

CITY LG- January 7th/8th

Bible Story: Boy Jesus at the temple • *Luke 2:41-52*

Bottom Line: What God says is the most important thing to know.

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.

Basic Truth: I can trust God no matter what.

CG: Brain Games

“Hey Parkview Kids, how are you doing today? My name is [Host’s name] and I am excited you decided to join us! We are starting a brand new series called Brain Games. If you don’t know what a brain game is, they are games you play with your brain. Think of a puzzle, that’s a brain game, or a Rubix cube, that’s also a brain game. Today we are going to start off service with a brain game called Reverse Charades. This is how you play.

Game

This is how you play Reverse Charades: Split the room in half and pick one kid from each group. Have each kid stand in front of each screen facing towards the audience. Inform the rest of the kids that they are to act out whatever is on the screen. The kids facing away from the screen have to guess what everyone else is acting out. The first kid who guesses what is on the slide wins a point for their team. Have them go into the audience and have a leader pick a new kid to be the guesser. The team with the most points wins the game.

“Like I said earlier, our series is called Brain Games. I don’t know about you, but I think when you have to play brain games you have to be really, really smart. I am sure all of you are really smart right? Well, we are going to be talking about this thing called Knowledge. How many of you have heard this word before? So when you usually think of knowledge you’re probably thinking of school right? Well, school is a place where you can get knowledge, but not the only place. Here is a definition of knowledge:

CG: Knowledge Slide

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

“So knowledge is more than just getting all A’s in school. How many of you have ever tried playing a sport? (Pause for response while you reveal a basketball) Let me show you what I mean. You dribble a basketball by pushing the ball towards the ground (dribble the ball). However, when you first start, you usually hit the ball like this (start to hit the ball with an open hand towards the ground). At first, you start by hitting cause a basketball, but when you learn that doesn’t work so well, you start to push the ball. You gained the KNOWLEDGE you need to play basketball. (Place ball back on the stage). That is what I mean by knowledge.

SETTING UP THE STORY

“If we are going to talk about knowledge, we better look at one of the smartest people who ever lived. I am of course talking about Jesus. I know most people don’t think of Jesus as being the smartest right? We typically think of scientists or professor right? Well, I will show why Jesus was so smart. In fact, this

is the only story that the Bible tells about Jesus as a child, and it's one of my favorites. So, find a place where you won't get distracted and check out our story today."

CG: 252 Basics Story Video

WRAPPING UP THE STORY

"What an awesome story! Could you imagine knowing so much that YOU could teach your teachers about math, or science? That would be crazy? You would have to have A LOT of knowledge! Jesus had so much knowledge that He lost track of time for three days. THREE DAYS! That's a lot of stuff He wanted to talk about."

"I am not sure if Jesus knew a ton of math or science, but I do know that Jesus knew more about God than anyone else. When he was young, the Bible tells us in the book of Luke chapter 2 that 'Jesus grew in wisdom and stature, and in favor with God and man.' Luke 2:52 (NIV). Which only means he got even smarter as he got older! Jesus understood that nothing was more important than knowing more about God."

CG: Bottom Line Slide

[Bottom Line] What God says is the most important thing to know. Can we say that together?"
(Repeat Slide).

"Now, I can hear it right now, 'but [host's name] why is knowing what's God's says more important than science and basketball?' Well, to answer that we will have to take a look at our memory verse for this month."

CG: Memory Verse Slide

"Your word is like a lamp for my feet. A light on my path." *Psalm 119:105 (NIV)* Repeat that after me."
(Repeat Slide)

"What does a lamp do? (Pause for response) That's right they light up a dark place. God's word does the same thing for our lives. The Bible helps us KNOW what God wants us to do and to know how to make the right decisions. Jesus made all the right decisions because he knew God's word."

"Now, I am not saying that when you know the Bible, you will always make the right decision and God doesn't expect you to. I promise you that if you really read the Bible and know what it says, God will help you make better decisions. Let's pray."

Pray

"Heavenly Father, thank You for showing us amazing things through Your Word in the Bible. Please help us all realize that what You say is more important than all the other things we could learn. As we learn from Your Word, please help it to make sense—that we hear what You say loud and clear. We love You and we ask these things in Jesus' name, amen."

Dismiss children to their small groups.