

Worship Service Schedule

9:45-10:15	Free Play & Activity Pages
10:20	Worship Time
10:40	Snacks
10:45	Bible Lesson Video (YouTube)
10:50	Lesson Activity
11:00-End	Free Play

Fellowship Kids

3s/4s Lesson Plan - Worship Service

Sunday, September 7

UNIT 9 | SESSION 3

THE ARK WAS CAPTURED

1 SAMUEL 4-6

CHRIST CONNECTION: The ark of God reminded the Israelites that God was with them. Because of Jesus, God is always with us!

MEMORY VERSE of the Month: PHILIPPIANS 4:19 - "And my God will supply every need of yours..." (ESV)

Preparation

Lesson Context

This Unit (4 weeks): Despite Israel's rebellion and attacks from neighboring tribes, God was gracious to raise up judges who would rescue His people from their enemies. While these judges only provided temporary help, they reminded God's people that He would one day provide a perfect Judge to rescue His people from the power of sin.

THE ARK WAS CAPTURED - 1 SAMUEL 4-6

Long ago, God's people lost a battle with the Philistines. God's people were sad. They thought if they took the ark of God (a special box to remind them that God was with them) to battle, they would win.

Eli, the priest, had two sons who took the ark to the battle, but the Philistines won again. And they even took the ark!

The Philistines set the ark next to a statue of their pretend god. Every morning, the statue was lying facedown in front of the ark. It kept falling down and breaking! God showed the Philistines that He is the real God.

Then God made the Philistines very sick everywhere they moved the ark. So, they put the ark on a cart pulled by two cows and sent it back to God's people.

Christ Connection: *The ark of God reminded the Israelites that God was with them. Because of Jesus, God is always with us!*

Volunteer Huddle | 9:40 a.m.

Grab your nametag at the check-in desk and then meet in the room (Room #126) to the left of the desk for prayer and important info for this Sunday. If possible, please wear your Fellowship Church t-shirt or Fellowship hoodie.

Enter and Prep Room | 9:50 a.m.

- Prep room for any activities you will do during the lesson.
- **Fill up the pitcher** in the Teacher Box (yellow lid) with water so that it is ready for snack time.

Activity Pages + Free Play | 9:45 - 10:15 am

One volunteer should greet children and families at the door.

TRANSITION TEAMS

Switch in for the Sunday School volunteer team and receive any information from them if needed. Take over the roster and welcome at the door any new children checking in for the worship service hour.

ACTIVITY PAGES

Invite children to the tables and pass out the week's **Activity Page** (in Activity Box) and **crayons** (in Teacher Box) to each child. After they have finished their pages, they can play freely with toys or books.

During free time, especially because children are at such a young age, please keep a diligent eye and ear on their words and play with one another.

PREPARE SNACKS

While children are playing, prepare the snacks. Fill up the pitcher with water and distribute Cheerios in the cups. You don't need to place the snacks on the table yet, just have it ready to go in cups.

GIVE EXPECTATION : Give children a **warning** before you ask them to line up.

SAY *"Everyone, in 5 minutes we are going to pick up our toys and get ready for worship!"*

Sing the clean up song and ask children to gather in a line.

Worship Time | 10:20 am

Have children sit in a circle on the ground. On the **Spotify** app on the TV, pull up the **Preschool Worship Time** playlist.

- For the first three songs, sing and follow the motions of the song: *Good Morning God, My God is So Big, If You're Happy and You Know It*.
- For the next two songs - *Jesus is Alive, Jesus Loves Me* - pull out the instruments from the Preschool Worship Time box and allow children to grab them and play and dance along with the music.
- For the last song - *Jesus Loves Little Children* - you can turn off the classroom light, have children put away instruments, sit back down on their mats, and listen quietly to help them calm back down.

Snack + Lesson Review | 10:40 am

Have students sit at the tables for snack time.

1. **Pass Out Snacks.** Pass out the water and Cheerios in cups. Double check for any allergies on the classroom tablet.
2. **Watch the Bible Lesson Video.** While they eat, you can play the Bible lesson video from the YouTube app on the TV (*YouTube account should be Fellowship Kids (switch accounts on the top*

of the left sidebar if not) > go to Library on the left side bar > Choose Playlists on the top > choose your classroom).

Lesson Activity | 10:50 am

TRAVEL A TAPE ROAD

Create roads on the floor using **painter's tape** (in Teacher Box). Place toy cars or trains on the tape.. Invite children to travel on a tape road. Show them how to drive the cars on the road. As children play, remind them how the cows carried the ark of the covenant on a cart back to the Israelites.

SAY *The Philistines captured the ark and put it next to their made-up god. The ark was taken, but God still showed His power. Every morning they found the statue lying down in front of the ark. Then God made the Philistines very sick. They were scared and wanted to give the ark back to the Israelites. They put the ark on a cart pulled by two cows and sent it back to the Israelites where it belonged. The ark was special, but later God gave people something even better: His Son, Jesus. Jesus reminds us that God is always with us.*

Free Play: Special Toys | 11:10 am

WORSHIP SERVICE TOYS BOX

Pick up any toys that are currently out in the room and put them back into the Toy Box. Then, take out the **Worship Service Toys box** (toys and activities that only come out at the end of the service) and encourage children to play. Use this time to engage with children, ask them questions from the lesson, and get to know them better.

Dismissal | 11:20 am

- Match the 4 digit code on the parent's tag to the child's tag
- Check out the child on the tablet by clicking the check box to the left of their name on the roster.
- Give feedback! Tell parents how the student did that morning.



Clean Up | 11:30 am

- Wipe down tables if any messes were made with snacks or activities.
- Put teacher and activity items back in the Activity Box or Teacher Box or Worship Service Toys Box.
- You can place the remotes in the white holder on the white board.
- **Please return the small Activity Box, classroom tablet, and your lanyard to the check-in desk.**