

# CITY SG- 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.

## **Bible Story Trivia**

**What You Need:** “Bible Story” Cards (1 set per bin), buzzer or bell (one per bin) , white board/marker or paper/pens.

### **What You Do:**

- Have the kids divide into teams of 3 or 4.
- Put a buzzer or bell in the middle.
- You will read them a question and one kid will press the buzzer to answer.
  - If they get it right, they will get a point.
  - If they get it wrong, then another group will get a chance to steal the point.
- Use the paper to keep track of the scores.
- At the end, the team with the most points wins the game.

### **What You Say:**

- Which of these powers would you rather have: never go hungry, king/queen over the world, or the ability to fly? Why?
- Why didn't Jesus listen to the Devil? (He knew God's Word (the Bible) so he could do the right thing).
- What do you think would happen if you knew the Bible like Jesus?
- Does it do any good to read the Bible and not apply what it says to our lives? Why or why not?
- Has knowing what the Bible says helped you with a problem?
- **[Bottom Line] discovering what God says helps you make the wise choice.”**

## **Telephone**

**What You Need:** No supplies needed

### **What You Do:**

- Have the kids sit down in a circle.
- Tell them that you will whisper a phrase in the ear of the child sitting to your right and they will share the phrase with the next child. Their goal is to get the original phrase back to you.
- Have the last child say the phrase aloud.
- Feel free to play a few more rounds if interest or time allows.
- Here are some suggestions:
  - Dogs dig holes for big bones.
  - Bananas are bitter than biscuits.
  - The quick brown fox jumps over the lazy dog and says hello to the cat.
  - I love eating toasted cheese and tuna sandwiches.

### **What You Say:**

- How many of you have ever misunderstood what someone else said? Do you have a funny story to share? *Remember to keep it appropriate.*
- Do you feel like God is talking to you through a telephone? Why or why not?
- How do you know what are the right or wrong things to do? (From parents; from teachers; from God).
- Why do you think God tells us to obey his word? (Because he cares about us and wants us to be more like Jesus).
- What is something you can do to know what God says? (Reading the Bible, Memory Verse, come to church).
- **[Bottom Line] discovering what God says helps you make the wise choice**

### **Pray**

**What You Need:** No supplies needed

### **What You Do:**

- Ask kids what kinds of choices kids their age have to make. (*What to wear, who to play with at recess, what to eat for a snack, what to watch on tv or what game to play, when to do homework*)
- Group kids into pairs and let them talk about a choice they need to make this week.
- Encourage kids to pray together about the choices they face.
- Finish with the prayer below.

### **What You Say:**

"When Jesus was tempted in the wilderness, he was able to resist temptation because He knew there was something much better than what the devil was offering. As you talk to your partner, tell them about a choice you need to make this week and then pray for your partner's choice.

(*Close in prayer after giving kids a short moment to pray silently.*) "God, we love You and we want to make the wise choice. Thank You for giving us Your Word and also for giving us Your Son to be a living example for us. We pray that You would help us this week with the choices we have to make and help us to make the wise choice. We ask that You would make wise choices clear to us in every situation through Your Word and through the wise people you have put into our lives."

### **See It Through**

**What You Need:** "See It Through" Activity Pages (one per kid), paintbrushes (12-15 per pin), cups (Dixie cups), buckets, flashlights (a few per bin)

### **What You Do:**

- Give each kid an Activity Page and a paintbrush.
- Fill cups with water so all the kids have access to one.
- Read the verse together.
- Ask kids to wet their paintbrush and use it to write the words that are missing. Tell them to make the words pretty wet without being so wet that the paper gets soaked.
- When all the kids have finished painting the words, hand out flashlights.

- Make the room as dark as possible and encourage kids to shine the flashlights through the paper to light up the words.

### **What You Say:**

- What does a lamp do? How does God's word show us the way? (Shows you what God wants you to do).
- What are some benefits of making the wise choice? What are some of the consequences of not making the wise choice? ***[Make It Personal]*** Share a story of when you did or didn't make a wise decision.
- What do you think a life where God's word guides you looks like? Why does it matter?
- ***[Bottom Line]*** **Discovering what God says helps you make the wise choice."**