

CITY LG- February 11th/12th

Bible Story: Jesus calms the storm • *Mark 4:35-41 (Supporting: Matthew 8:23-27)*

Bottom Line: God wants you to comfort others who are hurting.

Memory Verse: *"Here is what love is. It is not that we loved God. It is that he loved us and sent his Son to give his life to pay for our sins."* 1 John 4:10 (NIRV)

Life App: Love—choosing to treat others the way you want to be treated.

CG: Pre-Show

WORSHIP:

*This Little Light
No Other Love*

Hey Parkview Kids! Let's make some noise!! Who is ready to worship?? Our first song is

"This Little Light" - Jesus loves everyone - we need to shine our light so that we can show others how much Jesus loves them. Let's go!

Great Job!! Our second song is our theme song for the month - "No Other Love"

Awesome!! If you brought your offering, you can bring it up.

Let's pray: Dear God, thank you for your Son, Jesus. Thank you for teaching us how to comfort others - because that's what You did. Please help us see those around us who need comforting, so that we can show them love and care for them. We love you. In your Son's name we pray....AMEN!!

Large Group Leader:

"Hey Parkview kids, how are you doing this week? *(Pause)* Great, my name is [host's name] I am super excited that you guys are here today. We are continuing our series called Behind the Scenes. We are looking at movies all month. To start off group today, we are going to be playing a game called I am an egg."

I am an Egg. Everyone starts off as an egg. They will find a partner and play a game of Rock-Paper-Scissors. If they win, they turn into an angry bird. The winners (angry birds) will then try to find another angry bird by acting like a bird and shouting "I'm an angry bird." Once they find another angry bird they will play another round of Rock, paper, scissors with that person. Each round the winners reach another level and become something else. Follow the levels below. When they reach the power ranger level the goal is to win against a Power ranger to become invincible. If they chose, they can return to the egg level and start the game over.

Level 1- EGG- they crouch down into a ball while they hop around the room saying "I'm an egg."

Level 2- ANGRY BIRD- they will flap their arms like a bird and say "I'm an angry bird".

Level 3- T-REX- they will put their hands out like a T-Rex and say "I'm a T-Rex."

Level 4-PIZZA DELIVERY PERSON- they will put their hand like they are holding a pizza box and say "Did someone order a large Cheese Pizza?"

Level 5- POWER RANGER- Fist pump in the air like a super hero and sing "Go, Go, Power Rangers!"

"Today, we are continuing to talk about love. Yes, love. Now you probably all already know what love is, but here is how we are going to define it today."

CG: Love Slide

"Choosing to treat others the way you want to be treated.' Can you say that with me? *(Repeat Slide)*"

"Many of you probably know this already. However, what all of us sometimes miss is that love is an action and not only a feeling. When you love someone, you don't just tell them with your words, you show them with your actions.

"How many of you have a cat or dog. *(Pause)* Ok, say that I have a dog named [insert goofy name]. I would tell this dog everyday that I love him. What if I never fed him, would that be showing him love? *(Pause)*. What if I never took him on walks or played with him? *(Pause)*. What? Even if I told him everyday he was the best dog in the world, *(Pause)* Exactly, your dog, cat, fish, hamster, or giraffe all know you love them because you take care of them. You treat them the way you want to be treated."

SETTING UP THE STORY

"If you were here last week. We saw that Jesus had been traveling all through out the land of Galilee teaching people how to follow God. Jesus had begun to get quite a following and many students or disciples that would follow him. He picked 12 that would be his closest disciples and friends. Today, we are going to look at a story about them. So find someplace you won't get distracted and check out today's video.

CG: 252 Basic Story Video

WRAPPING UP THE STORY

"That must have been crazy for the disciples. One minute everything is going great, they are following Jesus and learning how God wants us to live and the next minute they are in this massive storm being tossed everywhere by the waves.

"These weren't whimpy men. Some of the disciples were fisherman who went out on the sea to fish every day so they could feed their families. These men knew the sea better than anyone. If they sensed any danger, they would have begged Jesus to go another day."

"However, something the disciples didn't quite understand yet was, who Jesus really was. They thought he was just a really smart guy. Jesus knew that and to prove that he was God's son he calmed the storm. By doing this he helped his friends from being scared.

"This is not the only time that Jesus does this. We see through out the Bible Jesus is comforting hurting people. Whether they were sick, couldn't walk, were blind, and been hurt by others, Jesus was always there to help and comfort people."

"What does that mean for you and me. We may not be able to stop the waves, but we can comfort those who are hurting. That is our Bottom line for today."

CG: Bottom Line Slide

[Bottom Line] “God wants you to comfort those who are hurting.” Can you say that with me? (Repeat slide).

“I know you have probably heard that at home, at school, and on T.V. before, but here are some things that you can keep in mind that can really help others.”

“The first thing you can do is encourage others. That might seem super obvious, right, but it really does help. Say you are on a basketball team and you have a teammate that missed a free throw. Your first thought might be to be angry with them. If you pause for a second you might realize that they are already angry with themselves or nervous because someone might make fun of them. If you encourage them by saying something like, ‘good try’ or ‘we got this.’ It will help them not feel so bad and even build up their confidence for the next shot. See, that small way makes a huge difference.”

“Another thing you can do is just simply be a friend. Maybe your friend had a family member or a pet pass away. I don’t know about you, but I never feel like I know what to say. So I end up saying nothing. Often times, they really just need someone to sit with them and listen or play video games. You can even tell them about Jesus. Remember our Memory Verse for the month.”

CG: Memory Verse

“Here is what love is. It is not that we loved God. It is that he loved us and sent his Son to give his life to pay for our sins.” 1 John 4:10 (NIV). Repeat that with me. (Repeat slide)

“Jesus comforted us first when He gave up his life for ours and he wants us to comfort others. If you start to practice these things, I can guarantee that you will not only build stronger friendships and people will trust you more, but you will start to make more friends. Let’s pray.

Pray

“Lord, thank You for comforting us when we’re hurt and afraid. We know that You are in control of everything that happens around us, and You can save us from the problems that come up in our lives. But more importantly, You have already saved us from our sin. Thank You for Your grace. Help us to see opportunities where we can comfort our friends and family members so they can overcome their fear. We love You and we ask these things in Jesus’ name, amen.”

Dismiss children to their small groups.