

City LG- July 21-22, 2018

Bible Story: He Won't Back Down (Peter and John Before the Sanhedrin) • *Acts 4:1-22*
(Supporting: *Acts 3*)

Bottom Line: When Jesus is with you, you can face anything.

Memory Verse: "Being confident of this, that he who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus." *Philippians 1:6, NIV*

2-Minute Countdown Video

WELCOME VIDEO (with backing track)

"Welcome to the City everyone! We had a great week at Future Force VBS this week, and we're going to keep that energy going! Everyone stand up, and let's worship God with our Worship Team!"

WORSHIP: "Brighter" and "Let it Be Known"

(Worship Leader Prays)

"Hey, everyone. If you want an extreme story of confidence, then wait until you hear about Peter and John! (*Hold up Bible.*)

"Let me tell you about Peter and John. They were two of the 12 disciples, who were Jesus' friends. Before they met Jesus, they were ordinary fishermen. They got up every morning, spent their day on a boat with stinky nets and slimy fish, and went home tired. They were just normal guys.

"Then Jesus invited them to follow Him, and it changed everything! Peter and John left their normal life and started to live in a totally AMPED way. They started to live fully alive. They saw Jesus do amazing miracles, like feeding a crowd of people with just five loaves of bread and two fish. They saw Jesus walk on water and calm storms. They saw Jesus die on a cross and come back to life three days later!

"After Jesus went back to heaven to be with God, Peter, John and the other disciples received the Holy Spirit that Jesus had promised. With the Spirit, Peter and John lived with confidence in God. They told everyone they knew about Jesus."

CG: Lesson Video (Runtime: 7:00)

"The leaders warned Peter and John one more time, but in the end, they decided to let them go. The people had already heard the message about Jesus and were praising God. So Peter and John went away to tell others about Jesus."

"Peter and John were confident in Jesus—even when they had to face something really tough. The religious leaders threw them in jail and tried to get them to stop talking about Jesus, but Peter and John weren't afraid. They chose to do what Jesus wanted them to do. They knew that Jesus was with them."

CG: Bottom Line Slide

[Bottom Line] "When Jesus is with you, you can face anything.

"Let's pray and thank God for always being with us."

Pray: “God, it’s so good to know that You’re always with us. Please give us confidence through Your Spirit to make the wise choice, even when we face something difficult. When we’re afraid, remind us that You’re there—no matter what. Thank You for sending Your Son, Jesus, to be our Savior. We love You, and we pray in Jesus’ name, amen.”

“Wow! Peter and John faced the religious leaders with confidence. They chose to share the good news about Jesus, even though the leaders tried to get them to stop. When things got tough, they remembered that Jesus was with them through it all.

“Jesus is always with YOU, too. It’s like our Bottom Line for today.

CG: Bottom Line Slide

[Bottom Line] “When Jesus is with you, you can face anything.

“When you remember that, you can face anything! You can stand up for someone who’s getting picked on at school. You can **[Basic Truth] make the wise choice** even when a friend wants you to do something you know is wrong. You can choose to **[Basic Truth] treat someone the way you want to be treated**—even if they don’t deserve it. You can live with confidence because Jesus is with you.

“In Small Group, you’ll talk some more about how you can face anything with Jesus. Before we head there, let’s worship God with our Offering!”

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 an organization called ‘Missions of Hope’ to help kids in Kenya have food, clothes, and learn about God’s love for them. Here’s a picture of Kenya!”

CG: Picture of Kenya

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 and place it here (*show offering container*).”

“Thank you for your kindness and generosity City! Have fun in Small Groups!”

Dismiss kids to their small groups.