

4th and 5th Grade

WEEK 4 - STARTER



Activity Name: Rock Paper Scissors

What You Need:

☐ None needed

What You Do:

- Gather the kids together and explain how to play “Rock, Paper, Scissors.”
- Rock crushes scissors.
- Scissors cut paper.
- Paper covers rock.
- Divide the kids into groups of two and pick a group to go first.
- Chant together: “Rock, paper, scissors, go!” On “go,” encourage the kids to show one of the three signs.
- If it’s a tie, instruct the kids to play again.
- If a kid loses, have them sit down and cheer for others!
- Continue until there is only one kid left standing.

What You Say:

That was so much fun to watch! You had to think quickly and make a choice fast. Every day, we make choices too. Some choices are small, and some are really important. To make good choices, we need wisdom from God. In our game, we had to guess what the other person might choose. But when it comes to life, we don’t have to guess. God gives us wisdom to help us know what is right and make good decisions.

Lead your group to the Large Group area.



Bible Story: The Story of the Widow Who Would Not Give Up • *Luke 18:1-8*

Bottom Line: God's kingdom grows when you pray and don't give up.

Monthly Memory Verse: *God's kingdom is not about eating or drinking. It is about doing what is right and having peace and joy. All this comes through the Holy Spirit.* • Romans 14:17 NIV

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

- **[Conversation Starter] What do you need to keep doing?**
- Why do you think Jesus told this story specifically to teach about not giving up in prayer?
- Why do you think Jesus chose a widow—someone who was often overlooked and didn't have much power—as the hero of this story?
- What does the widow's persistence tell us about what she believed?
- The judge in the story wasn't motivated by justice, but by being worn out. What motivates God to answer our prayers? (*His love, goodness, and justice*)

Activity Name: Persistent Prayer

What You Need:

☐ Prayer calendar activity page ☐ Answer key ☐ Writing supplies

What You Do:

- Gather the group, and pose this question for discussion: “If God already knows everything we need before we even ask, why do you think He wants us to keep asking?”
- Let the kids share their thoughts. Guide them toward the idea that prayer isn’t just a cosmic vending machine where we put in requests to get stuff. It’s about relationship.
- Explain that when we keep talking to God, we are building our trust in Him, spending time with Him, and aligning our hearts with His. Persistence in prayer changes *us* as much as it changes our circumstances.
- Give each kid a “My Persistent Prayer Calendar” and coloring supplies.
- Read the simple prayer prompts for each day.
 - Monday: Pray for a friend.
 - Tuesday: Pray for your family.
 - Wednesday: Pray for your school.
 - Thursday: Say, “Thank You” to God.
 - Friday: Pray for someone who is sick.
- Let them write or draw a picture for the day/days they want to remember to pray this week.

What You Say:

That’s a huge idea to think about. Prayer is more about our relationship with God than just getting answers. Talking to God over and over strengthens your relationship with Him. God wants to hear your heart and invites you to share it with Him. The more you talk with God and stay connected to Jesus, the closer you’ll grow to Him. **[Bottom Line] God’s kingdom grows when you pray and don’t give up.** Let’s close our time by talking to Him.

Close in prayer/Invite kids to pray as well.

Prayer:

God, thank You for the story of the widow who would not give up. It reminds us that You aren’t like the grumpy judge, but You are a loving Father who delights in hearing from Your kids. Help us to be persistent in our prayers. Help us not to give up when we don’t see an answer right away. We trust You, and we know Your kingdom grows when we keep coming to You. We love You, and we pray these things in Jesus’ name. Amen.