

# CITY LG – January 16<sup>th</sup>/17<sup>th</sup>

**Bible Story:** The Biggest Losers (People help Moses) • *Exodus 17:8-13*

**Bottom Line:** We can work together to help someone else succeed.

**Memory Verse:** “Two people are better than one. They can help each other in everything they do.” Ecclesiastes 4:9, *NIRV*

**Life App:** Cooperation—working together to do more than you can do alone.

**SFX:** *Play Born to Be Wild Instrumental while Storyteller speaks (so not too loud)*

**CG:** *High Gear Slide*

*Host enters wearing racing gear*

*Host is sitting on a chair on the stage and pretends to be Driving by turning a pretend steering wheel....*

**SFX:** *Crash*

*Host holds his hands up as if to say, “Sorry, my bad,” and continues to “drive.”*

*Host continues to drive again....*

**SFX:** *Crash*

*Host stands up out of the “car” looking embarrassed*

“Welcome ... to HIGH GEAR!”

**CG:** *High Gear Slide*

**SFX:** *Music swells*

*Storyteller removes his helmet and gives a smile, a wink, and a thumbs up as the music hits a final ending.*

“Welcome ... to HIGH GEAR!”

**SFX:** *Cut/fade music (at a natural stopping point)*

**HOST:** (*Pumped up; really excited*) “Welcome back, future speedsters! All month long, we’re talking about what God has to say about cooperation.

**CG:** *Cooperation Slide*

“Cooperation is working together to do more than you can do alone. Now, are you ready to make the most insane machine yet?!”

**SFX: Start music again**

*Host urges the kids to “make some noise.”*

“Awesome sauce! Now, we all know that the most rad machines on earth are the souped-up, chromed-top racecars, right? Well, there are a lot of little parts that make up an engine. Let me hear you make some revving engine noises!”

*Host encourages the kids to make engine noises (the louder, the better).*

“That’s what I’m talking about! Now, let’s see about doing a little cooperation machinery ourselves. You up for something fun?”

*Host, with the help of a few Small Group Leaders, chooses a group of eight kids.*

“Here’s how this is played. The team will get in a line, and each person in the line is going to be a part of a machine. You each have to come up with a unique movement and sound effect for your part of the machine. Each person, starting at one end of the line, is going to go one at a time. For example, maybe your part is a crank.

*Host mimes swinging his arm in a crank-motion, while making a “chick-chick-chick-chick” sound effect.*

“Or maybe you’re the pistons.

*Host pushes alternating arms over his head, making a “plum-plum-plum-plum” sound effect.*

“Whatever you decide, you have to make sounds AND movements, and when you’re done you have to touch the next person in line on the shoulder to transfer the energy through your machine. The last person in line will touch me on the shoulder to finish off the machine. Ready? Let’s try it!”

*Host stands at the end of the line and says, “Start the machine!” The kids, one at a time, do a movement and a sound effect until the last person touches Host, who, moving in a machine-like fashion, raises a Twizzler® up to his mouth and chomps on it over-exaggeratedly.*

“Well done! (Optional) Twizzlers® for all of our awesome volunteers!”

*(Optional) Host hands out Twizzlers® and leads the group in applause for the volunteers.*

“Now, those kids just helped me, in a way. I couldn’t eat my Twizzler® until the machine powered me up. In other words, they worked together to help me chow down! It’s pretty awesome that sometimes we can work together to help someone else.

### **SETTING UP THE STORY**

**STORYTELLER:** “During the time when Moses lived, God was doing some pretty amazing things. His people had become slaves in Egypt, but God performed all kinds of miracles, including parting the Red Sea, to rescue them and set them free. After that awesome rescue, Moses and God’s people were following His lead through the desert. But God’s people were facing some hard times in the desert. God, though, was always there with a solution and a way to help.

“When people were hungry, God delivered manna, or honey-bread, on the ground for the people to eat. When they were thirsty, God told Moses to strike a rock with his staff, and water poured right out of the rock!

“One night, Moses sat with his brother Aaron and his friend Hur in front of a fire. Moses was tired, because he was getting pretty old. Imagine leading thousands and thousands of people around a desert, making sure things were okay, caring for them, leading them ... it was tiring work!”

### **ISRAELITES UNDER ATTACK**

**STORYTELLER:** “They sat talking, when all of a sudden they were told the Israelites were under attack! It was the Amalekites, coming up from the rear! I think I have an idea to show you how this story went.....

Kids, all of you will be the Israelites. And all of my SGL’s and assistants, you will be the Amalekites. SGL’s, come on up here and form a group. Now SGL’s the Amalekites were not being very nice and were attacking the Israelites so let me hear your most mean, menacing laughs!

*All of the SGL’s come up to the front and stand in a group, showing us their menacing laughs*

**Now I need a Moses. He was the leader of the Israelites**

*Choose a kid to be Moses and put the Moses robe and Wig/beard on him/her and give him a staff to hold*

“Oh, no! The Israelites were being surrounded! (Amalekites, go surround the Israelites looking very mean!) Everyone was in a state of panic ... except Moses. He knew what needed to be done, because God told him what to do.”

*SGL’s surround the kids looking very mean*

“And not just any war—a TUG OF WAR!”

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**STORYTELLER:** “Okay, so it wasn’t a Tug of War in the Bible, but we really didn’t have a room to bring horses and shields for all of you kids. *(To Kids and SGLs)* But, if it’s a war you want, it’s a war you’ll get! We need 10 kids to grab one side of the rope! Let’s go!

*Storyteller picks out 10 kids to grab the rope. He guides the SGLs to assume a position on the other end of the rope, opposite the kids.*

“Now, the Amalekites stood face to face with the Israelites. The war was about to begin! They picked up the rope, stood their ground, and WENT TO WAR!

**Have both sides start pulling. The SGLs should be easily winning,** *but make sure to NOT yank the kids full on to the other side. They should simply pull, little by little, so it’s clear that the kids are losing.*

### **MOSES’ STAFF**

**STORYTELLER:** “The Israelites were losing! What were they going to do? Moses knew, because God had told him. When he raised his staff *(have Moses raise the stick)*, the Israelites started winning!

**The SGLs ease up,** *and the kids start pulling them to the other side.*

“Aaron and Hur couldn’t believe their eyes! Joshua and the Israelites were winning the war! But soon, Moses’ arms grew tired and they slowly sank down. Moses, lower your arm.

*Moses lowers his arms, and the SGLs start winning again, pulling the kids to the other side.*

“Moses was worn out. But he mustered all of his strength and raised his arms again!

**SGLs ease up, and the kids start pulling them to the other side.**

“But soon, because Moses was old and tired, his arms started shaking and fell down once more.

**Moses lowers his arms, and the SGLs start winning again, pulling the kids to the other side.**

### **AARON AND HUR HELP MOSES**

**STORYTELLER:** “Aaron and Hur knew something had to be done. Joshua and the Israelites were losing the war, and the only way for them to win was for Moses to raise his arms and hold the staff up high. Maybe there was a way that they could work together to help Moses succeed.

**SGLs pull a bit harder, really pulling the kids over.**  
*Storyteller picks two other kids out of the audience.*

"I've got it! Aaron and Hur (*motioning to the other kids*) work together with Moses and hold up his arms for him!

*When Aaron and Hur help Moses hold up the stick, this time for the last time, **the SGLs ease up, the kids pull, and eventually they pull the SGLs completely over, and the SGLs fall down in defeat.***

## **WRAPPING UP THE STORY**

**STORYTELLER:** "Together, with God's help, Aaron and Hur helped Moses stay strong, and they helped Joshua and the Israelites win the battle! Three cheers for the Israelites!

*Storyteller sends the kids and SGL's back to their seats.*

"It was up to Moses to raise the staff, helping Joshua and the army defeat the Amalekites, but he couldn't do it alone. Aaron and Hur had to help. Without them, Moses couldn't do what God was asking him to do. It's like our Bottom Line says.

**CG: Bottom Line Slide**

**[Bottom Line]** "We can work together to help someone else succeed. Sometimes cooperation isn't about accomplishing a job. Sometimes God will give you an idea to help someone. When God does that, He can also bring people around you to help. God is so great like that! When He gives us an idea, He'll help us find the people to do what He says. Let's pray and ask Him to help us figure out how we can work together to help someone else succeed."

## **Pray**

**STORYTELLER:** "God, thank You for people who help us. You've given us so much, and You've given us big things to do and to accomplish for You and Your glory. Please teach us how to let others help us do great things for You. And more than that, please show us ways to help others do great things for You too. We love You and we ask these things in Jesus' name, amen."

**CG: KWWB 2 slide**

Storyteller: "Before you go we have an awesome class that we want to tell you about for our 3<sup>rd</sup> graders. So 3<sup>rd</sup> graders listen up! How many of you have taken our KWWB class?? Well, if you have we have a follow up class for you. This time we will talk about what you should do now that you are a Christian and believe on God. We will be digging a little deeper into your faith. Your small group leaders will have postcards to give you so that you can go home and show your parents about this great class!

*Dismiss to small groups*

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**Please add Bible story video (252 Movie Story Week 2) here in case it is needed**