

# CITY LG – October 5 - 6, 2024

**Today's Bible Story:** Are You Ready? (Jesus Tempted in the Wilderness) • *Luke 4:1-13 (Supporting: Matthew 4:1-11)*

**Today's Bottom Line:** Be ready to do the right thing.

**Monthly Memory Verse:** *God's power has given us everything we need to lead a godly life. 2 Peter 1:3a (NIRV)*

**Monthly Virtue:** Self-control—Choosing to do what's best even when you don't want to

**LG SUPPLIES:** Large poster signs labeled 1, 2, 3, and 4 to hang in each corner of the room,

## WORSHIP

Believe It

Unshakeable

### SLIDE: Theme

Hi, everybody! My name is [your name] and I'm so glad to be here with you in the City. We're having some game show fun this month as we find out how God can help us choose to do what's best.

I thought we could start off with a game that ALL of us can play. Sound like fun? This game is called . . . 'Who Knows Me Best?'

### SLIDE: "Who Knows Me Best?"

The object of the game is to see . . . well . . . who knows me best!

As you can see, each corner of the room is numbered one through four. (*Reference the numbered signs in the corners of the room.*) In just a minute I'll ask you a question about me, and I'll read four possible answers. You'll choose your answer by standing by the number that matches the answer you believe is correct.

Then I'll reveal the RIGHT answer. I'll come over to those of you in the corner who answered correctly . . . and I'll give you a group high-five because you know me so well! But don't worry. If you don't answer correctly, that doesn't mean you're out of the game. You can keep playing, because that's way more fun!

Are you ready? Here's your first question.

"What's my favorite color?"

*For example: 1) blue, 2) red, 3) green, 4) beige. Repeat the answers if needed.*

*After each question, give the kids some time to choose a corner of the room that represents the answer they think is correct. Then reveal the answer and give the kids in that corner a group high five.*

*Continue through some other questions. Suggestions: your favorite ice cream flavor, your age, your favorite sport, your favorite song, your favorite team, your favorite breakfast, your favorite pizza topping, your favorite place to visit, your favorite season, your birthday, etc.*

*For some of the questions, after the kids have guessed your favorite option, you can let them go to the corner that matches THEIR favorite.*

*Continue for as many rounds of the game as time allows.*

**SLIDE: Theme**

That was super-fun! You know me better than I thought you would!

*(Hold up Bible.)* If we go back to the very beginning of God's story, we see how God created a wonderful world. But then people turned away from God . . . and the world was broken.

Still, God had a good plan to make things right. God sent Jesus to be our Savior. Jesus came to earth as a baby. Over the years, He grew in wisdom and showed love for God and others in everything He did. Let's head to the Story Lab to find out something that happened to Jesus when He was an adult here on Earth....

**VIDEO: Bible Story**

Every time the devil tried to tempt Jesus, Jesus was ready. He was ready to respond with words of truth from Scripture. *(Hold up Bible.)*

Here's something important that we can learn from Jesus in this story. Stand up and take a look at the screen.

**VIDEO: Bottom Line**

**SLIDE: Bottom Line**

**Be ready to do the right thing.**

**SLIDE: Theme**

Jesus had spent His entire life learning about God and God's Word. So Jesus was prepared for those moments. God's words were ready in His heart and mind . . . so Jesus was able to show self-control."

Self-control is something really important that God's Spirit can create in us.

**SLIDE: Virtue**

Self-control means **choosing to do what's best even when you don't want to.**

**SLIDE: Theme**

Just like Jesus did, we can spend time discovering who God is and what God says. We can read the Bible, learn about God, and memorize verses so that we'll **be ready to do the right thing.**

Here's a really great verse to memorize, because it'll help us remember why we can choose self-control. This is our Memory Verse for this month, 2 Peter 1:3a.

**SLIDE: Memory Verse**

*God's power has given us everything we need to lead a godly life. (NirV)*

Isn't that great? We can choose to live God's way because we know that God is with us. We can trust God no matter what.

Anytime you're feeling tempted to make the wrong choice, pray and talk to God about it. Ask God to give you the self-control you need to do what's right. In fact, let's pray right now and ask God to help us.

Dear God, thank You for the example Jesus gave us. Thank You for the way He stood up to the devil and showed self-control. We want to live like Jesus did, so that we can be ready to do what's right. Help us to have the self-control we need to choose Your way. Help us to remember the truth of Your Word, the Bible, and remember Your heart in it, so that we can live the way You've taught us to live. We love You, and we pray these things in Jesus' name. Amen.

**SLIDE: Theme**

**CHECK THE TIME: There should be 20-25 minutes for small group. If LG is running late, skip the next part.**

### **OFFERING:**

We have started raising money for an organization called Hope Mobility. It was founded by Michael Panther who grew up as a child with a disability in Sudan. Check out Michael's story.

**VIDEO: Michael's Story**

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**