



Lower Elementary

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. Let’s go hear more about that!

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:

- Why did Jesus tell a story about praying?
- Why did the woman keep asking for help?
- What does this story teach us about prayer?
- Why does God listen when we pray? (Because He loves us.)
- What do you want to keep praying about?

Activity Name: Bookmark Reward

What You Need: ☐ Bibles ☐ Bookmarks ☐ Ribbon ☐ Coloring supplies

What You Do:

- Look up Romans 14:17 together.
- Repeat the Memory Verse out loud together several times.
- Review any words that might be unfamiliar to the kids.
- Give each kid a bookmark, and ask them to decorate it.
- Challenge each kid to say the Memory Verse.
- If they can say it, give them a ribbon to put on their bookmark. ([Help kids with the verse as needed.](#))
- Afterward, ask them: “Did you get that ribbon because you’re a genius or because you practiced and listened?” (*Practiced/listened.*)

What You Say:

Great job listening and practicing! It is so important to listen to God’s Word and put it into practice. It helps us live a life that honors God.

Our Memory Verse says peace and joy come ‘through the Holy Spirit.’ When we don’t give up on praying, the Holy Spirit helps us have peace and joy, even when things are hard. **[Bottom Line] God’s kingdom grows when you pray and don’t give up.**

Close in prayer/Invite kids to pray as well.