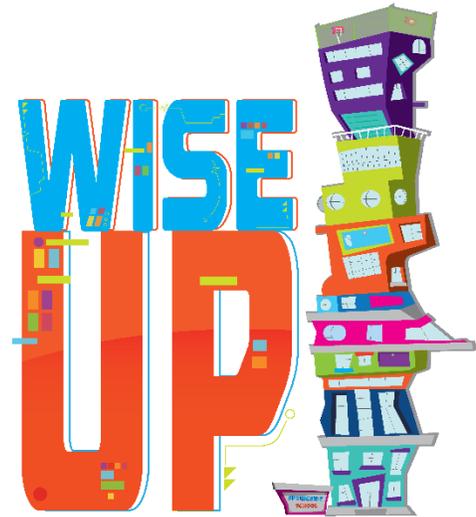


Week 4 – Elementary

Large Group Script



Need to Know

I Will Not Quit!

Bible Story

Noah Obey's God

Genesis 6-8

Proverb

"The lazy will not get what they want, but those who work hard will." Proverbs 13:4

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!
-  **EDUARDO (video)** - Jordan and Zippy's class pet. Eduardo is a hamster who helps the students understand what it means to not quit!

Props:

-  **Backpacks** (2) – Jordan and Zippy each carry onstage
-  **Shoelaces** – in Zippy's pocket
-  **Chocolate Bar** – in Jordan's backpack; replace for each service

PLAY Environmental Music in iTunes (until Counter fires)

FIRE: WU_ES_Counter

AUTO ADVANCE: WU_ES_Teaching (Logo w/ Teaching Music)

Worship leader(s) take stage.

LIGHTS AT 100%

WORSHIP LEADER

What is up everyone? If you're so excited to be back here with us today, let me hear ya say "Yea-uh!!" (*Allow kids to respond*) That sounded awesome. We've been hanging out with our friends at Springside School and learning how we can wise up. But before we go meet up with them, let's all stand up and sing a song!

LIGHTS DOWN

FIRE: WU_ES_Song ("*Wise Up*")

AUTO ADVANCE: WU_ES_Teaching (*Logo w/ Teaching Music*)

LIGHTS AT 100%

Great job! Everyone can take a seat. Last week, we learned about working hard. Mrs. Wise taught us that lazy people will not get what they want, but those who work hard will. Jordan and Zippy decided they were going to work hard, but let's meet up with them and see if they are still living up to that choice. Everyone count it down with me! Ready? 3...2...1...ACTION!

Worship leader(s) exit.

ACT 1: Big Contest

LIGHTS DOWN

FIRE: WU_ES_Opener

AUTO ADVANCE: WU_ES_Acting 1 (*Classroom w/ Acting Music*)

LIGHTS AT 100%

JORDAN and **ZIPPY** enter, both carrying backpacks. They run in as if they just raced up the stairs and **ZIPPY** wins.

ZIPPY

(*Out of breath*) YES! I won! (*Still trying to catch breath while Jordan is talking*)

JORDAN

(*Also out of breath*) I gotta hand it to you. It was hard work sprinting up 15 flights of stairs and you beat me by a good six steps!

ZIPPY

(*Wiping forehead as if sweating*) Yeah. I started getting tired around the seventh floor, but I didn't quit.

JORDAN

(*Finally catching breath*) Hey, you know what I started thinking about around the third floor? How we need to work out our plan for that big contest coming up.

ZIPPY

(*As if remembering the contest*) Oh yeah! The solar system contest? I've never heard of a school contest that involved students building a solar system out of items found at the trash dump.

JORDAN

(Adding on, kind of frazzled at difficulty of assignment) AND it has to be powered by an actual animal. The earth has to rotate around the sun 365 times in order for the judges to even consider our solar system!

ZIPPY

(Trying to think of ideas) I went to the trash dump last night to look for some ideas to make our solar system the BEST, but all I found was an old pizza and these shoelaces. *(Pulls shoelaces out of pocket to show Jordan)*

JORDAN

(Confused) Well what happened to the old pizza you found?

When ZIPPY admits to eating the pizza, JORDAN makes a disgusted face at the thought of eating pizza from a trash dump.

ZIPPY

(Matter of factly) Oh, I ate it. *(Seeing Jordan's reaction, defending)* It was a meat lover's pizza! You can't let a leftover piece of pizza with BACON on it go to waste! *(Places shoelaces back in pocket)*

JORDAN

(Still grossed out, but ready to move on) Ew. That's so gross. Annnnnnd it's also not helpful. What are we gonna do? *(Motivated by reward)* I REALLY want the reward for winning this contest! I mean, a year's supply of edible number two pencils would be the best thing ever! *(Moving toward desk while Zippy is talking)*

ZIPPY

(Thinking) Do you think they'll be chocolate? *(Also moving toward desk and sitting down)*

JORDAN

(Concerned) Ummm, no. If they were chocolate, people might get them confused with the OTHER kind of number two...if you know what I mean. *(Waving hand in front of face as if smelling something bad, sits down in desk)*

ZIPPY

(Grimacing) Oooooohhhhhh, good point. Yeah, let's hope they're NOT chocolate. *(Ready to give up)* I don't know, I don't really feel like making a solar system. Maybe we should just call it quits and order an already-made one off of shmamazon.com.

JORDAN and ZIPPY sit at desks.

ACT 2: Wise Words

LIGHTS AT 50%

FIRE: WU ES Wk4 Wise Words (Mrs. Wise)

MRS. WISE

Helloooooo class! Thank you for having a seat on your rear end scanners. I'm happy to see that we have perfect attendance today!

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

MRS. WISE

That means all of you will get to enjoy today's the lunch menu! Today, we will have a green bean sandwich as well as some carrot soup. This will all be finished off with some delicious dessert...Chef Cook's beet filled donuts!

You might remember some wise words that we talked about yesterday. They were from Proverbs 13:4, which says "The lazy will not get what they want, but those who work hard will." Today, I want you to wise up by remembering that no matter how hard it might be to do something, you should never quit! Now, I hope all of you are working hard on your solar systems for the big contest! I can't wait to see how you do!

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 hamster sound) Oh yeah! Eduardo! We forgot to feed him when we came in. *(Walking over to hamster cage and feeding Eduardo while Zippy is talking)*

ZIPPY

(Standing up, realizing the error of his/her ways before) Hey Jordan, I'm sorry. After what Mrs. Wise said, I realize that we shouldn't quit on making that solar system for the contest. And I definitely shouldn't order one off of shmamazon.com. I mean, we do have very specific instructions about how to create it, and I know that if we work together, we'll figure it out!

JORDAN

(Coming to stand beside Zippy, places a hand on Zippy's shoulder) I understand, Zippy. *(Changing subjects)* But ya know, all this talk about hard work made me hungry...and tired.

ZIPPY

(Surprised) Wait, TALKING about working hard made you hungry and tired?

JORDAN

*(Reaching into **backpack** to get **chocolate bar**)* Yep. I just need a little snack to hold me over until later. *(Unwraps **chocolate bar** and starts eating, then sits down in desk, puts feet up and arms behind head - totally relaxing)*

ZIPPY

(Seeing Jordan's candy bar) Hey! Where'd you get that? *(Getting an attitude)* And why didn't you bring one for me?

JORDAN

(Shrugging shoulders) I saw it when I was walking into school this morning. It was right by the corner of the building. *(Taking a bite and talking with mouth full)* Finders keepers.

ACT 3: The School is Falling!

FIRE: WU_ES_Wk4_Tilt 1 (*Transition into Tilted Classroom*)

AUTO ADVANCE: WU_ES_Acting 8 (*Tilted Classroom w/ Acting Music*)

JORDAN and **ZIPPY** react to the school tilting by falling, rolling toward their right, and **JORDAN** drops the chocolate bar in the process.

ZIPPY

(Trying to stand up, but it's hard) What's happening? Why is the school falling over?

JORDAN

(Curling up into a little ball) I'm too young to die! Mommy...someone... save us!!!

FIRE: WU_ES_Wk4_Caution (*Mrs. Wise V/O*)

MRS. WISE

Hello Class. It seems as though the elephants on the 22nd floor have moved to the other side of the building. Don't worry though, there is no reason to panic or call your mommy. Please report to your emergency stations until further notice.

AUTO ADVANCE: WU_ES_Acting 8 (*Tilted Classroom w/ Acting Music*)

ZIPPY

(Freaking out - the more dramatic the better!) WHAT'S GOING ON?!?!?!?!? *(Finally able to stand up while Jordan is talking)*

JORDAN

(Still trying to stand up) I guess this is the problem with a 25 story school! If the top gets too heavy, the whole school might just fall down!

ZIPPY

(Standing up, but struggling to stay that way, still freaking out) Then what are WE supposed to do? What are our emergency stations???? We haven't had a "School Falling Down Drill"!!!

FIRE: WU_ES_Wk4_Mrs. Wise (*Tilted Classroom w/ Voiceover*)

MRS. WISE

Attention students! It appears that the school is in fact about to tip over! Looks like we're going to have to cancel our related arts for today. So sorry about that. Now, carry on!

AUTO ADVANCE: WU_ES_Acting 8 (*Tilted Classroom w/ Acting Music*)

ZIPPY

(Suddenly thinking of something) Hey! Jordan! I've got an idea! What if we just push the school back the other way?

JORDAN

(Not thinking about falling school for a second, focused on biceps, shows both bicep muscles) Sounds like a job for these guys. *(Kisses each bicep)* Ooooooh yeah.

ZIPPY

(Grabbing Jordan's arm, pulling him/her toward the other side of the room) Will you stop it? C'mon, let's just try getting our weight over onto the other side of the classroom. Maybe if we can do that, then we can push the school back into place. It'll be hard, but we can't quit!

JORDAN

(Agreeing) Ok, let's try!

JORDAN and ZIPPY *try walking toward the other side of the classroom - pretending like they are walking up a steep hill. It's really hard and they keep falling down or rolling backward. As they are going, they can grunt or be out of breath from working hard. Once they finally reach the other side of the room, they continue with their lines.*

ZIPPY

(Out of breath) We made it! *(Looking at backdrop, noticing no change, starting to panic)* But nothing's happening!

JORDAN

(Also panicking) We've gotta think of something else to do!

ZIPPY

(Getting another idea) What if we jump as hard as we can and try one last time to get the school into place? *(To kids)* All of you can help us, too! Stand up and jump with us on the count of three!

JORDAN

(Once kids stand up) Ready?

ZIPPY & JORDAN together

1...2...3!

JORDAN and ZIPPY *jump on "THREE."*

JORDAN

(Surveying the room) Still nothing! *(To kids)* Thanks for your help! But it looks like we're gonna need a new plan! And this is getting to be really hard...and I NEED the rest of my chocolate bar! *(Starts to slowly leave Zippy's side and walk back toward where the **chocolate bar** fell)*

ZIPPY

(Reaching out toward Jordan) NOOOOOOOO! Jordan don't quit! I can't do this alone! We don't want the school to fall down! If you want the school to straighten back up, then you can't quit on me!

JORDAN

*(Reaching for **chocolate bar**)* Zippy, I don't think anything we do will make a difference. The school is past saving. The only thing I can do now is sit back and enjoy my candy bar. *(Taking another bite of the **chocolate bar**, relaxing)* Ahhhhh...this is the life!

ZIPPY

(Going over and grabbing Jordan and pulling him/her back over) Come ON, Jordan! *(Noticing Eduardo)* Oh no! Look! Eduardo's cage is about to fall! *(Grabbing Eduardo's cage and holding on to it tight)*

JORDAN

*(Taking another bite of the **chocolate bar**)* Zippy! Just give it a break! There's nothing else we can do. If we quit now, I can finish this whole chocolate bar before the school falls completely over!

ACT 4: Eduardo?

FIRE: WU_ES_Tilt 2 *(Transition into Normal Classroom)*

AUTO ADVANCE: WU_ES_Acting 1 *(Classroom w/ Acting Music)*

ZIPPY

(Relieved, acting as if this is the most dramatic thing that has ever happened) We're alive! WE'RE ALIVE!!!!!! *(Starts kissing Eduardo's cage)* I'm so happy we're alive!!!

JORDAN

*(Taking another bite of **chocolate bar**)* I told you we'd be fine!

FIRE: WU_ES_Wk4_Mr. Wright *(Classroom w/ Voiceover)*

MR. WRIGHT

Attention Springside, it seems that the chocolate bar holding up the corner of the school is missing, which would explain why it was tilting. I've placed one of Chef Cook's beet filled donuts under the corner of the school to hold it up, so everything should be back to normal!

AUTO ADVANCE: WU_ES_Acting 1 *(Classroom w/ Acting Music)*

ZIPPY

(Eyeing Jordan suspiciously) Uhhhh...Jordan? Where did you say you found that chocolate bar?

JORDAN

*(Taking last bite of **chocolate bar**, talking with mouth full, innocently)* I didn't know this chocolate bar was so important!

ZIPPY

(Getting to the matter at hand, upset) Look Jordan, even if you DIDN'T have that chocolate bar, you still quit on me when we were trying to tilt the school back. If you quit on trying to save the school, how do I know you won't quit on the solar system contest?

JORDAN

(Convicted) Oh, I never thought about it that way. I'm sorry, Zippy. I know that our hard work will pay off on that solar system, and I promise that I won't quit on you.

ZIPPY

(Relieved, happy) Good. I'm so glad, Jordan! *(Setting Eduardo's cage back in its place, sighing)* If only there was a way for us to talk to Eduardo and convince him to help us power the solar system.

FIRE: WU_ES_Hamster SFX *(Classroom w/ Hamster SFX)*

AUTO ADVANCE: WU_ES_Acting 1 *(Classroom w/ Acting Music)*

JORDAN

(Confused) Did Eduardo just respond to you?

ZIPPY

(Also confused) I think he did...

JORDAN and **ZIPPY** both bend down to get on Eduardo's level out of the way of the screen.

LIGHTS DOWN

FIRE: WU_ES_Wk4_Teaching Video (Eduardo)

EDUARDO

Hola mis amigos. Si, you heard it right. I am talking to you. In my days here at Springside, I have helped mucho students with this contest. I am a very good planet rotation maker.

In fact, last year, there was one student in particular that I helped with this contest. He gave me very, very specific instructions on what to do. He showed me how my wheel would hook up to the planets.

So sad for me, this student that I helped decided to make his solar system out of....hmmm...how you say...bowling balls. So it was heavier than a jumbo 7-layer burrito! But I listened to my instructions, and I did them exactly as he told me. I ran fast when I was supposed to run fast and I slowed down when I was supposed to slow down.

On the day of the contest, I was prepared as best as I could. I had drank my Gatorade, eaten my protein bar, and even did the stretches! But most important of all I remembered Proverb 13:4 "The lazy will not get what they want but those who work hard will." Ey ey ey, so I worked as hard as I could to make those planets rotate and I did not quit. No way Jose! Even when the wood chips got caught in my hamster wheel and my sweat made the wheel slippery, I did not quit on my friend! And that is what I promise to you. I will not quit and I will help you with your solar system. The student I helped last year won first place, and I will not quit until you have won first place, too.

AUTO ADVANCE: WU_ES_Acting 1 (Classroom w/ Acting Music)

LIGHTS AT 100%

ZIPPY

(Excited, standing up) This is great! Oh, this is such great news!

JORDAN

(Standing up, also excited, celebrating) I know right?! Eduardo is going to help us with our contest!

ZIPPY

(Pausing, confused) No, I was talking about how this is great news that animals CAN talk! I KNEW it! *(Realizing that he/she should be focused on the solar system)* But, yeah, totally the other thing, too.

JORDAN

(Ready to get going) So if Eduardo is going to be the animal we use to power our solar system, then we need to get going on building it!

ZIPPY

(Now ready to go as well) You're right! And we need to get Eduardo ready to run!

FIRE: WU_ES_Bell SFX 1 *(Classroom w/ Bell SFX; School Bell that dismisses students)*

AUTO ADVANCE: WU_ES_Acting 1 *(Classroom w/ Acting Music)*

JORDAN

(Picking up Eduardo's cage) Perfect timing! Let's go work on our solar system! *(Reassuring Eduardo and Zippy)* And this time, I promise not to quit on you...even if I DO see a chocolate bar.

ZIPPY

(Comforted) Thanks, Jordan, now...let's go to a trash dump!! *(Commenting to self)* That's a sentence I NEVER thought I would say!

(While exiting) Also, can we just talk about the fact that our school almost fell over today????

ZIPPY and JORDAN exit, taking Eduardo's cage with them.

LIGHTS DOWN

FIRE: WU_ES_Teaching *(Text w/ Teaching Music)*

LIGHTS AT 100%

Worship leaders take stage.

WORSHIP/WRAP UP

WORSHIP LEADER

Woah. That might be one of the craziest things I've ever seen. Not only did Eduardo talk to Jordan and Zippy, but he's even going to help them win this contest! Well, I had so much fun today, but let's talk about what happened.

- **What made Jordan quit on Zippy the first time?** (Jordan wanted his/her chocolate bar)
- **When they decided not to quit, Jordan and Zippy got something they needed to power their solar system. What was it?!** (Eduardo the hamster) **That's why our proverb of the week says that those who work hard will get what they want!**
- **Is the solar system contest going to be hard work for Jordan and Zippy?** (Yes) **But are they going to quit?** (No)

Hey, I've definitely thought about quitting before. I know that you might want to quit when you are doing homework or practicing to play a sport or an instrument. But, it is wise to work hard and not to quit. In fact, that's what we need to know today. Can everyone say this after me?

FIRE: WU_ES_Wk4_N2K (Text w/ Teaching Music)

"I Will Not Quit!"

(Optional Motions) **"I Will** (point to self) **Not Quit!** (cross arms on chest)"

That sounded great! As you head to school this week, remember not to quit just because something is hard work! God will help you, and He'll reward you for your hard work! Tell ya what. Before you go to small group, let's pray together! Everyone close your eyes and bow your heads like this. (Bow your head and close eyes)

Prayer: **Heavenly Father, we know that some things in our lives will be hard to do. Please help us not to quit, even when things are hard. Thank you for all the ways you love us! We love you! Amen.**

(Dismiss kids)

FIRE: WU_ES_Outro