

CITY LG – March 8- 9, 2025

Today's Bible Story: You Raise Me Up (Joshua Wins the Battle Over the Amalekites) • *Exodus 17:8-13*

Today's Bottom Line: Work together to help someone succeed.

Monthly Memory Verse: *Two people are better than one. They can help each other in everything they do.* Ecclesiastes 4:9 (NIRV)

Monthly Virtue: Cooperation—Working together to do more than you can do alone

Central Supply: Cast and Crew list sheet

WORSHIP

Something Good

Live Differently

SLIDE: Theme

Hello, fun people! I'm so excited to see all of you today, because we've got a lot of fun things planned.

This month we're talking about how God helps us to work together . . . because everyone has a part to play. It's kind of like how you need a TON of people working together to make a movie or put on a play. You need a whole 'cast and crew'!

Last week we played a fun game highlighting stunt people who do all the big action scenes. This week, I'll need one entire small group to come up and act out lots of different parts of a movie scene. Who wants to do it?

Bring up one entire small group.

Everyone else, you'll be the studio audience for our friends here. Each of them will be playing the part of someone in the cast and crew of a movie set. Your job will be to try to guess what job each person is doing. Some of the jobs will be easier to guess than others!

All right—let me give each person their instructions on what to do so you can guess. Can we have some movie soundtrack music, please?

AUDIO: Movie soundtrack music "He's a Pirate"

While the music plays, huddle up with the small group and assign a job for each kid to act out. Use the printed Cast and Crew List for reference. You can use any or all the jobs listed, depending on how many kids are in the group. Let each kid come up with a motion to do for their job, giving them guidance if necessary (for example, the kid playing the director would point and act like she's directing the action on the set, etc.).

Once each kid knows what to do, have them spread out across the front so it's easy for the audience to see what each person is doing.

AUDIO: Fade-out music

(Okay! I think we're ready. Remember, pay close attention to each person here on the set and try to figure out what job they're doing. You'll have a chance to guess those jobs in just a minute. Is everyone ready? Here we go!

AUDIO: Movie soundtrack music "He's a Pirate"

While the music plays, the kids in the front should act out their roles.

AUDIO: Stop music after about 15-20 seconds

All right, friends—you can stand normally. Now let's see if all of you can guess what jobs our cast and crew were doing.

First up: [kid's name]. (Who can tell me what job [kid's name] was doing?

Note: The kids might not know the exact terminology (for example, they might say "food person" instead of "caterer") but go with it if they say something close. Move quickly and let the audience try to guess each kid's role. Explain any of the roles that they can't guess.

That was so fun! I loved getting to see all the different ways people can help on a movie set. They worked together to act it out . . . and YOU worked together to guess. Way to go!

Today our story is in the book of Exodus (*hold up Bible*), where we find some of the epic history of God's people, the Israelites. The Israelites had been enslaved in Egypt for a long, long time. They cried out to God, and God sent a man named Moses to lead them. Let's see what happened.

VIDEO: Bible Story

We should remember this story and think about how Aaron and Hur helped Moses. In the same way, we should find ways to cooperate and help the people God has put in our lives today. Let's stand and remember this:

VIDEO: Bottom Line

SLIDE: Bottom Line

Work together to help someone succeed.

SLIDE: Theme

I think it's so cool how God helped the Israelites when Moses held up his staff! And I love how Aaron and Hur saw how Moses was struggling and then did something to help.

And that's something we can do too. We can pay attention and jump in to help when our friends need us. That's a great way to cooperate!

SLIDE: Virtue

Cooperation means **working together to do more than you can do alone.**

SLIDE: Theme

There are lots of ways we can cooperate to help someone else, every single day! We just have to keep our eyes open and notice them.

Maybe you see that someone in your class is having a really tough day. You and your friends could decide to hang out with her at recess and ask what game she wants to play. Or maybe you choose to listen so she can talk about how she's feeling.

Maybe you and your brother or sister could clean up around the house, so your grandma has more time to do the other things she needs to do.

When we follow Jesus, God sends the Holy Spirit to live inside us. God's Spirit can show us ways that we can work together to help someone else.

SLIDE: Memory Verse

It's like our memory verse for March says, "Two people are better than one. They can help each other in everything they do". Ecclesiastes 4:9

Let's pray and ask God to help us see what others need . . . and come together to lend a hand.

God, thank You for this story of how Aaron and Hur worked together to help Moses. When Moses started to get really tired, they helped him hold his staff up high! Please show us how we come together to help others too. Remind us not just to think about ourselves, but to see ways that we can help someone else succeed. 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, but remind kids who have offering to place it in the container.

Each week in the City we collect money to support a Parkview mission that helps people in need. Who remembers the name of the church we are collecting for? (*La Liberte' Church (La Lib-er-tay).*)

Who remembers where the church is located? (*In the Congo in Africa*)

Here are a video of the kids at the church singing praise to Jesus.

VIDEO: Kids Singing

Remember: where they live, 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