



WEEK THREE – JULY 2019

Bible Story: *This One's for the Children* ▪ Mark 10:13–16 (supporting Mark 9:36–37)

Bottom Line: *God can give you the strength to be gentle.*

Memory Verse: *“God began a good work in you. And I am sure that he will carry it on until it is completed. That will be on the day Christ Jesus returns. Philippians 1:6, NIV*

Life App: *What God is doing in you to change the world around you*

Basic Truth: *I should treat others the way I want to be treated.*

Summary: Next, we head to Mark 10:13–16 where Mark records a time when Jesus welcomed children, gave them His attention, and blessed them. Back then no one thought every highly of children, and what Jesus did would have shocked many who were watching. But Jesus taught that this is what the kingdom of God is all about, coming to God with the faith of a child.

Bottom Line: *God can give you the strength to be gentle. Kids don't always know how to respond with gentleness. But we want them to know that God can help them! We pray they'll start to be aware of how they react when things don't go their way and trust God to help them choose to be gentle.*

9:00-9:10 | 10:30-10:40 - KIDS ARRIVE

Team Welcomes Kids *(Providing Time for Fun Interactions)*

"Je-sus loves me.

2 lap pats – 2 claps

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Jesus loves [child's name]"

shout out the name

1. Early Arriver Idea / New Kind of Strength

Move: an activity that increases the oxygen in the brain and taps into the energy in the body

What You Need: Clothespins, cotton balls, bag/box from Early Arriver activity

What You Do:

- Provide each kid with a clothespin.
- Spread cotton balls around your space where kids will be able to access them.
- When you say, “Go,” kids will pick up the cotton balls with their clothespins and place them in the bag/box.

What You Say:

“Do you think it took strength to pick up those cotton balls with clothespins? (Allow time for responses.) You certainly don’t need big muscles, BUT it was still challenging, wasn’t it? [Transition] Today in Large Group we’re going to learn a different way to look at strength that we’ve never thought of before!”

Lead your group to the Large Group area.

9:10-9:35 | 10:40-11:05 - LARGE GROUP

*Bible Story – INTRO, Story, OUTRO Videos (whatever works best for your few)
Worship SONGS*

9:35-10:05 | 11:05-11:35 - SMALL GROUP

GROUPS

(Creating a Safe Place to Connect)

2. Spoons

[Memory Verse Activity]

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

What You Need: Plastic spoons, “Spoons” Activity Page cards, tape, Bible

What You Do:

- Give each kid at least one spoon and one “Spoons” card. Depending on how many kids are in your group, some kids may need to have two spoons and two cards.
- Encourage them to share the tape and secure their card onto their spoon.
- Review Philippians 1:6 together and instruct kids to listen for the word they have on their spoon and lift it up in the air when it’s said aloud.
- Repeat several times.

What You Say:

“You all are so close at memorizing our verse! Awesome job! I love that our verse reminds us that one day Jesus will return, and that will be the best day ever. Until then, we can remember that [Bottom Line] God can give you the strength to be gentle. When we show gentleness, we show others who God is.”

3. Pray and Dismiss

[Prayer Activity]

Reflect: an activity that creates space for personal understanding and application

What You Need: N/A

What You Do:

- Ask your group to decide one way they will be gentle this week.
- As you say today's prayer, kids can silently fill in the blanks of your prayer with their specific idea of how they will be gentle.

What You Say:

*"God, I thank you that you will help me _____ this week. I know that when I _____ others will be able to see how very good of a God you are. I know that it may be tough to _____ but I also know that **[Bottom Line] God can give you the strength to be gentle.** I trust that You will provide everything I need to show Your love and gentleness each and every day. In Jesus' name, amen!"*

As adults arrive to pick up, invite each kid to display their pinwheel. Ask them, "What are you going to use your pinwheel to remind you of this week?" Encourage them to take a deep breath and remember that **[Bottom Line] God can give you the strength to be gentle.**