

CITY LG – November 2 - 3, 2024

Today's Bible Story: Good (Every Good and Perfect Gift) • *James 1:17a*

Today's Bottom Line: God gives us good things.

Monthly Memory Verse: *Every good and perfect gift is from God. James 1:17a (NIV)*

Monthly Virtue: Generosity—Making someone's day by giving something away

LG SUPPLIES: 2 empty boxes per campus

WORSHIP

Chasing Me

We are Royals

SLIDE: Theme

Hi, everybody! It's so great to see all of you today! My name is [your name] and I'm glad you're here in The City!

Our theme this month is Special Delivery, so I thought we could get started by playing a really fun game that has to do with delivering packages! First, let's get some volunteers to help me play

Choose two groups of kids (between 10-20, depending on how many kids you have) and have them stand in two straight lines.

Here's how we play the game. We've got to get this package from one side of the line to the other and back again. But we can't just pass them down the line, right? We can be more creative than that! Here are a few ideas. You can pass the package OVER, like this . . .

Demonstrate by passing a box overhand, above your head, to someone.

“ . . . UNDER, like this . . .

Demonstrate by passing a box underhand to someone.

“ . . . or SIDE-TO-SIDE, like this.

Demonstrate by passing a box sideways to someone.

Listen closely as we pass the packages, because I'll call out 'over,' 'under,' or 'side to side.' That's how you'll pass the packages until I call out the next direction! Make sense? We'll see who can deliver their package first. You'll need to work as a Special Delivery team!

Hand the box to the first kids in line.

Is everyone ready? Let's get started! We'll start by passing the boxes . . . OVER. On your mark, get set, go!

AUDIO: Fun, instrumental music

As the kids play the game, randomly call out "over," "under," or "side to side" to change how they pass the boxes to each other.

Congratulate the winning team.

Today we're looking at an important idea in the Bible that comes from the book of James. Fun fact—James, the man who wrote this book, was actually Jesus' half-brother!

After Jesus died on the cross and returned to life, James came to believe that his brother, Jesus, really is the Son of God. James became a Jesus-follower and a leader of the early church in Jerusalem.

The book of James in the Bible is actually a letter that James wrote to encourage a group of people to follow Jesus. James wanted these believers to understand that it's not only important to HAVE faith. It's also important to put that faith into action. The things we believe should change the way we live our lives each day. And we can start by thinking about how much God has given us. Let's take a look at this week's Story Lab!

VIDEO: Bible Story (10:24)

James 1:17 is our Memory Verse for this month, so let's see if we can learn it and remember it together.

SLIDE: Memory Verse

Every good thing in our lives is a gift from God. That's true about the people we love . . . the things we have . . . and the things we love to do. God has also given us the Bible so we can read God's Story and choose to follow Jesus. And God has given us Jesus to be our Savior and our Friend forever.

If we put our focus on those good gifts from God, we can choose to be grateful. We can live our lives by remembering how good and generous God has been to us. Let's all stand up.

VIDEO: Bottom Line

SLIDE: Bottom Line

God gives us good things

SLIDE: Theme

There are so many things in my life that are gifts from God! It feels good to stop and take a minute to think about how good God is to us.

And those good things are all reminders of God's generosity! Generosity is kind of a big word, but this is what it means.

SLIDE: Virtue

Generosity is about **making someone's day by giving something away.**

SLIDE: Theme

Why don't we pray and ask God to help us see the good gifts in our lives?

Dear God, thank You for reminding us that everything good comes from You. You've given us life! You've put people in our lives who love us and care for us. You've created this amazing world that we get to live in and enjoy. Thank You, God, for giving us Your Word, the Bible. Thank You for giving us Jesus. Thank You for being so generous to us. Help us to remember that I can trust God no matter what. 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.

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