



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: Elbow Pass *This simple passing game encourages students to work together, look each other in the eye, and have a good laugh.*

Materials: Four-square ball or similar-size ball

- Have students stand in a line.
- The first student will hold a ball between their elbows in front of their chest and then pass it to the next player.
- Continue until the ball reaches the end of the line.
- If the ball drops, the game starts over at the beginning.

The goal is for everyone to work together as a team.

Option: Depending on class size, make two teams and have them race against each other.

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 introducing the book of Matthew – See workbook p. **5** – Introduction to the inductive study method, p. **6-7** – “What is God Like?” p. **8** – story of Scripture review and p. **11** of workbook – “Let’s Get Started”

9:55–10:00 – Quick Whole Group Recap

Main Takeaways:

We want our kids to walk away knowing that:

- God is the main character of the Bible!
- God gave us His word because He wants us to know Him, to know what is true and to have a relationship with Him.
- They are never too young to read and study God's word! It is for everyone... including them!

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

10:00 – 10:10 – Wrap Up Game

Game: Roll the Dice and Classroom Expectations

Supplies: Big Dice

Have the class make a large circle. Go around the circle, having each child roll the dice and answer the question that goes with the corresponding number.

- 1. What's your favorite food?
- 2. Do you have a pet?
- 3. Tell us about your family
- 4. Where do you go to school?
- 5. What's your favorite ice-cream flavor?
- 6. Share one exciting thing you did this summer

Take some time to review class expectations: Use the LEFC Kids Expecations poster and fill in the sections with examples that the kids come up with.

We are kind

• Use kind words -Welcome others - Take turns

We are safe

• Keep hands to yourself - Stay in classroom/with your class - Use games/supplies -Walk. - Sit on chairs or on the floor

We are good listeners

• Follow directions the first time - Raise your hand when you'd like to talk - One person talking at a time

We make good choices

• Clean up games/snacks - Participate with your group - Use bathroom at appropriate times

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.)