



WEEK
TWO
MAY 2022

LARGE GROUP
K-3

TODAY'S SUGGESTED SCHEDULE

TODAY'S BIBLE STORY

Go the Distance

Peter and John Are Taken
to the Sanhedrin
Acts 3:1-4:21

TODAY'S BOTTOM LINE

Keep going even when
it gets tough.

HOST

- Three adult leaders (can be pre-selected)
- Nine traffic cones
- Three tricycles (or other ride-on toys)
- Three bicycle helmets
- Three crawl-through play tunnels (or you could have just one for everyone to use)
- Three hop-along balls
- Several pool noodles
- Masking tape
- "Boppers" from the Bible story

STORY

- Host
- Two inflatable bounce-back "boppers" like these: <https://amzn.to/3FJ7H5y>
- "Peter and John Faces" printed on cardstock from the LG Assets PDF
- Tape

PRELUDE: Setting the tone for the experience

See the **Getting Ready** pages at the end of this document for a detailed description of what you'll need for today. In the **Prelude** folder of your curriculum, you'll find a variety of other resources to help you prepare.

SMALL GROUP

15
MIN

SOCIAL: Providing time for fun interaction

Early Arriver
Opening Activity

LARGE GROUP

35
MIN

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- **HAPPY MAY**
- **RESILIENCE** Getting back up when something gets you down
 - All month long, we will be focusing on the message of **RESILIENCE**
 - For **HOSTS** and **COMMUNICATORS**, please be ready to share your own stories of **RESILIENCE** while
- **SERVE DAY** coming up May 14th
 - 288 spots to fill - plenty of family and kid-friendly projects
 - Promo Vid
- **SUMMER CAMP** for 3rd grade - Still time to sign up
- **LAUNCH** happens May 22... so we'll say goodbye to 3rd grade and hello to a new group of Kindergartners

MONTHLY WORSHIP LINEUP:

Week 1 - Never Gonna Stop Singing & The Blessing
Week 2 - Let Go & There's Nothing That Our God Can't Do
Week 3 - This is Living & Graves Into Gardens
Week 4 - Might Get Loud & Who You Say I Am
Week 5 - Real Love & Waymaker



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PRELUDE **SOCIAL** **STORY** **WORSHIP** **GROUPS** **HOME**

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MONTHLY 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

MONTHLY LIFE APP

Resilience—Getting back up when something gets you down

BASIC TRUTH

I can trust God no matter what.

LARGE GROUP

ENGAGE KIDS' HEARTS THROUGH A DYNAMIC AND INTERACTIVE BIBLE STORY, WORSHIP, AND PRAYER EXPERIENCE IN A LARGE GROUP SETTING.

AUDIO: PLAY HIGH-ENERGY MUSIC AS KIDS ENTER.

SLIDE: THEME

OPTIONAL VIDEO (MEDIA PACKAGE): THEME LOOP

WORSHIP

Worship Leaders enter

WORSHIP LEADER:

AUDIO: *Let Go*

AUDIO: *There's Nothing That Our God Can't Do*

Host enters.

OPTIONAL VIDEO (MEDIA PACKAGE): COUNTDOWN (30- OR 60-SECOND VERSION)

OPTIONAL VIDEO (MEDIA PACKAGE): THEME

OPENER

HOST: "Hi, everyone! It's great to see you! I'm so glad we're here together as we continue to talk about resilience.

SLIDE: LIFE APP

OPTIONAL VIDEO (MEDIA PACKAGE): THEME TRANSITION TO LIFE APP

"Resilience is getting back up when something gets you down.

SLIDE: THEME

OPTIONAL VIDEO (MEDIA PACKAGE): LIFE APP TRANSITION TO THEME

"All of us feel like we get knocked down sometimes. It could be that somebody says something mean to you . . . or something happens that you didn't expect . . . or you're just having a bad day, period. Well with God's help, we don't have to let those things KEEP us down. God can fill us with strength, courage, and resilience so we can get back up and try again!



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"For today's game, I'm looking for some Small Group Leaders who have blazing speed . . . super strength . . . and a willingness to bring their 'A' game. But let's be honest, they should also be willing to have a good time and laugh at themselves. Okay, let me choose three leaders!

*Choose three leaders to complete the obstacle course.
You can pre-select leaders if that's easier.*

"Friends, let me introduce you to our contestants, [leaders' names]. These fierce and capable competitors will race to complete an obstacle course of epic proportions, which will require every bit of resilience they have inside.

Walk to the course so you can point out each part.

"First, they'll weave through these cones while riding a tricycle. Then, they'll crawl through a tunnel. Finally, they'll use a hop-along ball to soar over the pool noodles and cross the finish line. The first leader to cross the finish line, wins!

(to audience) "Your job, studio audience, is to cheer for our competitors. Is everyone ready? (Pause.) Okay, let's count it down: three, two, one, GO!

AUDIO: FUN MUSIC

*Provide commentary as the contestants race. Make sure they model safety by wearing helmets!
Celebrate the winner and the other contestants as they finish. Then dismiss them to their seats.*

"That was incredible! Let's give our leaders a round of applause as they head back to their seats. (to the leaders) You really know how to bounce back when the going gets tough!



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BIBLE STORY

SLIDE: THEME BACKGROUND

Storyteller enters

SETTING UP THE STORY

STORYTELLER: "Hi, everybody! It's great to see you. (*Hold up Bible.*) I'm so glad that I get to tell you another amazing story from the early days of the church.

"This happened not long after Jesus died on the cross, came back to life, then went back to heaven. People were so excited about what Jesus had done that they began to tell OTHER people about Him and how He had given His life for their sins. Through the power of God's Spirit, more and more people began to put their faith in Jesus. And the brand-new church was growing!

"One afternoon, two of Jesus' followers approached the temple at a special time for prayer. Their names were Peter and John.

Host brings out the Peter and John "bopper" inflatables and sets them on stage.

"Don't they look great? (*Reference the boppers.*) This one's Peter . . . and this one's John. As you're about to see, these two men knew what it was like to get knocked down . . .

Host lays down one of the boppers.

". . . then bounce back!

Host releases the bopper so it bounces back to an upright position.

"So while Peter and John were at the temple, a man asked them for money. This man wasn't able to walk. He sat in the same spot every day, trying to get enough money to survive.

Stand behind the Peter bopper.

"Peter said to the man . . .

Open the Bible to Acts 3:6 (NIRV) and read.

"I don't have any silver or gold. But I'll give you what I do have. In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, get up and walk."

"Amazingly, the man could now WALK! Peter had healed him! As you can imagine, a crowd began to gather around them. People were curious about what happened."

PETER'S POWERFUL MESSAGE

STORYTELLER: "Peter spoke to the crowd that had gathered. He asked them why they were surprised that he had healed the man.



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"He said . . .

Open the Bible to Acts 3:16 (NIRV) and read.

"This man whom you see and know was made strong because of faith in Jesus' name. Faith in Jesus has healed him completely. You can see it with your own eyes.

"Peter told the people to turn away from their sins and turn to God instead. Sure enough, many people did believe in Jesus! But unfortunately, that made the religious leaders VERY unhappy. They didn't believe that Jesus was the Son of God. And now Peter and John were sharing the news about Jesus with everyone! The religious leaders sent guards to seize Peter and John and throw them in prison.

Host lays both boppers down and holds them there.

"Ugh . . . that's not good. (to the boppers) Sorry, Peter and John. It looks like you really got knocked down this time."

BOUNCING BACK

STORYTELLER: *"The next day, Annas, the high priest, and other religious leaders met together. They had Peter and John brought to them. The religious leaders asked Peter and John this.*

Open the Bible to Acts 4:7 (NIRV) and read.

"By what power did you do this? . . . And through whose name?"

"Peter was filled with the Holy Spirit. He bounced back!

Host releases the Peter bopper so it bounces back to an upright position.

"Here's what Peter said.

Open the Bible to Acts 4:8-10 (NIRV) and read.

"Rulers and elders of the people! Are you asking us to explain our actions today? Do you want to know why we were kind to a man who couldn't walk? Are you asking how he was healed? Then listen to this, you and all the people of Israel! You nailed Jesus Christ of Nazareth to the cross. But God raised him from the dead. It is through Jesus' name that this man stands healed in front of you.

"Amazing! Such powerful words. I bet John was like, 'Yeah—you tell 'em, Peter!'"

Host releases the John bopper so it bounces back to an upright position.

"Peter went on to tell the leaders . . .

Open the Bible to Acts 4:12 (NIRV) and read.

"You can't be saved by believing in anyone else. God has given people no other name under heaven that will save them.



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"The leaders had tried to keep Peter and John down.

Host lays both boppers down and holds them there.

"But Peter and John bounced right back!

Host releases both boppers so they bounce back to an upright position.

"They were brave and courageous as they spoke the truth about what had happened.

"The religious leaders saw how bold Peter and John were. They realized that it was because these two men had been with Jesus. And now the leaders were really in a tough spot. They couldn't just say that the miracle didn't happen, because the man who had been healed was standing right there. But they wanted to put a stop to all this talk about Jesus. They ordered Peter and John to leave so they could figure out what to do with them."

BOUNCING BACK (AGAIN)

STORYTELLER: "Eventually, the leaders called for Peter and John. They told them not to speak or teach anyone in Jesus' name. Again, they were trying to keep Peter and John down.

Host lays both boppers down and holds them there.

"But what do you think happened next? *(Pause for response.)* Right! Peter and John bounced back.

Host releases both boppers so they bounce back to an upright position.

"They said to the religious leaders . . .

Open the Bible to Acts 4:19-20 (NirV) and read.

"Which is right from God's point of view? Should we listen to you? Or should we listen to God? You be the judges! There's nothing else we can do. We have to speak about the things we've seen and heard.

"Did you hear that? We have to speak about the things we've seen and heard. Talk about bouncing back! Peter and John weren't going to let anything stop them from sharing the good news about Jesus.

*"The religious leaders couldn't decide how to punish Peter and John, because all the people were praising God for the miracle they had just seen. So the leaders let Peter and John go free! *(to the boppers)* High five, Peter! High five, John!"*

Give each bopper a high-five.

WRAPPING UP THE STORY

STORYTELLER: "It's amazing to think about the resilience Peter and John had—in a really difficult situation. When things got tough . . .

Host lays both boppers down and holds them there.



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“. . . they relied on God’s Spirit to get back up and keep going.

Host releases both boppers so they bounce back to an upright position.

“And the brand-new church quickly grew to more than 5,000 Jesus followers!

“So what can we learn from Peter and John’s story?

SLIDE: BOTTOM LINE

“Keep going even when it gets tough.

“Whenever we face challenges in life or things get us down, we can talk to God about it. We can ask God to give us the strength we need to bounce back. Let’s pray and talk to God right now.”

SLIDE: THEME BACKGROUND

PRAY

STORYTELLER: “Dear God, thank You for helping Peter and John keep bouncing back when they got knocked down. It must have been really tough for them to be thrown in prison and have people telling them to stop spreading the word about Jesus. But they were bold! They were brave, because of Your Spirit working through them. Please help us keep going like they did, even when things get tough. We love You, and we ask these things in Jesus’ name. Amen.”



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CLOSER

Storyteller exits.

HOST: *(looking at the boppers)* "Peter and John . . . they knew how to bounce back!

Quickly push the two boppers down and let them bounce back up.

"When they got into trouble for talking about Jesus, they could have just given up and gone home. But instead, they kept going. They spoke with boldness about everything Jesus had done, because Jesus had changed their lives forever!

"And you know what? I'm so glad they did! The reason we know about Jesus today is because people like Peter and John were brave enough to talk about Him.

"Remember, we can bounce back from any challenge because of God's Spirit working in our lives.

SLIDE: BOTTOM LINE

"We can **keep going even when it gets tough.**

"So what are some tough things going on in YOUR life?"

Push the two boppers down, slowly, as you talk about the tough things.

"It might be that you're having trouble getting along with a friend or someone in your family. You might be worried about something that you think might go wrong. You might have to do something new that you've never done before, and it makes you feel a little nervous. Those are all very normal things to feel when you're going through something difficult. And 'bouncing back' doesn't mean that that everything is just suddenly okay.

Start to raise the boppers back to an upright position.

"But with God's help, you can keep going. With God's help, you can find resilience. You can bounce back when you remember that **[Basic Truth] you can trust God no matter what.**

"Let's head to Small Group and talk some more about that. I'll see you later!"

Dismiss kids to their small groups.

AUDIO: PLAY HIGH-ENERGY MUSIC AS THE KIDS EXIT.

SLIDE: THEME

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