



5TH GRADE

FEBRUARY WEEK 3 (FEB. 14-15)

HAPPY FEBRUARY! We're talking all about the LOVE of Jesus this month. YOU are a living, breathing, example of how Jesus loves us - THANK YOU for loving our kids well and giving them your ALL!
– Carlee Reed

Pro Tip: Ever feel the pressure to cover **everything**? Good news – you don't have to! In fact, it's *better* if you don't. Leaving some things unexplained sparks curiosity and deeper small-group discussion. Thank you for setting up our small groups well!

Notes

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

GAME/STORY SUPPLIES

- N/A

WORSHIP

- PRAISE
- THE JOY – NEW SONG!



Bible Story

Zacchaeus • Luke 19:1-10

Bottom Line

The love of Jesus changes people.

Monthly Memory Verse

"I give you a new command. Love one another. You must love one another, just as I have loved you." • John 13:34 NIV

**5th Grade
Large Group**

**February 2026
Week 3**

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

WELCOME

(5:15pm // 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 IN! I'm so glad you guys are here. I hope your small groups went awesome and you're ready for maybe the best day ever... don't believe me? Just wait.

As always... I have a very important question I'd love for you all to answer... As you know, this weekend is Valentines weekend, SO, in the spirit of valentines day, and because I'm hungry, answer this with the person next to you...

If YOU could give a valentine to ANY food, which food would it be?...

Yup. We're going there.

Pizza has my heart, but I want to hear your answer... and try not to get too hungry, we're just getting started.

Talk about it with the person next to you and I'll come ask a few of you to share in just a minute!

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.

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Well hey, I know we say we LOVE pizza, or whatever food you just said, and we're going to continue our series today talking all about LOVE, but not the kind of love you have for pizza, the kind of love JESUS has for YOU. **Which is way different, in case you didn't know...**

But before we get into our lesson, I think it's time we play a game because another thing Jesus is, is FUN.

GAME: HEAD, SHOULDERS, KNEES, CUP

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Show HEADS, SHOULDERS, KNEES, CUP Slide

We're going to play one of my FAVORITE games, but to show you how to play, I'm going to need 2 volunteers to come up on stage and help demonstrate. *Look around the room and pick 2 volunteers to come on stage.*

Ok now that I have my volunteers, I'm going to show you how to play... *Demonstrate on stage with volunteers BEFORE inviting the room to play. DO NOT PASS OUT CUPS YET!*

How to Play:

- Pair with another kid, get a cup from an adult, and stand a few feet away from your opponent.
- Place the cup between the 2 of you and stand straight up!
- When the host says, "Head", touch your head. When the host says, "Shoulders", touch your shoulders. When the host says, "Knees", touch your knees. **When the host says, "CUP!", grab the cup before your opponent!**

HOST: Don't do it in this order ^, call out the first 3 (Head, Shoulders, Knees) in random orders and multiple times before you say CUP to keep them on their toes!

- Whoever gets the cup FIRST wins, and finds another opponent in the room. The kid who loses sits down. Play until the final pairing and give out the PRIZE to our winner (*prizes are on stage!*)

NOTE: Instruct kids to watch their opponents head so they don't collide when trying to get the cup!

Ok my volunteers, let's play a practice round... *Go through a few of the commands before saying CUP!*

Nice job... Ok I think we got it!

To start, everyone find someone to pair with.

Now, I'm going to need a few of my small group leaders to help pass out these cups. *Hand a few stacks of cups from stage to small group leaders to distribute.*

Alright is everyone ready? When I start this music you'll get your first command... 3,2,1

PLAY Music Loop

HEAD!... *Continue to say commands before saying CUP. Play until winner!*

IMPORTANT HOST NOTE: If you are not able to get to a final pairing by the time worship needs to start, wrap up with multiple winners to stay on time!

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Now THAT was fun... Ok very important next step, hand your cups to your small group leaders, and small group leaders, bring your cups to the stage!

Well hey, that was a ton of fun, and now it's time for us to do one of our favorite things here at Flatirons...
WORSHIP!

WORSHIP

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WORSHIP INTRO: When we worship, we sing and dance because God LOVES when we praise him – the words we sing both remind US of who God is, and helps us talk to God and thank him for what he's done for us.

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

Play: PRAISE

Play: THE JOY: NEW!

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I love worshipping God with JOY, because of who He is and ALL He's given us. Let's go ahead and have a seat to get ready for our awesome bible story.

INTRO

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Today we're going to dive deeper into understanding Jesus' love for YOU.

The last 2 weeks, we've learned all about the truth that JESUS loves YOU. And because he loves you, YOU can love OTHERS.

But his love is WAY different than our love, or the love we talk about on Valentines day where you give chocolates to that special someone, because his love is PERFECT.

BIBLE NAVIGATION TIME FROM STAGE: (HOLD UP BIBLE.) To learn more about THIS love, we're going to jump into a story about a man who's life CHANGED because of Jesus' love. It's found in the Book of LUKE, which is in the New Testament (Flip to the book of John in your bible on stage).

Now, we're going to Chapter 19 the BIG number 19. And we'll start in verse 1, so the tiny number 1 under the big 19.

If you didn't bring your bible, make sure you bring it NEXT week as we open God's word up every single weekend together.

Now let's keep our bibles open, and let's check out our story for today!

BIBLE STORY

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God's love changes EVERYTHING.

Zacchaeus made *a lot* of mistakes. Has anyone else ever made a mistake? *Raise YOUR hand.*

If you're not raising your hand, you may not be human... because, YEAH, we've ALL made mistakes. I know I've made a ton.

And Zacchaeus made a ton of mistakes too. But Jesus' love is so big, and so perfect, he *still* loved Zacchaeus. And he STILL loves YOU, even when you make mistakes.

And that's what's so good, and big, about his love. When you experience God's love it can change you from the inside out, just like Zacchaeus.

Share personal story of when you made a mistake (AGE APPROPRIATE) and you realized God STILL loves you. How did that change you?

Because I know he loves me, I don't have to be scared, or sad, or feel alone. And that has changed me!

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

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[BOTTOM LINE] The love of God changes people.

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

And our bible verse reminds us we can love others with this love Jesus shows us. Let's say this together.

Show Verse: John 13:34

“I give you a new command. Love one another. You must love one another, just as I have loved you.” John 13:34

Let's say that all together. *Repeat several times with kids and leaders.*

Before we head to our small groups to learn EVEN MORE about Jesus' love for us, I'd love for someone to pray for us!

PRAYER

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HAVE A KID PRAY!

SMALL GROUPS

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(Dismiss kids to their small groups)