

UPPER ELEMENTARY

Date



MEMORY VERSE

BIG QUESTION:

SERIES LOGO

Scripture Passage

Family Worship (20 minutes)

Objective: Worship together with our families and the congregation

Game (all Elementary) (10 minutes)

Objective: Get some energy out in a fun and controlled way

Video (all Elementary) (5 minutes)

Objective: Introduce the Scripture to the whole group

Circle Up & Discuss (20 minutes)

**UE goes to classroom with beanbag chairs*

Objective: The lesson becomes personal as we dig deeper in discussion

Pray Together (*5 minutes)

**take as much time as needed*

Objective: Talking to God is our greatest privilege

Personal Reflection (5-10 minutes)

Objective: Journal to God about what you have learned today

Review (all Elementary) (3-5 minutes)

**UE goes to back to large group room*

Objective: Reinforce what you've learned.



BIG QUESTION:

Family Worship Experience (20 minutes)

The goal of a family worship experience is to allow children to witness their loved ones drawing near to God as well as connect with the congregation. This incorporates a sense of belonging for the kids, not just in kids ministry, but as a part of the whole body of Christ.

Game (10 minutes)

The game will be a simple game that serves as a time for both Lower and Upper Elementary groups to interact and learn together. This also gives kids a chance to get their energy out and helps settle them in for the upcoming lesson. Supplies and instructions will be provided.

Video (5 minutes)

Before splitting into LE and UE groups, kids will watch a short video that helps to introduce the Scripture Passage and topic of the day.

Circle Up & Discuss and Pray Together (25 minutes)

The goal of this time is to really dig into the scripture passage and spend time in open dialogue with the group. After the video, you will transition to a space that provides a relaxing environment where the group can circle up together. This is more of a small group setting than a classroom setting to encourage sharing and interaction with each other and the leader. This time will be structured as follows, but allow the time to be guided by the needs of the group:

- **Connect the video point**
- **Read the Scripture Passage**
- **Explain / Make it Personal:** Look up any words that may be confusing with the kids and give personal examples for clarity.
- **Sermon Point:** This could be a statement, a story, an example, etc. that comes straight out of the sermon. This is our opportunity to give families a united *full family experience!*
- **Discussion questions**

Each week may look a little different, but the goal of this time is always to **(1) answer the big question, (2) make the verses become real and personal to the kids and (3) connect with the sermon creating a united full family experience.**

Once you have worked through the passage, spend time praying with the kids. Ask for prayer requests. Give the kids an opportunity to pray, but let them know they don't have to pray out loud if they don't want to.

Personal Reflection (5-10 minutes)

Each week we will spend time in personal reflection as kids write in their "Give Thanks Journals". Instrumental music can be played from your phone during this time. Kids should be encouraged to be silent and respect their neighbors as they journal. As they finish, have them put their journals back in their cubby.

Review & Dismissal (3-5 minutes)

Both Elementary groups will come back together for a fun review game in the large group room as they await dismissal. Use this time to drive home the main point of the day.