

# CITY LG- January 21<sup>st</sup>/22<sup>nd</sup>

**Bible Story:** Jesus tempted in the wilderness • *Luke 4:1-13 (Supporting: Matthew 4:1-11)*

**Bottom Line:** Discovering what God says helps you make the wise choice.

**Memory Verse:** “Your word is like a lamp for my feet. A light on my path.” *Psalms 119:105 (NIV)*

**Life App:** Knowledge—learning something new so you can be better at whatever you do.

**Basic Truth:** I can trust God no matter what.

## CG: Pre-Show

### WORSHIP:

Live Differently

Movin’ Me

“Hey kids! We are so excited to be here to worship with you.

Did you know there are many ways to worship God? One way is singing. Another is giving an offering.

When you bring in your offering money – we send that to an organization called Missions of Hope International. They provide kids with an education, 2 nutritious meals – breakfast and lunch, and they learn about God! So, if you brought money for offering, you can bring it up right now.

Everyone let’s stand up and let’s get this party going!! Our first song is *Live Differently*.

Great job!

Our 2<sup>nd</sup> song is our theme song for the month, it’s *Movin’ Me*!

You guys were awesome! Thanks for worshipping with us today!”

### LARGE GROUP:

“Hey Parkview Kids, how are you all doing today? (*Pause for response*). Good, welcome to the City. We have a lot of fun planned for today. We are going through our series called Brain Games. Before we do that, we are going to start with a brain game called Zoom out. Are you ready? (*Pause*) What, I couldn’t hear you. (*Pause*). Here are the rules.

## CG: Game

*Zoom out game. There will be some pictures on the screen. The kids will try to guess what the image could be. The image will be very zoomed in at first, but the video will zoom out a little twice before showing the full picture. The kids can guess what it could be until the counter goes down to 0 and then the image will be revealed. If they get it right, they will get a point. Have fun trying to throw kids off and confuse them.*

“How was that Brain Game? Was it kind of hard? So like I said, our series is called Brain Games. We have been talking about this thing called knowledge. You know, that thing we all have, but can be hard to describe. Well here is a definition.

## CG: Knowledge Slide

“Knowledge is learning something new so you can be better at whatever you do.’ Can you say that with me? (*Repeat Slide*).”

“Now knowledge is not only the kind that we get at school. That’s a very important kind, but instead,

knowledge is when we learn about ANYTHING. How about the game we played earlier.

**CG:Snail slide 1**

“You first saw this picture right here and probably didn’t know what it could be. Maybe a rock, or a shell.

**CG:Snail Slide 2**

“Then when it zoomed out, you could tell that it was a picture of a snail. You GAINED a little bit of KNOWLEDGE each time the picture zoomed out and that gave you the KNOWLEDGE that you needed to get the right answer for the brain game.”

“Well today, we are going to learn about where to get knowledge to make wise choices. I mean life is full of choices. Pepperoni or sausage, cats or dogs, Marvel vs. My Little Ponies. Even during our game you had to make some pretty wise choices. Well, today we are going to look at just that. How can God help us make wise choices?

### **SETTING UP THE STORY**

“Our story picks up right where we left off last week. If you weren’t here, let me fill you in. Jesus was baptized by his cousin John the Baptist in a river called the Jordan. Here is a picture of that same river today.

**CG: Jordan River picture**

When John finished baptizing Jesus, the sky opened up and a dove descended from heaven. God then told John, that Jesus was His one and only son. Then, after his baptism, Jesus goes to the desert and meets someone unexpected. Now, face towards the screens and let’s find out what happened in the desert.

**CG: 252 Basic Story Video**

### **WRAPPING UP THE STORY**

“Wow, what a cool story. Jesus was so smart. If it were I, I would have wanted to be king/queen of the whole world. However, Jesus knew better because he knew what God wanted him to do. He knew that because he knew the Bible. Whenever Jesus was tempted by the devil, he always had a Bible verse ready to quote against the Devil’s lies. The devil didn’t stand a chance because Jesus had the Bible memorized inside and out. You know what, we can all make the same wise choices as Jesus. Check out today’s Bottom line.

**CG: Bottom Line Slide**

“**[Bottom Line] discovering what God says helps you make the wise choice.** Let’s say that together. (Repeat Slide).”

“Knowing what God says always helps you make the best choice. Now you might be saying, ‘[Host’s name], what makes God’s way better than my way?’ That is a really good question.”

“Let’s say for example you and your brother or sister are watching T.V. However, it’s your turn to pick a show. So you can do one of two things. You can either get angry and fight for the remote controller or you can do what God wants you to do and treat them with kindness. If you hit them, they might start crying and go tell your parents. Which means you will probably get grounded and won’t be able to watch T.V. at

all. However, if you ask them if you could pick the next show in a kind voice, they might let you pick a show and you won't get in trouble."

"When we listen to God we make wise choices and things will work out better for us. Listen to how the Bible describes God's words."

### **CG: Memory Verse Slide**

"Your word is like a lamp for my feet. A light on my path." *Psalms 119:105 (NIV) (Repeat slide).*

"A flashlight shows us where to go in the dark. God's word shows us the right and wrong things to do in our lives. So this week, read the Bible and find out what God thinks the wise choice is and start doing them. I am sure you will find that things will start working out better for you. Let's pray."

### **Pray**

"Lord, life is full of hard choices, but I thank You that Your words help us figure out the right thing to do. And like Jesus in the desert, if we know what You say we can make wise choices, no matter what we're going through. When we're faced with a hard choice this week, please help us to remember Your words and make a wise decision. We love You and we ask these things in Jesus' name, amen."

*Dismiss children to their small groups.*