CITY LG – September 21- 22, 2024

Today's Bible Story: Carry You (Sharing God's Comfort) • *2 Corinthians 1:3-4*
Today's Bottom Line: Comfort others the way God comforts you.
Monthly Memory Verse: *"Let your light shine so others can see it. Then they will see the good things you do. And they will bring glory to your Father who is in heaven."* Matthew 5:16 *(NIrV)*
Monthly Virtue: Compassion—Caring enough to do something about someone else's needs

LG SUPPLY: Glow sword (2 per campus)

WORSHIP
Shine a Light
At the Top of My Lungs

Make sure kids are sitting in their small groups Before you start Large Group.

SLIDE: Theme
Hi, everybody! It's always so good to be here with you in The City!

We're talking about how we can shine Jesus' light by living the way Jesus taught us to live . . . and showing His love everywhere we go!

I've got another fun light-up game for us to play today—and it involves a couple of these.

Hold up one of the light swords.

Pretty cool, right? We'll use these light swords to play one of my favorite party games. Raise your hand if you've ever played limbo before. *(Raise your hand.)* It's so fun, right? Well, today we get to play . . . Light Sword Limbo!

Call up two leaders and give them each a light sword.

In just a minute, we'll all line up and start walking around the room in a big circle. When you get to our friends here with the light swords, you have to walk UNDER the light swords without putting any part of your body except your feet on the ground. If any part of your body touches the light swords, you move over to the wall and keep cheering on your friends.

Okay—first, let's make a line that goes all the way around the room.

Guide the kids to line up, single-file, in a big circle.

(To the kid closest to the Leaders) "you're the front of the line. Everyone else, follow the person in front of you. Are you ready? EVERYBODY LIMBO!

AUDIO: Limbo music

Make sure the kids limbo in a single-file line. Leaders should hold the light swords together as one horizontal line—starting with the "bar" really high so no one gets out for a while.

Provide funny commentary as the game continues. Cue the Leaders to lower the light swords from time to time to make the game challenging.

After you've played for a few minutes and everyone has had at least one turn, stop the game and have everyone give each other a round of applause. Then have the kids go back to their seats.

Way to go, everyone! You've got some serious limbo skills.

Today we're looking at a really important idea about how we should treat others that comes from the book of 2 Corinthians. *(Hold up Bible.)* Second Corinthians is actually one of 21 letters in the New Testament. The leaders of the early church wanted to teach Jesus-followers what was true, and they often wrote letters to do that.

Second Corinthians is a letter that the apostle Paul wrote to the believers in the church at Corinth. Paul had spent more than a year there, telling people about Jesus. Later, Paul learned that some people in Corinth were speaking against him. In his letter, Paul wrote to encourage the people there to get along . . . and to stay strong through hard times. Let's check it out…

VIDEO: Bible story

The truth is, all of us need comfort sometimes. All of us face tough things. But we can remember that God is there to comfort us in the middle of those difficult situations. And since we've received comfort from God, then we can also share God's comfort with the people around us. Let's stand up and look at the screen.

VIDEO: Bottom Line
SLIDE: Bottom Line

Comfort others the way God comforts you.

SLIDE: Theme

It's pretty amazing to think that we can share God's comfort with others. That's a way that we can shine our light and show compassion to the people around us.

SLIDE: Virtue
Remember, compassion means **caring enough to do something about someone else's needs.**

SLIDE: Theme

I like how Paul said that ALL comfort comes from God. God is with us when we're hurting. God gives us comfort and compassion. And then we can share that same comfort and compassion with others.
Jesus showed us the very best example of what it looks like to comfort others by the way you treat them.

It could be as simple as telling someone that you know they've been having a hard time . . . and that you want them to know they're not alone. You can let them know that God loves them, and you do too. You can let them know you're here for them. That's a great way to show compassion.

Let's pray and ask God to help us comfort the people around us.

"Dear God, thank You for the comfort You give to us all the time. Even when we face tough things in life, we know that You are always with us. Help us to remember that all comfort comes from You. And help us to share that comfort with others who are hurting. We love You, and we pray these things in Jesus' name. Amen."

<u>CHECK THE TIME:</u> 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 needs 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!

SLIDE: Theme