

## CITY LG – July 9<sup>th</sup> / 10<sup>th</sup>

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

**Bible Story:** Peter at Pentecost (Acts 2)

**Bottom Line:** When I trust in Jesus, He promises He'll always be with me.

**Memory Verse:** "But he kept believing in God's promise. He became strong in his faith. He gave glory to God. He was absolutely sure that God had the power to do what he had promised." (Romans 4:20-21 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.

Do any of you know what a "Foreign Exchange Student" is? Well, I didn't until one showed up at my school. His name was John, John Lee to be exact. John was from China. Do you know anything about the culture in China? I sure didn't.

Before John came to my school our teacher explained what kind of language they speak in China. They speak Chinese. Some of you already know that but when I was your age, I didn't have a clue. My teacher even told our class that they didn't have "letters" like we do, no, they had symbols that meant different words or different parts of a word. Take a look at this one, this word means "love."

**CG: Chinese letters slide**

I was freaked out, I thought, "How in the world am I ever going to communicate with this kid?" They use these weird looking symbols and we use letters. I felt like my entire world was going to cave in, especially because I have social anxiety and get very nervous in these situations.

Then, the day came when John showed up at my school. I was sweating all morning. And then he, of course, had to sit right next to me in class. The teacher introduced him to us all, and after the first class I found myself standing next to my desk and John was right there, standing right next to me. What would I do?!

All of a sudden, John reached out his hand to shake mine and said "Hi, I'm John." I had no idea what to do or say. I thought he would say a word that I couldn't comprehend, but he could actually speak English. I said, "Hi, I'm *(insert name)*." Then I said, "I didn't think you spoke much English." John replied, "I speak a little." And all of a sudden there wasn't a barrier between us. That was the moment when I realized that John and I were able to communicate. All of this time I was so anxious about nothing. That was the opening we needed to become life-long friends. We shared friendship, family, and faith, together, and we still do to this day.

Today, you will hear a story about an event where the people didn't think they were able to talk to each other, but God did something amazing that allowed them to communicate like never before.

And speaking of communicating? We are going to see how well you can listen to what someone is saying in our ZAPPED game! It's called Did You Hear That? Take a look at the screen for today's game...

### **Did You Hear That Video**

You did a great job listening! Let's see what we have to learn about people from the Bible and the way they communicated to each other...

### **Video: Peter and Pentecost FULL Video**

### **Host – Wrap Up**

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

### **Sfx: "Wrap Up Theme"**

#### **HOST:**

Can you imagine being in a room filled with people from all over the world and everyone can understand what's being said even though they speak a different language? That's pretty amazing! God is so powerful that He can truly do anything! And it's really cool to know that He gave us His Holy Spirit so that we'd never be alone. It's great to know that when I trust in Jesus, He promises He'll always be with me.

### **CG – "Week 5 Bottom Line Trust in Jesus" slide**

Now, let's say it together: **When I trust in Jesus, He promises He'll always be with me.**

Let's go over our memory verse before you guys go to your Small Groups

### **CG – "Romans 4 Memory Verse" slide**

Say this with me, "But he kept believing in God's promise. He became strong in his faith. He gave glory to God. He was absolutely sure that God had the power to do what he had promised," (Romans 4:20-21, NIV).

Great job everyone! Let's pray...

"Dear God, You are so powerful and can do anything! Thank you for giving us the Holy Spirit so we will never be alone. Thank you that when we trust in you, you will always be with us. We love you, Amen.

*Dismiss to Small Groups*