

## CITY LG – July 23<sup>rd</sup> / 24<sup>th</sup>

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

**Bible Story:** Peter and Cornelius (Acts 10)

**Bottom Line:** God wants to use me to show others the power of His forgiveness.

**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:** "Welcome to our summer series called ZAPPED! We have been following the life of Peter to see what it means to be ZAPPED by God's power. Peter had some amazing things happen in his life because he was plugged into God's power.

**Host :**

One day last summer, I had some people over to my house. This was as ordinary of a day as a day could be. The sun was out, the sidewalk was boiling hot, and we were hanging out at the pool with not a care in the world. It started to get really hot and we knew that we needed to get inside to the air conditioning. Some of the people who were at my house went home, but my brother stayed and so did my best friend. We went into the kitchen to get some food.

As we were in the kitchen, I noticed something peculiar out of the corner of my eye. My iPad was on the counter in the kitchen, and next to it was a huge one-liter bottle of water. It startled me a bit, but I really didn't think anything of it. But I thought, "Hmmm. Is there any chance of that water bottle falling over? Nahhhhh." After a few minutes our conversation moved to the kitchen where, as friends and brothers will, we started rough-housing in the kitchen. Now, I know none of you have ever rough-housed in the kitchen. Am I right, or am I right?

It started to get a little out of control and before I knew it, my brother and my best friend fell into the one-liter bottle of water and it spilled all over my iPad.

I was furious! I couldn't believe what I had just seen! I immediately lunged for my iPad but it was too late. The water that spilled all over it had ruined the internal mechanism and shorted out the 1.21 jig-a-wots of electricity I needed to run it. I had never been more upset in my entire life. I screamed for my brother and friend to "GET OUT OF THIS ROOM RIGHT NOW!" I had lost it.

They came back and apologized. They were very sorry, but that couldn't bring back my iPad.

I had an interesting reaction. I didn't want to stay mad at my friend, but I did want to stay mad at my brother. You know how it is with brothers and sisters. I told my best friend: "Listen man, I forgive you. It was an accident." He went home. As for my brother, I said to him: "How could you do this? I am your own brother! I will never forgive you."

There is no doubt that it was a rough day. Around 6:00 p.m. that night, I started to feel really bad about what I had done. I definitely hadn't done the right thing by forgiving my friend and not my brother. My brother felt terrible and had barricaded himself in his bedroom. At 6:01 p.m., I went knocking on his door. I said: "Henry." (*Extremely cheesy.*) That's my brother's name. "I want you to know that it wasn't fair for me only to forgive my best friend, I forgive you too." Henry still felt

terrible about what had happened, but he accepted my forgiveness. All was well, except that I didn't have an iPad.

Today, you guys are going to hear a story about a group of people who thought that forgiveness was only for "them," when in fact, it was for everybody in the entire world.

It's called FOUR CORNERS. As we play, many of you will get Zapped until there is one winner!

### **ZAPPED GAME:**

**Create a Camel:** Basically, this game is group Charades. Have the kids form groups of five to nine. The Host will call out an object and the groups are to create that object with their bodies. Once you give them enough time, you can have the Host and/or small group leaders judge and declare someone the winner. The group who wins the most rounds wins the game. Example: Ant, Bear, Camel, lighting bolt, toaster, and etc.

Note: for younger kids, have them lay down on the ground then holding each other up.

### **Peter and Cornelius FULL Video**

### **Host – Wrap Up**

*Play music under the Host's monologue as he speaks to the audience.*

### **SfX: "Wrap Up Theme"**

Wow! This week has flown by, hasn't it?! We've had a great time learning what it means to be zapped with God's love! Isn't it awesome to know that God's love is for everyone, not just for some people? Let's go over our Bottom Line for today one more time, **God wants to use me to show others the power of His forgiveness.**

### **CG – Week 7 Bottom Line Forgiveness slide**

And we get the opportunity to tell our friends about God and what He's done for us. We have also had the chance to show others God's love this week by bringing in quarters for LUO (*or charity of your choice*) to help kids in South Africa. Are you guys ready?

I've had a great time hanging out with you guys this week and getting zapped! Let's pray...

"Dear God, Thank you that you love us so much. Help us use your power to show other people that you love them too. Help us to be brave in our faith this week. In your name I pray, Amen."

*Dismiss to Small Groups*