

CITY LG- May 20/21

Bible Story: Armor of God • *Ephesians 6:10-18*

Bottom Line: God gives you what you need to keep going.

Memory Verse: “Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up.” Galatians 6:9 (*NIV*)

Life App: Determination—deciding it’s worth it to finish what you started.

LARGE GROUP

“Hey, Parkview Kids, It’s me, [Host’s name], and I am so glad that you’re hanging out with us today in the CITY? First of all, I want to welcome the kindergarteners to the City! How are you doing today? (*Pause*) Really, HOW ARE YOU DOING TODAY? (*Pause*). Ok, that’s better. Let’s standup and get ready to worship!”

WORSHIP LEADER:

“Our first song is **We Won’t Be Quiet** – it’s about how God is everything we need.

Great job everyone! Our second song is our theme song for this month – **Imagine the Impossible**. We can keep going even when things are tough. Awesome!!”

LARGE GROUP

“While our kindergartener friends are here – we thought we could play a game! Do you guys want to play a game?? This one is called Remote Control. Here are the rules.”

Game: Remote Control

Remote control is similar to red light, green light. Have all the kids line up on one side of the room and their goal is to be the first kid to the other side. However, you will call out different commands for them to follow. If a kid fails to follow all the host’s instructions, they must go back to the beginning and start over. Have some leaders stand on each side and referee the game.

Here are the commands

Play- kids Walk

Fast Forward – kids run to finish line.

Rewind – kids move backwards.

Pause – kids freeze.

Slow Motion – kids move super slowly.

“Great job! Thank you to our kindergarteners for playing with us! In two weeks you will be moving up to the City since you will be graduating to 1st grade at the end of the year. We can’t wait for you join all of the fun we have here in the CITY. Right now, clubhouse leaders you can take your kids back to their room. Everyone say, “Bye first graders!!!.”

“Well, like I said, we are in our series called the Amazing Maze. Who remembers what we are looking at this month? (*pause*) Yes, we are looking at determination. Here is the definition of determination we have been using the last few weeks.”

CG: Determination Slide

“Determination is deciding it’s worth it to finish what you started.”

“Determination is what keeps us motivated to keep going even when things get hard. We all know that nothing is worth having is easy to get right? Like, who wants to get silver or bronze over a gold medal? No one, we all want the very best of everything. Determination is the voice in our head that tells us to keep going when we don’t think we can go on. Now, there are some good things to be determined about and not so great things to be determined about.”

“Determination usually happens when we have a job that is huge or that’s really hard. We don’t really want to keep going. We naturally want to take the easy road. Don’t worry we are all like that. However, God wants us to stay determined and to keep going.”

SETTING UP THE STORY

Today we are going to learn about God’s armor. Now, it’s not physical set of armor, but instead a spiritual one. That’s a bit confusing, so let’s see if today’s video can help us figure out how God’s armor works. So face towards the screen and check out today’s video.”

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WRAPPING UP THE STORY

“Wow, I am so glad that we have God’s armor. You see God’s armor is stronger than anything in the world. No matter how scared or unsure we are, we can always trust that God is with us. Maybe it’s with a bully a school, or maybe with a friend who lost a grandparent, or maybe your parents aren’t getting along. In fact, that’s today’s bottom line.”

CG: Bottom Line Slide

[Bottom Line] “God gives you what you need to keep going.’ Could you say that with me?” *(Repeat Slide).*

“Yes, God’s armor can help us stay determined always. Most of all, He can help us stay determined when everything else is failing. God has called everyone who follows Him to tell the world about what Jesus has done for them. That mission is for you and for me. That brings us today’s Memory Verse.”

CG: Memory Verse Slide

“Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up.’ Galatians 6:9 *(NIV)* Can you say that with me?” *(Repeat slide)*

“God has given you, and you, and you, and everyone else a job. He doesn’t expect us to be the best at it and not be afraid at times. That’s why God, Jesus, and the Holy Spirit are with us. We can follow His plan to live the best life ever. Let’s pray that God can help us with that.”

Pray

“God, thank You for the Bible. Thank You for all the things we learn from Your words. And thank You for giving us everything we need to show determination. Help us learn how to put on Your armor and wear it each day. Help us to show determination and ask You for help when we need it. Thank You for giving us what we need to keep going. We love You and we ask these things in Jesus’ name, amen.”

Dismiss children to their small groups.