

# CITY SG – May 18-19, 2024

**Today's Bible Story:** Speak Now (Peter Says That Jesus Is the Messiah) • *Matthew 16:13-20*

**Today's Bottom Line:** Practice talking about God.

**Monthly Memory Verse:** *Training the body has some value. But being godly has value in every way. It promises help for the life you are now living and the life to come.* 1 Timothy 4:8 (NIV)

**Monthly Virtue:** Commitment—Making a plan and putting it into practice.

## 1. Basketball Review

*Bible Story Review*

**What You Need:** “Basketball Review” Activity Page (1 per bin), blank papers (a bunch), and a small basket or bin

**What You Do:**

- Divide your group into two teams.
- Direct both teams to gather with their team on one side of your group space.
- Place the basket or bin on the other side of your group space.
- Spread out the blank pieces of paper on the floor in the space between where the kids are gathered and the basket or bin.
- Choose a team to go first.
- Read a question from the “Basketball Review” Activity Page.
- Encourage the group going first to work together to come up with an answer.
- If the group gets the answer correct, award that group one point.
- Instruct one kid from their team to walk to a blank piece of paper on the ground, ball up the paper, and try to make a basket from that spot.
- If the kid gets the ball into the basket, award that team a second point!
- Continue playing, alternating between each team, until all questions and blank pieces of paper have been used.
  - Repeat some questions as needed.

## 2. Beach Ball Bounce

*Application Activity*

**What You Need:** Prepared beach ball with questions

- What is something true about God?
- What is something you can thank God for?
- What is something you can ask God for?
- Who can you talk to about Jesus?
- Where is one place you can talk about God?
- When can you talk about God?
- How can you help others see who God is? )

**What You Do:**

- Direct kids to spread out in your group space.
  - Give one kid the prepared beach ball.
- Encourage kids to gently toss the prepared beach ball with the questions on it to each other.
- After a few moments of the kids gently tossing the ball, say: “Freeze!”
- Instruct the kid who is holding a ball to answer the question their left thumb is nearest to.
- Continue the game until all kids have a chance to answer.

- Since questions are open-ended, it's okay if questions are repeated!
- Use this as an opportunity for kids to practice talking about their life and experiences with God!
- Say, "The more we **practice talking about God**, the more we can keep our eyes open and be aware of all that God is doing. We can notice God doing amazing things all around us if we keep paying attention!"

### 3. Memory Verse Roll

*Memory Verse Activity*

**What You Need:** a soft ball (one per group)

**What You Do:**

- Guide kids to sit in a large circle.
- Invite a volunteer to recite the monthly memory verse, then say it a few times together. "*Training the body has some value. But being godly has value in every way. It promises help for the life you are now living and the life to come.*" 1 Timothy 4:8 (NIV)
- Give one kid the ball.
- Lead kids to say the verse word by word (with help as needed) as they pass the ball to the person next to them. Play a few times, getting faster each time.
- Try it again, but instead of passing the ball, roll the ball to someone across the circle saying one word of the verse at a time.
- Play as time allows, encouraging kids to say the verse faster each round.

## AT THE 5- MINUTE CALL:

### PRAY

- Ask, "Does anyone have any prayer requests or things they want to thank God for from this week? (*Let the kids share their prayer requests and praises*)
- Take some time to pray for these things as a group, then finish with the prayer below...

*"Dear God, thank You for our time in groups where we can practice talking with others about You. Help us to slow down, keep our eyes open, pay attention, and be ready to notice what You are doing all around us. Give us the courage to share what You are doing with others. Thank You that we can grow in our faith as we practice talking about You. We love You and we pray these things in Jesus' name. Amen."*

- If there is still time, pass out the Parent Discussion Guides to the kids and begin to read through them together. Remind them they can do the sheet at home and bring it back next week for a prize.

**PARENT PICK UP POINT:** As adults arrive to pick up, encourage kids to share one person they can talk to God to about this week!