



**Bible Story:** Great Commission and Ascension • Matthew 28:16-20, Acts 1:1-11

**Bottom Line:** You can share the good news about Jesus.

**Memory Verse:** “Always be joyful because you belong to the Lord. I will say it again. Be joyful!” • Philippians 4:4 NIV

### Notes

- *Blue text is a cue for audio and visual slides.*
- *Red text is for nonverbal cues.*

### GAME/STORY SUPPLIES

- Bible
- Balloons

### WORSHIP

- Alive
- Praise
- Wake

#### Inclusive Pro Tips

Loud sounds, bright lights, and large groups can be overwhelming or overstimulating for some children. To create a more inclusive large group experience, consider offering adaptive tools like noise-canceling headphones, sunglasses, sensory-friendly items, or access to modified spaces.

## WELCOME

Hi everyone! Welcome to Flatirons Kids and welcome back to our Block Party! I'm so excited to see you here today!

### Show Series Graphic: Block Party

This month's theme is 'Block Party: Celebrating Jesus and Joy That Never Ends!' "Give me your biggest party cheer on the count of three. One ... two ... three! (Pause while kids cheer.)

Great! Today, we're learning that you can share the good news about Jesus. And to start our celebration, we're going to play one of my favorite games ever. It's fun and silly. It's called ... 'Don't Keep It!'

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## GAME TIME

### Show Slide: Don't Keep It!

Check out these balloons. When that countdown clock starts, these balloons are your entire mission. The goal is simple: Don't let any of the balloons touch the floor! Keep the balloons in the air, and off the floor, but you can't keep them! We'll play for one minute. You can grab it, toss it, kick it, head butt it, whatever you've got to keep it off the floor—but you **cannot** hold onto a balloon. Just don't let them touch the floor. ***And be gentle with your teammates!***

Alright then ... let's play 'DON'T KEEP IT!' "3 ... 2 ... 1 ... GO!

### Show Video: One-Minute Countdown

That was awesome! Now I want you all to think about something. In that game, the whole point was not to keep things to yourself. And today, we're talking about something Jesus told His followers—something that works the same way.

But before we jump into the Bible story, let's stand up and worship together.

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## WORSHIP

One way we worship is by giving praise and honor to God through singing and dancing. When we sing, we're not just saying words; we're thanking God for who He is and all the amazing things He's done. So come on, let's stand up, smile big, and sing out loud to show God how much we love Him! You can follow along with the moves or worship in your own way. Let's sing!

**Show Worship: Alive**

**Show Worship: Praise**

You all did an amazing job singing! Those songs remind us that God's love isn't something we just keep to ourselves; it's something we live and share. Let's go ahead and sit down and get ready for our Bible Story today.

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## INTRO

**Show Series Graphic: Block Party**

Before we get into our true story from the Bible today, let me tell you about something amazing that we've been doing all year! We're going through the key stories of the Bible! By the end of the school year, which is just a little over a month from now, we'll have looked at the key stories of the Bible from cover to cover! Part of the reason God gave us the Bible is so we could know Him! He wants us to be close to Him. So as we go through the Bible this year, we hope to learn more about God!

**(HOLD UP BIBLE.)** Today, we're going to hear a true story from the Bible that helps us understand something important about what Jesus asks His followers to do. Today's story is from the days Jesus was on Earth after He rose from the dead. Let's check out our Bible lesson!

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## BIBLE TRUTH

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## APPLICATION

**Show Series Graphic: Block Party**

Jesus spent time with His followers after He came back to life, and they got to see Him with their own eyes. Then Jesus gave them a big job—to go and tell everyone the good news that He is alive and He loves them. But Jesus promised that He wasn't going to leave His friends alone. He promised the Holy Spirit would be with them and help them wherever they went. Jesus wants the good news that He is alive and He loves the world to keep spreading, and He invites us to be part of that. Let's take a look at our Bottom Line:

**Show Graphic: WK 3\_Bottom Line**

**[BOTTOM LINE] You can share the good news about Jesus.**

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

The good news about Jesus brings joy. Our Memory Verse reminds us where real joy comes from. Jesus gives us joy that never ends. Joy isn't just being happy for a moment. Joy stays with us because Jesus is always with us. And the Bible helps us remember where that joy comes from.

### Show Verse: Philippians 4:4

**'Always be joyful because you belong to the Lord. I will say it again. Be joyful! Philippians 4:4 NIV.'**

Let's say it together! (Repeat with leaders and kids)

Our hearts can be full of joy, no matter what is happening around us. When you feel scared, or when something is hard, or even when you're having the best day ever, you can remember that you belong to Jesus, and because of that, you can always have joy. Jesus is with you, and He loves you so much.

You don't have to be a grown-up to share Jesus with someone. You don't have to know everything. You just have to remember this: God is with you, and He will help you.

Let's ask him now!

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## PRAYER

Jesus, thank You for loving us so much. Thank You for coming to Earth, dying for us, and rising again so we can be Your friends forever. Now we have this good news of Your great love to share with others. We're so glad that You're alive and You're with us. Please help us show Your love to others this week. Help us be kind, help us be brave, and help us tell people how amazing You are and how much You love them. We love You, and we pray these things in Jesus' name. Amen.

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## SMALL GROUPS

### Show Graphic: Small Group

(Dismiss kids to their small groups)