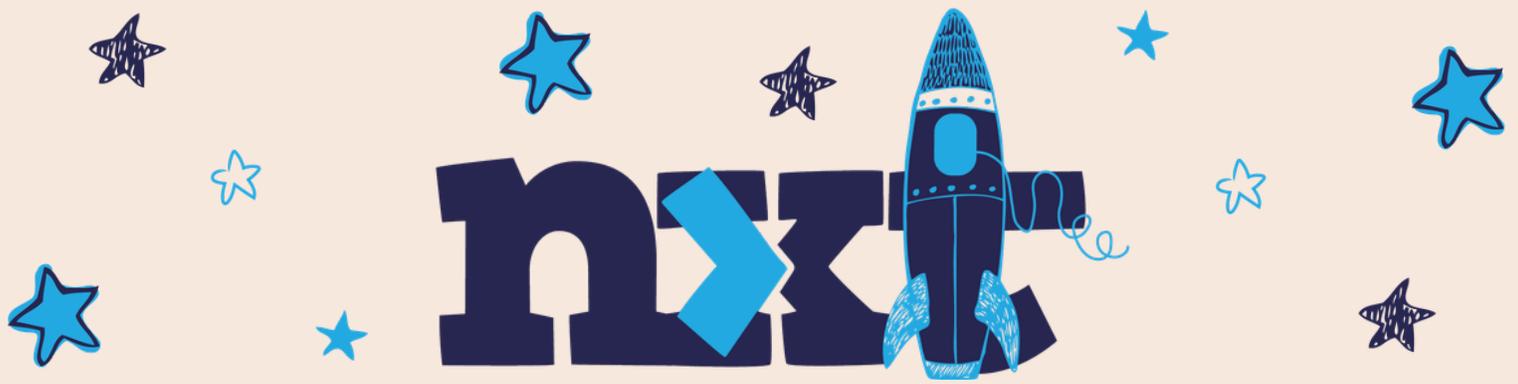




IMPORTANT REMINDERS

- Send **ONE** Placemat **PER FAMILY MEMBER** home today. They are new each week!
(preschool-5th grade)
- **DO NOT** put check-out tags or name tags over the room roster tags in roster books.
- **TAKE NAMETAGS OFF KIDS** when they leave your classroom and throw them away.
- **Remind families and kids that NEXT SUNDAY** they are to bring back the NXT cans! There are extra cans in each class if kids don't have one. All money raised goes to Folsom's Hope!



NOT WITHOUT SACRIFICE TODDLERS

OPENING

As kids arrive be sure they are engaged in an activity. The next two months we are focusing on a sermon series called *Not Without*. For Toddlers we will do different Bible stories that focus on the overall theme of the week.

COLORING SHEETS

Available for any kids who want to color.

STORY and SNACK

Gather kids to pray and eat snack together. Our theme this week is Not Without Sacrifice Read *A Poor Widow's Gift* on page 433 in the Beginner's Bible. Talk about how this woman gave all she had to Jesus! We can give all we have to Jesus by sharing our toys with others and showing kindness. What other things can we do?

BIBLE STORY

Mark 12:41-
44

BIG IDEA

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NOT WITHOUT SACRIFICE 3-5s

OPENING OPTIONS (first 25 minutes)

- Coloring Sheet and Table Games
- Fill Others Hearts: Allow kids to staple their hearts together and make a pouch. Take strips of paper to write down ways (or draw pictures) they can give sacrificially to others. To give sacrificially means to give something that is important to you, not just your extra stuff. Think of ways they can fill their Folsom's Hope can, ways they can be kind to others, ways they can give their time to help others, etc.

CLEAN UP SONG and BIBLE BOX

- About 25 minutes into the service, play clean up song and gather kids on carpet.
- Use the Bible Box story to tell the story with Bible Box props
- Pray on the carpet and head into snack time.

SNACK

- Gather kids at tables to eat snack as soon as they return
- Snack Discussion: When does your family pray? What do you pray for? When can you pray and what can you pray for? (Help them to think about what things they could pray for)

CLOSING OPTIONS (as time allows after snack)

- Finish craft or coloring
- Free play

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NOT WITHOUT SACRIFICE BIBLE BOX

Hey friends, I'm so glad you came to church today!

Do you know what sharing means? Sometimes grown ups will tell kids to share and what they really mean is that taking turns. Let's all take turns passing this toy around the circle.

When toy is back to you - tell children that sometimes sharing really means giving some of what you have to someone who needs it more.

Pull out big bag of animal crackers - I have a lot of animal crackers and I want to share some with you at snack time because I know you are hungry and I am not.

Ooh - that reminds me of a story in the Bible! I need two friends to help me. (Choose two friends)

Give one child the big bag of vanilla wafers and one child the small bag with two vanilla wafers.

One day, Jesus was at the church when two people came to give money help people who were hungry.

One person came with a big bag with lots of cookies - point to child holding big bag.

Another person came with a small bag with only two cookies - point to child with small bag.

When the person with the big bag of cookies got to the collection box, they held up the bag so everyone could see and said, "I don't need this big bag of cookies because I have another big bag at home!"

The person with the small bag of cookies quietly put them in the offering box and went home to an empty kitchen.

Jesus said that the person who gave the small bag with just two cookies gave more than the person with the big bag of cookies.

Jesus said the person with the big bag of cookies did not care about what they gave because they had lots more cookies at home. The person with the small offering gave more because they gave the only cookies they had to someone who needed it more.

Jesus said the most loving thing we can do is help other and sometimes that means giving something we care about to someone who needs it more.

Before we have snack time, I have a video for you to watch about this story. Watch The Widow's Offering.

Prayer: Dear Jesus, thank you for the story of the widow who gave everything. Help us to be willing to give and share what we have, even if it is just a little, it means a lot..



NOT WITHOUT SACRIFICE KINDER / 1ST

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WORSHIP and STORYTIME

- Leave one volunteer to clean up and prepare goldfish during storytime so you are ready to go right into small group time. This volunteer should join the rest as soon as clean up and snack is set.

SMALL GROUP TIME (upon returning to your classroom, gather immediately on the carpet for small group time; you may not use all the questions, go through what you are able to)

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- Have you ever given something up for someone else? What was it? (Try to give opportunity for each child to share. It could be: Letting someone go first, sharing a toy, giving money, helping instead of playing, etc. Sacrifice isn't just money. It can be time or kindness.)
- Why did you give it up? (Let them answer honestly. Might be because a parent asked, because you wanted to help, because you love that person. God cares about our reasons too.)
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CLOSING OPTIONS

- Finish craft

BIBLE STORY

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NOT WITHOUT SACRIFICE 2ND-3RD

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CLOSING OPTIONS

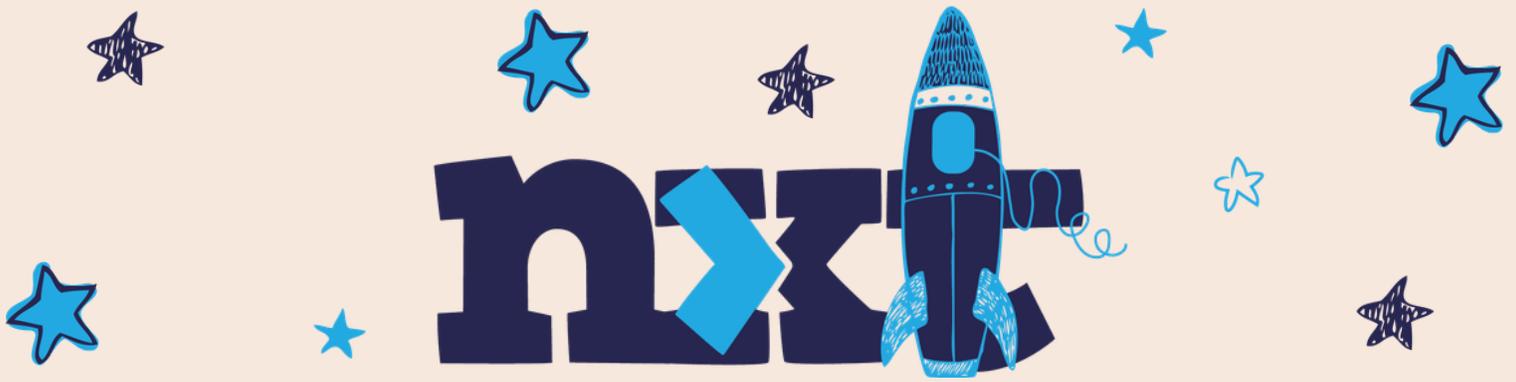
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NOT WITHOUT SACRIFICE 4TH-5TH

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