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## SERIES OVERVIEW



Have you ever wanted something from someone but were afraid to ask? Or perhaps you needed help but were too stubborn to ask for it? We've all been there, but God's Word is clear when it comes to asking our Heavenly Father for help with our needs.

Throughout this series kids will be learning all about the importance and power of prayer. God's Word promises that when we pray, God hears and answers. This series challenges kids to trust God with all their needs and always go to Him in prayer!

Check out all the amazing things kids are going to learn in this series.

**Super Verse:** "Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you." Matthew 7:7 (NIV)

### **Weekly Big Ideas and Bible Stories:**

#### **Week 1 – I Know God Hears My Prayers!**

King Hezekiah & Sennacherib (2 Chronicles 32:9-22)

#### **Week 2 – I Know God Answers Prayers!**

Elisha & His Servant (2 Kings 6:8-23)

#### **Week 3 – I Can Talk To God Anytime!**

Paul & Silas in Jail (Acts 16:22-34)

#### **Week 4 – My Prayers Make Things Happen!**

The Church Prays for Peter (Acts 12:1-18)

## HOW TO USE THIS CURRICULUM

We understand that every Kids Ministry has different culture, style, facilities and formats, so a cookie cutter curriculum is next to impossible to achieve. This means that some “retrofitting” the curriculum to your Kids Ministry’s needs should happen. We’ve done our best to make this curriculum as simple to assimilate into your Kidmin as possible.

Below are the common elements that each service may have. These elements can be used in the order they are scripted or can be shuffled to fit the way your Kidmin does things.



**Super Verse:** This is the main verse for the whole series. Kids should be challenged to memorize this verse over the course of the series. Incentives and rewards can be offered for kids who have learned this verse.



**Big Ideas:** Each week kids will learn one main point for the week. This point should be repeated throughout the service. In our Media Content we have a video file of the Big Idea with a sound effect that can be played at random moments during the service. When kids hear the “Knock Knock” sound effect they can stand up and say the Big Idea. It’s also a great idea to have kids perform motions to go along with the Big Idea to help make it memorable.



**Opening Skit/Big Idea Intro:** Services can open with a skit that has two characters. Host 1 is the “straight” character. The one who is more grounded and, while still fun, is more serious. Host 2 is the sillier, goofier character, who may not always get what’s being taught right away, gets things wrong and gives the kids a reason to laugh! Think of comedy duos like Abbot and Costello or Laurel and Hardy. During this time kids will learn the Big Idea and Super Verse and have a chance to practice them a few times.

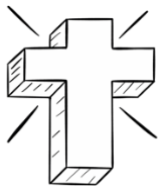
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**Game Time:** Games are a great way for kids to engage in the Large Group time. Each week you will have a Game Time Segment. It may help kids relate to the Bible Lesson, or it may be just for fun. When placing the Game Time in your order of service be sure to consider the amount of energy it will create and how you'll be able to rein in the energy once it ends.



**Praise Lesson:** Kids should learn why it's important to praise God. In the Praise Lesson, which would appear right before the Fast Worship time, a host will read a praise verse, expound on it for the kids, and encourage kids to give their best when worshipping. Slots are available for you to fill in which worship songs you will use for this time.



**Salvation Segment:** Kids should have an opportunity to invite Jesus into their hearts. This could be done at the end of the Bible Lesson, but can also be its own segment, allowing the response time at the end of the Bible Lesson to be solely in response to what they've learned. In the salvation segment kids are presented with the Gospel in an interactive and engaging way, then given an opportunity to respond by asking Jesus into their hearts. When doing a Salvation Segment, you should have a system in place to pull the kids aside and talk with them about their decision to ask Jesus into their hearts, pray with them, and get their information for your church's record-keeping. Also following up with parents when kids accept Jesus is vital, so be sure to have a system in place for this as well.



**Prayer Lesson:** In a series all about prayer kids should definitely have an opportunity to be prayed for. In this segment, a host will read a verse about prayer, expound on it, and give kids an opportunity to have their needs prayed for. Depending on the size of your venue, number of volunteers you have and order of service, you can do this in a few different ways...

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**Leaders Praying for Kids:** Have leaders line up in designated areas and encourage kids to find a leader to pray with. This can be done while other kids are worshiping with a slow-worship song. Leaders should be trained in how to pray with kids if you choose to do it this way.

**Corporate Prayer Session:** Have kids who have needs respond by raising their hand, and a host pray for all the needs of the kids as a group. This is great if you have a tight schedule or limited number of volunteers who can pray individually with kids.

**Kids Praying for Each Other:** Have kids who have needs raise their hands. Then have kids who didn't raise their hands find a kid who did and pray for them. They don't need to know what the other kids' needs are. They can just lay a hand on their shoulder and pray for other kids. Available leaders can also find kids to pray for. This is a combination of the first two options. It works with a tight schedule and limited volunteers, but also gives personal prayer time.



**Offering Lesson:** Cultivating generosity in kids is vital to the growth of the church and the building of the Kingdom. Every time kids are together; they should have an opportunity to give and learn the importance of giving. During this time a host will share a giving lesson and then have a chance for kids to give. If you have offering time in your small group this lesson can be copied into your Small Group Plan.



**Bible Lesson:** Along with the Salvation Segment, the Bible Lesson is the most important part of the Large Group experience. During this time, kids should be encouraged to listen carefully and “lean in” to what’s being taught. During the Bible Lesson kids will learn a Bible Story or Bible Topic and how it relates to their lives. All Bible Lessons should end with an opportunity to respond to God’s Word, and a challenge to live out what they’ve heard.

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**Small Group Experience:** During the service time kids should have time to “unpack” what they’ve learned in the Bible Lesson. The Small Group Time could be done in the large group area where kids break into “pods” with a leader who goes over the Small Group Plan, or it can be done after the Large Group Experience ends and kids go back to classrooms, or break into pods. As you’re thinking through the order of service the Small Group Experience should follow the Bible Lesson, since most of the discussion is based on what they’ve learned in the Bible Lesson. The Small Group plan may vary depending on the series, but will always have the following:

**Opening Activity** – This is a relational activity that helps engage the kids and get them ready to discuss what they’ve learned that day.

**Discussion Questions** – This is the most important of the Small Group Experience. Kids will talk about what they learned and discuss ways they can apply it to their everyday lives.

**Just For Fun Game** – This is a time-filler as you’re waiting for parents to pick up kids. If discussion time is engaging and kids are participating, leaders should feel free to drop this activity to continue with discussion time. If “Big Church” goes long, this Just For Fun Game time can continue as long as necessary.

Depending on the length and resources of your large groups you may have more segments than you have time. That’s ok. The idea with this curriculum is to give you more than enough things to do, so you can rearrange, omit, or add segments as best fits your Kids Ministry!

The Large Group segments of this curriculum are presented in “Modular” formatting, meaning each segment has its own page and can be moved around or deleted to suit your ministry’s order of service.

Each segment starts with a page break, but when you are assembling your order of service you can delete the breaks to streamline the flow, reduce the

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gaps between segments, and reduce the number of pages used. If you have trouble finding the page breaks in Microsoft Word, click the Show Paragraph Marks button (¶ or Ctrl+Shift+8) and it will reveal where page breaks are.

You can also rearrange your segments easily by switching to Outline View. Each segment header is also an outline header. In Outline View the segment headers will have a + sign next to them. You can expand or collapse the headers by double-clicking the + sign.

You can also rearrange headers in the document by clicking the + sign and dragging them up or down the document. This will move the entire segment to wherever you “drop” it.

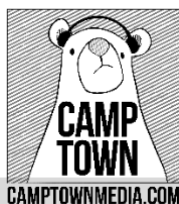
Once you close Outline View, or switch to Print View your changes will be visible on the document.

On the Contents Page the segments are also rearrangeable. You can click and drag them anywhere on the document to make the order of service summary match the rest of your documents. Each segment on the Contents Page is also a hyperlink. In MS Word simply hold down Ctrl and click the segment and it will take you to the corresponding page.

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