

City LG - July 28-29, 2018

Bible Story: Something to Believe In (Nothing Can Separate Us from God's Love) •
Romans 8:38-39

Bottom Line: Live like you believe what God says is true.

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*

CG: 2-minute Countdown

CG: Welcome Video with Music

WELCOME: "Welcome to the City everyone! We're going to have a great day today, learning about God and the confidence we have in our friendship with Him! Let's all stand and worship God together!"

WORSHIP: "We Are Royals" and "At the Top of My Lungs"

"It's been a great summer here at Parkview! Whether you've been here for all of it or just part of it, hopefully by now you've all learned what it means to have confidence."

CG: Confidence Slide

"Remember, **confidence is living like you believe what God says is true.** We've heard some extreme true stories from the Bible (*hold up Bible*) about people who trusted God and lived with confidence."

"Like Gideon! Gideon felt like he was the least important person from the least important family in Israel. But God chose Gideon to rescue His people. (*Hold up the toy sword.*) Gideon trusted that God would come through for him and his small army. Remember? They blew their trumpets, broke their jars, and shouted, and their enemies ran away!"

"We also talked about three brave men who stood up for what they believed: Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego. They were so confident in God that they refused to bow down and worship the king's statue even though it meant they'd be thrown into the fiery furnace. But God protected them, and the fire didn't even burn them!"

"And let's not forget about Jesus' friend Peter. Peter was in a boat with the other disciples. The wind was blowing and the waves were crashing. Do you remember how we made those sounds together? First, we had the wind (*kids make wind sounds*) and then the waves (*kids make wave sounds*). The disciples thought they saw a ghost, but really it was Jesus walking on the water! Jesus invited Peter to come out of the boat, and Peter confidently walked on the water toward Jesus. He also learned what happened when he took his eyes off Jesus. Do you remember? (*Pause for response.*) Right, he started to sink."

"Those are just some of the amazing stories we've heard this summer. The Bible is full of examples of people who had confidence in God even when it was difficult. We can look back because WE know the whole story, but they didn't know how things would turn out at the time. They had to trust! They had to believe what they knew was true about God."

That's why they had confidence.

"The same thing is true for us. We can be confident because we know what's true about God. We can see how He came through for people like Gideon, Shadrach, Meshach, Abednego, and Peter. Here's another amazing story from the Bible! Take a look!"

CG: Lesson Video (Runtime: 7:00)

"Sometimes tough things happen in life, and we don't understand. When that happens, we need to remember what's true about God. We can have confidence that He's there with us and that He loves us. We can trust that He has a bigger plan even if we can't see it.

"Listen to what Paul wrote in his letter to the Romans.

Open the Bible to Romans 8:38-39 and read.

"I am absolutely sure that not even death or life can separate us from God's love. Not even angels or demons, the present or the future, or any powers can separate us. Not even the highest places or the lowest, or anything else in all creation can separate us. Nothing at all can ever separate us from God's love. That's because of what Christ Jesus our Lord has done (NIRV).

"God is always there for you. NOTHING can separate you from His love. **[Basic Truth] You can trust Him no matter what!** That's why you can live with confidence even when it isn't easy."

"Each day, here's what you and I need to do..."

CG: Bottom Line Slide

[Bottom Line] "Live like you believe what God says is true.

"No matter how you might feel or what you might face, you can be sure that God is with you. You can be confident knowing that nothing can separate you from His love."

"When Jesus died on the cross for our sins, He made it possible for us to have a relationship with God. Now, with the Spirit living inside us, we can live out everything we've learned. I want to live every day like I believe what God says is true! I want to have confidence knowing that nothing can separate me from Jesus.

"If I'm going to live like I believe what God says is true, I need to know what God says. One way I can do that is by reading my Bible. When I read the Bible, I learn more about God, and I learn to trust Him more. When I read all the stories where God comes through for His people, it shows me that I can trust Him too!

"Praying also reminds me that nothing can separate me from God's love. You can pray anywhere! You can pray when you're at home helping your dad in the kitchen, or when you're sitting by yourself in your room. You can pray when you're practicing for a game or just hanging out with your friends. God is always with us, so we can talk to Him anytime we want! Let's pray now!"

Pray: “God, thank You for always being there for us. Help us to remember that nothing can separate us from Your love. We pray this truth helps us to live with confidence this week at home and at school. We love You, and we pray these things in Jesus’ name, amen.”

“Nothing can separate us from God. When we **[Bottom Line] live like we believe what God says is true**, we can live with confidence. If you need help with that means, be sure to talk with your Small Group Leader. And speaking of Small Group, you’re about to head there, where you’ll have fun talking more about how you can **[Bottom Line] live like you believe what God says is true** every day. 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 is a picture of homes in Kenya...

CG: Picture of Kenyan Homes

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.