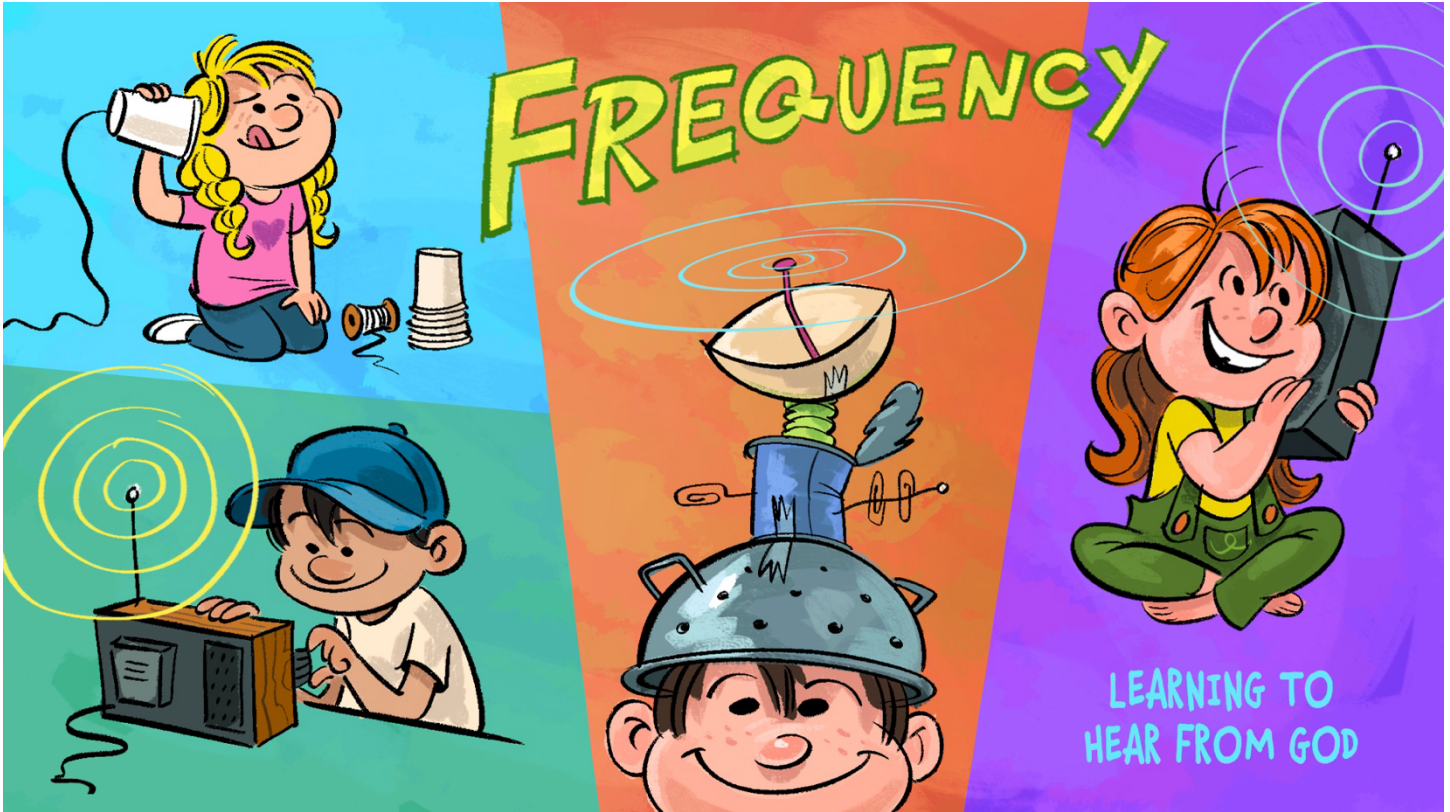




WEEKEND WORD:

This month, we're learning how to LISTEN to God because He speaks to us! We all struggle to listen sometimes, so don't feel like you have to have it all figured out. Be *raw and real*, this is when our kids won't feel alone! Always bring them back to the truth: God is ALWAYS speaking to us.

PRO TIP:

- Need some help engaging the room? When in doubt, CALL ON A VOLUNTEER! Memory verse? Call a volunteer to read it! Answers to a question? Call on a volunteer to answer! Just about anything we do we can involve a volunteer in when we need some extra engagement!

GAME/STORY SUPPLIES

- WHAT IS THAT? Slides

WORSHIP

- ALIVE
- WASHED

2nd + 3rd Grade
Large Group

September 2026
Week 3

WEEK 3: 2ND + 3RD GRADE (65 MIN. SERVICE)

CONNECTION TIME

(4:45pm // 8:45am // 10:45am)

This is your time to GREET kids, hang out with them, and build some credibility with the kids and leaders you are serving before getting on stage!

SMALL GROUPS

(5:00pm // 9:00am // 11:00am)

PLAY: 5 Minute Countdown to begin cleaning up/wrapping up connection time

Alright guys, 5 MINUTES until we head to our small groups! So wrap up what you're doing, start cleaning up, and get ready to head to your small groups!

Show Series Graphic: FREQUENCY

It is OFFICIALLY time for small groups, head there now, and if you're unsure where that is, hang back and we'll help you find where you need to be!

Help any kids who look lost or may be new find their small group.

WELCOME

(5:15pm // 9:15am // 11:15am)

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 Flatirons Kids! I'm so glad YOU are here today.

I have a VERY important announcement... If you were here last week, we celebrated national peanut day... but I have an even more important day to celebrate...

THIS SUNDAY... IS... NATIONAL... PEPPERONI PIZZA DAY...

So in honor of pizza, answer THIS question with your small group...

WHAT ARE YOUR FAVORITE PIZZA TOPPINGS?

Really important question for a really important day... I'm so excited to hear your answers, but FIRST, talk about it in your small group and I'll ask a few of you to answer in just a second!

As kids are answering in their small groups, welcome in the rest of the groups coming in and give them the question! Walk around and find a few people to answer.

Show Series Graphic: FREQUENCY

While I do LOVE pizza, you know what I love even more? Being HERE with YOU GUYS. My name is *host name* and we're going to have a ton of fun AND learn an awesome truth about who God is today.

Today we're talking about GROWING. Now what may come to mind is growing STRONG.

BUT, today we're talking about a kind of growing that is growing into someone who is more like Jesus. Not physically, but in who we ARE.

More loving, more kind, more patient, I want to grow in these things, don't you?

Well today we are learning the BEST way to grow in these ways, but before we jump in, I think it's time we play a game... because JESUS is fun, so CHURCH is fun.

GAME: WHAT IS THAT? (5:20pm // 9:20am // 11:20am)

Game: WHAT IS THAT?

Play WHAT IS THAT? Theme Slide

We're going to play a game called WHAT IS THAT?

You see... sometimes it gets a littttleee confusing figuring how how to be more like Jesus. Like it's a jumbled picture that's just so hard to figure out.

Well our game is ALL about deciphering what word the pictures are making...

Our game today is a competition of the minds. I'm going to show a slide with 2 emojis, and these emojis make a WORD. Whoever raises their hand first, I'll call on to see if they get the word right, and if you do, your small group gets a point!

The small group with the MOST points wins! Ready?

Good! Ok, let's play...

PLAY SLIDES 1-10 *Play as many rounds as time allows*

Answer Key:

1. Before
2. Doghouse
3. Honeybee
4. Horseshoe
5. Mindblown
6. Moonlight
7. Rainbow
8. Starfish
9. Sunglasses
10. Toothfairy

Show Series Graphic: FREQUENCY

Ok you guys were good at those, those were kind of tricky! Well, I think today's story is going to help us figure out what growing to be more like Jesus looks like and how to do it, and believe it or not, it's even easier than that game... but for NOW is OFFICIALLY time for my favorite part of Flatirons Kids...

WORSHIP

(5:28pm // 9:28am // 11:28am)

WORSHIP INTRO:

WORSHIP!

We're going to be talking all month about HEARING God, but did you know that God can hear YOU too?

Yep. We can talk to God through prayer, but we can ALSO talk to God through WORSHIP.

When we sing and dance, we get to tell God how much we LOVE Him and how THANKFUL we are for Him!

I'm so excited to praise God together - Let's stand and worship!

Make sure you're encouraging kids to sing and dance throughout the songs!

Play: ALIVE

Play: WASHED

Show Series Graphic: FREQUENCY

That was so fun worshipping together and TALKING to God together.

Now let's take a seat.

Before we jump into our story, let's talk to God another way, through prayer! Everyone close their eyes and pray with me. *Say a short prayer thanking God for who He is!*

INTRO

(5:36pm // 9:36am // 11:36am)

Alright Flatirons Kids, I am SO excited to learn from today's story because it is all about GROWING to be like Jesus.

Question... If you were trying to grow your muscles, do you think you would sit on the couch all the time eating chips, or go to the gym? *Wait for answers.*

That's RIGHT! You would go to the place that helps you GROW!

Just like you would go to the gym to grow your muscles, when we want to grow to be more like Jesus, we have to go to the source – to HIM! When we stay close to Him and spend time with Him, we GROW to be like Him! Jesus actually has a lot to say about this, so let's jump into our bibles to learn more...

BIBLE NAVIGATION TIME FROM STAGE: Today's main verse is found in the book of JOHN. JOHN is in the New Testament! (Open your Bible near the end!)

We're going to be in chapter 15, the BIG number 15 in the book of John.

Let's find out exactly how WE can grow to be like Jesus, take a look at the screen!

BIBLE STORY

(5:38pm // 9:38am // 11:38am)

Show Video: Video_WK 3 Storylab

APPLICATION

(5:48pm // 9:48am // 11:48am)

Show Series Graphic: FREQUENCY

I LOVE that lesson from Jesus... When I stay close to Him, I GROW in my love, my patience and my kindness.

Because I'm close to Him, when things don't go my way, that's ok...Because when I am close to Jesus, HE gives me joy, not the things around me. I grow by being with HIM.

SHARE AN AGE APPROPRIATE EXAMPLE OF HOW YOU FIND JOY WITH JESUS EVEN WHEN THINGS DON'T GO YOUR WAY.

You see, when we grow by being close to Jesus, we *respond* to things like Him!

Like when you get a bad grade or miss that goal in your soccer game, you're not mad, because you know God cares about your heart, not your performance.

Or when your sibling is being mean to you, you are KIND, because that's what Jesus would do.

Our bottom line brings this home for us...

Show Graphic: WK3_Bottom Line

[BOTTOM LINE] I CAN GROW WHEN I STAY CLOSE TO GOD.

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

Our bible verse reminds us that we can come close to God because we are HIS!

Show Verse: "MY SHEEP LISTEN TO MY VOICE. I KNOW THEM, AND THEY FOLLOW ME." John 10:27 NirV

Let's jump up on our feet, get those big outside voices ready, and practice our Memory Verse all together!

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

Before we head to our small groups to learn more about this, I'd love for someone to pray for us! Anyone want to be brave and pray for our group?

PRAYER

(5:52pm // 9:52am // 11:52am)

HAVE A KID PRAY!

SMALL GROUPS

(5:53pm // 9:53am // 11:53pm)

(Dismiss kids to their small groups) **PLAY: SMALL GROUP LOOP**