

## CITY LG - June 4<sup>th</sup>/5<sup>th</sup>

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

**Bible Story:** Calling of Peter (Luke 5:1-11)

**Bottom Line:** God wants to do something with me that’s bigger than just me.

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

### **Video: Countdown Video**

*Host enters holding a Video Game Remote.*

### **SFX: Greeter Theme**

**HOST:** Do any of you have that video game that you just can’t beat? Which one is it? Come on, yell it out. *(Pause for responses.)* Yeah! Me too. In fact, there is one game that I have that I am just terrible at, it seems like I can’t score a single point.

I am not kidding here, I will sit in front of the TV for hours. Sometimes, I will stay in front of it all night long and will not score a single point. Shhhhhh—don’t tell my parents I was up all night, I know none of you ever stay up all night. *(Host winks at audience.)* I have tried everything to score points on this game and I have no luck.

### **SFX – Old Video Game Sounds**

*(Host begins to mimic motions with the remote)* I have tried going left, going right, going up, going down, going back, going forward. *(At this point, Host is jumping all over the stage with these moves).* Still, nothing. I was so discouraged.

Then, one night my cell phone rang at 2:00 a.m. in the morning. It was my friend. I was like: “What are you calling me at 2:00 in the morning for?” He said, “You still playing that game that you play all the time and you are terrible at?” I said, “Of course I am!” He told me then to sit still, he would be right over. I thought he was crazy. This was going to be a total waste of time. I have been trying to rack up points at this game for months and have gotten nowhere. What did my friend know that I didn’t?

Well, he came over and sat right next to me on the couch. He told me he was an expert, and he was going to help me with this game. So, sure enough, after a short period of time, he began to rack up points. I screamed “LET ME TRY!” I watched what he was doing and, sure enough, I—

### **SFX – Old Video Game Sounds**

*(Host begins to mimic motions with the remote.)* Was going left, going right, going up, going down, going back, going forward. *(At this point, Host is jumping all over the stage with these moves).* I had finally gotten it! Not only did I begin to score points but I was racking them up left and right, I had made it to the top of the leaderboard! I had done it.

In the beginning, I thought this would be a total waste of time, but it ended up being close to a miracle. Today, you will hear a story about a man who had a similar problem. His was about fish. Until then, you are looking at the champion!

"Speaking of games, let's play a game to connect with each other right now. Our ZAPPED game today is called, Circles. *(Explain game)*

### **ZAPPED GAME: Circles**

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

- *Play an elimination game where the kids gather in circles of a certain number of people who have one thing in common.*
- *You will call out a number and then the thing in common. Then kids will scramble to get into those specific groups.*
- *For example:*
  - *"Circles of three people who have noses!" (In this example everyone would be involved because everyone has a nose!)*
  - *All the kids (with noses) would form circles of three and join hands with the people in their group.*
  - *No more than three and no less. Anyone left out of the circles is out for that round.*
- *Keep calling out different numbers of people in circles and different common qualities. The qualities should not always involve everyone. For example: "Circles of two with blonde hair!" Only those with blonde hair would have to get in circles. Everyone else is safe.*
- *Here are some examples of qualities to call out: blue shirts, wearing jeans, wearing a dress, has glasses, wearing clothes, in second grade (or third grade), eight years old, is at Parkview has hair, etc.*

"That was a great way to get to know each other a little bit! Have a seat and check out our video...."

### **VIDEO: Peter's Calling FULL Video**

**Host:** Wrap Up

**SFX: "Wrap up Theme" Play music under the Host's monologue as he speaks to the audience.**

HOST

Wow! Simon just left everything and followed Jesus! Of course, after he saw how Jesus told them to cast their nets and when they did, it was overflowing with fish, it's easy to understand how he decided to follow him. And it was cool that Simon realized that he could be part of something bigger than just catching fish. That's what our Bottom Line is all about, **God wants to do something with me that's bigger than just me.**

### **CG – Week 1 Bottom Line Bigger Than Me slide**

Now, let's say it together: **God wants to do something with me that's bigger than just me.**

And the cool thing is that, we can do something here in the CITY that shows how God can use us in a big way. One of the ways He can use you is by helping others in need. 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.

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

I can't wait until when we find out what else is going to happen in Simon's adventure now that he's decided to follow Jesus! Let's go over our memory verse for this month....

**CG – 2 Peter Memory Verse slide**

Say this with me, "God's power has given us everything we need to lead a godly life. 2 Peter 1:3a" Great job everyone! That's getting Zapped!

Let's pray, *"God, thank you that when we are plugged into your power, we can do amazing things for you. Help us to be like Simon and follow what you want us to do. We love you, Amen."*

*Dismiss to Small Groups*