

RB Kids October 2018 Elementary Service Enhancements

October 4 & 7--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. (Mad Props Week 1).

Before the final worship song and giving time, say, **“Today we learned that God protected Moses when he was young and vulnerable, but when Moses grew up he repaid God’s protection by making some big, big mistakes. God does the same for us, even though he knows we’re going to mess up, just like Moses did. Do you want to know the reason why? It’s because out of God’s great love for us He has an amazing plan for our future. And the whole foundation of that plan is a relationship with Jesus.”**

“But a relationship with Jesus takes time. Just like our relationships with each other require an investment of time, and intentionality, we have to take steps, one at a time, to grow to know Jesus better and better.”

- **For some of us that might mean taking a FIRST step toward following Jesus today. Maybe you’re not really sure what it means to follow Jesus, but you’re interested in finding out more. 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.

October 11 & 14--LG Prayer Project-(Mad Props Week 2)

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.**
- **Begin prayer time by asking kids to be silent and consider times when they feel alone, scared or unsure about God’s presence in their lives as some soft music plays in the background. (one minute)**
- **Ask kids to pray silently and ask God to make them aware of His presence. Encourage kids to pray specifically by praying, “God help me know you are with me when I _____.” They can pray this about several issues in their lives, not just one thing. (one minute)**

- **Ask small group leaders to pray out loud over the kids in their group that they would all know of God's love, guidance and provision all their days. Encourage SGLs to ask God to continue to draw nearer to our kids as they seek to draw near to Him. (two minutes)**
- **Close the time of prayer with a declaration of our love and affection for our great God! (one minute)**

Transition to the next element of LG.

October 18 & 21--Show Baptisms--(Mad Props Week 3)

NOTE: To transition to baptism today, help kids understand that baptism does several things:

- **It shares our decision to follow Jesus with everyone, making our commitment public.**
- **It's a wonderful way to obey Jesus, who said that we should be baptized, and in doing so, we also follow Jesus's example.**
- **In relation to today's lesson, baptism is a great way to demonstrate the reality of God's power in our lives and declare that His power raised Jesus from the dead!**

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.

October 25 & 28--Share the Gospel (Mad Props Week 4) **The Gospel is shared very clearly and plainly in our lesson today so there's no need to add on at the end, but please refer to week one of Mad Props (October 4 & 7) so that you can, again, offer next steps for kids who may be interested in responding.**

Note that we do not pray a public "prayer of salvation" so that kids don't feel pressured to respond or are confused later. But we do want kids to know about their opportunities to connect with a leader who can help them unpack what they are hearing and learning.

Transition to the Worship and Giving time.