

K-3rd

Large Group

March — Week 5

Large Group Leader Guide

Today's Suggested Schedule

Kids arrival : 9:25 / 11:10

Play high-pitch music as kids arrive

Countdown : 9:30 / 11:15

Start the countdown with excitement!

Large Group : 9:30-9:55 / 11:15-11:40

- Opener
- Bible Story
- Talk It Out!
- Memory Verse
- Prayer

Transition to Small group : 9:55-10:00
/11:40-11:45

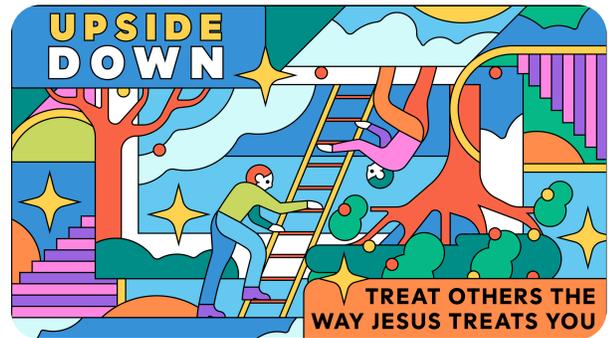
Kids move with their leader to small groups

Small group : 10:00-10:25 / 11:45-12:10

Creating a safe place to connect.

✦ Need activities for a K-5th group? Check out the 2nd-3rd guide.

THIS MONTH



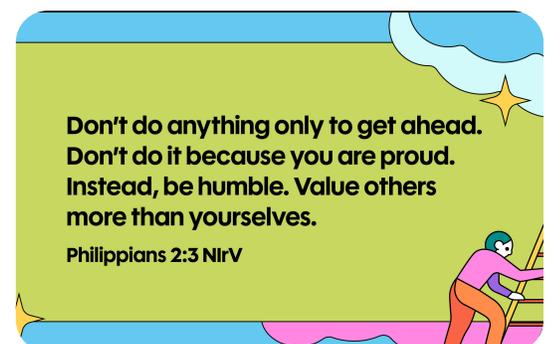
Today's Bible Story

Palm Sunday/Jesus Washes His Disciples' Feet John 12:9-16, 13:1-17

Bottom Line



Memory Verse



10 MINUTES

OPENER

① Opener

AUDIO → Play high-energy music as kids enter.
SLIDE → Theme

→ Host enters.

Optional Video → Countdown
Optional Video → Theme Intro

HOST: “Hey, everyone! Welcome back to another awesome week of this month’s theme: ‘Upside Down!’ This month, we’ve been learning that living upside down means doing things the way Jesus teaches us, even when it feels different from what everyone else is doing.

“This week, we’re learning that Jesus showed us how to be humble. That means putting others first instead of trying to be first ourselves. So I’ve got a game that’s all about teamwork and creativity. It’s called ‘Team Masterpiece!’

SLIDE → Game_Team Materpiece Title

“Okay, I need two teams for this one, Team One and Team Two! Each team will have their own whiteboard with one goal: to create the best masterpiece possible!

“Here’s how it works: Each round, I’ll give both teams the same drawing challenge. One person from each team will have five seconds to draw part of the picture. That’s right ... only five seconds! Then the next teammate will jump in and add to it! You can’t erase anything that’s already been drawn, and you have to build on what the last person started. You will have one minute on the clock to complete your masterpiece!

“We’ll play two or three rounds, and at the end of each one, we’ll see how your team’s masterpiece turned out.

“Okay, I’m going to need eight volunteers! If you’d like to play, raise your hand!

10 MINUTES

OPENER

AB → Upbeat Music

Start the timer (or smartphone or watch or countdown). The first kid from each team runs to the whiteboard and begins drawing. Count down from five as soon as the kids start drawing.

“5 ... 4 ... 3 ... 2 ... 1... SWITCH!

The kids who were drawing run back to their team’s starting line and tag the second kid. The second kids run to the whiteboard and add to the drawing.

“5 ... 4 ... 3 ... 2 ... 1... SWITCH!

The second kids who were drawing run back to the starting lines and tag the third kids. The third kids run to the whiteboard and add to the drawing.

Repeat until the one-minute timer is done. If needed, remind kids that no one can erase what is already on the whiteboard; they just keep adding to the drawing.

When the one-minute timer is up ...

“Alright, time’s up! Great job, everyone! Let’s check out your masterpieces!

“Team One, let’s see yours! And Team Two, wow, that looks great! Alright, if you’re in the audience, shout for the masterpiece that looks the best! Let’s hear it for Team One!

Pause while the audience cheers for Team One.

“And let’s hear it for Team Two!

Pause while the audience cheers for Team Two.

10 MINUTES

OPENER

“It looks like [insert team name] won this one! Let’s give a big hand for both of our teams!

If time allows, continue with more rounds. Ask for eight new volunteers at the start of each round. Other drawing challenges can be a palm branch, a crown, or a freestyle round.

“Everyone did awesome, but you know what’s even better? You all worked together. Every person added something important—even if it was a little messy! You created something amazing together.

“Sometimes, when we work with others, things don’t look exactly the way we planned. But when we stay humble, listen, and help each other, we end up creating something amazing, just like your drawings!

“You know, that’s what Jesus taught us. He came to serve, to put others first, and show what humility really looks like. This is something we for sure always have to work on, but the good news is, Jesus doesn’t just tell us what to do, He shows by example what to do, and then He goes with us to help us do it!

“Who’s excited for today’s Bible story? Listening ears on—because I’ve got questions for you!

10 MINUTES

Story

③ Bible Story

SLIDE -> Story Lab W5

WRAPPING UP THE STORY

STORYTELLER: “Jesus is the King of the world, but He didn’t act like any king people expected. The crowds cheered for Him as He entered Jerusalem, but Jesus didn’t come to show off His power. He came to show love.

“And at that special meal, that same King knelt down and washed His friends’ feet—something no one thought He would ever do. Jesus chose to serve instead of being served.”

“Jesus showed us that real greatness doesn’t come from being first or most important. It comes from being kind, gentle, and willing to help others, even when it’s hard. That’s how Jesus lived, and that’s how He wants us to live too.

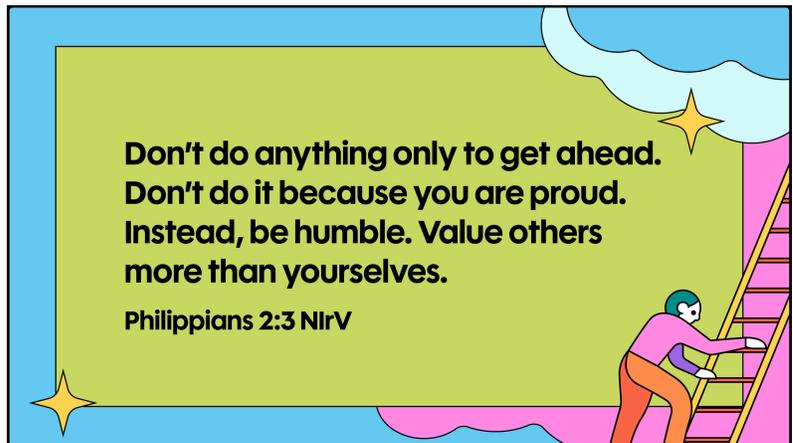
SLIDE -> Bottom Line

[Bottom Line] “Jesus showed us how to be humble. Say that with me.”

Host enters and joins in.

KIDS, STORYTELLER, AND HOST: [Bottom Line] “Jesus showed us how to be humble.”

SLIDE -> Memory Verse



5 MINUTES

TALK IT OUT



Now, before we move on, I have a question for you... (lean in and whisper) do you know what time it is?

It's time to... (pause, cup your hand to your ear) **TALK IT OUT!**

That means it's your turn to do the talking! You get to share your thoughts, ask questions, and see how this story connects to YOUR life.

So, let's put on our 'thinking caps' ... zip up our listening ears... and get ready to Talk. It. Out!"

SLIDE -> Talk It Out

Talk It Out Questions

1) How did Jesus enter Jerusalem?

✓ Answer: Riding a young donkey

2) Why did people wave palm branches and shout?

✓ Answer: They were praising Jesus and saying He is the king of Israel.

3) What special meal did Jesus share with His friends?

✓ Answer: The Passover meal

4) What humble job did Jesus do for His friends?

✓ Answer: He washed their feet

5) What did Jesus want His friends to do after seeing Him serve?

✓ Answer: Serve others humbly, just like He did

I Said Yes to Jesus today!

SLIDE → I Said Yes to Jesus today!

HOST

“Hi Kidz Rock! Today, I want to give you a very special opportunity.

Do you know how much Jesus loves you?

Jesus loves you so much! He gave His life on the cross and came back to life so He can be with you forever.

He wants to be your best friend, your Savior, and help you every single day.

Maybe you feel something special in your heart right now.

That’s Jesus saying, ‘I love you. I want to be with you.’

You don’t have to be perfect or know everything.

You just need to say yes to Jesus.

If you’ve never asked Jesus to be your Savior, and you want to invite Him into your heart today, you can pray with me.

And if you’ve already done this before, you can pray again to remember how much He loves you.”

Salvation Prayer (Repeat After Me)

Dear Jesus,

Thank You for loving me.

Thank You for dying on the cross for my sins.

I believe You rose again and You are alive.

I want You to be my Savior and my best friend.

Come into my heart today.

Help me follow You every day.

I love You, Jesus.

Amen.

HOST

If you prayed that prayer for the first time today — we’re SO proud of you!

That is the best decision you’ll ever make. Please let your leader know, because we want to celebrate with you and give you something special!

5 MINUTES

Prayer

Prayer

“Dear Jesus, thank You for showing us what real greatness looks like. You are the King of kings, but You didn’t come to be served, You came to serve. Help us to be like You. We love You, Jesus, and we want to follow You every day. We pray these things in Jesus’ name. Amen.”

Transition → Dismiss kids to their small groups.
AUDIO -> Play high-energy music as the kids exit.
SLIDE -> Theme
Optional Video (MEDIA PACKAGE) → Theme Loop