

CITY LG – May 6-8, 2023

Today's Bible Story: All Around the World (The Great Commission and Ascension) • *Matthew 28:16-20; Luke 24:50-53; Acts 1:1-11*

Today's Bottom Line: Share God's love with others.

Monthly Memory Verse: *So we can say boldly, 'The Lord helps me. I will not be afraid.'* (Hebrews 13:6a, NIV)

WORSHIP

Turn it Up
Look to You

Have kids get into their small groups Before you start Large Groups

SLIDE: Theme

"Hey, everybody! I'm [your name], and I'm so glad we're all together in the City. This month, we're talking about something really important: confidence!

"Usually, we talk about being confident when we're really good at something. Maybe you were confident about a test because you studied hard. Or maybe you and your teammates were confident about your soccer game because you know you can work well together. Or maybe you were confident that you could beat a level on your video game because you've played it SO much that you really know what you're doing!

"It's good to feel that kind of confidence. But TRUE confidence comes from an even bigger reason than that. True confidence is this.

SLIDE: Virtue

"It's living like you believe God is with you!"

Because I believe God is with me, I know that He will always help me with anything. I want you guys to circle up in your small group right now and talk about this for a few minutes. Talk about your answer to this question...

When did you know God was with you? Talk about a time in your life when you knew God was helping you with something. (walk around and listen to kids' answer in their groups. Bring them back together in a few minutes when most groups are done).

MUSIC: play the spotify playlist quietly in the background

SLIDE: Theme

Over the past few months, we've been following God's Big Story—all the way through the entire Bible!

“We’ve talked about how God sent Jesus to be our Savior, and Jesus died on the cross for our sins. As you can imagine, this was a very sad and difficult time for Jesus’ friends. Jesus had done amazing things, and the disciples really believed that He was the Son of God. But then . . . Jesus died. They thought it was all over.

“Of course, that wasn’t the end of the story! Jesus came back to life, and over the next 40 days, He appeared to more than 500 of His friends and followers. Check this out from the Story Lab...

VIDEO: Bible Story

“Jesus told the disciples that they would have the help of the Holy Spirit as they began to share the good news about Him.

“Did you know that we can share the good news of Jesus, too? Jesus gave that big job to the disciples, and it’s the same big job we have today. We can talk about Jesus and share what He’s done in our lives. And just as importantly, we can share His love with the people around us.

“We can live with confidence because we know that God is with us. We know that God loved us enough to send Jesus to be our Savior!

“Let’s watch out bottom line for today...

VIDEO: Bottom Line Video

SLIDE: Bottom Line

Let’s say it together with the motions... **“Share God’s love with others.”**

“That might sound like a lot. But we can have confidence because we know that God is with us! That will help us tell people about Jesus AND share God’s love with the people around us. When we live with that kind of confidence, the people around us will see the way we act and they might want to know more about Jesus, too.

“Let’s check out our memory verse for this month, Hebrews 13:6.

SLIDE: Memory Verse

“So we can say boldly, ‘The Lord helps me. I will not be afraid.’ (Hebrews 13:6a, NIV)

“I love that! And it’s so true—God IS our Helper. God is with us, always.

“Let’s pray.”

“Dear God, thank You for showing us Your love by sending Jesus. Thank You for the way Jesus showed US how to love. We want to do what Jesus told the disciples to do: share Your love with others. Help us share the good news of Jesus everywhere we go. Thank You for letting us be part of Your Big Story! We love You, and we pray these things in Jesus’ name. Amen.”

OFFERING:

As some of you may already know, we are highlighting some of our Parkview Global Missionaries from the beautiful country of Mexico. Here is a picture of our Missionary Friends Eli and Mandy Garcia!

CG: Eli and Mandy

Parkview has spent many years developing a very important partnership with an organization called Vida Nueva Ministries in Mexico. This group has been working in many of the under-resourced areas to plant churches, start schools, and care for the amazing people of Mexico. Here's a picture of some of the kids at the school down in Mexico.

SLIDE: Kids at School (Image 6620)

So if you brought an offering today, you can bring it up now knowing that it is going to help a lot of people just like you in the great country of Mexico!

Have fun in small groups today!