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Nov. 15, 2026
1st Service
Matthew 8

8:45 - 9:10 - Welcome

As 4th graders arrive, let them choose from the following options:

- Board Games / Card Games
- 4 Square
- Basketball
- Gaga Ball
- Card-Making
- Pen-Pai Writing
- Coloring
- Talking - Relationship Building

9:10 - 9:25 - Team Building Game

Game: Common Ground *Kids will find out what they have in common with their classmates.*

Materials: None

How to play:

- Have students form a large circle.
- Randomly call out a student's name.
- That student goes into the center of the circle and reveals something about themself. For example, "I have two sisters," "My favorite color is purple," "I love to read," etc.
- Everyone who agrees joins that student in the center (finding common ground).
- Student takes a moment to high-five their new friends and return to their spot.
- Next student is called.

9:25 - 9:55 - Small Group Time

**All materials are located in you Small Group Bins

Prayer (10-15 minutes)

3 Questions to ask every week:

- **What is one way you saw God at work this week?**
  - What did that tell you about God?
- **Where do you need God's help this week?**
  - Which qualities of God do you need help remembering? (ex. Loving, patient, wise, always with us, forgiving..)
  - What is one way you pray God changes your heart?
- **Who is one person we can pray for today?**

Pray for each other about what was shared.

Matthew Study (15-20 minutes)

This week we are starting Matthew Chapter 8 - See workbook p. 56 - 60
(packets for students will be in your small group bins)

9:55-10:00 - Quick Whole Group Recap

Main Takeaways:

We want our kids to walk away knowing that:

- God is all-powerful! He rules over sickness, nature and spiritual forces.
- They can go to Jesus for help and pray in faith.
- They can trust God - even if He doesn't answer in the way or timing they hope.

Invite children to share something they learned in their small group - as time allows.

10:00 - 10:10 - Wrap Up Game

Miracle Match Up *Jesus has all power and authority.*

Supplies: 5 cards with miracle descriptions, 5 cards with miracle outcomes.
How to play:

- Divide the class into 5 teams. Give each team a set of mixed-up miracle and outcome cards.
- Each team works together to match the miracle with what happened next. Once they think they have all five matches, they raise their hands. Consider making it a race to see who can finish first. Review the answers as a whole group.

Miracle Cards:

- Jesus heals a man with leprosy
- Jesus heals a Roman centurion's servant
- Jesus heals Peter's mother-in-law
- Jesus calms a storm
- Jesus casts demons out of two men

Outcome Cards:

- The person is made clean
- The person is healed at that moment
- The person's fever leaves and they get up to serve Jesus
- The wind and waves become calm
- They leave the men at Jesus' command

Debrief Questions afterward:

- What do these miracles teach us about Jesus?
- Which miracle shows Jesus' authority over nature?
- Why were the disciples amazed when Jesus calmed the storm?

10:10 - 10:20 - Bible Games

These activities are to be played as the service ends and parents start to pick up their kids, so there might be a lot of movement with kids coming and going during this time. Be flexible and do what works for the group you have that morning.

- Choose between the following:
  - The Action Bible "Guess It Game"
  - Bible Times Quiz cards
  - Would You Rather Questions
  - Sword Drills

Dismissal:

As children leave, give them a Sermon Note sheet to use if they are going into the service.

10:35 - Dismiss children who have permission to leave on their own.
(Any child with a "**L**" on their nametag can **NOT** leave on their own and needs to be picked up by their guardian.)