

CITY LG – July 15-17, 2023

Today's Bible Story: The Perfect Storm (Paul Shipwrecked) • Acts 27:1–28:10

Today's Bottom Line: When bad things happen, God is with you.

Monthly Memory Verse: *God's grace has saved you because of your faith in Christ. Your salvation doesn't come from anything you do. It is God's gift.* Ephesians 2:8 (NirV)

WORSHIP:

One in a Million

As the World Shakes

SLIDE: Theme

Hello, friends! I'm super-excited to be here with you today. All summer long, we're finding out how we can live with faith.

SLIDE: Virtue

"Faith is trusting in what you can't see because of what you can see."

SLIDE: Theme

We can put our faith in Jesus, even if we can't see Him with our eyes. We can follow Jesus' example and make a MOVE to share His love with the people around us.

Speaking of what we can see, I can see that you're ready to get up and get moving! So everybody, stand up! Our theme this summer is 'Ready, Set, Move.' And one way I really like to move is by going for a jog.

OPTIONAL GAME:

SLIDE: Jogging 1 (trail)

Come on, jog with me!

Begin jogging in place and have the kids do the same. The pace can be easy. You're just showing them how the game will go.

(Stop jogging.) Ahhh. It's so great to get out into nature and breathe in the fresh air. As we're jogging today, there will be some obstacles we'll need to get around. If I see an obstacle, I'll shout it out. Then you can show me what you might do if you came across an obstacle like that. You'll also be able to see them on the screen.

For example, if you're jogging on a trail, you might notice a tree branch has fallen and blocked the trail.

SLIDE: Jogging 2 (trail blocked by tree branch)

So you might just jump over it. Like this. *(Do a jump.)* Now you try it.

Good! I think you've got the hang of it, so let's keep going. Let's get some jogging music going.

AUDIO: play spotify playlist

SLIDE: Jogging 1 (trail)

We'll all just keep jogging and watching the screen in case something gets in our way. Here we go!

Lead the kids in jogging in place.

As the slides appear on the screen, call out the obstacles. Each time, give the kids a chance to show how they would avoid the obstacle

Tech note: Go back to Slide 1 (the normal trail) between each obstacle. As the game goes on, you can also speed up and repeat some of the slides as needed.

SLIDE: Jogging 3 (spiderweb blocking the path)

SLIDE: Jogging 4 (large puddle)

SLIDE: Jogging 5 (low flying bird)

SLIDE: Jogging 6 (squirrel chasing you)

SLIDE: Jogging 7 (four-leaf clover)

SLIDE: Jogging 8 (swarm of bees)

SLIDE: Jogging 9 (it's raining)

SLIDE: Jogging 10 (boulders)

SLIDE: Jogging 11 (canyon)

SLIDE: Theme

Great run, everybody! Now give yourself a pat on the back, and let's all catch our breath.

Well, it's great to be here with you as we continue to make our way through God's Big Story in the Bible. We've seen how God sent Jesus to be our Savior. After Jesus died on the cross, came back to life, then returned to heaven, the early church grew quickly. More and more people put their faith in Jesus.

There was a man named Paul who traveled thousands of miles and started many new churches. Paul was doing great work to share the good news about Jesus. But this upset both the religious leaders and the Roman authorities. Let's check it out

VIDEO: Bible Story

Wow, the journey that Paul took was pretty tough! There were a lot of bad things that happened. But Paul chose to trust God and believe God was with him, no matter what. That's what gave Paul the strength and courage he needed.

I think we should remember this important truth. Check it out...

VIDEO: Bottom Line

SLIDE: Bottom Line

When bad things happen, God is with you.

Unfortunately, sometimes things in life don't go the way we want. Sometimes, things happen that just don't seem to make sense. Sometimes, we feel worried or afraid because of what's going on around us. In those moments, let's keep our faith in God. Let's remember that God is still with us . . . and God is still good.

We can always pray and talk to God about how we're feeling. Remember, God LOVES you more than you can imagine! You're never alone because God is always there to help you.

Let's hear our memory verse for this month, Ephesians 2:8. Say it with me.

SLIDE: Memory Verse

"God's grace has saved you because of your faith in Christ. Your salvation doesn't come from anything you do. It is God's gift." (Ephesians 2:8, NIV)

Let's pray and thank God for that.

"Dear God, thank You for using this story about Paul to remind all of us that we can trust You no matter what. Thank You for always being with us. Help us remember that even when bad things happen, You love us, You care for us, and You are there to guide us. We love You, and we pray these things in Jesus' name. Amen."

OFFERING:

This summer, our offering money will go to families in Kenya. They are experiencing a lack of food because of an on-going drought. And the food that is available costs a LOT of money! Take a look at video of an area in Kenya called Turkana that is very rural, and the people who live there do not have much money for food.

Turkana video #1

We are working with an organization called Missions of Hope. Our money will help them make food baskets to bring to the families who live in Turkana. The food baskets will be such a blessing to the children and families in this community. If you have any offering you can bring it up now.

****AT YOUR COORDINATOR'S DIRECTION, YOU WILL EITHER DIVIDE INTO SMALL GROUPS OR DO ACTIVITIES TOGETHER.**