

RB Kids June 2018 Elementary Service Enhancements

May 31 & June 3--Offer next steps in following God toward the end of large group. (Feel free to personalize or localize this, but make it intentional and excellent) This or That Week #2

Before the final worship song and giving time, say, **“Timothy was a young man, but that didn’t mean God didn’t have BIG plans for him. And God has big plans for you, even though you are young. But Timothy couldn’t just relax knowing God was for him. He had to take action. He had to take steps, had to get up and go with Paul. Timothy is a perfect example of what it means to take next steps toward Jesus. And there are steps for us to take as we seek to follow Jesus, too.”**

“For some of us that might mean taking a FIRST step toward following Jesus. If that’s you would you talk to your small group leader or kids minister today? Maybe some of you are already following Jesus, but you haven’t made that choice public by being baptized. If you want to talk to someone today about being baptized you can also let me, or your SGL or your kids minister know. And maybe you’ve been following Jesus for awhile but you want some help to know how to be a good follower--maybe you’re looking for a good devotional or you have a tough question. Don’t hesitate to ask, because that’s also taking a next step.”

“Finally, if you talk to your parents about one of these decisions, make sure your parents know they can call us and we would be glad to help!”

Transition to the Worship and giving time.

June 7 & 10--Share the Gospel (AWVBS Kick-OFF Lesson) Again, feel free to share the gospel in your own words, but here is an outline.

Before the final worship song and giving time, say, **“Isn’t is amazing that Jesus loves us so much that He wants to rescue us? He demonstrated His love for us by dying on the cross and taking our place. The Bible says that the punishment for sin is death--eternal separation from God. BUT the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus. And we can accept that gift in this way...**

A-Admit--We admit that we are sinners and our sin separates us from God. There is nothing we can do on our own to fix this problem so we turn away from our sin and ask God to forgive us.

B-Believe--We confess that we believe that Jesus, God’s only Son, died for our sins and rose from the grave. He’s alive! And we can have a real relationship with Him!

C-Choose--We choose to follow Jesus forever, committing to grow closer to Him each day. We choose to make Jesus the most important person/relationship in our life.

Say, “If you want to talk more about what it means to follow Jesus for your whole life talk to your small group leader or our kids ministry director or me!

Transition to the Worship and giving time.

June 14 & 17--Show Baptisms--(Hillsong Kids--Father’s Day #3)

We want to make baptism more visible for our kids and so while our adults are viewing baptisms every third week of the month, we want our kids to be able to do that, too. So we will provide a video of recent Rock Bridge baptisms (could be from any RB campus, any age group). We want to insert this into our program right before our final worship song/giving time.

This is a great moment to remind kids that baptism is a step (a next step) in following Jesus after we have made our initial decision. The act of baptism does not make us a Christian, but our obedience to God in the act is important. Feel free to use your own words and comfortable language to describe this.

Finally, check with your campus kids minister to see if they might be planning to escort kids to watch baptisms live in your adult venues. This may not be possible depending on your campus configuration, but your kids minister will be looking for potential opportunities.

June 21 & 24--LG Prayer Project-(This or That Week #3)

Choose an appropriate time during the LG lesson to take some time to pray, preferably after the Bible story and Main Point emphasis. Tech volunteers should adjust lighting and background music to enhance the mood.

- **Ask kids to gather around a small group leader on their rug or another rug nearer to where they are sitting. Help kids prepare to sit still and be reverent during this time.**
- **Ask small group leaders to pray that God will reveal our weaknesses to us so that we will learn to depend on God more and more. (Allow 1 minute)**
- **Ask small group leaders to pray that God’s power would be active in our kids’ lives and that kids would understand that the same power that raised Jesus from the dead is inside them. (Allow 1 minute)**
- **Ask kids to pray silently about how they need to depend on God’s power in their own lives. (Allow one minute)**
- **Close the time of prayer by praying out loud that God would continue to reveal Himself to our kids as they learn from his word, spend time in prayer and small groups.**

Transition to the next element of LG.