

CITY SG – Feb 6th-7th

Bible Story: Netflix (calling of Peter) • *Luke 5:1-11*

Bottom Line: When I see how God provides today, it helps me trust Him with tomorrow.

Memory Verse: “Faith is being sure of what we hope for. It is being certain of what we do not see.” *Hebrews 11:1, NIV*

Life App: Faith—believing in what you can’t see because of what you can see.

Basic Truth: I can trust God no matter what.

Before kids arrive, pray for each regular attendee by name. Pray for those who might visit your group for the first time. Thank God for providing for us. Pray the kids will have confidence that God will provide for all their needs, even in unexpected ways. Ask God to provide for specific needs of the kids you know about.

Letters Of Love (Please do this activity first)

What You Need: Letters of Love Stationary, writing prompt

What You Do:

Pass out a piece of stationary and writing prompt to each child. Make sure to collect the prompts to be used by the next group

What You Say: We are going to be writing some letters to kids in Africa. These are kids who go to the same school as _____ and _____ who we sponsor with our offering. We just want to send them a letter to tell them we are thinking of them way across the world in the United States.

No See Ums

What You Need: pillowcase or cloth bag filled with a variety of items

What You Do:

Lead the kids in a brain challenging feel and find game. Guide the kids to gather around you. Name an item hidden in the bag and then choose a volunteer to reach into the bag (no peeking!), feel for the item named, pull it out for the group to see, and then return it to the bag. Reserve the fish for the final item found.

What You Say:

“You did a great job finding the items I told you to find even though you couldn’t see them. In our Bible story today, we heard about a man who found something he couldn’t see, either. Peter and his friends had been fishing all night and hadn’t caught a single fish! It took faith for Peter to trust Jesus and throw his nets back in the water. It also took faith for him to stop being a fisherman and follow Jesus. He didn’t exactly know how he would make money to buy food and pay for other things, but Peter knew that he could trust Jesus no matter what. **[Apply] We can trust Jesus no matter what, too. Just like Peter, we can trust that what Jesus says is true even when we don’t see how it will happen.**

Pictionary (application activity)

What You Need: Bag with quarter sheets of cardstock with these words printed on each them: *food, home, friends, clothes, family, animals, church, flowers, water*. Small white board, dry erase markers, eraser

What You Do:

Help the kids brainstorm things God has provided by giving examples of what God has provided in your own life. (e.g., food, a home, friends, etc.) Invite one kid at a time to draw a piece of paper from the bag, secretly peek at what is written (leaders will have to help the younger kids read it) and draw the item on the board while the rest of the group guesses. Once all items have been drawn and guessed, circle back up to discuss all the great ways God has provided for us!

What You Say:

[Apply] “God has definitely given us some great things. He meets our needs every day. That is why we can trust that He will meet our needs tomorrow, too. Because **[Impress]** when I see how God provides today, it helps me trust Him with tomorrow.”

Pray and Dismiss

What You Need: Pipe Cleaners

What You Do:

Invite every child to choose a chenille stem and shape it into a fish however they choose. As the kids create, invite them to share ways they have seen God provide for them or their families. Close by leading the group in prayer. Encourage the kids to take their fish home as reminders that, like Peter, they can trust God to provide for them.

What You Say:

“Dear God, Thank You for the many ways You provide for us and take care of us every day. Thank You for [name the ways the kids mentioned that God has provided for them]. Please help us believe what You say and remember the many ways we have seen You show up in our lives. **[Apply]** And like Peter, help us trust You enough to decide to follow You. We love You, Lord. Thank You for loving us more than we can imagine! Amen.”

Give each child a GodTime card to take home