



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: Hula Hoop Challenge *Students work together to pass a hula-hoop around a circle.*

Materials: Hula Hoop

- Have the class stand in a circle and join hands.
- Unclasp one pair's hands and place the Hula-Hoop between the two. Then have them rejoin their hands.
- The object of the game is to pass the Hula-Hoop all the way around the circle without unclasp hands.
- Students work together using listening, coordinating, and strategizing skills to figure out how to maneuver their bodies all the way through the hoop to pass it on.

****** If the class is too big, consider breaking into two groups and have two circles with hula hoops going at the same time.

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 3 - See workbook p. 24-28
(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:

- Jesus is the One John was preparing the people for. He is God's beloved Son.
- God loves them and wants them to turn toward Him.
- When they sin, they can admit it, ask God for forgiveness and turn back toward Him.

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

10:00 – 10:10 – Wrap Up Game

Game: The Repentance Challenge: Fake. or Real?

Supplies: 2 signs on opposite sides of the room: JUST SORRY and TRUE REPENTANCE

- Discuss the difference between just being sorry about something and actually turning back to God in true repentance.

How to play:

- Have the class stand in the middle of the room. Read a scenario and have the kids move to the side they think fits. If they go to the "Just sorry" side, have them shrug their shoulders. If they go to the "True Repentance" side, have them turn the opposite way and then turn back again.

*Scenarios are on a separate sheet in your bin: Some examples include:

- You lie about finishing your homework. Your mom finds out, so you say, "Sorry," because you don't want to lose screen time.
- You make fun of someone at school. When they get upset, you say, "Fine, I'm sorry," but you still think what you did was funny.
- You lie about something, realize it was wrong, tell the truth, and apologize—even though telling the truth may get you in trouble.
- You make fun of someone and realize you hurt them. You apologize and decide to stop making jokes

After each "I'm sorry" answer, ask: What would turn this into true repentance?

Wrap up the game by saying "Repentance isn't just saying 'I'm sorry', it's changing direction – turning away from sin and toward God".

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.)