

# CITY SG July 1-3, 2023

*Due to summer scheduling, these activities can be done in small groups or in one large group.*

## 1. Memory Verse Match

**What You Need:** “Memory Verse Match” cards (2 of each picture in a bag/2-4 sets per group)

**What You Do:**

- Read this month’s memory verse to the group. *“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)
- Say it a few times together.
- Say this to unpack salvation:
  - “When Jesus died on the cross and came back to life, He rescued us from sin and being separated from God. When we believe in Jesus and what he did for us, we have a new life—now and forever—with God.
  - “Salvation is God’s complete and total gift. There’s NOTHING we can do to earn it. All we need to do is trust in Jesus and follow Him.
- Help the kids get into groups of two or three.
- Give each group one baggie of “Memory Verse Match” cards
- Lead kids to put the cards in a grid facing down (no peeking).
  - Don’t worry if the grid is wonky. As long as the cards are separated and not overlapping, the game will work.
- Guide kids to take turns flipping over two cards at a time to find a match, like a memory game.
  - Kids will just take one turn whether or not they make a match.
- When a team matches all cards, challenge kids to work together to put the verse in order.
- Read the verse aloud with the group, guiding kids to point to each word as you read.

## 2. Discussion Questions

- What is your favorite Christmas or birthday gift you have ever received?
- Have you ever been offered a gift that you turned down?
- How do you feel when you get a gift?
- Is it difficult to accept that there’s nothing we can do to earn the gift of Jesus? Why or why not?
- What is grace, and what does it have to do with faith in Jesus?

## 3. Fourth of July Bingo

**What You Need:** Bingo card, bingo calling cards, bingo markers, prizes

**What You Do:**

- Pass out cards and markers.
- Remind Kids that in a couple days we are celebrating Independence Day, the Fourth of July. To celebrate we will play a game of Fourth of July Bingo!
- Play as many games as time allows.
- Let each winner choose a bracelet for a prize.
- After the game, give each child who did not win a bracelet.

## 4. Pray

- “Dear God, it’s amazing to think that You love us more than we could EVER imagine. You love every single one of us SO MUCH that You sent Jesus to be our Savior. Thank You that when we know You, we can truly know how much You love us and how much You love others. Thank You that knowing You changes how we see things. Help us see things the way that YOU see them. In Jesus’ name we pray, amen.”