



## LOWER ELEMENTARY

MARCH 2026

WEEK 2

### Notes

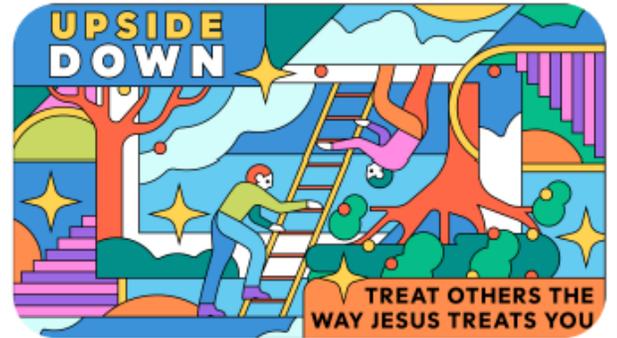
- **Yellow highlighted text** are cues for audio and visual slides.
- Game, Worship, and the Bible verse from the stage
- Intro and Bible story are on video.

### GAME/STORY SUPPLIES

- Bible

### WORSHIP

- That's Who I Praise
- Reckless Love



#### Bible Story

A Roman Commander Has Faith • *Matthew 8:5-13*

#### Conversation Starter

How do you show that God is important?

#### Bottom Line

Remember God is most important.

#### Monthly Memory Verse

*Don't do anything only to get ahead. Don't do it because you are proud. Instead, be humble. Value others more than yourselves.* • *Philippians 2:3 NIV*

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**WELCOME**

*(Welcome kids)*

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

**Show Series Graphic: Upside Down**

Welcome back to another incredible week of our series called 'Upside Down!' All month long, we're learning how Jesus flips things around and shows us a totally different way to live—HIS way!

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**GAME TIME**

**Show Game Slide: Upside-Down Trivia**

Today's game is completely ridiculous in the best way. It's called 'Upside-Down Trivia'!

In this game, the WRONG answer is the RIGHT answer. You score by giving the silliest, craziest, most upside-down answer you can think of!

Each round, I'll call up two players. When I ask the question, those two players will run to the bell/buzzer. Whoever grabs it first gets to give the upside-down answer. That means your answer should be incorrect, not correct. It should be something that DOESN'T make sense. For example, if I asked, 'What do you use to keep the rain off you?' you might say, 'Swiss cheese!'

Okay, let's pick our first two players! If you'd like to volunteer to play, raise your hand!

*Choose two volunteers from the kids who have their hands raised. Choose new kids for each round.*

**Ideas Rounds (Feel free to come up with your own!)**

- What do you sleep on at night?
- What do you use to brush your teeth?
- What do you put on a sandwich?
- What do you write with?
- What do you drink?
- What do you wear on your feet?

That was hilarious! You all rocked those upside-down answers! I love how your brain can flip things around so fast. And THAT is exactly what this month is all about. We're learning how living for Jesus sometimes feels upside down or different from what everyone else expects.

Thanks for playing. Now let's worship together!

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## WORSHIP

One way we worship is by giving praise and honor to God through 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: That's Who I Praise**

**Show Worship: Reckless Love**

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.

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## INTRO

**Show Series Graphic: Upside Down**

Before we get into our true story from the Bible, let me tell you about something awesome we're doing this year! We're going through the key stories of the Bible! By the end of the school year, we'll have looked at the key stories of the Bible from cover to cover. Part of the reason God gave us the Bible is so we could know Him. He wants to be our close, close friend. As we go through the Bible this year, our hope is to learn more about God!

**(HOLD UP BIBLE.)** Today, we'll hear about a Roman commander who learned something really important about who's truly in charge. Even though he was powerful and gave orders to many soldiers, he realized that Jesus had the greatest power of all. Let's check out our Bible story video!

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## BIBLE TRUTH

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## APPLICATION

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The Roman commander didn't just believe that Jesus could help, he trusted that Jesus was in charge of everything. He showed real faith by remembering that God is the most important. We can do the same

thing when we choose to trust God instead of trying to do everything on our own. We can remember that God is the most important! That is our Bottom Line for today:

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***[BOTTOM LINE] Remember God is most important. Love others.***

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

Remember what the Roman commander knew—Jesus is more important, more powerful than anything. Jesus is in charge! If there is something that you're scared of, you can ask Jesus for help. He is the most important. If there is something that feels really big and overwhelming, ask Him for His help. He is the King of everything! If there is something you see in the world that isn't the way you think God would want it, ask God to change it. Everything answers to Him.

Let's take a moment to look at our Memory Verse for this month.

**Show Verse: Philippians 2:3**

**'Don't do anything only to get ahead. 'Don't do it because you are proud. Instead, be humble. Value other more than yourselves'. Philippians 2:3 NIV'**

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

Let's talk to the God who is in charge together. Everyone, close your eyes. Let's pray.

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**PRAYER**

Dear Jesus, we want to have faith in You. Just like the Roman commander, we want to trust You and remember that You are the most important, that You are in charge. Help us to remember that You are in charge every day—when we're at school, with our friends, or at home. Thank You for loving us. We love You, and we pray these things in Jesus' name. Amen.

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**SMALL GROUPS**

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*(Dismiss kids to their small groups)*