



2nd/3rd 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:

- What is something you need to keep doing and not give up on?
- Why did Jesus tell this story about prayer?
- Why do you think Jesus made the widow the hero of the story?
- What does the widow's persistence show about her?
- Why does God answer our prayers? (Because He loves us and is good.)

Activity Name: Persistent Prayer

What You Need: ☐ Prayer calendar activity page ☐ answer key ☐ coloring supplies

What You Do:

- 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 circle the day/days or color a picture for the day/days they want to remember to pray this week.

What You Say:

This little calendar can help us remember to be like the woman in our Bible Story: to keep asking and not give up! Talking to God over and over strengthens your relationship with Him. God wants to hear your heart because He is your friend. Let’s pray together right now.

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.