to take pictures with an imaginary camera
4. **Prayer** – Hands together like you're praying
5. **Mind Control** – Hand on temple like you're controlling something
6. **Cobra** – Hands together, arms above head, swaying like a snake

## **How to Play:**

1. Choose **one leader/host** (that's you).
2. Everyone stands facing the host.
3. Explain the goal:

“When we say the phrase, you’ll choose **one pose**. If your pose **matches mine**, you’re out and sit down.”

4. As a group, everyone says together:  
“**1... 2... 3... JIGGLE PUFF!**”
5. On “**Jiggle Puff**,” everyone (including the host) **freezes in a pose**.
6. Anyone who **matches the host’s pose** is out and sits down.
7. Repeat until one person is left (the winner), OR

👉 *Optional: Let the last person standing become the next host.*

Ok, got it? Good! Let’s play...

## **Play Music Loop**

Play as many times as time allows!

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

That game was fun - but it was also kind of tricky, right? Everyone was trying **not** to match me. You were thinking, ‘What should I pick so I don’t lose? You know, that kind of reminds me of what we’re learning about today...

We’re going to learn all about how we actually WANT to do what Jesus did, because living for *ourselves* usually doesn’t work out for us in the long run, but when we live for JESUS and do what he did, we *always* win.

But before we get into our story for today and learn way more about this, we’re going to worship together!

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**WORSHIP**

**(5:25pm // 9:25am // 11:25am)**

**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

(5:33pm // 9:33am // 11:33am)

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

The bible is a GREAT way to learn about how to LIVE for God. It shows how Jesus himself lived, and how we can live like that too.

And that leads us to today's story – we're going to learn about a man named Matthew, or Levi, who chose to live for God instead of for himself.

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

Now, we're going to Chapter 5, the BIG number 5. Nice job!

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

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## BIBLE STORY

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

**Show Video: Video\_WK4 StoryLab**

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## APPLICATION

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

### Show Series Graphic: Game Plan

I LOVE that story because Matthew was just like you and me. He was selfish sometimes, made the wrong choices, and was the most unlikely person for Jesus to call to follow him.

But Matthew chose to obey Jesus, to stop living for himself and to start living for HIM.

Here's what this looks like in my life...

**SHARE A PERSONAL STORY OF HOW YOU DO THIS.** *(Example: It's easy for me to get angry. Like, really angry. But I can choose to live for GOD instead of myself, and be kind to the people around me instead of acting out in my anger.)*

How can you live for God instead of yourself?

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

### Show Graphic: WK4\_Bottom Line

**[BOTTOM LINE] Practice LIVING for God.**

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

It won't be easy, but we can practice by making a small decision to follow God instead of ourselves every single day.

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 living for God every single day!

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

(5:47pm // 9:47am // 11:47am)

HAVE A KID PRAY!

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### SMALL GROUPS

(5:50pm // 9:50am // 11:50pm)

**Show Graphic: Small Group**

(Dismiss kids to their small groups)