

# City LG - June 2-3, 2018

**Bible Story:** Thou Raise Me Up (Jesus is the Cornerstone) • *Ephesians 2:20-21a*

**Bottom Line:** Jesus matters most.

**Memory Verse:** “I remain confident of this: I will see the goodness of the LORD in the land of the living.” *Psalms 27:13, NIV*

**CG: 2-minute Countdown Video June 2018**

**CG: Welcome Video w/ Music**

**LARGE GROUP LEADER:** *(with energy and enthusiasm)*

“Hello City! I’m so happy to be with you today. Guess what we’re talking about this month? *(Pause for response.)* Wow! Those are all great guesses! We’re talking about...Confidence! Now, if you want to be confident, you’ve got to know where your confidence comes from in the first place. It comes from God and Jesus! Everybody stand up and help me welcome our Worship Team to the stage as we sing **confidently** to our God!

**WORSHIP: “Higher than the Sky” and “Never Gonna Stop Singing”**

Great job singing everyone! Okay City, I want to know: what are some things that matter to YOU? I bet you can think of a lot of them. Go ahead and shout them out.

*Give hints to help the kids come up with answers or have Small Group Leaders help. Steer them toward the three categories you’re about to cover: activities, school, and friends. For example: “What about toys? Do you have a toy that really matters to you?” “What about friends?”*

“Those are some great examples! Some of you mentioned things that you do for fun—like playing with your toys or playing video games. We spend a lot of time at school, and that matters a lot, too. Something else that matters a lot to us is our friends and family. Those are all really good things. They’re all important. They all matter in our lives.”

“Let’s look at what Paul said in the Bible in a letter that he wrote to a group of people called the Ephesians. *(Hold up Bible.)* Listen close and see if you can hear what we REALLY need to build our lives on.”

*Open the Bible to Ephesians 2:20-21a and read.*

“Paul said: *You are a building that is built on the apostles and prophets. They are the foundation. Christ Jesus himself is the most important stone in the building. The whole building is held together by him (NIV).*”

“Did you catch it? Our lives are like a building. We’re built ON something. We’re part of a story that has been going on for hundreds and hundreds of years—ever since the prophets and the apostles. ALL the people who have ever believed in Jesus have decided that there’s one thing that will always be MOST important. It’s our relationship with Him!”

“Jesus is the ‘most important stone in the building.’ He holds our whole lives together. There are lots of things that matter to us—like the things we do for fun, doing well in school, and having close friends and family. But those things shouldn’t be the MOST important thing in our lives. The most important thing in our lives should always be Jesus. That’s what our lesson is all about today. Let’s take a look!”

**CG: Lesson Video (Runtime: 6:30)**

“When you put your trust in Jesus, you know He’s with you. You can live with confidence. You can live fully alive.”

“Let’s pray and thank God for giving us a solid foundation in Jesus.”

**Pray:** “God, thank You for this great reminder that **[Bottom Line] Jesus matters most.** There’s nothing in life that’s more important than Him! We have lots of good things that are important to us—like fun activities, doing well in school, and having friends. But help us to remember to build our lives on Jesus, because He’s MOST important. We love You, and we ask these things in Jesus’ name, amen.”

“Here’s the one thing we need to remember today...”

**CG: Bottom Line Slide**

**[Bottom Line] Jesus matters most.**

“When you really believe that, you can live with true confidence every single day. Before we head to Small Groups, let’s take up our offering today.”

### **Offering Time:**

“Offering time is a chance for us to bring our money to God, so he can use it to make somebody else’s life better. For us, here in the City, we give our offering to help kids in Kenya have food, clothes, and learn about God’s love for them. Here is a picture of the school in Kenya...”

**CG: Picture of Kenyan School**

Here at (your Campus name), we bring our offering to help support:

**Homer Glen: Victor**

**New Lenox: Daniel**

**Orland Park: Rose**

**CG: Picture of Child**

If you brought your offering today, you can bring it up now as you head to Small Groups and place it here *(show offering container).*”