

CITY LG – October 28- 30, 2023

Today's Bible Story: All About Soul (Think About These Things) • *Philippians 4:8*

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

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

WORSHIP

No Pressure
Shine a Light

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

SLIDE: Theme

Hi, friends! I'm so glad you're here! Can anybody raise your hand and tell me what we've been talking about this month? (*Pause for response.*) That's right! We're talking about integrity.

SLIDE: Virtue

Integrity is choosing to be truthful in whatever you say and do.

SLIDE: Theme

It's important that we tell the truth, and it's also important that we LIVE in a truthful way. That means we love God and want to follow God on the IN-side. And that shows up with the way we share God's love on the OUT-side.

I'm going to give you some time to discuss this question as a group....

What are some things you spend a lot of time thinking about? (*walk around and listen to kids' answer is their groups. Bring them back together in a few minutes when most groups are done). If time, have a couple of kids share their answers with the group.*

All month, we've been talking about how God made us to live with integrity. God made us to be truthful in everything we say and do. And God can help us live that way every day.

There's something we can do that will help us live with integrity, and it has to do with what we THINK about. (*Hold up Bible.*) The apostle Paul actually wrote about this idea in a letter that we call the book of Philippians. Check this out...

VIDEO: Bible Story (11:27)

I know I'll be thinking a lot about Paul's wise words. It's good to stop and think about what kinds of thoughts tend to run through your head. Are your thoughts helpful? Are they kind? Are they full of God's love?

God can help us replace our bad thoughts with GOOD thoughts about Who God is . . . how much God loves us . . . and the good things around us.

If we fill our minds with the right things, then we'll be able to share God's goodness and love with the way we live each day. So let's do this. Stand up.

VIDEO: Bottom Line

SLIDE: Bottom Line

Focus on what's true.

When you follow Jesus, God sends the Holy Spirit to guide you. We need help from God's Spirit to be able to change the way we think and the kinds of things we think about. The Holy Spirit can help us focus on what's true and what matters most: loving God and loving other people.

So if you're having trouble, ask God to help you focus on what's true, right, and excellent. And pay attention to the things you're watching and listening to. Those things affect what you think about and how you see the world.

Let's pray and talk to God together.

*Dear God, please help us fill our minds with good things, so there's not even any room for the bad things. We know that we can easily get distracted, and our thoughts can get filled by things that we know aren't right or good for us. We need Your help, God, to keep our minds focused on You. Help us **focus on what's true**. We love You, and we pray these things in Jesus' name. Amen.*

OFFERING:

It's the last weekend in October, so we have 2 more months to give our offering to those in need in Kenya. Our friends at Missions of Hope are delivering food baskets to families in need in the area called Turkana. Take a look at the video of that area.

Turkana video #1

Your offering money will be such a blessing to the children and families in this community. If you have any offering you can bring it up now.