



GLOW | WEEK 5 | SEPTEMBER 29, 2024

## K-5<sup>th</sup> Lesson

# 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday Funday

Today is the 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the month and we are having a GLOW PARTY! As followers of Jesus, we have the light of Christ shining through us - and that's something to celebrate! 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).**

**Pre-Service Check List**

- HUDDLE AS TEAM → You're in this together! Pray together and talk about the activities for the day.
- PLAY MUSIC → A welcoming environment is important! We want it to be obvious from the moment kids walk in that they belong HERE!
- PUT OUT TOYS
- PUT ASIDE DISTRACTIONS
- ENGAGE WITH KIDS

**Morning Flow**

Doors Open 9:15/11:00	Large Group Starts 9:35/11:20	Small Group Starts 10:05/11:50
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## LARGE GROUP

### COUNTDOWN AND WELCOME (1 minute)

(VIDEO: COUNTDOWN, SLIDE: KIDCITY EXPECTATIONS)

Welcome everyone to 5<sup>th</sup> 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
2. Be Safe
3. Have Fun

### GAME #1 (6 minutes)

#### CROWD STAR

(No Supplies)

(SLIDE: CROWD STAR)

(VIDEO: CROWD STAR)

It is GAME TIME!! Are you ready to get this PARTY STARTED????

#### HOW TO PLAY:

- **CHOOSE VOLUNTEERS.** Choose 4 volunteers to represent four different teams, but this is an all-play. *(See adaption option below)*. Split your room into 4 sections.
- **EXPLAIN GAME.** On the screen, the Crowd Star video will prompt teams to perform a different action that makes a sound. One section will stomp their feet, another will clap, another will say 'woo!' and raise their hands, and the final one will snap their fingers *(or say 'snap')*. Emphasize that every team will work together to make a song.
- Video is 5 minutes long and there is a 'practice round' built in.
- **POTENTIAL ADAPTATION:**
  - If you have a smaller group, don't call anyone up to the front.

Ready, set, GO! *(Play video)*

That was awesome! You guys are so musical. Let's keep the party going with another game!



## GAME #2 (5 minutes)

### GLOW TOSS

(Glow Sticks – 90 for game, connected [and reinforced with tape] in 4 hoops of 15/20/25/30; glow sticks with connectors – 1 for everyone; Tape; Brightly Colored Pool Noodle – 1 cut in half; 6 ping pong balls; Bucket – 1)

#### HOW TO PLAY:

- **CHOOSE VOLUNTEERS.** Choose 2 volunteers. They will be competing against each other, but the whole room will be involved. Encourage those who did not get picked to squeeze in close together.
- **EXPLAIN GAME.** This game is essentially ring toss. Players will be tossing the hoops (which are 4 different sizes) and trying to ring as many kids, who are sitting down, as possible. Each player will get two tosses. Each kid that they ring counts as one point. Obviously, the bigger the hoop, the more kids they can loop at once = more points!
- **HOOPS:**
  - There will be 4 hoops. The smallest being 15 glow sticks big and the largest being 30. In order to decide which contestant gets which hoop (you want the bigger ones) - they will be competing in a mini game for 'THE POWER OF CHOICE'.
  - Players will play the mini game twice. Once at the start of the game, and then again after the first toss. That way the player that lost the first round get a second chance to win the bigger remaining hoops. Hoops are NOT reused. So once the biggest hoop is picked, that's it!
  - **MINI GAME:**
    - Kids will relay 3 ping pong balls from the starting line to the bucket. The twist is that they will have to place and balance the ball on top of a pool noodle (emphasize that it looks like an oversized glow stick) to transfer. If they drop the ball, they need to stop and put it back from where they originally dropped it - not where the ball bounced to.
    - First person to transfer all 3 of their balls into the bucket win the power of choice!
- Give everyone a glow stick/necklace after the game!

## WORSHIP (4 Minutes)

(VIDEO: PRESS PLAY)

## GOSPEL (15 Minutes)

(No Supplies)

That was so much fun! I love that we can have fun at church because you know what? We have so much to celebrate! We are loved by the Creator of the Universe, and we can have a right relationship with Him. Check out this video...

(VIDEO: The Gospel Story – 6:21 Minutes)



If you feel disconnected to God, and you feel a stirring in your heart to be connected to God, let me walk you through it! It starts with understanding and believing 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

(10 Minutes)

### GOSPEL FOLLOW UP

(‘Decision Card’ - 1 per kid, ‘Big Story Card’ - 1 per kid, Writing utensils)

**Ask kids if anyone made the decision to follow Jesus for the very first time. It’s an important decision that you only have to make once – and it’s worth celebrating! It’s a BIG deal! It is ok if this takes a bit of time. The following games are just if you have extra time.**

1. Before Small Group Time, write your name in the ‘SGL’ blank.
2. Hold up the ‘Decision Card’ found in your bin and read through each option. Be sure everyone knows what each option means. If you want to read through the ‘Big Story Card’ when talking about starting a relationship with Jesus – go ahead!
3. Pass out a ‘Decision Card’ and something to write with to each child. Have them write their first and last name and circle their decision.
4. Gather the cards back up, quickly look through them and celebrate anyone who made a decision to follow Jesus today. Pass the cards to your room coach BEFORE going on the the games below.
  - a. If you have an opportunity – try to talk to the parents of kids who made a decision to follow Jesus and let them know!
5. Pass out the Big Story card to each kid as they leave.

### GOSPEL PICTONARY

(Glow Sticks - 15-20)

What You Do:

- Use the following activity to review the Gospel.
- Give the kids a prompt and have them work together to use the glow sticks to create the prompted shape. After each shape, pause and have them tell you what each represents.
  - **HEART:** God Loved – the world was broken by sin, but God loved us so much that He didn’t want us to be apart from Him.
  - **CROSS:** God gave – God sent Jesus to rescue us from the consequence of our sin – death. Jesus came to earth, lived a perfect life, died in our place, and rose back to life.
  - **PRAYING HANDS:** We believe – to have a right relationship with God, we have to believe that we need a rescuer. We can’t do enough good things to outweigh even 1 bad thing. Only through believing in Jesus can we be with God.
  - **PRESENT:** We receive – We receive the gift of salvation, a life with God forever, when we believe that we need a rescuer, ask God for forgiveness, and then promise to follow Him with our lives.



# GLOW Pictionary

(Glow Sticks from previous activity)

- Choose one or two kids (depending on the age of your group) per round.
- Have the kids do similar to the previous activity. Give them prompts (or make up your own) and have the rest of the group try to guess what it is that they are 'drawing' with the glow sticks.
- Prompts:

<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• TV</li><li>• Cat</li><li>• Flower</li><li>• Couch</li><li>• Train</li><li>• Super hero</li><li>• Bible</li><li>• Teddy bear</li><li>• Dog</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Flashlight</li><li>• Glasses</li><li>• Play station</li><li>• Your teacher</li><li>• Mickey Mouse</li><li>• Pumpkin</li><li>• Toucan</li><li>• Panda on a skateboard</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Umbrella</li><li>• Popsicle</li><li>• Unicorn</li><li>• Tree</li><li>• Bluey</li><li>• Skateboard</li><li>• Unicycle</li><li>• Llama with a party hat</li></ul>
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Send each kid home with a GLOW STICK!

