

CITY LG – October 10th-11th

Bible Story: Oh, the Places We'll Go (Paul chooses Timothy) • Acts 16:1-5

Bottom Line: When you discover your gifts, you can make a difference.

Memory Verse: "Don't let anyone look down on you because you are young. Set an example for the believers in what you say and in how you live." 1 Timothy 4:12a, NIV

Life App: Individuality—discovering who you are meant to be so you can make a difference.

SFX: Play high-energy music as kids enter.

Worship

Movin' Me

This Little Light

God of Angel Armies

Host enters looking closely at a smart phone or digital camera.

CG: In Focus Slide

Opener

HOST: (*Mumbling*) "Hmmm, wow! I didn't notice that before. Well, would you look at that ... (*notice the kids*) ... oh, hi! Sorry about that. I'm still figuring out the camera on this phone and I'm having a lot of fun with the zoom-in feature. I can take a picture and then later I can zoom in on a spot really close. There are all kinds of details that you only notice when you zoom in. I thought it might be fun if we make a game out of this! First, I will show you a zoomed-in close-up picture of something. You'll only be able to see a small part, but you'll have to try and guess what the whole picture is. If no one can guess, we'll zoom out just a little so you can see a little more. Then you'll try to guess again. But if you still can't get it, we'll zoom out a third time and hopefully you'll be able to guess it. Then we'll show the whole picture to see if you were right. Here's the first zoomed-in picture!

CG: Zoomed-In Picture of a Juggler Slide 1

Note: Once the picture is on screen take a few guesses and if no one is correct move on to the next slide, and repeat this pattern until either someone guesses correctly or until you reach the zoomed-out picture. Continue playing as time allows through the following slides.

CG: Zoomed-In Picture of a Juggler Slide 2, Slide 3

CG: Zoomed-Out Picture of a Juggler Slide

CG: Zoomed-In Picture of an Artist/Painter Slide 1, Slide 2, Slide 3

CG: Zoomed-Out Picture of an Artist/Painter Slide

CG: Zoomed-In Picture of a Sprinter Slide 1, Slide 2, Slide 3

CG: Zoomed-Out Picture of a Sprinter Slide

CG: Zoomed-In Picture of a Ballet Dancer Slide 1, Slide 2, Slide 3

CG: Zoomed-Out Picture of a Ballet Dancer Slide

CG: In Focus Slide

“Okay, I’ll admit it. You’re all a lot better than me at figuring out what zoomed-in pictures are. But I noticed something that all of you might have missed. Every one of these pictures had something in common. Who thinks they can guess what it is? *(Pause for responses.)*”

“All of the people in these pictures are performing some sort of action that requires special skills and abilities. You might also call them talents. It takes some talent to paint, juggle, dance, and run fast. Some people have a lot of different talents and others have just a few talents. But no matter what, everyone has talents. And do you know where your talents come from? *(Pause for responses.)* Yes, they come from God. God gave you your specific abilities and that’s one of the things that makes you special. No one else can do exactly what you do in the exact way you do it. That’s individuality.”

CG: Individuality Slide

“Individuality is discovering who you are meant to be so you can make a difference. And part of discovering who you are is discovering what you are good at.”

SETTING UP THE STORY

So we talked last week about this guy from the Bible named Timothy. Let’s take a look at how Timothy used his talents to make a difference....

Video: Week 2 Bible Story

WRAPPING UP THE STORY

STORYTELLER: “Something that sticks out to me in this story is that even though Timothy had talent, he still needed training. Paul didn’t just meet him in Lystra and then send him off on his own to start a new church. No, Paul took time to teach and train Timothy until he was ready. It’s the same for us. We all have talent but we still need to practice and learn best how to use it for God. And that’s when amazing things can happen. Check out our Bottom Line for today.”

CG: Bottom Line Slide

It says “**When you discover your gifts, you can make a difference.**” I will read the first part, “WHEN YOU DISCOVER YOUR GIFTS” and then you read shout the second part “YOU CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE”

Leader, “WHEN YOU DISCOVER YOUR GIFTS”

Kids, “YOU CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE”

Repeat a couple of times.

God wants us to make a difference in this world like Paul and Timothy did. And God has given each of us talents and abilities in order to help us make a difference. Everyone take a look at your Small Group Leader for a moment. They weren't always Small Group Leaders. They had some talent and ability, but they were still taught and trained, and with some practice they became the awesome leaders that you know. So it's okay if you don't know what your talent is; some of those gifts come later after some time and some training. And that's why it is important to learn from your Small Group Leaders, teachers, coaches, parents, and pastors. Let's pray."

Pray

STORYTELLER: "Dear God, thank You for giving us our talents and abilities. Please open our eyes to see what exactly our talents are and how we can use them to make a difference in this world for You. We love You and we ask these things in Jesus' name, amen."