



LIVE IT OUT | WEEK 4 | JUNE 23, 2025

Elementary Lesson

Come Together

Monthly Virtue: Live it out: discover how to love like Jesus.

Bible Story: Come Together (Peter and Cornelius) • *Romans 15:7*

Key Question: How does it feel to be accepted?

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LEADER BIBLE STUDY

This whole summer you get to lead kids through nine amazing weeks of discovering what it looks like to love like Jesus. Each week will break down a “one another” statement from the Bible. God designed us to be in community with one another even when it’s challenging, and we’ll need God’s Spirit to help guide us as we do. In these nine weeks, kids will learn about difficult concepts such as living in peace with one another or forgiving one another. Invite kids to bring open and honest conversation+ but be sure to create a safe space for them to process what makes some of those things challenging to do.

As leaders, we have the incredible privilege of helping kids understand one of the most powerful realities in the Bible—that **God’s love welcomes everyone**, no matter their background, personality, or quirks. The story of Peter and Cornelius isn’t just about two men crossing cultural lines; it’s about God flinging open the doors of His family with both **grace and truth**. Peter had to face a hard truth—that he’d been drawing lines where God hadn’t. And yet, God didn’t shame Peter; He led him patiently through a vision, a conversation, and a powerful encounter that reshaped Peter’s understanding of what the gospel really meant. That’s what grace and truth look like in action—inviting others in while standing firm in what God says is true.

This is so important for our kids to learn early, especially in a world that pushes them to choose between being kind or standing for something. But Jesus never asked us to pick between the two—He was full of both grace and truth (John 1:14). That means we can welcome someone completely—even if they’re different from us—without compromising God’s truth. When kids see this modeled, they learn that love isn’t passive, and truth isn’t harsh. They discover that through Jesus, the door is open wide, and they’re invited to help others walk through it too. What a joy it is to teach them that in God’s family, no one’s too far and no one’s left out.

Pre-Service Check List

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

LARGE GROUP

COUNTDOWN AND WELCOME (3 Minutes)

(VIDEO: COUNTDOWN, SLIDE: KIDCITY EXPECTATIONS)

LGL: “Welcome everyone! I’m so glad you are able to come hang out with us in KidCity today. My name is [INSERT NAME]. We are going to have a lot of fun today, but before we do let’s go over these announcements/KidCity Expectations.

(SLIDE: PROMOTION WEEKEND) In just a couple of weeks (July 13) school starts back up for most of you. That means that everyone in KidCity will move up as well! Some of you may be in new classrooms, but you will have so much fun wherever you go!

(SLIDE: 5th SUNDAY FUNDAY) (Once in a while there are 5 weeks in a month instead of 4 – and that’s awesome! It’s worth celebrating. The next 5th Sunday is NEXT WEEK, and we want you to come and bring your friends!

(SLIDE: BAPTISM) *(Said on the fourth weekend of the month only)* “Today are baptisms at Hope. Baptism is a way of telling the world that you love God and have made the decision to follow Him with your life. It’s a big deal! Is there anyone here who is getting baptized today? *(Pause and if someone is, go ahead and give them a high five and get the kids to clap).* Awesome!”

(SLIDE: KIDCITY EXPECTATIONS) “Now, let’s quickly go over our KidCity Expectations (rules) 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

LARGE GROUP GAME (5 Min)

BIBLE TRIVIA

(No Supplies)

We are in June, which means that we are in our summer series: Live it out!

(SLIDE: VIRTUE) Live it out: discover how to love like Jesus

For the next couple of months, we’re headed to camp Live It Out. We talk a whole lot about living for Jesus, but we may wonder how we can actually do that. At camp Live It Out, we’ll all get a chance to discover what it means for us to live like Jesus and love the people around us. But first, let’s check out our monthly verse!

(SLIDE: MEMORY VERSE) As you deal with one another, you should think and act as Jesus did. *Philippians 2:5 (NirV)*

Take a minute to explain that 'Philippians' is a book in the New Testament, and that the first number means 'chapter' and the second one means 'verse'. 'NIV' is what translation the Bible is in. The Bible wasn't originally written in English! There are different translations.

You'll have more time to practice this month's verse, but for now let's play a game!

(SLIDE: GAME SLIDE and Music)

HOW TO PLAY

- Explain that everyone is going to play a Bible trivia game. You will give them a question with two answer options and they have to decide which one they think is the correct answer. You will specify one side of the room as answer "A" and the other as answer "B". Kids will go to the side of the room that they think is right. If they get it right, then they stay in the game. If they get it wrong, then they are out and need to sit down.

• QUESTIONS:

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Who built the ark?
A) Moses
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> B) Noah • What was the first book of the Bible?
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> A) Genesis
B) Revelation • Who was swallowed by a big fish?
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> A) Jonah
B) Paul • What did Jesus turn water into?
A) Milk
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> B) Wine • How many days did God take to create the world (not counting His rest)?
A) 7
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> B) 6 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Who was the mother of Jesus?
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> A) Mary
B) Martha • What was David's job before becoming king?
A) Carpenter
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> B) Shepherd • What did Moses part to escape Egypt?
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> A) Red Sea
B) Jordan River • How many disciples did Jesus have?
A) 10
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> B) 12 • What's the last book of the Bible?
A) John
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> B) Revelation | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Who was thrown into the lions' den?
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> A) Daniel
B) Joseph • What kind of insect did John the Baptist eat?
A) Beetles
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> B) Locusts • Who walked on water with Jesus?
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> A) Peter
B) Judas • How many books are in the Bible?
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> A) 66
B) 50 • What fruit did Eve eat (traditionally assumed)?
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> A) Apple
B) Banana | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Where was Jesus born?
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> A) Bethlehem
B) Nazareth • What's the shortest verse in the Bible?
A) "God is love."
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> B) "Jesus wept." • Who was the strongest man in the Bible?
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> A) Samson
B) Goliath • What's the longest book in the Bible?
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> A) Psalms
B) Proverbs • Who betrayed Jesus for 30 pieces of silver?
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> A) Judas
B) Peter |
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"That was so fun! Now everyone stand up and let's worship God!"

WORSHIP (6-7 Minutes)

(VIDEO: GOD IS ON THE MOVE, FULLY ALIVE [Summer Theme Song])

BIBLE STORY (12 Minutes)

(No Supplies)

Before we jump into the Bible story, I want us to do a fun activity first. I want everyone to stand up and then start wandering around the room until I tell you to stop. Ready? Go. *(Allow kids to walk a mix for about 10 seconds and then say, "Freeze!")* Ok, now I want you to turn and high five one person that's near you. *(Pause)*. Great! Now with that person that you've high-fived, I want you to introduce yourself and then ask questions until you find one thing that you have in common with each other. GO! *(Allow kids some time to talk to each other. Feel free to suggest some questions kids can ask. After about 30 seconds, have the kids repeat the process one more time.)*

Ok, that was great! Everyone have a seat. Hopefully you met someone new and got to know them a little bit better! There is something really powerful about having someone come up to you and want to get to know you. It makes you feel like you've been welcomed and accepted for who you are.

Everyone loves to feel like they're welcomed and belong. In fact, did you know that feeling accepted and welcomed is one of the most important feelings in the world? People who feel like they belong end up being more successful in life. But if that's true, why do people so often choose to keep others at a distance? Why are we sometimes so quick to not fully include new people into our friend groups? Wouldn't we want others to experience that same feeling of acceptance, too? How can we remember how important it is to make others feel welcomed and beyond that . . . actually make them feel like they're accepted and belong?

"Like we say a lot here, the best place to look when we have big questions like this the Bible. The Bible is full of stories and wisdom and letters that all point to God and God's amazing love. God wants every one of us to feel like we are loved and belong, which is why God sent Jesus to make sure we all have an opportunity to be with God forever. Let's head to the Bible now and see what it has to say about God and God's great love.

(VIDEO: BIBLE STORY 5 MIN)

I'd like to say that after this moment at Cornelius' house with Peter everything from here was all kumbaya and campfires. But the truth is some of the Jewish people would end up having a really hard time accepting the Gentiles . . . and some Gentiles would have a really hard time with the Jewish people. But, in spite their many differences, the one common bond they all had was Jesus. They were welcomed in and through Jesus and Jesus alone. He is what they had in common, and He is enough. And the same is true for us.

"My guess is that you have found yourself in a situation—maybe even here at church—where you feel really different from somebody else. And sometimes those differences can drive us apart. But the beautiful thing is that no matter where we are coming from, no matter what our stories are . . .

we also are welcomed in and through Jesus. AND because of this, we can now go LIVE IT OUT and love like Jesus. We do this when we accept one another the way He accepts us. You don't have to agree with everyone, but you can still treat them with love and respect and accept them because they're made in the image of God, too!

Another way to say it is how our Basic Truth for this week says it...

(SLIDE: BASIC TRUTH) I am loved by God no matter what so I can love God, love others, and love life.

As we head to Small Groups, we want you to consider this question:

(SLIDE: KEY QUESTION) How does it feel to be accepted?

Have kids turn and talk to their shoulder partner for 60 seconds. Your KQ slide on Playlister will keep track of time for you. While kids are talking, walk around and listen in to what they are saying and give prompts if needed. Don't try to resolve anything, kids will have a further discussion within their small group time.

"Ok friends, come back together in 3, 2, 1....

"I heard some great thoughts floating around. You are going to have more of a chance to talk about this in small group time, but for now let's pray.

God, I pray that these kidsa come to know you better through studying your Word and talking to other people who also know you. I pray that they become young men and women who love you and love others and LIVE LIKE YOU. Amen.

DISMISS TO SMALL GROUPS



SMALL GROUP

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TALK ABOUT IT (K-5th)

There are no right or wrong answers but try to challenge the kids to think deeper.

Key Question: How does it feel to be accepted?

(Answers will vary. Being accepted feels like the peace and joy that comes from knowing you are fully loved and chosen by God—just as you are (Ephesians 1:4-6). It's the comfort of belonging, not because you earned it, but because His grace made a way.)

LOOK IT UP (K-5th)

Grab Bibles, look up, and read the following passage.

Look Up: Romans 15:7 **Be sure to mark your place so you can quickly get to it in the following activity.*

Say: “The book of Romans, which is in the New Testament, was written by Paul to help people understand how much God loves them and how they can be saved by believing in Jesus. It teaches us how to live in a way that makes God happy.”

PRACTICE IT (K-5th)

(No Supplies)

What You Do:

- Explain that kids are going to do the activity that they just did in large group.
- First have kids pair up (pair up with someone if there is an uneven number), and have just the two of them ask questions until they find something in common. Have groups share with everyone what they have in common.
- Next, have kids break into groups of 3 and repeat activity. Keep going and adding kids to groups until you eventually are all in one big group trying to find one thing in common with each other.
 - If you are finding that kids are saying the same thing over and over again (like, we are both in 4th grade), then challenge them that they cannot use the same answer more than once. You can take it a step further and say that if another group come up with a commonality (like, they both have younger siblings) then no one else can say

the same thing in the next rounds, even if it may be true!

- If your kids are having a hard time thinking of questions to ask, here are some suggestions:
 - What's your favorite movie or show?
 - What's your favorite game to play?
 - What's your favorite thing about church?
 - Do you have any brothers or sisters?
 - What do you like to do after school or on weekends?
 - Do you play any sports or instruments?
 - What's your favorite thing to do with friends?
 - What's something that always makes you laugh?
- After you've completed the activity, select an older kid to open the Bible marked at Romans 15:7.
- Read the verse aloud to the group several times.
- Ask:
 - "What does this verse tell us about Jesus and how He feels about us?" (*Jesus accepts us!*)
 - "Since Jesus accepts us, what does that mean that we should do?" (*Accept one another!*)
- Collect the colored cards and set them aside for the Memory Verse Activity.

What You Say:

"In this game, we figured out some things we have in common—like maybe everyone in your group has a dog. We also found some differences—like maybe your group liked different kinds of ice cream. While we might have some differences, we all have something in common—God invites each of us to be a part of God's family through Jesus! Jesus made a way for every single person who believes in Him to have a relationship with God forever. He chose to accept us! We'll all disagree at times, but we can still treat everyone with love and respect. As followers of Jesus, we are called to **[Bottom Line] accept one another too!**"

GET STRONGER (K-5th)

(Memory Verse Poster, small ball or beanbag)

What You Do:

- Have kids sit in a circle.
- Review the memory verse a few times and then put the poster where everyone can see it.
- Play a game where kids pass the ball around the circle, saying one word at a time. Whoever says the last word of the verse has to either (1) get up and spin around and sit back down, or (2) get up and run around the circle and sit back in their spot.
 - For an added challenge element, have the rest of the kids try to quickly pass the ball around the circle before the kid who is running around the circle gets back to their spot.

PRAYER

"Dear God, Thank You for teaching us how to live like Jesus. I pray that we always look out for people who need a friend and learn to appreciate what makes us all unique and different from each other. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen."