

CITY LG – June 18th / 19th

Theme: Zapped – Plugging into God's power helps me see and do what I should.

Bible Story: Peter the Rock (Matthew 16:13-28)

Bottom Line: What is important to Jesus should be important to me.

Memory Verse: God's power has given us everything we need to lead a godly life. (2 Peter 1:3a NIV)

When ready for Large Group to start....

Video: Countdown Video

SFX: Greeter Theme

Host :

I used to hate nicknames. Do any of you have a nickname? My nickname started a long time ago, and it happened so randomly.

See, I played for the football team (*cheerleading squad if a female*) in high school. I know, I know, I don't look like much of a football player (*cheerleader*) but trust me, I used to be one. Well, during my second year on the team, I had this amazing tackle (*cheer competition, first place victory*) during a game. People loved me! I was the hit of the school. People were coming up and tapping me on the back, giving me high-fives; you name it, they did it. Everyone was cheering me on!

Then, one guy came by and said "Great game D-Bone!" (*Host should insert the first letter of his or her name into the "D" Slot. For example: A-Bone, E-Bone, T-Bone, etc.*) I said, "D-Bone?" What in the world does that mean? I didn't like it one bit. I didn't say anything right away but then more and more people starting calling me that. I was not pleased!

In fact, I was so angry that I found the kid who started the nickname and I began to give him the "what for." I said, "Who do you think you are trying to start all this stuff with me?" We stood face to face like a manager and an umpire in a baseball game, yelling back and forth; it was a heated scene! Then, he told me something that I will never forget. He said, "I gave you that nickname because you are strong. It was supposed to make you feel good, not embarrassed."

I began to understand. (*Host gets more and more excited as the next lines are delivered.*) He gave me the nickname "D-Bone" because I was strong, not a wimp. I was "D-Bone," and I was proud of it! I was "D-Bone," and since that moment, I've always been known as "D-Bone."

Simon, if you remember from our Bible stories the last couple of weeks, was one of Jesus' twelve disciples. And sometimes he got it right. He was "Super Disciple." And other times he got it wrong. He was just plain old Simon. Simon also had another name. It was Peter. And there's actually a story behind why he was named that.

But first, let's play a game to stay connected with each other. Today's ZAPPED game is called Hula Hoop Hysteria.

ZAPPED GAME: Hula hoop hysteria

What You Do:

- Tell kids to form a straight line. You can have each grade level make one line (this works best if you have at least 10 people in a line. If a grade level is too big they can make 2 lines
- Have everyone hold hands with the people next to them.
- The goal when you say go, is to get the hula hoop from one end of the line to the other WITHOUT letting go of hands.
- IF they let go of hands they need to start again

****WATCH THIS VIDEO TO SEE HOW THE GAME IS PLAYED:**
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Q8KuydoWOKI>

Video: Peter the Rock FULL Video

Host:

SFX: Play “wrap up theme” music under the Host’s monologue as he speaks to the audience.

HOST

Can you imagine having your name changed by Jesus? That’s pretty cool, huh? Seems like Peter got a little carried away there for a few minutes. But God’s plan was bigger than what Peter could imagine. He had to learn that sometimes what he thought was important wasn’t as important as Jesus’ plan. And what’s important to Jesus should be important to me too. Let’s say our Bottom Line together: **What is important to Jesus should be important to me.**

CG – Week 3 Bottom Line Important to Jesus slide

And one of the things that is important to Jesus is taking care of those who are in need. Remember, that’s what we do with our offering. We collect money for offering every week that goes to help kids in Kenya. We send money every month to Africa so that _____ (names of kid/kids) can go to school, get medical and have food. So join us in helping these kids in Africa by bringing in your money for offering each week.

We can let God do something through us by helping kids in another part of the world! That’s pretty cool, huh?

Let’s Pray....

“Dear God, help us this week to remember what is important to you. And help us make those things priorities to us, too. We love you God. In Jesus’ name we pray, Amen.”

Dismiss to small groups