

# City SG - 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*

## 1. Stump the Crowd

**What You Need:** "Stump the Crowd" Activity Pages (2 per group, per service), Bibles, pens

### What You Do:

- Split your group into two teams and let them create team names, if they choose.
- Ask teams to sit apart from each other, so they can't hear each other.
- Provide each team with a Bible, a pen, and one page of the "Stump the Crowd" Activity Pages. (Make sure you give each team a different page.)
- Instruct them to look over the questions on the paper and begin creating their own questions to fill in numbers 4-8.
- Kids can look up Acts 4 to help generate ideas about possible questions.
- Explain that they will be asking their questions to other team, so the questions can be tough but shouldn't be super obscure or impossible to answer without looking in the Bible.
- When kids have finished writing their questions, guide them to take turns asking a question to the other team.
- During each turn, teams will choose someone to read their question to the opposite team.
- If the opposite team gets the question correct, they get to keep all of their team members.
- If they get the question incorrect, one person must move to the other team. (You may need to facilitate the choosing of the person who switches teams, so feelings don't get hurt. Use your best judgment based on what you know about your few!)
- The team with the most people at the end wins!

### What You Say:

"You all were coming up with some difficult review questions! Way to stump the other team. There were some times that Peter and John faced when they could have felt pretty stumped too. What would you have said to the religious leaders if they were questioning what you believed in? Would you have been nervous? (*This may be a difficult question for kids to answer. Provide them with enough time to think and respond.*) Peter and John chose to trust what they knew to be true. They knew that **[Bottom Line] when Jesus is with you, you can face anything.** We know that whoever we face or whatever we face, we can trust that we have what we need in Him!"

## **2. Take a Stand**

**What You Need:** No supplies needed

**What You Do:**

- Instruct the kids to do each of the following balance moves and count how long they can hold each pose without putting their other foot down:
  - Stand on one foot
  - Stand on one foot tip-toed
  - Stand on one foot and grab the other foot in front
  - Stand on one foot, grab the other foot in back, and lean forward
- Let them try the same moves again while holding on to the wall, chair, or one another and count again how long they can stay up.

**What You Say:**

“It was way easier to ‘take a stand’ when you were holding on to something, wasn’t it? I think some of you could have stayed like that all day if you could keep holding on! Some things are hard to do on our own. In fact, the Bible tells us that there are some things that God asks us to do that we won’t be able to do without Him. ***[Transition]*** In Large Group we heard about two guys who faced something really hard, but they asked Jesus to help them, and He did.”

## **3. Memory Challenge**

**What You Need:** Prepared bags filled with crumpled paper (2 bags per group)

**What You Do:**

- Divide your group into teams of three and give each team a bag.
- Explain that each group must race to dig through their box and find the crumpled up memory verse pieces.
- The first team to find and assemble their memory verse in order wins!
- After all teams have assembled their verses, recite Philippians 1:6 together aloud.

**What You Say:**

“You all have been on a roll in accomplishing some big challenges today. I can already see the good work God has started in you, just like our verse talks about. As you enter into your weeks, I want you to be encouraged in knowing that ***[Bottom Line]*** when Jesus is with you, you can face anything.”

#### 4. Always with Me

**What You Need:** “Always with Me” Activity Pages (one set per group), a large die

**What You Do:**

- Show kids where you have placed the Activity Page pictures on the wall or floor.
- Tell them to dance around the room.
- At random times, stop and direct the kids to quickly run to a picture and stand by it.
- Roll the die.
- Tell the kids standing under the picture that has a die with the same number to shout: **[Bottom Line] “When Jesus is with you, you can face anything.”**
- Remove this picture and continue the game. (*Note: If you roll a number that has already been eliminated, roll again.*)
- Each time you remove a picture, invite the kids standing near it to take a closer look at it.
- Ask them to share reasons why the situation in the picture might be hard for someone.
- Remind them that no matter what we go through, Jesus will help us.
- Ask those who have had an experience like the one in the picture to tell how God helped them in that situation.
- With each new round, have the kids move around the room in different ways such as on tiptoe, leapfrog, hop on one foot, walk backward, and so forth.

**What You Say:**

“You don’t have to fear anything that happens in your life. God can give you the confidence to trust Him no matter what. **[Bottom Line] When Jesus is with you, you can face anything.**”

#### 5. Prayer

**What You Need:** No Supplies Needed

**What You Do:**

- Ask if anyone has anything big they are facing this week.
- Allow some time for kids to share and ask each kid who shares if the thing they’re facing makes them excited, nervous, or neither.
- Encourage your group with a reminder that with Jesus, they can face anything.

**What You Say:**

“God! We thank You for the awesome friends we have here who remind us how we can trust in You. I know many of us are facing different things in this upcoming week—some exciting, some that make us nervous. Help us to remember each other this week and to be praying for the situations we are facing ahead. Remind us of Your promise that **[Bottom Line] when Jesus is with you, you can face anything.** In Jesus’ name, amen!”