

CITY LG – June 14-15, 2025

Today's Bible Story: I'll Be There for You (Look Out for One Another / Jesus Heals on the Sabbath) • *Philippians 2:4 (Supporting: Luke 6:6-11)*

Today's Bottom Line: Look out for one another.

Monthly Memory Verse: *As you deal with one another, you should think and act as Jesus did.*
Philippians 2:5 (NIRV)

Monthly Virtue: Live It Out—Discover how to love like Jesus

Central Lg Supplies: Toilet Paper rolls (2 per service)

WORSHIP

Something Good
My God is Bigger

SLIDE: Theme

Hey, everybody! I'm [your name], and I'm so glad we're all here together in the CITY! We have some very special people here with us today! Where are our brand new first graders?? Make some noise first graders!! We are so glad you are in the City now! Second and third graders...what are some things we should make sure our first graders know? *(Give kids time to answer. They may need prompting but make sure they cover:*

- *Bathroom procedures*
- *What they can do each week when they first come in*
- *Schedule: worship, Lg (Story Lab videos), Sg*
- *Offering*

Well, now that we have officially welcomed our awesome first graders, let's get to it! I just love being here in The City because I have so much fun learning more about Jesus with all of you. This summer, we're talking about what it means to 'live it out,' because we're learning how to love like Jesus!

There are lots of ways to share Jesus' love with the people around us, and today we'll look at another great example of that from the Bible.

First, though we have another fun game to play—summer-camp style. We may not be at a real summer camp, but it sure FEELS like camp when we all get together!

Let's divide the group in two. You are the red team and you are the blue team.

Today's game is called 'Over Under.' For this game, each team will form a large circle in your team's section of the room. So, make sure you don't go over the line into the other team's section, okay? And when you get in place, face the person in front of you so that you're looking at their back. You can go ahead and circle up.

Pause as the kids circle up.

All right—it looks like we have our circles. When I say ‘go,’ I’ll give a roll of toilet paper to ONE person in each circle. They will hold onto the last sheet of toilet paper, like this (*hold up the last sheet at the end*) . . . and pass the roll up and OVER their shoulders to the person behind them.

Walk over to an adult leader and stand in front of them. Demonstrate how to pass the roll over and behind you while holding on to the last sheet.

When the person behind you takes the toilet paper roll from you, they will then pass the roll UNDER to the person behind them. Just roll it along the floor between your legs—like this.

Demonstrate how to pass the roll behind you, between your legs, to the adult leader, while still holding on to the last sheet. Try to roll the toilet paper backward along the floor (or as close to the floor as possible).

Get it? ‘Over . . . Under!’

You’ll keep going around the circle until you reach the person who started the game. The team who makes it all the way around their circle first wins. Here’s the challenge, though: you can’t let the toilet paper rip! You’ll need to be very careful and not move too quickly. If the toilet paper breaks, you have to pause while you and your teammates count backwards from 10 to 1, out loud. THEN you can keep going, after your pause. Got it? (*Pause for responses.*)

Let’s play, shall we? We’ll start the rolls here.

Hand a roll of toilet paper to an older kid in each circle.

“On your mark, get set, GO!”

AUDIO: Fun, instrumental music

Comment on the action as the kids play the game. Remind them if they should go over or under and explain what to do if they seem unsure. (It doesn’t really matter if they go over or under—just that they keep the game moving.)

Keep an eye out for rips in the toilet paper and make sure the kids follow the rules—counting down from 10 to 1 before they continue. Be ready to provide extra rolls of toilet paper if either team runs out.

Congratulate the team (or circle) who make it all the way around the circle first . . . but try to let both teams (or all circles) finish, if time allows. That way every kid will get a turn to play.

Wow! What an epic game! That was a lot of fun. Please help me clean up by putting your toilet paper in here.

As you know, this summer we're talking about how to 'live it out.' We're finding out what it means to love like Jesus. And one great way to do that is by looking out for one another.

I have a question, and I want you to circle up in your small group and spend a few minutes answering this: **Who is someone in your life who looks out for you?** Someone who watches you and makes sure you are doing ok? Go ahead and discuss this in your group...

Large group leaders should walk around listening to groups as they answer this. Give them a couple of minutes.

We can see how Jesus did that over and over throughout His time here on Earth.

Of course, we can also look back and think about why Jesus came in the first place. From the very beginning, when people turned away, God had a plan to rescue us. At the perfect time, God sent Jesus to live among us as a human being. As Jesus grew up, He became wiser and stronger and more and more pleasing to God and to other people.

When Jesus was 30 years old, He was baptized by his cousin John. God's voice spoke from heaven, saying:

Open the Bible to Luke 3:22 (NIRV) and read.

"You are my Son, and I love you. I am very pleased with you." (NIRV)

Soon after this, Jesus began traveling around, teaching people about God and healing people who were sick. Let's see what happened next.

VIDEO: Bible Story 10:08

It's important to know that Jesus had not broken GOD's law about the Sabbath day. He had only chosen not to follow the EXTRA rules made by the religious leaders. The reason these leaders cared so much about the Sabbath day wasn't because they loved God more than anyone else. They cared so much because really, they just wanted to make themselves look good.

Jesus saw things very differently. He wanted to care for the hurt man and make him well. Jesus looked out for other people and showed them love!

Listen to what the apostle Paul later wrote to a group of believers called the Philippians.

Open the Bible to Philippians 2:4 (NIRV) and read.

None of you should look out just for your own good. Each of you should also look out for the good of others. (NIRV) As we follow Jesus, we can live out His love by looking out for one another. That's what we need to remember today. Stand up!

VIDEO: Bottom Line

SLIDE: Bottom Line

Look out for one another.

SLIDE: Theme

It's not always easy to look out for others. But you can pray and talk to God about it anytime. You can ask God to take your focus off YOU and help you look out for the people around you . . . and really think about what they need. The more time and energy you spend looking out for others, the more God can work through you to change the world around you. And that's what 'living it out' is all about!

Let's pray.

Dear God, thank You for sending Jesus for us. He set the perfect example for us of how we can look out for other people. We can see that in the way He chose to heal the man with the hurt hand. Please show us how we can share Your love and treat others the way we want to be treated. We love You, and we pray these things in Jesus' name. Amen.

VIDEO: Offering Video

Each week in the City we collect money to support a Parkview mission that helps people in need. 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. Here are some pictures of the great work the church is doing to teach kids about Jesus. 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

CG: Summer JAM Slide

And that's not all! Summer Jam is coming up very soon and we're so excited to invite you to these 3 nights jam-packed with FUN and Adventure! You won't want to miss it. Tell whoever brought you that you need to visit the Summer Jam booth after our time together today to sign up and get your t shirt! Also grab some invite cards and invite your friends!