

# CITY SG Guide – Oct 17<sup>th</sup>-18<sup>th</sup>

**Bible Story:** Oh, the Gifts We Can Gift (Paul writes to the Corinthians) • *1 Corinthians 12:12-21, 25-27 (Supporting: Acts 18:1-18; 19, 1 Corinthians 1:11; 4:17, 7:1a; 16:10)*

**Bottom Line:** When we use our gifts together, we can make a greater 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, NIRV*

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

*Before kids arrive, pray for each regular attendee by name. Pray for those who might visit your group for the first time. Ask God to help kids embrace their differences and to celebrate them instead of viewing them as something negative. Pray for those kids in particular who might feel isolated because of a perceived difference. Ask God to help all the kids understand that He made them each different on purpose, to serve His purpose.*

## Mingle Mash

**What You Need:** No supplies needed

### **What You Do:**

- Lead kids in a quick series of commands:
  - o Hand to elbow
  - o Nose to wrist
  - o Toe to shoulder
  - o Foot to knee
  - o Finger to nose
  - o Elbow to leg
  - o Ear to knee
- Guide each child to find a partner. Lead kids to do the following commands together:
  - o Hand to head
  - o Elbow to shoulder
  - o Knee to knee
  - o Foot to knee
  - o Ear to elbow
  - o Back to back
  - o Ear to ear
- Finally, get REALLY wacky. Guide kids to get into groups of three or four. Call out a few of the commands above and watch the hilarity ensue!
- End by saying, “bottom to floor” (*or chairs, if you sit in chairs for Groups*)

### **What You Say:**

“God made people similar to one another in many ways. We all have a head, eyes, arms, legs, and feet, but we’re also different in our skills and gifts. Some of us are great at sports but not so great at drawing. Others are super good at math but have a hard time playing an instrument. It’s okay. No one is good at EVERYTHING. That’s the point! God made each of us separate and unique, but He wants us

to work together because **[Bottom Line] when we use our gifts together, we can make a greater difference.** God has gifted you in a unique and individual way. That means you have an important role to play that no one else can do exactly like you.”

### **Memory Mash Up** (*application activity / review the Bible story*)

**What You Need:** “Memory Cards,” (5 sets per group) “Potato Body activity page,” (one per child) crayons

#### **What You Do:**

- Lead kids in a variation of the “Concentration” game.
- Give each child a “Potato Body”.
- Guide each child to find a partner or two. Give each pair a set of “Memory Cards.”
- Direct the kids to set each card facedown on the floor—no peeking!
- Invite each team to decide who goes first (the youngest player? the player with the smallest feet? the smallest hands?). That player chooses two cards and carefully turns them over.
- If the cards match, the player sets them aside. The matched body part is then “unlocked,” and the kids can color that part onto their “Potato Body.”
- If the cards don’t match, the player turns them back over.
- Guide kids to alternate turns whether or not they find a match.
- The game ends when each “Potato Body” has Every Part.
- *Invite kids to color their creations to add even more individuality.*

#### **What You Say:**

“The church in Corinth sent a letter to Paul asking him about the gifts and talents God gives us. Do you remember how Paul answered their question? Yes! Paul said that just like a human body has many parts—eyes, ears, arms, feet, noses, mouths—God’s church also has many people who do different things.

“And just like all the parts of a body work together, God wants His people to work together, too. He wants us to work together by using the gifts and talents He has given us. Because **[Bottom Line] when we use our gifts together, we can make a greater difference.**”

“What are some gifts you have? (*I like to play music; I like to dance; I like to read; I like to play sports; I like to cook; I like to help*) Each gift you have is part of who God made you to be. And who He made you to be is special and unique! So this week, take time to think about how you can use the gifts God has given you to work with others. Because **[Bottom Line] when we use our gifts together, we can make a greater difference.**”

### **Together Toss** (*memory verse activity*)

**What You Need:** Bibles, towels (2 per group), ball (two per group)

#### **What You Do:**

- Review the verse by reading 1 Timothy 4:12 and saying it together a couple of times.
- Lead a brief discussion by asking kids to suggest things they can say and do that would “set an example” for others to follow. For instance, saying kind words, being polite, respecting others, sharing what they have, etc.
- Form two teams and give each team a towel. Tell team members to stand and hold the edges of their towel.
- Explain that the object of the “Together Toss” is to work together to toss a ball from one team to the other.
- When the teams successfully toss and catch the ball, have them say the first half of the memory verse together. Then after the next successful toss and catch, they say the next half, and so on.
- After each round, direct the teams to take one step back so that the distance between them gets bigger.
- Repeat as many rounds as time allows.

#### **What You Say:**

“You did a great job working together! God made us all different and unique, but He also made us to work together. Because **[Bottom Line] when we use our gifts together, we can make a greater difference.**”

## **Pray**

**What You Need:** “I’ve Got talent” cards (One set per bin)

#### **What You Do:**

Have a kid pick one of the cards and read it. Ask the kids how many of them have that talent. If they do, ask how that talent could be used to make a difference for God. Pray when finished.

#### **What You Say:**

“Dear God, thank You that just as each and every part of a body is important, we are ALL important to You and to Your church. Thank You for making us unique and for giving us different talents and abilities. Just like the parts of a body work together, help us work together to make a difference and show others who You are and how much You love them. We love You, Lord. In Jesus’ name we pray, amen.”

Encourage kids to tell their parent one way they can use their gifts with others to make a difference.