



FLATIRONS KIDS

LOWER ELEMENTARY

MARCH WEEK 5 (MARCH 28-29)

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: *YOU are a thermostat, not a thermometer. What does this mean? YOU have the power to set the tone of the room. Time to be excited? YOU should get excited first! Time to settle down and listen to our story? YOU should be changing your tone and body language to reflect this! You have the power to set the tone – use it!*

Notes

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

GAME/STORY SUPPLIES

- Stand-Up Whiteboard
- Whiteboard Marker

WORSHIP

- THAT'S WHO I PRAISE
- PRAISE



Bible Story

Palm Sunday / Jesus Washes His Disciples' Feet
• John 12:9-19, 13:1-17

Conversation Starter

Jesus showed us how to be humble.

Bottom Line

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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

**Lower Elementary
Large Group**

**March 2026
Week 5**

WEEK 5: LOWER ELEMENTARY (65 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!

What's up Flatirons Kids! It's so good to see you this weekend.

We have a TON of fun planned today, but first, while we wait for the rest of our small groups to come on in, I have a question for you to answer with your small groups...

What's the *grossest* or *worst* thing you've ever stepped on?

Ok like dog poop or maybe a dirty diaper... OR anyone ever step on a Lego?

Yeah. That's the worst. Talk about this with your small groups, and if you've never stepped in something gross, well, you're lucky, AND talk about what YOU think the worst thing to step in would be...

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.

Banter back and forth with each answer, which one is the WORST.

Show Series Graphic: UPSIDE DOWN

So those were all pretty bad... but I definitely have to agree with *reference an answer and WHY*.

Now I don't know if you knew this, but back in Jesus' day, they did a LOT of walking. Like, everywhere.

And because they walked everywhere, their feet were VERY dirty. They probably stepped in a lot of donkey poop, EWE. And had dirt, mud, and who knows what else all over their feet.

SO, they would have to wash their feet, a lot. And this was the *worst* job. Imagine having to wash *doo doo* off your friends feet, gross right? *Make a grossed out face.*

BUT, Jesus does things opposite from the rest of the world. A little upside down.

Jesus chose to wash His friends feet, even though this was the grossest job, because He loved them, and was HUMBLE,

We're going to dive more into this big word, and this story, with our last week in the UPSIDE DOWN series.

But first, in honor of the last week of our upside down series, we're going to play a GAME.

It's called...

GAME: THE UPSIDE DOWN DOODLE CHALLENGE

(5:20pm // 9:20am // 11:20am)

Show THE UPSIDE DOWN DOODLE CHALLENGE Slide

THE UPSIDE DOWN DOODLE CHALLENGE.

Here's how to play...

HOW TO PLAY:

- **Choose a volunteer** to come on stage.
- **Give them a prompt** (secretly!).
- **Start the 60 second timer!** **PLAY 60 Second Timer (there are 6 of these as slides!)**
- **Kid draws the prompt upside down** on the whiteboard before the timer runs out!
TIP: If the kids are doing TOO good, and you want a challenge, tell them to use their non-dominant hand!
- **Audience can guess** what it is while the kid draws OR guess what it is when the timer is done!
- **Reveal answer** if no one guesses after a few guesses once the timer runs out!
- **Repeat** with another volunteer!

UPSIDE DOWN DOODLES PROMPTS:

Note: Feel free to come up with your own prompts!

- Elephant flying a kite
- Spaghetti and Meatballs
- Dinosaur wearing Sunglasses
- Cat on a skateboard
- Jellyfish

- Alien eating Pizza
- Hot Air Balloon

Feel free to come up with your own prompts!

Show Series Graphic: UPSIDE DOWN

Now THAT was an upside down challenge! Thanks for playing with me you guys.

WORSHIP

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

WORSHIP INTRO: I have LOVED this series, and I've also loved WORSHIPPING with you guys this month. This is our last weekend with these worship songs, so I want to hear you give EVERYTHING you've got as we praise God together!

Play: THAT'S WHO I PRAISE

Play: PRAISE

Show Series Graphic: UPSIDE DOWN

I love worshipping with you - Let's take a seat and get ready for our bible story together.

INTRO

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

This weekend starts what is called HOLY WEEK. It's the week that leads up to Easter weekend, when Jesus died and rose again for YOU and for me.

But before that, there was a *whole week* where Jesus said and did AMAZING things.

We're going to dive into what happened during this week, but before we do, let's jump into our bibles. Did anyone bring their bibles with them? *Look around and celebrate any kids you see who brought their bible!*

BIBLE NAVIGATION TIME FROM STAGE: (HOLD UP BIBLE.) This story is 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!

Now, we're going to Chapter 12 the BIG number 12. Nice job!

Let's keep our bibles open, and learn *more* about our story for today.

BIBLE STORY

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

Show Video: Video_WK5 StoryLab

APPLICATION

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

Show Series Graphic: UPSIDE DOWN

A lot happened the week leading up to Easter, and one of the things that stands out to me is when Jesus *washed* his disciples feet.

Remember when we talked about how dirty their feet would have been?

Jesus could have let someone else wash the feet of his disciples, but instead, he chose to be HUMBLE and love his disciples, even when it was pretty gross.

What does the word HUMBLE mean?

To be humble is to put others above yourself.

That's pretty different than how everyone else acts, right?

Most of the time, we put *ourselves* first!

Like when we're choosing a show to watch with our siblings, we usually pick OUR show instead of theirs.

Or when we're choosing what game to play with our friends, we usually pick OUR game instead of theirs.

Give a personal example of when you put YOURSELF over others (AGE APPROPRIATE).

But JESUS does the opposite. Jesus chooses to be humble, and put others above himself. Like cleaning stinky feet!

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

Show Graphic: WK5_Bottom Line

[BOTTOM LINE] Jesus showed us how to be humble.

Let's all say that together on the count of three, 1, 2, 3... *Repeat the bottom line into the mic!*

Great job! And our memory verse teaches us ALL about this idea of being humble...

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

Repeat several times with kids and leaders.

Before we head to our small groups to learn more about how to be humble, I'd love for someone to pray for us! Anyone want to be brave and pray for our group?

PRAYER

(5:47pm // 9:47am // 11:47am)

HAVE A KID PRAY!

SMALL GROUPS

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

(Dismiss kids to their small groups)

PLAY: Small Group Loop