



GAME ON! | WEEK 5 | APRIL 30, 2023

K-5th Lesson

5th Sunday Funday

Today is the 5th Sunday of the month...let's have a party! Today, we will be emphasizing two of our core values in KidCity: **FUN** and **RELATIONSHIPS**. Whatever your volunteer role, really lean into having fun with the kids...which will then turn into developing a deeper relationship with them. Kids connect through fun! To be at your best, skim through the entire lesson so you know what to expect. **Large group will run longer than normal (approximately 40 minutes) so plan to start exactly on time (9:35 AM/11:20 AM).**



Today, we are getting our GAME ON! Remember the excitement you experienced when you came home with a brand new game? You couldn't wait to jump in and discover all of the hidden gems as you journeyed through the game. Bring that level of excitement with you as you join us this 5th Sunday Funday!

KID CONNECT: 5 MINUTES	LARGE GROUP: 40 MINUTES	SMALL GROUP 10 MINUTES
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KID CONNECT

WELCOME TIME

(VIDEO: INTRO MUSIC)

Play intro music and greet each kid as he or she arrives. Use this time to fill out attendance sheets, and help new kids connect to your group.

OPENING ACTIVITY:

(No Supplies)

During this time, concentrate on getting to know your group and building a relationship between you all. Create a place where they feel like someone knows them and that they belong. A great way to do that is to pull them into an activity (coloring, LEGOs, etc.) and ask them questions. Here are some suggestions:

- What's your favorite thing to do in the snow?
- Have you ever had a snowball fight?

LARGE GROUP

COUNTDOWN AND WELCOME

(VIDEO: COUNTDOWN, SLIDE: KIDCITY EXPECTATIONS)

Show the countdown video as you transition to Large Group. Set it to end as the session begins. *The Large Group Leader has lots of energy as he or she welcomes everyone to KidCity. The LGL is relatable and inviting. LGLs can talk about something that happened culturally throughout the week like a big sports game, movie opening, a viral video on YouTube, holiday, etc. The LGL tells them how excited he or she is that they're there and briefly runs through what they can expect. This is especially helpful for first-time guests to make them feel like they know what's happening.*

Welcome everyone to **5th Sunday Funday!** We are going to have an incredibly fun time and I hope you're as excited as I am.

Did anyone bring a friend or is here for the very first time? *(Celebrate anyone who responds)*

We are so glad that you are here!

But first, let's quickly go over our KidCity Expectations so we can make sure that we make the most of our time today: *(Don't dwell on these too long, but make sure you review them briefly so we can set everyone up for success.)*

1. Be Kind - We need to be kind with our words and actions to our friends, leaders, and the space that we are using.
2. Be Safe - Make wise choices with your actions and words.
3. Have Fun - Participate in what we are doing! It's no fun just sitting there...



GAME #1 (10 minutes)

GO KART RELAY

(2 Prepared Cardboard Boxes [big enough to fit around a kid, see notes below for how to prepare]; "Go Kart Relay" Activity Pages - cut, laminated, and Velcro-ed; 2 Floor Scooters, Cones or Floor Tape, Prizes for winners)

GAME PREP: Either cut off or fold and secure the flaps of the box. For extra pizzazz, paint the box a fun color or draw on it to make it look like a car. Cut out the "Go Kart Relay" sheets and laminate them. On the back, put a velcro dot. Match the dot on the card up to where it will go on the box (i.e., each wheel should go on the 4 outside corners) and place the other side of the velcro dot so it will adhere.

Have the kids not participating in the game squeeze together so there is enough space for the participants to have a circle "track" around the outside edges of your room.

Designate a place for teams to stand, and where they will run to gather their car parts relay-style (use cones or floor tape).



(SLIDE: GO KART RELAY)

It is GAME TIME!! Are you ready to get your GAME ON???

First things first, I'm going to need everyone to squeeze to the middle of the room so there is space on the sides. Now, I'm going to need two boys and two girls with a need for speed!

GAME PLAY: This is a girls v boys game. On 'Go', 1 boy and 1 girl will run from the start line to where you have placed the "car parts". Each car will have 4 wheels, 2 head lights, and 1 steering wheel. Kids will run down, grab one part, and run back to tag the next player. Keep going until all pieces are retrieved. Once all pieces are retrieved for their team, they can begin to assemble their car.

When all of their car pieces are on their car, one kid will sit on the floor scooter and put the box over himself. The other kid will be pushing the car around the "track." First team back to the finish line wins!

On your mark, get set, GO!!!

(SLIDES: MARIO KART THEME MUSIC)



*Encourage audience to cheer for their team as they go through the game.
Congratulate winners and give them their prizes.*

That was awesome! Ok, now let's all stand to our feet and sing this Worship song!

WORSHIP

(VIDEO: THIS IS LIVING NOW)

GAME #2 (5 minutes)

HEAD, SHOULDERS, KNEES, CUP

(Plastic Cups - 1 per 2 kids)

I love that song! Life is so much better when we are living for God!

Are you guys ready to play another game?? Awesome. This game is called "Head, Shoulders, Knees, Cup".

GAME PLAY: Have kids split into pairs. Give each pair a cup. Pairs will face each other and place the cup on the floor between them, in reach of both kids.

The LGL will say a series of commands ("head, shoulders, knees, shoulders, knees, nose, head...") until randomly saying "cup". Kids will have to touch their corresponding body part, but on 'cup' kids will race to be the first one to grab the cup. Whoever grabs the cup stays in the game. Losers sit down. Play one practice round before you play "for real".

Have those still left in the game find a new partner and repeat the process until you have a winner. Have a SGL go around and collect spare cups.

If time allows, play again.

Gather the cups up at the end of the game and have kids sit back down.

(SLIDE: FUN MUSIC)

GOSPEL (20 Minutes)

(No Supplies)

That was SO awesome! Ok, now everyone do me a favor. I need everyone to demonstrate with their hands what holding their favorite game console's controller looks like. (*Look around the room and comment*). I see some Switches...Playstations...Xboxes. Very cool.

We are going to continue to get our GAME ON today. Check out the screen...

(VIDEO: GOSPEL VIDEO - 10 Minutes)



God's Big Story truly is EPIC! And it's true, you can be a part of God's story today. An easy way to remember is to say this:

(SLIDE: GOD...)

God loved, God Gave, We Believe, and We Receive. Let's say them together on the count of three. Ready? One, two, three... *(Say it together)*

Even though we all choose to sin, and that sin keeps us from God, God still loves us. GOD LOVED.

He gave us His son, Jesus, to take the punishment of our sin upon Himself. GOD GAVE.

We believe that we cannot be our own rescuers. We believe that we need a Savior, and that Savior is Jesus. WE BELIEVE.

Finally, to receive the gift of eternal life with God, we trust that the only way to have a right relationship with God is through believing in Jesus and trusting God with our lives. WE RECEIVE.

If you've already made the decision to trust Jesus as your Lord and Savior - awesome! There's nothing in this world that will ever separate you from God's love again. But if you haven't made that decision, and you feel God stirring inside of you towards making that decision, I'm going to pray a prayer. The words themselves aren't magical. The words themselves can't save you and make you have a right relationship with God. God knows you inside and out and knows if you mean them with your heart. If you mean the words with your heart, then you will have a right relationship with God.

Let's pray.

"God, you are perfect and holy. We know that our sin keeps us from you and there's nothing we can do to save ourselves. We are sorry for doing things that make you sad. We want to love you and follow you with our whole heart. Thank you for sending Jesus to save us. We trust you. Amen."

If you prayed that prayer and you meant it in your heart, then you are a part of God's family! That's GOOD NEWS! Be sure to tell your small group leader and your parents that you made this really important decision. Your small group leader is actually going to ask you guys when you go to group in a second if anyone made this decision for the very first time.

Ok, go ahead and head into your small groups!



SMALL GROUP

(15 Minutes)

During SG time, have a brief discussion time and follow up with any kids that may have made a decision to follow Jesus. Ask if anyone has made the decision to follow Jesus for the first time. If yes, awesome! *Fill out the form* in your bin with their first and last name and their grade and then give it to your coach.

COACHES: Gather the forms during the final game and make note of who made a decision. At check out, hand the provided resource to the parents of the kid who made the decision and say, “We shared the Gospel today and your child responded. This resource will help you continue the conversation. Someone from the KidCity team will be in touch with you this week.”

YOSHI RACE

(Party Blowers - 1 per kid, 2 Plastic Eggs, Floor tape)

What You Do:

- Split the group into two teams to play a relay game.
- Put floor tape down to mark a start line. A distance away (something that wouldn't be *too* difficult) put a second line that will mark where kids will try to get their eggs past and then return.
- Tell the kids that they are going to be Yoshi from Mario! Yoshi has to get his egg safely and quickly across the finish line and back.
- Give each kid a party blower. They will use this as their “Yoshi Tongue” to propel the plastic egg along the ground.
- On GO, the first two players will use their party blowers to knock the egg from the start line to the second line and back.
 - For younger kids, simply have their eggs cross this second line. Then they can pick up their egg and run it back to the next person in line.
- The winning team is the one who is the first to have everyone complete the task (or an even number of kids on the teams if they are not the same size).

TOES

(No Supplies)

What You Do:

- Despite the misleading name, kids will keep their shoes on for this one 😊
- Have the kids stand in a circle facing inward.
- When you say “Toes” kids will choose a set of “toes” from someone in the circle to look at.
- On “GO” have students look up at the person whose “toes” they chose with when looking at their feet! If two people are looking at each other they are out. The last two players in are the winners!
- Repeat as you have time.

