

# CITY SG- January 14<sup>th</sup>/15<sup>th</sup>

**Bible Story:** Jesus' baptism & John calls Jesus Lamb of God • *John 1:19-42 (Supporting: Matthew 3, Mark 1:1-11, Luke 3:1-22)*

**Bottom Line:** Discovering what God says helps you follow Jesus.

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

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

## **4x4**

**What You Need:** "4x4" cards Activity Page, painter's tape, beanbags, markers

### **What You Do:**

- Using the painter's tape, make a four by four grid on the floor; each box should be about one square foot.
- Make another line on the ground parallel to the grid about three feet back. That will be the toss line.
- Place the review cards face down on the floor—one card in each grid square.
- Divide kids into two teams and have the teams line up behind the toss line.
- Give each team a beanbag and a marker. Make sure each team has a different color beanbag and different color marker.
- Choose a kid from Team 1 to toss the beanbag first.
- If the beanbag lands on a square, read him the question from that square.
- He can confer with his team for a few seconds to get their final answer to the question on the card.
- If the team answers the card correctly, replace the card on the square you took it from and mark it with a large X using that team's marker.
- After Team 1 has gone, choose a kid from Team 2 and repeat.
- Encourage kids to aim for squares that will make rows, provided they answer the questions correctly.
- If a beanbag lands on a square that has already been marked, the turn passes to the other team.
- The first team to get four Xs in a row wins.

### **What You Say:**

- What did God tell John about Jesus? How did that change the way John treated Jesus?
- Why is following Jesus better than following ourselves? (Jesus helps us have an awesome life and Jesus takes away all of our sins).
- **[Bottom Line] discovering what God says helps you follow Jesus.**
- What are some things that you can do or you have done to discover what God says? (Read the Bible, sing worship songs, go to church, memorize scripture)

## **Movin' Right Along**

**What You Need:** "Movin' Right Along" cards Activity Page, "Game Board" Page, Bibles, board game pieces

### **What You Do:**

- Have each of the kids sit in a circle and form two to four teams so that each team gets a game piece to move.
- Set up the board with the kid's pieces at the start.
- Each kid will choose a card from the top of the pile and follow the instructions on the card, moving from the start of the construction paper path to the end of it.
- For the "negative" cards (i.e., cards where kids have to move backwards), give the kid who picked that card a chance to flip the situation around. If he does this, let him move forward one space (after he has moved back the correct amount of spaces).
- The winner is whoever reaches the end of the path first wins the game.

#### **What You Say:**

- How many of those situations have ever happened to you?
- God's Word tells us how to be more like Jesus and He knows that when we follow Jesus we will make wise decisions.
- What are some otherwise decisions that help us follow Jesus?
- **[Bottom Line] discovering what God says helps you follow Jesus.**

#### **Pray**

**What You Need:** No Supplies

#### **What You Do:**

- Talk about how God hears our prayers no matter where we are or what we are doing.

#### **What You Say:**

"God, thank You for caring so much about us that You listen to our prayers. Thank You that we can talk to You about anything. We love You because You gave us Your Son and You gave us Your Holy Spirit. Please guide us through the Holy Spirit this week to remember to read our Bibles and learn more about You through what we read."

### **EXTRA ACTIVITY**

#### **Color Me Bright**

**What You Need:** "Color by Verse" Activity Pages, markers

#### **What You Do:**

- Give each kid an Activity Page and set out the markers.
- Read the verse together and then let kids color the Activity Page based on the color key.
- If you choose, color your own verse picture, but don't follow the color key and use colors of your own choosing.

#### **What You Say:**

- How do you think this picture would have turned out differently if you didn't follow the instructions? (It wouldn't look the way it was intended to).
- What do you think a lamp does? (Lights up the darkness). God's word does the same thing for us. It shows us how to follow Jesus.
- How do we discover what God says? (Reading the Bible, Memory verse, coming to church)
- **[Bottom Line] Discovering what God says helps you follow Jesus.**