



4th and 5th Grade

WEEK 4 - STARTER



Activity Name: Balloon Bop

What You Need: □ 3-5 Balloons

What You Say: We are so glad you are here today for our MEGA AWESOME COSTUME PARTY! Let's start with a super fun game. Everyone, stand in a circle. We're going to work together to keep this balloon from touching the floor!

What You Do:

- Explain the rules:
 - Kids may tap the balloon gently with their hands.
 - No grabbing or holding the balloon.
 - Everyone works together to keep it in the air.
- Begin playing.
- As kids get comfortable, begin adding challenges one at a time:
 - "Only use one hand!"
 - "Tap the balloon while standing on one foot!"
 - "Everyone has to sit down and still keep it up!"
 - "No talking!"
 - "Use only your feet"
 - "Only elbows"
 - Make up your own...
- Add more balloons to add difficulty.
- Gather kids back together afterward.

What You Say:

That started out easy, but it got harder with each new challenge! Sometimes life feels that way too. Things can feel scary, confusing, or out of control. Today, we'll hear about Ja big storm. The disciples were scared, but Jesus showed them that He was in control. When life feels hard or scary, we can trust God because He loves us and is always in control. Let's go check out our Bible lesson.

Lead your group to the Large Group area.



Bible Story: Jesus Has Won the Battle • John 16:33; Revelation 19:11-16

Bottom Line: Jesus wins.

Monthly Memory Verse: *God is our place of safety. He gives us strength. He is always there to help us in times of trouble.* • Psalm 46:1 NIV

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DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

- **[Conversation Starter]** How does believing that Jesus wins change the way you see things?
- Jesus paid the price for our sins when He died on the cross and came back to life. What did Jesus set us free from? What will He stop forever when He comes back?
- God is always fair and right. What kinds of wrong things make God angry?

Note: Romans 8:1 says, “Those who belong to Christ Jesus are not judged guilty.” God loves His children and wants all people to be saved. God is angry at evil and the enemy’s work.

- What hard thing can you face this week because you know Jesus wins?

Activity Name: Pennant Banner

What You Need: ☐ Bibles ☐ Pennants ☐ Coloring and decorating supplies

What You Do:

- Instruct kids to pair up with one or two other people.
- Ask a volunteer to read Revelation 19:11.
- Instruct kids to listen for words or symbols that describe Jesus. Write these down.
 - When you come across words or symbols that may be difficult to understand, ask the Small Group “What do you think _____ means?”
 - *Note: Preteens are beginning to transition from concrete thinking to more abstract thinking. Some students may naturally understand the symbolism in Revelation 19:11–16, while others may need additional guidance. Be ready to pause and explain some of the symbolism in simple, kid-friendly ways as needed.*
- Say “Jesus is the Ultimate Champion! He defeated death and sin once and for all on the cross. One day, when He returns, Jesus will get rid of all sin, death, tears, and pain. Let’s celebrate that **[Bottom Line] Jesus wins** today by making a Championship Pennant. When teams or individuals win the national titles in sports, they often bring home a Championship Pennant. I want you to use any of these words or symbols that are meaningful to create a pennant for Jesus being the Ultimate Champion.”
- Have kids create an Ultimate Champion Pennant for Jesus using a blank pennant and craft supplies. Remind them to use some words or symbols that stuck out to them from the verses in Revelation 19:11-16.

What You Say:

That is amazing news that Jesus wins! While we know that the war has been won, there is still a battle going on around us. The night before Jesus gave up His life, He told His friends: (John 16:33) *‘I have told you these things so that you can have peace because of me. In this world you will have trouble. But be encouraged! I have won the battle over the world.’*

Jesus never promised that our lives would be easy. But He did promise that He will be with us every step of the way. We can have deep peace even in the middle of trouble—because we know the end of the story: **[Bottom Line] Jesus wins!** Only God knows when He will end the war, and we will live forever with Him. But God did give the apostle John a vision of what that time will be like, when Jesus returns. No matter exactly how this vision will happen, it gives us a powerful picture of Jesus as King and the Ultimate Champion.

Take the pennant you created home and hang it up somewhere you’ll see often. That way, when you see it, you’ll remember that **[Bottom Line] Jesus wins!**

Close in prayer/Invite kids to pray as well.