

# CITY SG- January 7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup>

**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 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.

## **Where Are You?**

**What You Need:** “Show Me Where” cards Activity Page

### **What You Do:**

- Stack the cards face down.
- Choose a kid to stand in front of the group and have the rest of the kids sit in front of her.
- The kid up front will choose a card from the top of the stack and act out the place shown on the card.
- The actor cannot use words or point to words; she has to just act out the place using motions.
- You might need to give kids suggestions of how to act out each card. For instance:
  - For “home,” they might make a roof with their hands over their head.
  - For “park,” they might swing their arms forward and backward like a swing.
  - For “school” they might act out writing on a whiteboard.
  - For “temple” they might pantomime opening a scroll or kneeling to pray.
- Once the kids have guessed the place the actor is acting out, the actor chooses a new card.
- The actor keeps acting out the cards until she acts out the card for “temple.” (If this is the first card chosen, she will end up only acting out one place.)
- When the actor has acted out “temple” and the other kids have guessed it, choose a new actor.
- Repeat the activity as time and interest allow.
- Kids keep acting out the places until they get a temple card. Once they have successfully acted out the temple and the others have guessed it, they sit down and another kid stands up to act.

### **What You Say:**

- What was Jesus doing in the temple? (Talk to the Rabbis or teachers about the Law).
- Why did Jesus care so much about knowing more about God? (Knowing about God is the most important)
- **[Bottom Line] what God says is the most important thing to know.**
- What is some thing we can do to know more about God? (Read the Bible)
- Why is it important to read the Bible? (The Bible is the place we can read to learn more about God, but also to learn to make the right decision).

## **Brain Power**

**What You Need:** sheet, 10 prepared balls

### **What You Do:**

- Spread the sheet on the floor and help the kids evenly space themselves around it. Tell them to pretend that the sheet is their brain.
- Lead kids to grasp the edge of the sheet with both hands and stand up.
- One by one, toss the balls onto the “brain” as you call out what they represent.
  - If the ball represents something that’s not good to know, guide kids to work together to bounce it off the “brain.”
  - If it represents something that’s good to know, guide them to work together to keep the ball “on the brain.”
- The balls say:
  1. Bible stories about Jesus
  2. Bible verses about God
  3. How to Love God
  4. How to love others
  5. How to be kind
  6. Bad words
  7. How to be mean
  8. How to be a bully
  9. How to cheat
  10. How to lie
- Gather the balls and collect the sheet. Review the things that are good to learn.

### **What You Say:**

“So what are some things that are good to know? *(Pause for responses.)* Today you heard that **[Bottom Line] what God says is the most important thing to know.** Why is it so important to know what God says? *(He loves us; He wants us to live forever with Him; He wants us to love others; He wants us to be like Jesus)*

“Yes! It’s most important to know what God says because when we know what God says, we know who God is, we know that God loves us no matter what, we know how God wants us to live, and—best of all—we know about Jesus! So remember: **[Bottom Line] What God says is the most important thing to know!**

### **What You Say:**

- What are some things that are good to know?
- **[Bottom Line] what God says is the most important thing to know.”**
- Why is it so important to know what God says?

### **Pray** *(When communion is called)*

**What You Need:** No supplies needed

### **What You Do:**

- Ask kids what they learned today that they didn’t know before.
- Have kids think of one subject they are struggling with in school.
- Give kids 30 seconds to pray silently about that thing and ask God to help them with it this week.

**What You Say:**

“God, help us to know more about what You say so we can learn to be more like Jesus. We love You and want to be more like You. Please teach us how to do that. Thank You for teaching us about Jesus through Your Word—the Bible. Thank You for loving us enough to tell us the way we should go.”

**Memory Verse Matching**

**What You Need:** 2 sets of “Memory Verse” cards, Bibles.

**What You Do:**

- Have the kids sit down in a circle and first review this month’s memory verse.
- Practice a few times, so that they have an idea of what the verse says.
- Once they have it, have them sit down and take turns picking two cards.
  - If they match, have them take the cards and place them in the verse.
  - If they don’t match, have them flip the cards back over.
- Once everyone in the group turns over all the cards, have them place the verse back in order.
  - Let them use their Bible, if they need help trying to solve the verse.

**What You Say:**

- What do think this “light” is in this verse?
- What do you think the God’s word shows us or makes clear? (What we can do to live the best life).
- What is something we can do this week to learn more about God?