

CITY LG – February 8 - 9, 2025

Today's Bible Story: Make a Difference (Moses and the Burning Bush) • *Exodus 3–4:15*

Today's Bottom Line: God made you to make a difference.

Monthly Memory Verse: *How you made me is amazing and wonderful. I praise you for that. What you have done is wonderful. I know that very well.* Psalm 139:14 (NirV)

Monthly Virtue: Uniqueness—Learning more about yourself so you can make a difference

WORSHIP

One in a Million

All of Me

SLIDE: Theme

Hello, everyone! I'm so glad to be here for another awesome day in The City! If you're happy to be here, say, 'Woohoooo!' (*Pause for responses.*) If you've been made by God, say, 'Yippeeeeeee!' (*Pause for responses.*)

Yes, this month we're talking about how God MADE us. In fact, God made each of us completely unique and special. Think about that for a second. Every single person in the whole world is one of a kind. God is so creative!

SLIDE: Memory Verse

It's like our monthly verse says, "*How you made me is amazing and wonderful. I praise you for that. What you have done is wonderful. I know that very well.*" Psalm 139:14

To get us started today, I've got a fun game that ALL of us can play. We're here today in the [name of your environment] Sound Lab . . . and that means we get to make some fun sounds and noises together!

Here, let's practice.

Make the sound of a motorcycle. (*Pause for responses.*)

Now make the sound of a seagull. (*Pause for responses.*)

Now make the sound of bubble gum popping. (*Pause for responses.*)

Great job! Now, here's how we play the game. For each round, I'll give you two choices of sounds you can make. You have to choose one or the other! I'll give you a second to make that sound. Then I'll press this button (*hold up your apple remote*) and we'll hear ONE of those two sounds. If it's not the sound you just made, you can make your sound again while you sit down. If it IS the sound you just made, you can make that sound again and stay on your feet, because you're still in the game. Make sense?

Okay—first up. Make the sound of either a dog barking . . . or a cat meowing. Go!

All right. I heard some very unique barks and meows out there. Let's see who's still in the game!

Hit the game button to cue the sound effect.

AUDIO: Game Sound 1 (cat meow)

That's a cat's meow! If you were a barking dog, go ahead and have a seat. If you were a cat stay standing. *(Pause for responses.)*

Play the game in the same way for each round, using the following prompts. (Use the printed script for reference.)

Prompt 2: electric guitar or trombone

AUDIO: Game Sound 2 (electric guitar)

Prompt 3: bouncing basketball or bat hitting a baseball

AUDIO: Game Sound 3 (bat hitting baseball)

Prompt 4: crunching chips or slurping through a straw

AUDIO: Game Sound 4 (slurping through a straw)

Prompt 5: swimming in a pool or flying in an airplane

AUDIO: Game Sound 5 (airplane)

Prompt 6: singing opera or beatboxing

AUDIO: Game Sound 6 (beatboxing)

Prompt 7: cow mooing or bird chirping

AUDIO: Game Sound 7 (cow mooing)

That was so great! Congratulations to those of you who are still standing. Thank you all for helping make all those very unique sounds here in our Sound Lab.

SLIDE: Theme Background

Today, our story comes from the second book of the Bible: Exodus. *(Hold up Bible.)*

When we look back to the very beginning, we see how God made a beautiful world. But when people turned away from God, the world was broken. Still, God had a plan to rescue us and restore our relationship. God chose one family, the Israelites, and promised to bless the whole world through them.

Fast-forward a bit . . . and, sadly, the Israelites were enslaved in Egypt for a long time. They cried out to God for help. And one day, at just the right time, God answered! That's where today's story picks up.

VIDEO: Bible Story (9:10)

If you think about it, God had given Moses a pretty unique story. Moses had grown up in the Egyptian palace, and then he had spent time out in the desert too. God had chosen Moses to be the one to lead the Israelites out of Egypt. God made Moses to make a difference!

Did you know that God made each of US to make a difference too? It's true!

SLIDE: Bottom Line

God made you to make a difference. Say that with me.

Moses wasn't sure that he could be the one to lead God's people like God asked him to do. But God used Moses' unique story, and the things that had happened to him, to make him ready for the big purpose God had for his life.

When God wants you to make a difference, God will help you do it! And each of us can make a difference in our own special way. That's because God made each of us different and unique.

Part of that is discovering what you're good at, or what comes naturally to you. Maybe you're really good at a certain subject in school, or you're great at listening to your friends when they have a hard day. Maybe you're really funny and can brighten someone's day by making them laugh.

And when we follow Jesus, God sends the Holy Spirit to help us. Remember how God told Moses, '*I will be with you*'? We know that God is with US too, and we know that God can give us the wisdom and creativity we need to make a difference."

Let's pray now and ask God to help us with that.

"Dear God, thank You for always being with us, just like You were there with Moses. Thank You for making each of us unique and different. Thank You for the plans You have for us so that we can make a difference in the world. Please give each of us wisdom and creativity this week. Give us the courage to step out and make a difference for someone else. Fill us with Your love for the people around us. 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.

SLIDES: Offering pics 1-4 (scroll through while describing the mission)

Each week in the City we collect money to support a Parkview mission that helps people in need. Starting in 2025 we are giving the money we collect to a church called La Liberte' Church (La Lib-er-tay).

La Liberte' Church is in the Republic of Congo which is in Africa. The kids at the church live in an area where they don't have a lot of money, and sometimes don't have a lot of food for their family. When the kids come to church on Sunday, they feed them a hot meal. They feed around 700 children every weekend and each meal costs \$2.00. Our goal is to help feed as many kids as we can!

SLIDE: Theme