

CITY LG – September 10th/11th

Bible Story: Family Unties (Joseph Sold by His Brothers) • *Genesis 37, 39:1-2*

Bottom Line: When you think you're alone, you can trust God is with you.

Memory Verse: "Trust in the Lord with all your heart. Do not depend on your own understanding." *Proverbs 3:5, NIV*

Life App: Trust—putting your confidence in someone you can depend on.

Basic Truth: I can trust God no matter what.

CG: High Wire

WORSHIP LEADER: Hello everyone! Welcome to our new series called "High Wire"! My name is _____. Are you ready to worship?? Let's get moving with our first song about God's love for us...Movin' Me!

SONG: Movin' Me

WORSHIP LEADER: Great! This next song is an oldie but a goodie that will really get our blood flowin! I'll give you a hint: Two words....PUSH UPS! That's right, let's Get Down!

SONG: Get Down

WORSHIP LEADER: Good singing! Our last song is going to be our theme song all month long. This month is all about Trust, and how we can always trust God no matter what. We can trust that he will be there for us NO matter what we are facing. He is our Lighthouse. Sing with me....

SONG: My Lighthouse

WORSHIP LEADER: Thanks for singing with me! You can have a seat!

CG: High Wire

"Hey, everybody! So glad you made it today as we start a brand new month in The CITY! We have a great month planned as we journey through the life of Joseph. If you don't know who that is, just wait, because we will be spending quite a bit of time with him this month!

"As we do that, we'll discover that Joseph really knew what it meant to put our new Life App into practice.

CG: Trust Slide

"Trust is putting your confidence in someone you can depend on ... which reminds me ...

Pick the book up of the stage.

"So, I always had this dream as a little kid that I would one day join the circus. I loved the way those

people the way they walked across the high wire or flew through the air on the trapeze! Talk about trust! I always imagined it would be so cool to be in the circus, but I never really did anything about that. Well, *(reveal the book)* those days are over! I was recently at a garage sale when I found this gem: *So You Want to Join the Circus!*

(Pretend to read the back cover) “Have you ever dreamed of being a part of the circus?” *(To audience)* That’s me! *(Read)* ‘Well now’s your big break.’ *(To audience)* Finally! *(Read)* ‘In just three short weeks, you’ll be ready for the big time under the big top!’

“Just three short weeks?! Why didn’t I do this sooner? Let’s get started!”

Open the book and perform the instructions while reading aloud.

(Read instructions) “So you want to join the circus. Lesson one: the high wire.’ *(To audience)* ‘Whoa! They sure aren’t starting small, are they? *(Read)* ‘You will need dental floss and two bricks.”

Look around and find dental floss and two bricks.

“Good thing those were just sitting here. Back to the lesson. *(Read and follow instructions)* ‘Tie the dental floss around one brick. Stretch the dental floss out 8-10 feet and then tie it around the other brick. Make sure there is tension between the bricks. The dental floss should now be 1-2 inches off the ground. *(Continue reading but do not perform)* Start at one brick. With your toes pointed forward, take short steps and walk across the dental floss.’

Dramatically walk from one brick to the other. The dental floss will clearly hit the ground.

(Read) “Made it to the other end? Now carefully turn around on the brick and go back.’

Dramatically spin on the brick and walk back to the other brick.

(Reading) “Are you back at the original brick? Then congratulations, because you’re now ready for the high wire! This concludes lesson one.’

Flip back and forth, confused the chapter ended so abruptly.

“Umm ... that’s it? Wow, you know what that means? *(Face lights up.)* I’m ready to walk the high wire!” Do you guys think I’m ready???? I mean I read the whole page??? No? Me either.

SETTING UP THE STORY

STORYTELLER: “I am really having a hard time. I want to train, and I really want to learn, but I feel like I am all by myself. I feel all alone. I don’t know if trust this book—I don’t feel like I can depend on it. A real high wire is so high in the air! And that is what we’re talking about all month long: trust.

CG: Trust Slide

“Trust is putting your confidence in someone you can depend on. When you trust someone, you believe that they won’t let you down or leave you alone.

“But let’s be honest for a second. You don’t have to raise your hand or anything, but have you ever felt like that? Have you ever felt all alone, like no one is there to help? *(Pause for response.)* Well, this week’s story is about someone who felt just like that. We’re taking a look in the book of Genesis at a fantastic story about a young man named Joseph. And, since we’re talking about trust, can I TRUST all of you to watch this video? Can I rely on you to pay attention? *(Pause for response.)* Great!

Let’s see what happens...

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WRAPPING UP THE STORY

STORYTELLER: “Joseph, now a slave in Egypt, was all by himself. Even though he was in a foreign land—not knowing anyone, not speaking the language—God was with him the whole time.

“Kids, sometimes you might feel like Joseph in the bottom of the well. It might be at night, when you’re alone in your bed, or maybe when you’re in a room full of people you don’t know. Has anyone ever been the new kid on the first day at a new school? *(Pause for response.)* I know what that feels like. You’re looking around, unsure of who to talk to, wishing you had a friend. It’s no fun feeling alone. I get it.

In those situations I think of one of my favorite verses. It’s Proverbs 3:5, our memory verse for this month!

CG: Memory Verse Slide

“It says, ‘Trust in the LORD with all your heart. Do not depend on your own understanding,’ Proverbs 3:5, *(NI, V)*. That’s it! That makes me feel so much better! Even though no one is here with me now, God is with me. I can always trust in Him.

It’s like our Bottom Line for today. Let’s take a look at it together.

CG: Bottom Line Slide

[Bottom Line] “When you think you’re alone, you can trust that God is with you. Can you say that with me?” I’ll say “When you think you’re alone” and you say....”You can trust that God is with you.” Are you ready??

ST: “When you think you’re alone”

Kids: “You can trust that God is with you”

Let’s do that one more time, a little bit louder! *(Repeat the bottom line)*

STORYTELLER: “That’s right! What Joseph’s brothers did was really mean, but God was with Joseph the whole time. Even though it looked like things were going really badly for him, God was about to turn things around, no matter what Joseph was going through.

Thankfully, Joseph’s story isn’t over yet! Remember Joseph’s dreams? The ones about the bundles of grain and the sun, moon, and stars? Well, God was about to start showing Joseph what those dreams were all about. I can’t wait to tell you all about it next week. Joseph in Egypt ... to be continued! Let’s pray.”

Pray

STORYTELLER: “God, sometimes we feel alone—like no one is there for us, like we can’t rely on anyone, and we can’t trust that anyone will help. I thank You that You’re ALWAYS there. You never leave. You never take a break. You never put your phone on ‘Do not disturb.’ We call out; You answer. We ask; You’re listening. We knock; You open the door. I thank You that even though You made the whole universe, You still have time for us. I pray that all of us, myself included, learn to trust You more, to lean on You, to look to You for help. I thank You that You never let us down. We love You, God, and we ask these things in Jesus’ name, amen.”