



PRETEEN
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WEEK 4

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

- **Bible**



Bible Story

Jesus Chooses Levi | Luke 5:27-32 (Supporting: Romans 12:1)

Bottom Line

Practice living for 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 NIV

Conversation Starter

What does it look like to live for God?

WELCOME

(Welcome kids)

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

Show Series Graphic: Game Plan

This month, we've been learning about a Game Plan for our lives that we can follow to grow closer to God. This Game Plan has four parts—talk about God, pray to God, hear from God, and live for God! This week, we're looking at the fourth part of that Game Plan: **Practice living for God.**

GAME TIME

In a game, a team has to follow its plays. If you don't follow the play, what happens? *(Pause for answers: You lose! 'You get mixed up!')* That's right, you get off track! And in our lives, God gives us His playbook in the Bible. He shows us how to live, and when we follow His plan, we grow stronger.

"So today, we're going to start with a game of 'Follow the Leader.'

Show Game Slide: Follow the Leader

Okay, I'll go first so you get the idea. You don't have to walk behind me, just stand where you are. But everybody spread out, so you've got space. *(Pause as the kids spread out.)*

Ready? Here we go, march in place! *(March in place as the kids copy you.)*

Nice marching, team! Now let's add some big arm circles. *(Make big arm circles as the kids copy you.)*
Whoa, look at those arms go!

Okay, switch it up, let's hop like kangaroos. Boing, boing, boing! Freeze! *(Pause dramatically.)* Did you freeze when I froze? Let me see your best frozen statue. That's awesome!

Okay, let's play another round. I'll start us off, but be careful, you've got to pay attention. I might change moves quickly, and you've got to follow! Ready?

Here we go, tiptoe walk! (*Everyone tiptoes.*) And switch, slow-motion run! (*Everyone runs slowly.*) Switch again, spin in a circle! (*Everyone spins.*) And, freeze! .

Great job following me! But guess what, it's your turn. I need a volunteer to come up front and be our leader.

Select a volunteer from those with their hands raised.

Okay, everyone, copy our new leader! (*Allow the kid to lead. If they're stumped, encourage an action like jumping jacks or silly spins.*)

You did it! Give yourselves a round of applause! Wow, you all were amazing at 'Follow the Leader!' Here's the thing: following a leader in a game is a lot like following Jesus in real life. We don't just do our own thing; we practice living the way He shows us. When we practice living for God, we copy Jesus, like being kind, telling the truth, helping others, forgiving, and loving. And the more we practice, the stronger we get in following Him.

Let's worship!

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

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Remember, we are doing something amazing this school year! We're going through the story of the entire Bible together! God gave us the Bible so we can know who He is and what He is like. He wants us to learn about Him!

(HOLD UP BIBLE.) Today, we will hear a story from Jesus' life that involves a man named Levi. You might know Levi as another name, Matthew! Let's check out our video!

BIBLE STORY

Show Video: Video_WK 4 So&So Show

APPLICATION

Show Series Graphic: Game Plan

If you are a Jesus follower, He's called you right where you are to follow Him. In your life, with what is in front of you that day. And as you choose to follow Him, you make the world look more like His Kingdom! When you start following Jesus, it's not enough for you to follow Him. You want others to know the joy of following Him, too!

So, every day, let's make the choice to live for God. Let's make choices that Jesus would make! Our Bottom Line says:

Show Graphic: WK 4_Bottom Line

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

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

Every day of our lives is filled with choices, and God wants us to choose to live like Him! Just like athletes train their bodies, we can train ourselves to follow God. This month's memory verse reminds us of this truth:

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."

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

As you go to your small groups, really think about this question:

SLIDE: Wk 4 Conversation Starter

What does it look like to live for God? Two minutes from now, you will head to group and then right back into normal life, buses, hallways, chats, and chores. Before you move, what can you start doing this week to live for God? Is it telling the truth, choosing kindness online, inviting a friend to church, or

stopping listening to certain music that pulls you the wrong way? How are you going to live this week, and what are you going to leave behind?

Will someone pray for us before we go to small groups?

PRAYER

HAVE A KID COME UP AND PRAY!

SMALL GROUPS

Show Graphic: Small Group

(Dismiss kids to their small groups)