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Nov. 29, 2026
1st Service
Matthew 10

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: Marshmallow Tower Challenge *Children will work together to build a sturdy tower.*

Materials: Marshmallows, Toothpicks

How to play:

- Divide students into partners or groups of equal numbers.
- Pass out an equal number of marshmallows and wooden toothpicks to each group.
- Challenge the groups to create the tallest, largest, or most creative structure in a set amount of time, each member taking turns doing the actual building.
- Afterward, have each group present their creation.

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 10 - See workbook p. 68-72
(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 loves and cares for them.
- They can trust God when they feel afraid or anxious.
- Following Jesus is always worth it!

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

10:00 – 10:10 – Wrap Up Game

Whisper Message *Jesus told His disciples to share the good news, even when it might be difficult. He also promised that the Holy Spirit would help them know what to say.*

Supplies: Several strips of paper with short messages from Matthew 10, a timer

How to play:

- Divide the kids into 3–4 teams. Have each team stand or sit in a line.
- Give the first person in each line a message. They whisper it to the next person, who whispers it to the next, and so on.
- The last person says the message out loud.
- Compare it with the original message.
- Play several rounds, changing the starting person each time.

Message ideas:

- "The Kingdom of Heaven has come near."
- "Do not be afraid. You are worth more than many sparrows."
- "The Spirit of your Father will speak through you."
- "Freely you have received; freely give."

Make it more challenging: After a round, ask teams to explain what their message means in their own words.
Discuss:

- Why was it important for the disciples to share Jesus' message?
- What did Jesus promise would help them when they didn't know what to say?
- What are some ways we can share the good news about Jesus?

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.)