



FUNSPLOSION – MAY 2019 – KINDER/FIRST

Bible Story: *Learning to Fly • Hebrews 12:2–3*

Bottom Line: *Keep going because of what Jesus did for you.*

Memory Verse: *“But those who trust in the Lord will receive new strength. They will fly as high as eagles. They will run and not get tired. They will walk and not grow weak.” – Isaiah 40:31 NIV*

Life App: *Perseverance – Refusing to give up when life gets hard*

Basic Truth: *I can trust God no matter what.*

EARLY ARRIVERS ACTIVITIES

1. High Five Questions

Play: an activity that encourages learning through following guidelines and working as a group

What You Need: N/A

What You Do:

- Welcome kids and spend time engaging in conversation and catching up.
- Invite kids to place their offerings in the *For Everyone* box on the wall near the main entrance
- ASK:
 - What is something fun you did this weekend?
 - What is something you are looking forward to this week?
 - What is your favorite ice cream topping?
 - Have you ever been camping?
 - Have you ever jumped off a high dive at a swimming pool?

2. Notice Anything?

Play: an activity that encourages learning through following guidelines and working as a group

What You Need: N/A

What You Do:

- Tell kids to pair up and face their partner.
- Instruct them to take a good look at their partner and observe everything they can.
- Tell kids to turn around and change something small about their appearance. Maybe they unbutton a button on a cuff. Or perhaps they remove their earrings.
- On the count of three, they turn back around.
- Let kids guess what their partners changed.
- Direct kids to switch partners, and do it again. Play as many times as you wish.

Lead your group to the Large Group area.

9:10–9:45 | 10:40–11:15 | 12:10–12:45 – LARGE GROUP

OVERVIEW:

Bottom Line: *Keep going because of what Jesus did for you. Knowing that Jesus persevered through*

death and was resurrected is the best encouragement for us to keep going when life gets hard. When we focus on Jesus, we remember that nothing is impossible and God will help us get through whatever we face in life.

9:45–10:05 | 11:15–11:35 | 12:45–1:05 SMALL GROUP

1. I Have...

[Connection Activity]

What You Need: “I Have” Activity Sheet

What You Do:

- Have the kids take off one shoe to play this game
- Tell the kids you are going to play a game where they hold up their shoe if the answer is true
- Explain that you will say, “I have...” and read a statement. If the statement is true about them, they should hold up their shoe. If it’s not, they will do nothing.
- Between each statement, have everyone put their shoes down to start over
- Read the statements from the activity page to play

2. Beach Ball Ballet

[Connection Activity]

What You Need: Beach Ball; Phone

What You Do:

- Have the kids pair up
- Have one pair at a time stand back to back about a foot apart
- Place the beach ball between the kids and have them keep it in place using only their backs. They may lock arms if it helps
- Each pair will be timed to see how quickly they can walk around the small group carpet without dropping the ball
- The pair with the fastest time wins
- Play again as time allows

3. Summertime Telephone

[Connection Activity]

What You Need: N/A

What You Do:

- Have the kids sit criss-cross applesauce at the edge of their small group carpet
- Explain that you will be playing “Summertime Telephone”
- You will go first. Whisper a sentence or phrase to the child to your left. It would be fun to make it about something fun you are doing this summer!
- The sentence or phrase is then whispered by the players until the last player in the circle has heard it. That player then announces what they have heard
- Repeat until everyone has had a turn to start the game

4. Surf’s Up

[Connection Activity]

What You Need: “Surfboard” Activity Page; Markers / Colored Pencils; Scissors

What You Do:

- Tell the kids they can design their own surfboards and coloring on the blank side, or they can use the already designed surfboard and color it as they like!
- When they are finished, they can take it out to take home
- While doing the activity, ask these questions:
 - Do you like to swim in the ocean or swim in the pool?
 - What is one thing you are looking forward to this summer?
 - Is anyone going on vacation this summer?
 - Do you get to stay up later in the summer?
 - What is your favorite summer trip?