

City LG—October 25th, 2020

Today's Bible Story: Always on My Mind (Think on These Things) • *Philippians 4:8*

Today's Bottom Line: Focus on what's true.

Monthly Memory Verse: *Anyone who lives without blame walks safely. But anyone who takes a crooked path will get caught.* Proverbs 10:9 (NIV)

Early Arriver Filler Videos (Disney Shorts)

NOTE: Begin the below Ice-Breaker Game 10-Minutes before your Service start time

ICE-BREAKER GAME: Halloween Reverse Charades

CG: *Halloween Reverse Charades SLIDES*

NOTE: *Kids will silently act out the clues on the Screen trying to get you to guess what the clue is.*

CG: *Countdown Video (Runtime: 2:00)*

WORSHIP: Higher than the Sky and Won't Let Go

Worship Leader will pray, then turn the kids' attention to the Screens

CG: *Masked Mayhem Week 4 (Runtime: 3:30)*

“Hi, everyone! Welcome to the City! I’m so excited you’re all here. We have some great fun in store for you today! All month long we’ve been talking about what it means to live with integrity. We’ve seen important stories and messages from the Bible (*hold up Bible*) that remind us to live in a truthful way.

“Did you know that part of integrity has to do with the way we THINK? It’s true. We need to learn to be truthful—not just with our words and our actions—but with our thoughts, too.

“There was a man named Paul who wrote about that in a letter, which we know as the book of Philippians. (*Hold up Bible.*)

“Let me tell you a little bit about Paul. At first, Paul tried to STOP people from following Jesus. But then, he had an experience with God that made him decide to follow Jesus, too! Paul spent the rest of his life telling other people about Jesus.

“Paul’s life was definitely not an easy one. He was even put in prison—not because he had done anything wrong—but because he was brave enough to tell people about Jesus. Paul wrote several letters that are now books in the Bible. He even wrote some of those letters while in prison! That’s what our video is all about today. Let’s take a look!”

CG: *Lesson Video (Runtime: 10:00)*

“Everything changes when we put our focus on what’s GOOD in our lives. It makes everything better when we think about what God is doing—even when things are difficult and when we don’t understand.

“Let’s do this:

SLIDE: *Bottom Line*

“Let’s **[Bottom Line]** focus on what’s true.

“Why don’t we talk to God right now and ask Him to help us with that?”

SLIDE: Theme Background

PRAY: “Dear God, we want to be truthful in every part of our lives—including our thoughts! We know that we can easily put our focus on the things that DON’T go our way . . . and when that happens, we can end up frustrated, angry, or even scared. In those moments, please help us **[Bottom Line] focus on what’s true.** Help us focus on You and see all the ways You’re working in our lives. Help us trust that You’re always with us, and that Your plans for us are always good. We love You, and we pray these things in Jesus’ name, amen.” “It’s good for us to think about the things that are ALWAYS true. God loves us. He’s always with us. He has a good plan for our lives. And He’s always WORKING in our lives, even when things don’t go our way. That’s why we need to . . .

SLIDE: Bottom Line

[Bottom Line] “focus on what’s true.

“Think about what happened with Jesus. When Jesus died on the cross, it was so sad . . . but now we can see how it was all part of God’s plan. To the disciples, it just looked like everything had fallen apart. But when Jesus came back to life, they realized that God’s plan was really good in the end!

“There will be times when all of us have to face things that are difficult. So let’s change our focus and think about what we know is true. Think ON PURPOSE about what’s right and good. Pay attention to what God is doing in your life—in the good times and the bad. Before we finish our time together with some fun activities as a group, everyone watch this short video while we get all set up!”

CG: One Thing Video (Runtime: 4:00)

NOTE: Once the video is complete, lead your group in the “All Together Activities” using the instructions on the attached sheet.