



LOWER ELEMENTARY

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

**Lower Elementary
Large Group**

**February 2026
Week 3**

WEEK 3: LOWER ELEMENTARY (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 FLATIRONS KIDS! 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.

While we wait for the rest of our small groups to come on in, 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 your small group...

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 your small group 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. 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. Anyone want to jump in? *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... Now each round 2 of you are going to have the chance to win a SUPER awesome prize... but first let's demonstrate...

Demonstrate on stage with volunteers as a practice round, but allow the volunteers to compete again after they've got it to win a prize (Prizes are on stage!)

How to Play:

- When paired with your opponent on stage, stand a few feet away from your opponent.
- Host will place the cup between the 2 of you and instruct the opponents to 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 gets a prize! *Host: PICK THE PRIZE FOR THEM.* Instruct the kids to sit back down and choose 2 new opponents. Play as many rounds as time allows.

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!*

Now, let's play for REAL. *(Continue to play as many rounds as time allows with new kids on stage. Play music when playing the game to keep the energy up!)*

PLAY Music Loop

IMPORTANT HOST NOTE: Instruct kids to stay seated when watching the opponents on stage to avoid the game getting too rowdy!

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Now THAT was fun... and now it's time for us to do one of our favorite things at Flatirons Kids... 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 different than our love, because his love is PERFECT. When we understand how BIG Jesus’ love for us is, it changes everything!

BIBLE NAVIGATION TIME FROM STAGE: (HOLD UP BIBLE.) 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. Nice job!

Let’s keep our bibles open, and let’s check out our story for today!

BIBLE STORY

(5:40pm // 9:40am // 11:40am)

Show Video: Video_WK3 StoryLab

APPLICATION

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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.*

Yeah, we've ALL made mistakes.

Zacchaeus made a ton. But Jesus' love is so big, 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!

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! Anyone want to be brave and pray for our group?

PRAYER

(5:54pm // 9:54am // 11:54am)

HAVE A KID PRAY!

SMALL GROUPS

(5:55pm // 9:55am // 11:55pm)

(Dismiss kids to their small groups)