



FLATIRONS KIDS

5TH GRADE

MARCH WEEK 1 (FEB. 28-MAR. 1)

Your role is SO important - not because you're on stage, but because you're creating space for real relationships that lead to lasting life change. You're leading a generation closer to Jesus. Thank you for doing this WELL! – Carlee R.

Pro Tip: Use your hands to make your BIG points even bigger. When you spread your arms wide, you command the room; when you reach toward the kids, you capture their attention. Intentional movement adds energy, clarity, and confidence - your gestures make every point more impactful.

Notes

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

GAME/STORY SUPPLIES

- Oven Mitts
- Cups stacked in 2 piles of 15

WORSHIP

- THAT'S WHO I PRAISE
- PRAISE



Bible Story

John the Baptist Is a Witness about Jesus •
John 3:22-36

Conversation Starter

How can I show others that Jesus is better?

Bottom Line

Jesus must increase. I must decrease.

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

**5th Grade
Large Group**

**March 2026
Week 1**

WEEK 1: 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 are here today. Hope you guys had awesome small groups.

While we're coming in, I have a question for you to answer with the person next to you... and this may get controversial... ok, ready?

What is the WEIRDEST food you LOVE?

Like maybe some of you like sardines... yuck. Or maybe some of you like pineapple on pizza... Talk about it with the person next to you and I'll ask a few of you to answer in just a second!

As kids are answering with the person next to them, welcome in the rest of kids coming in and give them the question! Walk around and find a few people to answer.

Show Series Graphic: UPSIDE DOWN

Ok, some of those were really strange... but I may just have to try that one. *Reference one of the kids answers.*

Well hey, today we're starting a BRAND NEW series called UPSIDE DOWN. It's a series all about doing things God's way, which is most of the time *opposite* or *upside down* from the way the world does things.

Kind of like pineapples on pizza... it sounds a little different from how everyone else eats pizza, but it is DELICIOUS when you try it... at least, I think so.

And speaking of upside down, that reminds me of a game a like to play called...

GAME: MITTENS MAYHEM
(5:20pm // 9:20am // 11:20am)

Game: MITTENS MAYHEM

Show MITTENS MAYHEM Slide

MITTENS MAYHEM.

I was coming up with a game to start our *Upside Down* series, and thought we could do a little contest.

But THEN, I thought you all needed a challenge, so while doing this contest, you will be wearing OVEN MITTS. Obviously.

So, here's how to play...

HOW TO PLAY:

- Choose **2 volunteers** to come on stage.
- Explain: **“You’ll have 30 seconds to take the cups out of the stack, line them up on the stage, THEN flip them upside down. Whoever finishes, or gets the closest to finishing before the timer ends WINS.”**
- Place oven mitts on contestants hands and place them on either side of the stage kneeled in front of their stack of 15 cups.
- Countdown from 3, 2, 1... and **START the 30 second timer** (5, 30 Second Timers on Playlist)
- Whichever volunteer FINISHES unstacking AND flipping the cups upside down first (or gets the farthest) by the time the 30 second timer is over WINS and gets a prize from the prize bucket.
- Repeat with 2 new volunteers as many times as time allows.

Show Series Graphic: UPSIDE DOWN

You guys are, like, upside down masters. That was impressive. I'm excited to keep diving in to this new series together, but FIRST it's time to worship!

WORSHIP

(5:28pm // 9:28am // 11:28am)

WORSHIP INTRO: We're about to sing 2 songs that call us to lift our hands up high, like this. *Raise hands*. When our hands are raised, we're showing that we give ALL of ourselves to God. We're giving all of our voices, and all of our love and praise to Him.

So, when we worship, let's remember that while these are fun songs to sing and fun dance moves, we are also TALKING to God with every word we say, and every move we make. Now, let's worship together.

Play: THAT'S WHO I PRAISE

Play: PRAISE

Show Series Graphic: UPSIDE DOWN

That. Was. Awesome. Thanks for worshipping with us you guys. Now, let's take a seat and get ready for our bible story together.

INTRO

(5:36pm // 9:36am // 11:36am)

I feel like I may have said it *just a few times*, but as a reminder, we're starting a BRAND NEW series called UPSIDE DOWN.

Jesus teaches us how to live a life that is full of peace, love, and joy. But lots of times, that means doing things kind of upside down from how the people around you might be living.

Our story today is all about Jesus teaching his people to live SO differently, and it starts with a man named John.

BIBLE NAVIGATION TIME FROM STAGE: (HOLD UP BIBLE.) Our story is actually found in the Book of JOHN, which is in the New Testament (*Flip to the book of JOHN in your bible on stage*). If you have your bibles, let's open those together now. *Point out and celebrate any kids you see who brought their bible.*

Now, we're going to Chapter 3 the BIG number 3. Nice job! And now, for the verse, which is the little tiny number below that big 3. We're going to be in verse 22.

Let's keep our bibles open, and let's check out our story for today.

BIBLE STORY

(5:38pm // 9:38am // 11:38am)

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APPLICATION

(5:48pm // 9:48am // 11:48am)

Show Series Graphic: UPSIDE DOWN

When I was listening to that story, the first thing I thought of was how HARD it would be to point people to Jesus when they were all looking at ME. But that's *exactly* what John the Baptist did.

While everyone around him wanted attention for themselves, John knew Jesus asks us to live differently, a little upside down even, and point people to JESUS instead of ourselves.

You might be thinking to yourself, but does that mean no one will see the awesome things I do?!

Nope. Even better, they will see that the awesome things YOU do *actually* come from JESUS himself.

Like, when you score that big goal at the Soccer game, or have a solo at your choir concert, or ace that math test, instead of people just seeing YOU, they see Jesus THROUGH you.

Share personal story of either...

- 1. You DIDN'T point people to Jesus (AGE APPROPRIATE) and realized you were pointing to yourself instead of Jesus.**
- 2. You DID point people to Jesus (AGE APPROPRIATE) and saw people see Jesus instead of just you!**

Now this is really hard to do, but Jesus promises it's worth it, because more people will know HIM through us.

That brings us to our memory verse for the 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 others more than yourselves'.” Philippians 2:3

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

Now that brings us to the question I want you to think about as you head to small groups, and talk about with your small group!

Show Graphic: WK1_Conversation Starter

“How can I show that Jesus is the most important in my life?”

Tough question, and I'm excited for you to dive in with your small groups. But before we head there, can I have someone pray for us?

PRAYER

(5:52pm // 9:52am // 11:52am)

HAVE A KID PRAY!

SMALL GROUPS

(5:53pm // 9:53am // 11:43pm)

(Dismiss kids to their small groups)