

CITY LG – Jan 23rd/24th

Bible Story: Yes, I Think I Can Dance! (Jesus heals a paralyzed man) • *Luke 5:17-26*

Bottom Line: We can work together to change someone's life.

Memory Verse: "Two people are better than one because they have a good return for their labor." Ecclesiastes 4:9, *NiV*

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

Sfx: Play Born to Be Wild Music as the Storyteller comes out and pretends to drive

Opener

Host enters wearing racing gear. He sits in a chair and pretends as though he is in a racing car. He waves and gives a salute to the audience. Keep driving for a little while until you suddenly appear to swerve and crash

Sfx: crash!

CG: High Gear Slide

Host gets up looking a little embarrassed

"Welcome ... to HIGH GEAR!"

Fade out music

HOST: *(With over-exaggerated arm movements)* "Yes! So pumped! This week on High Gear is going to be like no other!"

"We are continuing our theme of cooperation, and later we're getting under the hood of 'working together to change someone's life.' And to kick things off, we're actually going to CHANGE SOMEONE'S LIFE!"

SFX: Start music again

"Yes! It's true! The days of lameness and lame-osity and all things lame are OVER! We are rapidly closing the gap between man and machine. Technology is advancing at a rapid rate, and your lives will never be the same. We have found a way to combine man ... and machine ... into A TRANSFORMER! Ohhh, yes! That's right, kids! YOU will have the opportunity—right now—to TRANSFORM your Small Group leader ... into ... A CAR!"

"Kids, break off and race over to your Small Groups ... and let's get started!"

Small Groups will have an assortment of items (pictures, tape, wheels, ribbon, streamers, rods, and so on) to "turn" their Small Group Leaders into something that looks like a

car. Take the next five minutes or so, and have the Small Group Leaders guide the kids into “creating” a car!

“Now that the cars are all souped up and spit-shined, let’s get ready to race! One trick, though. I hold in my hand the SLOW MOTION REMOTE. Any time I push it and yell out, “Slow motion!” the cars have to race in slow motion, until I hit the regular speed button. Are we ready to race?!”

The Small Group Leader “cars” line up for a quick race around the room. Host randomly hits a button on the remote control during the race, saying, “Slow motion,” or, “Regular speed,” making the Small Group Leaders periodically comically race in slow motion with funny faces and fake crashes. One of the Small Group Leaders wins, and the Host leads the kids in huge applause.

“That was amazing! You guys made some killer cars! Now, I can’t wait to speed to this Bible story.

SETTING UP THE STORY

STORYTELLER: “In our third week of cooperation, we turn to an amazing story in the Bible—one that completely changed a man’s life.

This mans name was Jude.

“Jude lived in a small town in Judea. And there’s something you should know about Jude. He was paralyzed—which means his legs simply didn’t work.”

Check this out...

Bible story video: 252 Story Week 3

WRAPPING UP THE STORY

STORYTELLER: “The crowd opened up as Jude grabbed his mat and danced right out of the room. People gawked as he went by. And Jude’s life had been changed forever from the inside out—all because his friends worked together to bring him to Jesus. It’s like our Bottom Line for today.

CG: Bottom Line Slide

“We can work together to change someone’s life. I want to hear you nice and loud. I will say “We can work together” and you will shout, “To change someone’s life!” Ready?

ST: We can work together

Kids: To change someone’s life!

One more time...

ST: We can work together

Kids: To change someone's life!

Because Jude's friends took the time to figure out how they could help, Jude was able to walk again—and maybe for the first time ever! God can use us to do the same thing for the people in our lives. We just need to be ready to help when we see someone in need.

You may not realize this, but you and your friends can help change people's lives. It could be something big, like what if your group of friends put some of your allowance money together every month to give to a family or child in need somewhere? That could really change their lives. Or what if you decided to get together with your friends to help a neighbor do yard work that they might not be able to do on their own?

And by helping others, you may help bring them to Jesus. Not physically bring them to visit Jesus like in our Bible story, but when you help others, they see you living the way Jesus did. They see the light of Jesus living in you! Let's pray and ask God to help us shine our lights for him.

Pray

STORYTELLER: "Lord, thank You for showing us Jesus' miracles—and this one is so amazing. Thank You for Your life-changing power, and I pray that we all may come close enough to You that our lives are changed forever. I pray that we can find ways to work together to change others' lives, just as You have changed ours. We love You and we ask these things in Jesus' name, amen."

Dismiss kids to their Small Groups.