

CITY LG July 27-28, 2024

Today's Bible Story: At the End of the Day (Heaven) • *Revelation 21, 22:1-5*

Today's Bottom Line: Celebrate what God will do.

Monthly Memory Verse: *Always be joyful because you belong to the Lord. I will say it again. Be joyful!*
Philippians 4:4 (NirV)

WORSHIP

Soldier On

Nothing Is Impossible

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

SLIDE: Theme

Hi, friends! It's another really great day here in the CITY. We've been having so much fun this summer talking about joy!

SLIDE: Virtue

We can find joy by **choosing to celebrate what God is doing.**

SLIDE: Theme

Before we go any farther, I'm going to give you some time to discuss this question as a group....

What is something that brings you JOY? *(walk around and listen to kids' answer in their groups. Bring them back together in a few minutes when most groups are done). If there is time, have a couple of kids share their answers with the group.*

We can find joy when we read God's Story in the Bible. *(Hold up Bible.)* We can find joy by talking to God in prayer. We can find joy by looking around to see how God is working in the world around us. And, as we'll talk about today, we can find joy by trusting God and believing that God has a good plan for our future.

(Flip back to the beginning of the Bible.) As we look back through God's Big Story, we see how God created a beautiful, perfect world. People turned away from God, but God had a plan to make things right again. When the time was right, God sent Jesus to be our Savior.

Jesus showed us the best way to live, by loving God and loving others. Jesus died on the cross for our sins, then came back to life again! Jesus' followers began to spread the news about Him and start new churches everywhere they went.

Today we'll be looking at the very last book of the Bible, Revelation. *(Hold up Bible.)*
Let's check out the story Lab.

VIDEO: Bible Story (11:39)

God has amazing things planned that are WAY bigger and better than we could ever imagine! That's what John saw in the vision God gave him.

When you think about the world right now, we're in the middle of God's story. This world we live in isn't perfect. It's broken. We all experience difficult things. But when we follow Jesus, we KNOW that this is not the end!

God has a good future planned for us. Let's check out our bottom line.

VIDEO: Bottom Line

SLIDE: Bottom Line

So, let's **celebrate what God will do.**

The apostle Paul wrote this in 1 Corinthians 2:9:

Open the Bible to 1 Corinthians 2:9 (NIRV) and read.

*"No eye has seen,
no ear has heard,
and no human mind has known."
God has prepared these things for those who love him. (NIRV)*

Isn't that incredible? God has prepared good things for us that we can't even begin to understand yet.

And even in our broken and not-perfect world, God is still at work now. We can be a part of what God is doing in the world when we share the love of Jesus. We know that God is with us, and God loves us, always. That is the very best reason to celebrate!

Will you pray with me?

SLIDE: Theme Background

Dear God, thank You for the amazing things You showed John about the future. It makes us feel so good to know that You have good things planned for all who put their faith in You. I know we can't understand it all, but we do know that we can trust You no matter what. Help us to remember that and to celebrate, even now, the things that You WILL do! We love You, and we pray these things in Jesus' name. Amen.

CHECK THE TIME: There should be 20-25 minutes for small group. If LG is running late, skip the next part and just have kids bring up their money.

OFFERING:

Do you guys remember where our offering is going to? Hope Mobility! They provide wheelchairs to people in Africa who need them. We are raising money for pediatric wheelchairs. Getting a wheelchair can change a child's life! It means they can become mobile and do things they could never have done before, like go to school. Here is a video that some kids from Kenya made after being given wheelchairs from Hope Mobility.

VIDEO: Psalm 139

Our focus will be raising money for wheelchairs for kids. Each pediatric wheelchair costs \$275 and we will see how many wheelchairs we can purchase to help kids in Africa!

****AT YOUR COORDINATOR'S DIRECTION, YOU WILL EITHER DISMISS TO SMALL GROUP OR DO ACTIVITIES TOGETHER.**

SLIDE: Theme