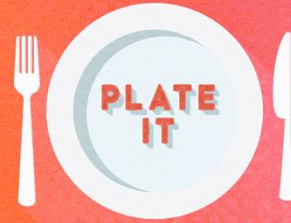


*Week of November 21
and December 1
ELEMENTARY LESSON GUIDE*



THE BIG IDEA

Step four, leave the results to God.

THE BIBLE

God Promises a Savior: Jeremiah 33:14-16;
Luke 21:29-33

LARGE GROUP TIME

WHAT? What are we talking about today?

GRADES 4/5 ACTIVITY | Matthew, Mark, Luke, John Game (START SLOW!!)

<https://youtu.be/v318ADSPzAU>

The basic action for each person in the game is:

1. slap their knees then
 2. claps their hands together,
 3. then click right hand fingers,
 4. then click left hand fingers,
- SLAP, CLAP, RIGHT, LEFT and get a rhythm going.

Do this now when you are reading this !!!

Matthew always starts and says "ready" and all start SLAP CLAP RIGHT LEFT 2 or 3 times until all are in rhythm.

Matthew says when slapping "Mathew"

Matthew says when clapping "to"

Matthew says when right click "7" (or any number)

Player 7 only has the left click to react.

Player 7 then says when slapping "7"

Player 7 says when clapping "to"

Player 7 says when right click "Luke" or any number or name

If you don't react fast enough you are out. Stop the actions

All with a higher number than you stand up and move up one seat and you go to the end (next to Matthew)

The number stays with the seat not the player. Name and number off again with new seat numbers. Matthew starts again. The aim is to end up on the sofa.

A lot easier to play than describe

A great time when you are filling an unknown period of time as you can just call LAST Round when it suits you.

SO WHAT? Why does it matter to God and to us?

BIBLE STORY | God Promises a Savior, **Supplies needed: printable**

- Get *plumped* because it's time to tune in to the Bible story segment of The Plate It Cooking Show! Shall we get some more cooks in the kitchen? I need three sous chefs to help me with the "ingredients" for this Bible story.

INSTRUCTIONS: *Prepare the Bible story scrolls by printing out the printable and rolling them up. Hide each scroll around the room before kids arrive. With the three sous chefs you picked, have each one find a scroll by playing "I Spy" (e.g., "The first ingredient I need is hidden behind something yellow.>"). Once all scrolls are found, tell today's story from Jeremiah 33: 14–16 by having them each read from the scroll they found in order (if your volunteers are not readers, have them hold up the scroll while you read it for them).*

- Jeremiah was one of God's prophets, like Elijah and Samuel, who spoke for God to the people who needed to hear God's message.
- Earlier in Jeremiah's career, God's people, the Israelites, were disobeying God big time! Jeremiah was sent by God to warn them that God would destroy their nation. Did they listen? *Sadly*, they chose not to listen to God's warning, so in the end, they were taken over by another kingdom.
- In this Bible story, God's people are still being held captive, but now, Jeremiah has a hopeful message from God!
- *[Read verse 14 from the first scroll.]*
 - De-*Sprite* the many times that the Israelites had messed up and disobeyed God, God loved them very much. God was going to enact the plan to save everyone.
- *[Read verse 15 from the second scroll.]*
 - A long time ago, God had promised to send someone to save them. The first clue of this Savior's identity is that they would come from the family of King David. And he would do only what is right. You might already know who God is telling Jeremiah about, but let's read on.
- *[Read verse 16 from the third scroll.]*

- The prophet was also told that this person would save all the people! **Do you know who this is, this "Lord, our Righteous Savior?"** Yes, Jesus!
- God promised to send a Savior to save them from what was keeping them captive. No, he wouldn't just rescue them from a ruler from another land. He would rescue the people from sin. We can sin by doing something we shouldn't, or by not doing something we should.
- But no matter the type of sin, Jesus put an end to ALL sin and made it possible for us to have a direct relationship with God. The people didn't know it yet at the time, but God was already in the process of sending everyone the Savior we all need!

BIG IDEA | Step four, leave the results to God, **Supplies needed: Plate with Big Idea written on it.**

It isn't just the Israelites who continuously disobeyed God. Humans, in general, mess up all the time! Thankfully, God had the end result in mind when God promised us a Savior. Let's say our Big Idea together. **Step four, leave the results to God.**

VIDEO | Plate It, Episode 4

DISCUSSION

- What message did Jeremiah give to God's people?
- Did God's people listen? What happened because they did not listen to God?
- What did God promise despite the people's disobedience?
- Read Jeremiah 33:14. God's good promise was made to the people of Israel and Judah. How does God's "good promise" apply to us today?
- God chose to save us even though humans continuously choose to disobey God. What does this tell us about God?
- What do you think the Kingdom of God will be like?
- How can knowing that God is taking care of the results help you serve God better? What will you do differently with this knowledge?

OBJECT LESSON | Seeds the Day, **Supplies needed: bucket, soil, seeds, water**

- Have you ever tried to grow food from a seed? It's not the easiest thing. You might think that you can just put the seed in some soil, then watch and see if it grows.

INSTRUCTIONS: *Put the seed in the soil. Pause and look intensely at the soil, like you're just waiting for something to happen.*

- While that might sometimes work, a lot of times, we have to do a little more than that! **What are some things that plants need?** They need water and sunlight!
 - *Pour some water over the soil*
 - *expose it to sunlight if possible*
 - *Fertilizer*

- We need to do our part to give it as much water and sunlight as it requires, but the results are still up in the air — it could end up growing into a large plant that provides lots of food for you, or maybe not.
- This is like how it is when we live life for God, except that the results are never up in the air. God already knows how things will end.
- We need to do our best to prepare ourselves for God and the things God has planned for us to do. As we trust God, talk to God, and listen to God, God shows us ways we can serve. We put our best *food* forward as we serve God, then we need to do **step four, leave the results to God!**

ACTIVITY | Piece of the Pie, **Supplies needed: Piece of the pie print out, tag board, pencil**

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** *Select eight volunteers or split into groups of eight. Hand each person a piece of the printable, which is just a small section of a larger image. Have them copy what they see on their piece onto a corresponding section on the large poster board you have prepared. Once everyone has drawn their section, the kids should be able to (roughly) tell what the image is!*
- The finished puzzle is absolutely *flantastic!* I love how everyone prepared a beautiful piece of the puzzle, and when we put all the pieces together, it resulted in a unique, one-of-a-kind picture!
- Today we're talking about how even when we can't figure out how something will turn out, we can be sure that God already knows the outcome!

BIBLE | Luke 21:29–33

INSTRUCTIONS: *Read Luke 21:29–33 aloud for the kids.*

- **PRETEEN HACK:** *Have kids come up with a list of things that might be considered "now," or having happened already, and a list of things that might be considered "not yet," or hasn't happened yet. Talk with preteens about we are waiting for the Savior even when the Savior had already come.*
- The prophets lived before Jesus came to earth, and an important role they had was helping people prepare for the promised Savior.
- We live in a time after Jesus came and died for our sins. These verses talk about the Kingdom of God — a promised time when Jesus will return, and we'll get to spend forever with God.
- The beauty of the Kingdom of God is that it is both now and not yet. How can something be both now and not yet? That's amazing that we can have something in front of us but also be waiting at the same time!
- Kind of like waiting for the next course of a meal. You can be eating and waiting for the full course to complete at the same time.
- When Jesus defeated sin and death, Jesus brought us a relationship with God that we get to have now, and God promised a forever that we are still waiting to experience.

- So, like how the prophets prepared people for the coming of Jesus as Savior, we get to live our lives preparing ourselves and those around us for Jesus to come back!

NOW WHAT? What does God want us to do about it?

REFLECTION | Recipe Card, Step Four, **Supplies needed: recipe card**

INSTRUCTIONS: *Read the recipe card aloud for the kids. Review the Big Idea and have the kids fill in the blanks on their recipe cards. Then invite them to have a time of reflection and write down their responses to the prompt.*

Step four, leave the results to God. Only God can bring about the results that God has promised. Take a moment to think about what this means. Then write one way you can also leave a result to God.

PRAYER AND BLESSING

Wow, God! You love us so much. Thank you for sending Jesus to be our ultimate Savior. Help us to not forget the ways that we can prepare ourselves to serve you. We can trust that everything is in your hands no matter what!

Trace the sign of the cross on each child's forehead and say, "God sent Jesus for you because God loves you."