



K-5TH GRADE PRODUCTION

May 5th



Today's Bible Story: Light My Way (God's Word Is a Light) • *Psalm 119:105*

Today's Bottom Line: Practice hearing from God.

Monthly Memory Verse: *Training the body has some value. But being godly has value in every way. It promises help for the life you are now living and the life to come.* 1 Timothy 4:8 (NirV)

Monthly Virtue: Commitment—Making a plan and putting it into practice

Basic Truth: I need to make the wise choice.

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9:00/10:45/12:30	PC (HOST) takes the stage, encourages kids to begin clean up; hypes kids for Large Group
9:15/11:15	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Gives cue to Tech to begin 30 second monthly countdown ■ ½ House Lights Remain UP until end of Bust Out
9:03/10:48/12:33 9:18/11:18	SFX: 30 Second Countdown Bustout – DIAMONDS
9:06/10:51/12:36 9:21/11:21	Welcome & Announcements Boo-YAH!!
9:10/10:55/12:40 9:25/11:25	<p><i>Host enters, wearing workout clothes, carrying some very small hand weights.</i></p> <p>OPENER</p> <p>HOST: "Hello, everyone! It's great to see you. You caught me right in the middle of my workout. Here, let me show you. First—bicep curls!</p> <p><i>Pause and do some bicep curls with the hand weights. Act like this is difficult even though the weights are lightweight and tiny.</i></p> <p>"One . . . two . . . three . . .</p> <p>"Now, jumping jacks!</p> <p><i>Set the weights down and do some jumping jacks.</i></p> <p>"Now . . . everyone's favorite . . . burpees!</p> <p><i>Do a few burpees.</i></p> <p>"Whew! That's tough. Time for a rest.</p> <p><i>Take a deep breath and act like you're exhausted.</i></p> <p>"When you're exercising, do you get tired easily? I do. But I guess when you're training, you've got to start somewhere. It's all about the commitment you make, and the work you put in each day to grow and get stronger. Commitment is what we're talking about this month here at [name of your environment].</p> <p>SLIDE: Virtue</p> <p>"Commitment is making a plan and putting it into practice.</p>

SLIDE: Theme

"My plan for today? Well, you just saw it. Bicep curls. Jumping jacks. Burpees. Then stop to catch my breath!

"We need commitment for lots of things in life—not just physical fitness. We definitely need commitment in order to grow in our relationship with God. We need to make a plan and then put it into practice! This month, we'll talk about some steps we can take that will help us grow in our faith over time.

"I thought we could get started today with something we can ALL play. I call it 'Wacky Training Camp'!

SLIDE: "Wacky Training Camp"

"We've set up a series of stations with different physical challenges. You'll play as a small group and go from station to station. When I call out 'Switch,' you and your small group will switch to the next station. So for example, if you're at station three, you'll switch to station four. Make sense? You may not get to do all of the stations, but we'll do as many as we have time for.

"Oh—and what makes these stations wacky? Well, they're like games you've played before, but with equipment you might not expect. For example . . .

Walk from station to station, describing the games you've set up, demonstrating them with the equipment you've chosen. Your games may match the ones described here, or you can come up with your own based on the equipment you have on hand. Just be sure to use soft foam equipment wherever possible so no one gets hurt.

Explain what you want the kids to do at each station—for example, they should take turns doing five "reps" of pool noodle weightlifting . . . or for ping-pong baseball, one kid should pitch, and one should hit the ball with a ping-pong paddle while the others try to catch it.

"Pool noodle weightlifting! (*i.e. lift a pool noodle like it's a barbell*)

"Ping-pong baseball! (*i.e. play baseball using a ping-pong ball and a wiffle bat*)

"Feather volleyball! (*i.e. hit a feather back and forth—across a net or tape line on the floor*)

"Hands-only soccer! (*i.e. play soccer, but with hands only and no kicking allowed*)

"Beach ball/laundry basket basketball! (*i.e. try to shoot baskets with a beach ball and a laundry basket on each side*)

"Football roll mini golf! (*i.e. roll a football past obstacles and toward a bucket that represents the "hole"*)

"Soccer ball party hat bowling! (*i.e. roll a soccer ball toward 10 party hats that are set up like bowling pins*)

"Remember to take turns with your teammates so everyone gets a chance to have a good workout. For example, if you're the batter at one station, then let someone else be the server at the next station.

"All right—I'll give your group a number, and then you can head over to that numbered station and get ready to play.

	<p><i>Tell a number to each small group and send them to their numbered station.</i></p> <p>"Let the Wacky Training Camp begin!</p> <p>AUDIO: Fun instrumental music</p> <p><i>Walk from group to group as the kids play the games. After about 30 to 45 seconds, call "Switch" and cue the kids to move to the next numbered station. Let the kids play as many stations as time allows, but there's no need to let them play all of them.</i></p> <p>SLIDE: Theme Optional Video (Media Package): Theme Loop</p> <p>"Excellent job, everyone! I can see that you're committed to your training. I'm excited to find out the first part of our plan to grow in our faith. We'll get to that in a little bit. But first, let's take some time to lift our voices and worship God together."</p>
<p>9:15/11:00/12:45</p> <p>9:30/11:30</p>	<p>WORSHIP <i>Worship Leaders enter as Host exits.</i></p> <p>WORSHIP LEADER: "Hi, everyone! I'm so excited to worship God with all of you. This first song is called 'Make a Move.' It's about taking action and following wherever God leads us. Let's have some fun. Clap your hands and sing this with me.</p> <p>AUDIO: "Make a Move" / track 1 from Make a Move</p>
<p>9:18/11:03/12:48</p> <p>9:33/11:33</p>	<p>BIBLE STORY SLIDE: Theme Background <i>Storyteller enters as Worship Leaders exit.</i></p> <p>SETTING UP THE STORY STORYTELLER: "Hi, friends! As you know, this month we're finding out how God can help us live with commitment.</p> <p>SLIDE: Virtue</p> <p>"Commitment is making a plan and putting it into practice.</p> <p>"It's really important that we make a plan to grow in our relationship with God . . . and then put our plan into practice.</p> <p>SLIDE: Theme Background</p> <p>"Today we'll talk about a really important part of that plan—HEARING from God. (<i>Hold up Bible.</i>) We can hear from God by reading God's Word, the Bible.</p> <p>"When we read the Bible, we find lots of different kinds of books written by lots of different people. Some of these books were written to tell the history of God's people. Some were written to tell about the life of Jesus. We can also find poems and songs here in the book of Psalms.</p> <p><i>Hold up the Bible opened to the first page of Psalms.</i></p> <p>"Some of the psalms are songs of praise to God, or songs written to thank God. Other psalms share wisdom. In some psalms, the writer asks God for help during a tough situation. In ALL of the psalms we can find amazing truths not only about who we are . . . but more importantly about who God is. Like this one right here: Psalm 119.</p>

SHOW ME THE WAY

STORYTELLER: "Psalm 119 is actually the longest chapter in the whole Bible.

Flip to Psalm 119.

"It may have been written by King David, like many of the other psalms, but we don't really know for sure. This psalm is interesting because it has 22 different sections—one for each of the 22 letters in the Hebrew alphabet. As we read this song, we find that it shares over and over again how valuable and beautiful God's words are.

"In this psalm, we read how God's words are sweeter than honey . . . and more valuable than silver or gold. And in verse 105, we read this:

SLIDE: Psalm 119:105

Open the Bible to Psalm 119:105 (NIRV) and read.

*Your word is like a lamp that shows me the way.
It is like a light that guides me. (NIRV)*

"Wow. Let's think about that for a second. God's words are like a light that guides us through the darkness. God's words can help us **[Basic Truth] make the wise choice!**

LIGHT THROUGH THE NIGHT

STORYTELLER: "I have an idea that will help us think about what this verse means. Raise your hand if you've ever been riding in a car at night . . . or maybe a taxi or bus. *(Raise your hand.)* Yep. Me too. Let's see if we can set up this room like we're driving in a car together.

Reference the taped outline of the car on the floor. Stand in the area designated as the "driver's seat" and face forward, toward the stage. Pick up the steering wheel.

Note: You can turn toward the audience as you talk to them, but try to keep up the idea of being in the car together, looking the same direction.

"Here I am in the driver's seat. *(To the audience, behind you)* All of you can go ahead and climb into the back seat. *(Indicate the taped area behind you.)* Good. Now let's all buckle up. *(Pretend to buckle your seatbelt.)*

"As you can see, we're looking forward at the road ahead. *(Reference the dashed lines leading toward the stage.)*

"Our road trip is going great so far! But now . . . let's make it nighttime.

SLIDE: Starry Sky

LIGHTS: Off

If you don't have a light control board, walk over to the light switch and switch off the lights. Then walk back and pick up your steering wheel.

"Okay—yikes. This is definitely NOT a safe situation for driving. What do you think we need to do? *(Pause for response.)* Yes! Great idea. Let's turn on the headlights. Raise your hand if you want to help.

Give a large flashlight to two kids who have their hands raised.

(To the two kids) "[Kids' names], come up on front and shine those headlights straight ahead.

Guide the two kids to stand in front of you—one on each side—and shine their flashlights at the “road” ahead.

“There we go! Much better.

(To audience) “Now, do you remember what we just read in Psalm 119:105?

SLIDE: Psalm 119:105

*Your word is like a lamp that shows me the way.
It is like a light that guides me. (Psalm 119:105, NIV)*

“If you have a light—or in our case, if you have two headlights—you can see which way to go.

“That’s what it’s like when we read God’s Word, the Bible. The Bible is like a light that shows us which way to go. It shows us how to make wise choices when things around us might seem dark or confusing.

“Let me give you some examples to show you what I mean.

SLIDE: Starry Sky

SOME EXAMPLES

STORYTELLER: “Uh oh—I think I see a pothole up ahead.

Worship Leader enters, carrying the three posterboard signs, with the pothole sign visible in front. Worship Leader stands in the headlight beams so the audience can see the sign.

“Maybe that obstacle in the road is like something that happens in your life . . . like this. Maybe a friend says something that makes you mad. If you don’t stop and think, you might want to say something mean back. And that would be like driving right into that pothole in the road. You might really hurt your friendship!

“But God’s Word, the Bible, can show us what to do. Maybe you remember a verse like Ephesians 4:32 that reminds you of a wiser way to respond. Will someone from the back seat read what’s on the screen for us, nice and loud? Raise your hand if you want to.

SLIDE: Ephesians 4:32

Call on an older kid who’s raising their hand to read the verse from the screen.

KID: *Be kind and tender to one another. Forgive one another, just as God forgave you because of what Christ has done. (Ephesians 4:32, NIV)*

STORYTELLER: “Thanks, [kid’s name]. That’s a great verse to remember. We can keep our friendship strong if we choose to be kind and forgive.

(To the two kids with the flashlights) “Okay, [kids’ names], let’s drive around that pothole. Let’s steer toward the left. Go ahead and shine your lights that way!

Wait for the kids to shine their lights toward the left. (Be ready to say, “Your other left!” if they go the wrong way.) This can be humorous and doesn’t have to be perfect.

While this is happening and the light isn’t shining on them, Worship Leader switches the signs so the puddle sign is visible.

(To the two kids with the flashlights) "All right, you can shine forward again.

SLIDE: Starry Sky

(Seeing the puddle sign) "Oh boy. Another obstacle! Looks like there's a puddle in our path. That means another example. Maybe your little sister keeps asking you to play with her, and you really don't want to. You could easily snap at her and say something that hurts her feelings. But then you remember what you've read in James 1:19. Raise your hand if you want to read it.

SLIDE: James 1:19

Call on an older kid who's raising their hand to read the verse from the screen.

KID: *Everyone should be quick to listen. But they should be slow to speak. They should be slow to get angry. (James 1:19, NIV)*

STORYTELLER: "Thanks, [kid's name] That's another good one. We should be slow to get angry. That means being kind to your little sister instead of acting annoyed by her.

(To the two kids with the flashlights) "[Kids' names], let's avoid that puddle. Shine your lights to the right!

Wait for the kids to shine their lights toward the right.

While this is happening and the light isn't shining on them, Worship Leader switches the signs so the rockslide sign is visible.

(To the two kids with the flashlights) "Nice work! You can shine forward again.

SLIDE: Starry sky

(Seeing the rockslide sign) "Uh oh. We've got one more obstacle to avoid. This time it's a rockslide. I know sometimes when things happen in my life that seem scary or confusing, it can feel like the road underneath me is about to give way. But even in those moments, I can remember what's true. I can think back to some verses from the Bible, like Proverbs 3:5-6. Raise your hand if you'd like to read this for us.

SLIDE: Proverbs 3:5-6

Call on an older kid who's raising their hand to read the verse from the screen.

KID: *Trust in the LORD with all your heart.*

Do not depend on your own understanding.

In all your ways obey him.

Then he will make your paths smooth and straight. (Proverbs 3:5-6, NIV)

STORYTELLER: "Thanks, [kid's name]. It's so good to remember that God is with us, and **[Basic Truth] we can trust God no matter what.**

(To the two kids with the flashlights) "[Kids' names], let's get around that rockslide. Shine your lights to the left!

Wait for the kids to shine their lights toward the left.

While this is happening, Worship Leader exits.

(To the two kids with the flashlights) "Okay, now shine straight ahead.

SLIDE: Starry sky

"There we go! I'm so glad we had those headlights to get around those obstacles and show us the way to go.

"Here, I'll collect those flashlights. Thanks for taking a drive with me, everyone!

SLIDE: Theme Background

LIGHTS: On

Collect the flashlights and switch on the room lights, if needed. Walk back on stage to wrap up.

WRAPPING UP THE STORY

STORYTELLER: "You can see why it's so helpful to remember God's words from the Bible. It's important to hear from God so we know the best way to live.

"It's like we read in Psalm 119:105:

SLIDE: Psalm 119:105

*Your word is like a lamp that shows me the way.
It is like a light that guides me. (Psalm 119:105, NIV)*

"We all face tough decisions in life. But God's Word, the Bible, is always available to help us **[Basic Truth] make the wise choice.**

"If you want to let God's Word light your way, then think about how you can make a plan to read the Bible for yourself. (*Hold up Bible.*) Get in the habit of hearing from God, because God's Word can light the way for you—and those around you! Remember:

SLIDE: Bottom Line

[Bottom Line] "Practice hearing from God.

"Let's pray and ask God to help us do that."

SLIDE: Theme Background

PRAY

STORYTELLER: "God, thank You for giving us Your Word, the Bible. Thank You for showing us Your truth and lighting the way in our lives so we can live with Your wisdom. We know there's so much to discover in Your Word that will help us live our lives in the very best way. Help each of us to think about how we can spend more time hearing from You by reading the Bible for ourselves. Help us to make a plan to hear from You . . . and put that plan into practice. We love You, and we pray these things in Jesus' name. Amen."

9:30/11:15/1:00

9:45/11:45

WORSHIP LEADER:

"We have a new song to sing today. It's called 'My Life for You.' Living for God means that we don't live just for ourselves. We choose to honor God with everything we do. We can ask God for the commitment to grow stronger in our faith. This song says, 'I want to live my life for You.' Sing along with me as you catch on!

AUDIO: "My Life for You" / track 9 from My Life for You

Optional Video: "My Life for You" Live Lyrics or Dance Moves Music Video

<p>9:34/11:19/1:04</p> <p>9:49/11:49</p>	<p>LANDING</p> <p>COMMUNICATOR: So as you head to small group, think about this. . .”</p> <p><i>CG: Bottom Line Slide</i></p> <p>Practice hearing from God.</p> <p>It’s time to talk more in Small Groups! Have fun!”</p>
<p>9:35/11:20/1:05</p> <p>9:50/11:50</p>	<p><i>Kids to Small Groups</i></p> <p><i>SFX: Play fun music as the kids exit.</i></p>