

# Week 1 – Elementary

## Large Group Script



### Need to Know

I Will Listen!

### Bible Story

God Speaks to Samuel

1 Samuel 3

### Proverb

*“Let wise people listen and add to what they’ve learned.” Proverbs 1:5*

#### Characters:

- 📖 **JORDAN** – Jordan is a student at Springside. He/she tends to be more sensible and responsible than Zippy. Jordan loves coming to school and everything involved with school...even Chef Cook’s crazy school lunches!
- 📖 **ZIPPY** – Zippy is a student at Springside. He/she tends to be more off the wall and hyper than Jordan. Zippy loves coming to school because Springside is awesome, but doesn’t really love the hard work and dedication that schoolwork takes. He/she is grossed out by Chef Cook’s school lunches.
- 📖 **MRS. WISE (video)** – Jordan and Zippy’s teacher at Springside. She is not actually a person, but is a virtual classroom. Each day, she gives the lunch menu, other announcements, and wise words for the students to take to heart!
- 📖 **MR. WRIGHT (video)** – The principal of Springside School. Mr. Wright helps the students know how to make wise choices so their hearts can be on the right path!
- 📖 **COACH COUCH (video)** – The gym teacher at Springside. Coach Couch not only brings the fun and games, but he also brings some wisdom from Proverbs!

#### Props:

- 📖 **Backpacks** (2) – Jordan and Zippy each carry onstage; they hold the **game supplies**
- 📖 **Game Supplies** (2 sets) - one set inside each backpack
  - **Pencils**
  - **Large Pink Erasers**
  - **Spiral Notebooks**
  - **Rulers**
  - **Glue Sticks**
  - **10 other miscellaneous items** –not necessarily school related (Ex: Styrofoam cup, toy car, folder, jacket, post-it notes, water bottle, wig, etc.)
- 📖 **Large Candy Prize** - replace for each service
- 📖 **Small Candy Prize** - replace for each service

**PLAY Environmental Music in iTunes** (until Counter fires)

**FIRE: WU\_ES\_Counter**

**AUTO ADVANCE: WU\_ES\_Teaching** (Logo with Teaching Music)

*Worship leader(s) take stage.*

**LIGHTS AT 100%**

### **WORSHIP LEADER**

I'm so glad you are all here for our new series, Wise Up, where we are learning how to be wise at Springside School! Springside is different from any other school in the whole world! You'll see what I mean in just a few minutes, but right now, we are going to have fun learning a new song! Everyone stand up and follow along with me to learn the motions!

**LIGHTS DOWN**

**FIRE: WU\_ES\_Song** ("Wise Up")

**AUTO ADVANCE: WU\_ES\_Teaching** (Logo w/ Teaching Music)

**LIGHTS AT 100%**

That was awesome! Everyone can take a seat. We're about to head over to Springside School and meet up with some of my friends named Jordan and Zippy. If you're so excited to see what's so wacky about this school, then put three fingers in the air and count it down with me! Ready? 3...2...1...ACTION!

*Worship leader(s) exit.*

## **ACT 1: Welcome Back**

**LIGHTS DOWN**

**FIRE: WU\_ES\_Opener**

**AUTO ADVANCE: WU\_ES\_Acting 1** (Classroom w/ Acting Music)

**LIGHTS AT 100%**

**JORDAN** and **ZIPPY** enter, carrying **backpacks**. They are excited to see their new classroom, but they are out of breath from climbing all the stairs to the 15th floor!

### **JORDAN**

*(Trying to catch breath)* Woah. I've never climbed 15 flights of stairs in my life! Why does our classroom have to be on the 15th floor? *(Taking off **backpack** while Zippy is talking, continuing to try and catch breath)*

### **ZIPPY**

*(Taking off **backpack** and collapsing on the floor - tired from walking, but trying to stay positive)* Hey, at least it's not on the 25th floor. Those kids have it rough!

**JORDAN**

*(Seeing Zippy's point)* You have a point there, Zippy. I guess the 15th floor isn't that bad. At least I'll get in really good shape this year! *(Starting to look around classroom, amazed)* Look at all the stuff in our room!

**ZIPPY**

*(Standing up, still kind of catching breath)* Hey Jordan, you know what I don't see in our classroom? Our teacher. The sign outside the door says this is Mrs. Wise's class...buuuuuut I'm not seeing anyone. *(To kids in audience)* Do you guys see a teacher around here?

**KIDS**

No!

**FIRE: WU\_ES\_Wk1\_Welcome (Mrs. Wright)**

**MRS. WISE**

Welcome students! I'm your teacher, Mrs. Wise. Please have a seat in your desks so the rear-end scanners can take attendance.

**AUTO ADVANCE: WU\_ES\_Acting 1 (Classroom w/ Acting Music)**

**ZIPPY**

*(Looking all around classroom, trying to find whose voice that is)* Did the classroom just talk to us????

**JORDAN**

*(In awe, also looking around)* That. Is. THE. COOOLLESSTT! Best school year ever!!

**ZIPPY**

*(Walking over to desks, looking closely at the seat of the desk, inspecting it)* So there's a rear end scanner IN our desks? How do you think it recognizes our rear ends?

**JORDAN**

*(Sitting down, in amazement of all the cool stuff in the room)* I have NO idea, but let's find out!

**ZIPPY**

*(Going along with it, sitting down in desk, changing the subject, excited)* So what do you think we'll have for lunch today? Square pizza? Cheese Sticks? Chocolate milk?

**JORDAN**

*(Also excited)* I have no idea, but I've heard that the new lunch lady makes some pretty crazy stuff!

**ZIPPY**

*(Interjecting; curious)* I hope you mean crazy awesome!

**LIGHTS AT 50%**

**FIRE: WU\_ES\_Wk1\_Wise Words (Mrs. Wise)**

**MRS. WISE**

Heeeellllloooooo class! We are all SO excited for a new school year at Springside! You are in for quite an adventure this year! But no adventure is ready without a nourishing lunch!

**During video, JORDAN and ZIPPY react to the lunch menu - JORDAN by rubbing his/her belly and thinking the food looks delicious. ZIPPY by making gross faces and gagging.**

**MRS. WISE**

Your lunch menu for today is Chef Cook's famous spaghetti along with some freshly baked bread. But don't worry! Here at Springside, we never send kids home without dessert! Today's dessert will be ice cream!

Your related arts today will be gym, so lace up those shoes and get ready to shoot some touchdowns and kick some baskets!

Before you get started in your new school year, I want to give you some wise words from Proverbs 1:5. It says "Let wise people listen and add to what they've learned." As you are going about your day at Springside, you can wise up by LISTENING to what is going on around you and then adding to what you've learned! Ta-ta for now!

**AUTO ADVANCE: WU\_ES\_Hamster SFX (Classroom w/ Hamster SFX)**

**AUTO ADVANCE: WU\_ES\_Acting 1 (Classroom w/ Acting Music)**

**LIGHTS AT 100%**

**JORDAN**

*(Hearing the hamster, but not knowing what to do)* Zippy! Did you hear that? I thought I heard something.

**ZIPPY**

*(Still hung up on the gross lunch menu)* No! I didn't hear anything! I was too busy thinking about how gross that lunch menu was! GREEN spaghetti? And WORMS in my ice cream? *(Gag)*

**JORDAN**

*(Not grossed out, kind of excited)* I thought it looked pretty good. It's not every day that you get such a wide variety of foods!

**ZIPPY**

*(Can't believe what Jordan just said)* You're kidding, right?

**JORDAN**

*(Genuine)* No, not at all! I've always heard it's good to have color on your plate!

## **ACT 2: Teaching Video**

**ZIPPY**

*(Looking around the room)* So NOW what are we supposed to do? *(Looking at seat of desk)* Do you think it's ok for me to get off the rear-end scanner? Is there an alarm that will trigger anything?

**FIRE: WU\_ES\_Beep\_SFX** (Classroom w/ Beep SFX)

**AUTO ADVANCE: WU\_ES\_Acting\_1** (Classroom w/ Acting Music)

**ZIPPY** and **JORDAN** stand up from desks, kind of panicked from the sound they heard.

**JORDAN**

(Looking around) Where did that come from? (Clarifying) You heard that, right?

**ZIPPY**

(Going over toward chalkboard) Yeah, I heard it. I thought it came from inside this chalkboard. (Starts looking around chalkboard for a button or something)

**FIRE: WU\_ES\_Wk1\_Teaching\_Video** (Mr. Wright)

**AUTO ADVANCE: WU\_ES\_Acting\_1** (Classroom w/ Acting Music)

**MR. WRIGHT**

Hello students! (Pause)

**ZIPPY**

(Scared by Mr. Wright coming up on chalkboard, falls backward) Ah! (Stays sitting on the ground throughout Mr. Wright's Bible Story)

**JORDAN** moves to side so that kids can see screen.

**LIGHTS DOWN**

**MR. WRIGHT**

Ahhhhh...the first day of school! My FAVORITE day of the whole year! Tied with the second day of school, the third day of school, the fourth day of school...basically EVERY day at Springside is my favorite! I know that some of you might not be used to how we do things here at Springside. For example, our dodgeballs go the opposite way that you throw them!

It can be easy to get used to things around here if you simply LISTEN and add to what you learn about Springside! In fact, I have a story for you about how important it is to listen! You see, there was once a young boy named Howie. Howie's class was on the 11th floor, the camping floor, where each student had their own tent. While Howie was reading in his tent, he heard a strange beeping sound. He thought it was the microwave in the classroom going off, so Howie said to his teacher, "Miss. B, I think the popcorn is done!" Miss. B responded and said, "Howie, I'm not making popcorn! Go back to your reading."

This happened TWO more times and when Howie heard the sound a THIRD time, he asked Miss. B to check the microwave, AGAIN! Miss. B said, "Howie, I think I know what the beeping is. Remember that Proverbs 1:5 says, "Let wise people listen and add to what they've learned." Listen up for the beeping. The next time you hear it, press the button on the inside of your tent."

So Howie did just that. When he heard the beeping a fourth time he hit the button inside his tent. Right then, a giant spring launched him forward right before the whole tent exploded! Because Howie listened to the beeping and learned what to do, he saved himself from going ka-boom! On that day Howie realized that wise people listen and add to what they've learned.

Howie went on to become the current principal of Springside School. That's right! I'm Howie Wright, or as you know me, Mr. Wright. Because I saw how important it was to listen, I started learning how to make right choices.

So as you are getting started in this new year, make sure you LISTEN and add to what you've learned about Springside School! Catch ya later!

**AUTO ADVANCE: WU\_ES\_Acting 1 (Classroom w/ Acting Music)**

**LIGHTS AT 100%**

**ZIPPY**

*(Standing up)* All right. I learned three things from that. Number one – tents can explode!

**JORDAN**

*(Standing up, can't believe that's what Zippy learned from all of that)* Really? THAT'S what you learned?

**ZIPPY**

*(Getting defensive)* I wasn't done! I said I had three things! Number two - when you hear that alert sound, don't stand so close to the chalkboard, and number three - it is really important to keep your ears open and listen for things around here so you know what to do!

**JORDAN**

*(Agreeing)* Yeah, no kidding! Mr. Wright is probably the wisest person I know, and he got to be that way by listening to the things and people around him, and then making good choices based on what he learned.

**ACT 3: Gametime!**

**FIRE: WU\_ES\_Alert SFX 1 (Classroom w/ Alert SFX)**

**AUTO ADVANCE: WU\_ES\_Acting 1 (Classroom w/ Acting Music)**

**JORDAN**

*(Reacting to sound, urgent)* Speaking of listening to the things around us, WHAT was that???

**ZIPPY**

*(Looking around)* I have no idea! It's not Mrs. Wise talking to us. It's not the chalkboard with an announcement!

**FLICKER LIGHTS UP AND DOWN**

**JORDAN**

*(Questioning)* Do you think this is some kind of fire drill? *(To kids in audience)* What do you think it is?

**KIDS**

*(Various responses)*

**JORDAN**

(Acknowledging kids responses) Maybe you're right! I guess we'll just have to wait and see!

**FIRE: WU\_ES\_Gym (Elevator Transition)**

**AUTO ADVANCE: WU\_ES\_Acting 3 (Gym w/ Acting Music)**

**During the video elevator ride, JORDAN and ZIPPY aren't prepared for an elevator, so they fall down, roll around, bump into each other, etc. The more dramatic, the better! When the elevator lands in the gym, they should be lying flat on the ground.**

**ZIPPY**

(As if just waking up, confused, standing up) Whaaat was that?

**JORDAN**

(Looking around, standing up) Zippy, we're in the gym! (Getting excited) Do you know what that means?

**ZIPPY**

(Confused) It's time for related arts?

**JORDAN**

(Trying to explain) No, no, no! It means that our classroom is actually an elevator! One second, we were in our classroom on the 15th floor and the next second, we're in the gym!

**ZIPPY**

(Amazed) This is definitely the COOLEST school ever!

**FIRE: WU\_ES\_Wk1\_Game Instructions 1 (Coach Couch)**

**COACH COUCH**

Welcome to the gym! I'm Coach Couch and as you might have noticed, our gym is at the top of the school! So make sure you watch your step. But if you do happen to fall off, don't worry, there's a giant trampoline surrounding the 21<sup>st</sup> floor. You'll just bounce right back up here!

Now that we have all the safety rules out of the way, let's play a game! The name of the game is "School Supply Scramble and here's how you play. I need two students. Each student will have a backpack and some school supplies.

I will name FIVE things that you actually need in your backpack in order to be ready for school! You need to LISTEN carefully in order to play this game. On "GO," you will sort through all your items to find those five things. Once you find them, place them inside your backpack, zip it up, put it on and say "I'm ready for school!"

I'll go get my supplies while you figure out who's playing today!

**AUTO ADVANCE: WU\_ES\_Acting 3 (Gym w/ Acting Music)**

**While JORDAN is finding contestants, ZIPPY will empty the game supplies out of their backpacks into two piles.**

**JORDAN**

*(Looking out into audience) Who wants to play this game? (Go into audience and choose two contestants)*

*(Once students are on stage) Ok, what are your names? (Allow kids to share names) And do you remember how to play this game? (Allow responses – review instructions if needed) Okay, I think you're ready.*

**FIRE: WU\_ES\_Wk1\_Game Instructions 2 (Coach Couch)**

**COACH COUCH**

Ok students, listen carefully! Here are the five things you need to put into your backpack: a NOTEBOOK, a RULER, a GLUE STICK, a PENCIL, and an ERASER! Now, everyone say "3...2...1...GO" with me. Ready? 3...2...1...GO!

**AUTO ADVANCE: WU\_ES\_Acting 4 (Gym w/ Game Music)**

**JORDAN**

*(Congratulating winner) It looks like \_\_\_\_\_ is our winner! Great job! (Picking up Large Candy Prize from the ground and giving it to child) Here's a prize for winning! But don't worry \_\_\_\_\_ (Second place contestant)! We have something for you, too! (Picking up Small Candy Prize and giving it to child)*

**FIRE: WU\_ES\_Acting 3 (Gym w/ Acting Music)**

**ZIPPY**

*(Teaching) Woah! So if \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ (Game contestants) hadn't listened carefully to what Coach Couch said, then they wouldn't have been able to make the right choices of school supplies to put into their backpacks!*

**JORDAN**

You're so right, Zippy! Looks like once again, it's important to listen!

## **ACT 4: Hamster Time**

**FIRE: WU\_ES\_Alert SFX 2 (Gym w/ Alert SFX)**

**AUTO ADVANCE: WU\_ES\_Acting 3 (Gym w/ Acting Music)**

**JORDAN**

*(Ready for action) We know what that means! Now that we know to listen for that alert sound, we can be ready to react!*

**ZIPPY**

*(Running over and sitting in desk, sitting down) I'm gonna sit down on the weird rear-end scanner and hold on this time!*

**FLICKER LIGHTS UP AND DOWN**

**JORDAN**

*(Also sitting down in desk) I think I'm going to join you!*

**FIRE: WU\_ES\_Classroom** (Elevator Transition)

**AUTO ADVANCE: WU\_ES\_Hamster SFX** (Classroom w/ Hamster SFX)

**AUTO ADVANCE: WU\_ES\_Acting 1** (Classroom w/ Acting Music)

While **JORDAN** and **ZIPPY** are “riding” the elevator, they should grip onto desks, or each other at different times. They can lean to the LEFT, as if the elevator is moving really fast. At one point, **ZIPPY** can raise hands, as if on a roller coaster.

When they arrive in the classroom, they can stand up.

**ZIPPY**

(Excited) Man! Our classroom MOVES! (Starts thinking) I wonder where else it can go...(Starts mumbling to self while Jordan is talking) Can it go to the grocery store? An amusement park? The candy store?

**JORDAN**

(Not paying any attention to Zippy's mumblings) I heard that noise again! I wonder where it's coming from!

**ZIPPY**

(Curious) What noise?

**JORDAN**

It sounds like this - (Imitating the hamster sound). It's gotta be something. We've learned that when we listen and hear that beeping sound, something is coming up on the chalkboard. And when we hear that alert sound, that means the classroom is about to move! But I can't figure out what to do when we hear that other noise.

**ZIPPY**

(Noticing cage with hamster) Do you think it means that the hamster is hungry?

**JORDAN**

(Walking over to Zippy) I never noticed this before! I bet that's exactly what that sound was! (Picking up hamster food and putting some in aquarium) Here ya go little fella. Sorry we haven't fed you yet. (Reading name on aquarium) Hey! It says his name is Eduardo!

**ZIPPY**

(Exhausted) Man! It has been a long day today! We did so much. And there is definitely a lot about Springside School that I need to learn!

**JORDAN**

I know! But as long as we keep listening, we'll be able to add SO much to what we've learned!

**FIRE: WU\_ES\_Bell SFX 1** (Classroom w/ School Bell SFX)

**AUTO ADVANCE: WU\_ES\_Acting 1** (Classroom w/ Acting Music)

**ZIPPY**

(Suddenly very awake) Hey! I don't have to learn what that means! That bell means school is over for today! It's time to go!

**JORDAN**

*(Waving to kids in audience) See ya tomorrow!*

**ZIPPY** and **JORDAN** exit.

**LIGHTS DOWN**

**FIRE: WU\_ES\_Teaching** (Text w/ Teaching Music.)

**LIGHTS AT 100%**

*Worship leaders take stage.*

## **WORSHIP/WRAP UP**

### **WORSHIP LEADER**

This is one CRAZY school! Who had fun at Springside School today? *(Allow kids to respond)* Let's review a few of the things that happened here at SpringSide:

- **What did Mr. Wright tell us was important to do at Springside: LISTEN or LIFT WEIGHTS?** (LISTEN)
- **When we listen to God, our parents, our teachers, and our small group leaders, what do we get more of: green spaghetti or wisdom?** (Wisdom)
- **What book can we read to get more wisdom?** (The Bible)

Exactly! When we listen to what God says in the Bible and apply it to our lives, we are being wise! We can become wiser by listening to what people in charge tell us. And that's what we need to know today, so everyone say this after me while you stay sitting down:

**FIRE: WU\_ES\_Wk1\_N2K** (Text w/ Teaching Music)

**"I Will Listen!"**

*(Optional Motions) "I Will (point to self) Listen! (cup hand behind ear)"*

Awesome job! This week, as you head to school, think about how important it is to listen to your teachers and principals. You can also listen to God and what He says in the Bible! Remember that when you listen, you will become wise!

Before you go back to small groups, let's pray! So everyone close your eyes and bow your heads like this. *(Bow your head and close eyes)*

Prayer: **Heavenly Father, thank you for giving us the Bible so we can read it and become wiser. Help us to listen to our parents and teachers this week so we can wise up and make good choices! We love you! Amen.**

*(Dismiss kids)*

**FIRE: WU\_ES\_Outro**