

**WEEKEND WORD:**

THANK YOU for leading so well as we near the end of our year-long journey through God's Big Story! This May, we get to show kids two massive truths: we are living in God's story *right now*, and ultimately, God will make everything right. As we prepare for our big Move Up transitions next month, let's not lose our momentum. Let's finish this Trek strong, rely on the Holy Spirit, and give our kids your absolute best!

PRO TIP:

- Wondering where to hold the mic? A great place is resting it against your chin so you still get volume while the kids can see your face! When kids see your facial expressions, it is so much more engaging than your face being covered by the microphone!

SCRIPT KEY:

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

GAME/STORY SUPPLIES

- Cups

WORSHIP

- **So So Good**
- **Praise**

**5th Grade
Large Group**

**May 2026
Week 1**

WEEK 1: 5TH GRADE (63 MIN. SERVICE)

WELCOME

(5:10pm // 9:10am // 11:10am)

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.

While we wait for the rest of our small groups to come on in, I have a question for you to answer in your small groups...

What is the HARDEST thing you've ever had to learn how to do?

Whether it was learning how to ride a bike, tying your own shoes, or finally beating a really tough level in a video game... what is something really hard that you didn't give up on?

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 the kids coming in and give them the question! Walk around and find a few people to answer.

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Ok, those are some seriously tough things! Mine would probably have to be **[share your answer]**.

Today, we are kicking off a brand new series called **Trek**, and we are talking about what happens when things get HARD. Like, really, really hard.

Sometimes, when we are trying to do the right thing or follow Jesus, it gets so tough that we just want to throw our hands up and quit. BUT here is the cool part: we don't have to!

We are going to hear a true story about two guys named Peter and John. They faced some big, scary leaders who tried to make them quit, but they decided to KEEP GOING because of what God had done for them.

Now, you may be thinking... how did they not give up? We're going to learn all about their amazing story in just a few minutes, but FIRST, before we start our Trek...

We need to get our energy up! And since JESUS is FUN, Church is FUN. So, I think it's time to play a game!

GAME: Cornerstone Relay
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Game: Cornerstone Relay

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Today, we are playing a game called **The Great Cup Trek!** In our true story from the Bible today, we are going to hear about a cornerstone. A cornerstone is the very first, most important piece you lay down when you are building something. If the cornerstone isn't there, the whole building falls down!

So, here is your mission. I have divided the room into two teams: Team A and Team B! *(you can choose it to be one grade versus another, boys versus girls, etc.)*

Your goal is to build the tallest cup pyramid you can in exactly three minutes. BUT, there are three rules to our Trek today.

Throughout the game, I am going to shout out how you have to move. You might have to...

- **Bear Crawl** (hands and feet on the floor)
- **Crab Walk** (belly up, walking on hands and feet)
- **Penguin Waddle** (ankles together, waddling back and forth)
- **Hop on one foot**
- **Giant Elephant Steps** (stomping slow and heavy)
- **Frog Jump** (ribbiting is highly encouraged)

The team with the tallest standing tower at the end of the timer wins!

HOW TO PLAY:

- Rule #1: It's a movement relay! Only ONE person from your team can go up to the stage at a time, but you CANNOT just run. You have to travel to the stage doing exactly the movement I yell out! You grab ONE cup, put it on your pyramid, and do that same movement back to tag the next person.
- Rule #2: The Cornerstone goes first! *(Hold up the special cup with a star)*. You cannot build anything until this exact cup is placed on the bottom row. It's the most important piece!
- Rule #3: DON'T GIVE UP! Plastic cups are tricky. If your tower gets wobbly or completely crashes to the ground, do not stop! Rebuild it as fast as you can.

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Now THAT was fun. Now, it's time for one of my FAVORITE parts of being here at Flatirons Kids... worship!

WORSHIP

(5:23pm // 9:23am // 11:23am)

WORSHIP INTRO: Now it's time for even more fun as we WORSHIP together! This month, we are kicking things off with a brand new song called So, So Good. It is super easy, really fun, and I know you guys are going to love it.

But there is a special part right in the middle of the song where we need YOUR help. We are going to do a call-back! That means when I say, 'God is Good,' I want you to shout, 'All the Time!' Let's practice that right now... God is Good! (*Wait for them to yell: All the Time!*)

Perfect! Then, when I say, 'All the Time,' you shout, 'God is Good!' Let's try that one... All the Time! (*Wait for them to yell: God is Good!*)

You guys sound awesome! God LOVES it when we use our voices to praise Him, so when that part comes up in the song, I want to hear you sing and shout it as LOUD as you can! Let's stand up and worship together!

Play: SO, SO GOOD

Play: PRAISE

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I love worshipping with you guys, and God loves it EVEN MORE. Let's take a seat and get ready for our bible story together.

INTRO

(5:31pm // 9:31am // 11:31am)

INTRO TO STORY (2 or 3 paragraphs)

We're starting a BRAND NEW series called TREK. A trek is a really long journey. And sometimes, when you are on a long journey and things get super hard, it can be really tempting to just stop, sit down, and give up. But this month, we are learning that we can keep going and NOT give up, because God is always with us!

Our story today is all about choosing to keep going because of what God has done, and it starts with two of Jesus' followers named Peter and John.

BIBLE NAVIGATION TIME FROM STAGE: (HOLD UP BIBLE.) Our story is actually found in the Book of Acts, which is in the New Testament (Flip to the book 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 CHAPTER.

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

BIBLE STORY

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So, what does this have to do with YOU?

Well, think about Peter and John. They had some really important, scary leaders yelling at them and telling them to stop talking about Jesus. But guess what? They didn't quit! They didn't give up.

Why? Because they remembered all the amazing things God had already done for them. They knew that Jesus was always with them through the Holy Spirit, and that made them super brave.

And here is the best part: Jesus has done awesome things for YOU, too! God loves you so much that He made a way for you to be His close friend. And just like Peter and John, He gives you the Holy Spirit to be right there with you, closer than close!

That means when things get really hard, or you feel like quitting on your Trek, you can be bold, you can be brave, and you can be strong! You don't have to give up because of all the awesome things God has already done.

And that leads us right to our Bottom Line for today.

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[BOTTOM LINE] Keep going because of what God has done.

That brings us to our memory verse for this month...

Show Verse: GALATIANS 6:9 NIRV

“Let us not become tired of doing good. At the right time we will gather a crop if we don’t give up.” - Galatians 6:9 NirV

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

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Now as we head into our small groups, I want you to be thinking about THIS question...

What have you seen God do?

Before we head to our small groups to learn more about this, I’d love for someone to pray for us! Anyone want to 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**