

CITY LG – Nov 21st/22nd

Bible Story: That's So Ravens (Widow of Zarephath) • 1 Kings 17:1-16

Bottom Line: Ask God for what you need to lend a hand.

Memory Verse: “Let your light shine so others can see it. Then they will see the good things you do. And they will bring glory to your Father who is in heaven.” *Matthew 5:16, NIV*

Life App: Service—lending a hand to help someone else.

Basic Truth: I can trust God no matter what.

SFX: Play high-energy music as kids enter.

Host enters in his space suit.

Opener

HOST: “Hey, hey, hey, friends! It’s me again, Captain [Host’s name], and I’m reporting to you from the observation deck of our outta-this-world spacecraft, where it’s always ‘all hands on deck’ to serve whoever we can, wherever we go ... well, as long as whoever is human and wherever is within our galactical orbit. We are still talking about one of my favorite Life Apps—service.

CG: Service Slide

“We all know the definition of service, right? It’s lending a hand to help someone else. Let’s say that together, shall we? Repeat after me. Service is ...”

HOST and KIDS: “Service is ...”

HOST: “... lending a hand ...”

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HOST: “... to help someone else.”

HOST and KIDS: “... to help someone else.”

“Great job! I’m excited because not only are we talking about one of my FAVORITE Life Apps, but I’m extra, extra excited because it’s one of my most favorite times of year. It’s Thanksgiving, right? And do you want to know what my favorite part of Thanksgiving is? I mean, you know, besides all the giving of thanks that we do?

“One of my most favorite parts of Thanksgiving is the food. Now, I know what you’re thinking. Turkey. Stuffing. Cranberry sauce. Pecan pie. But, here in space, we do things a little bit differently. Here in space, here’s what a Thanksgiving meal looks like.

Hold up plate with packets of “space food” on it. Gesture to the food packets.

"You've got your turkey, here. Ham, here. Green beans, of course. Corn. And my favorite, PUMPKIN CAKE! Raise your hand if you think space food looks better than earth food. *(Look out a the crowd.)* Okay. Now we know who the fibbers are in the room! No, space food is gross. But what's even worse than space food? Space DUST. And that's what we have in our game today.

"Would my contestants please come up here? It's time for 'Moon Dust Madness'! Now, you two Small Group Leaders, you are going be the coaches for today's contestants. We need you to hold back hair, give back massages, and dispense advice as needed. Contestants, you are to blow the moon dust off these candies and ingest them as quickly as possible ONE AT A TIME—without choking, of course—AND without the use of your hands. The first contestant to eat all their chewy candies wins 'Moon Dust Madness'!

"Audience, you can lend a hand of applause while we watch. Boys, you gotta support the fellas and cheer for the boys. Girls, I want all the ladies cheering for the girls up here. Let's see what you've got. Ready, set, go!

SFX: *Play high-energy music during the game*

Cheer on as contestants as they blow flour off Skittles® or other chewy candy and eat them. After 60 seconds or so, declare a winner.

"And we have a winner! Great job! That was a lot harder because you couldn't use your hands, right? See how important it is to lend a hand? Great job! You guys can head back to your groups! The rest of you, stand up and get ready to sing! I'll see you later!"

SETTING UP THE STORY

STORYTELLER: "Well hello, friends! My name is [Storyteller's name], and I have an amazing story about something that really happened. It's TRUE. And I read about it right here in the Bible. *(Hold up Bible.)* Just like Captain [Host's name] said, this story is about a man named Elijah and a very bad drought that happened where he lived. Do you know what a drought is? *(Pause for response.)* That's right. A drought happens when there's no rain and everything gets really dry."

Take a look at this video:

252 Story Video

WRAPPING UP THE STORY

STORYTELLER: "The lady in our story had to trust that God would give her the food she needed if she gave Elijah her last bit of bread. Did you know you can do the same thing? You can ask God for what you need to lend to a hand. That's our Bottom Line. Can you say it with me?

CG: *Bottom Line Slide*

[Bottom Line] "Ask God for what you need to lend a hand. Let's say that together because this is REALLY important! Repeat after me..."

ST: Ask God for what you need to lend a hand

Kids: Ask God for what you need to lend a hand.

ST: So WHO can we ask to lend a hand????

Because the lady in our story believed that God would give her the food He promised, she shone a bright light of faith that everyone around her could see. That's exactly what our memory verse says.

CG: Memory Verse Slide

“Let your light shine so others can see it. Then they will see the good things you do. And they will bring glory to your Father who is in heaven,’ Matthew 5:16. (NirV)

“Let’s pray together.”

Pray

STORYTELLER: “God, thank You for giving us what we need to serve others. When we are worried or afraid to help because we don’t think we have what it takes, help us to ask You and to trust that You will provide. We love You and we ask these things in Jesus’ name, amen.”

Dismiss children to their Small Groups.