

## CITY LG – June 7- 8, 2025

**Today's Bible Story:** Give Peace a Chance (Live in Peace With One Another / Saul and Barnabas) • *Romans 12:18 (Supporting: Acts 9:26-28)*

**Today's Bottom Line:** Live in peace with 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: Beach balls (8-10)

Campus: make a line of tape down the center of your room

### 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 in 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. It's summer, and It's another great day here in The City. Turn to the person next to you and give a thumbs-up if you're ready for some fun! *(Pause for responses.)*

All summer long, we're learning what it means to 'live it out.' There are lots of ways that we can show Jesus' love to other people. When we do that, we can make a huge difference in the world around us!

In just a minute, we'll check out a story from the Bible that shows us an important way that we can live out the love of Jesus, But first, it's time for another summer-camp-style competition! If you were here last week, you know that we need to divide into two teams: the red team on this side of the room *(reference the red side)*, and the blue team on this side *(reference the blue side)*.

Today's game is called: Crab Soccer. Sounds fun, right? We'll need these beachballs to play.

For this game, you'll try to kick the beachballs across the tape line and into the other team's side. But this is Crab Soccer . . . so of course you have to play like a crab! You'll move around on your hands

and feet—but on your back!

*Demonstrate—or get one of the kids or Small Group Leaders to demonstrate.*

You'll scurry around the beach here like a crab and use your feet to kick the beachballs. Just be careful, though, that you don't kick anyone else! Watch carefully where you're going. And you can only do crab-WALKING, not crab-RUNNING. Understood? *(Pause for responses.)*

When the buzzer sounds, the team with the fewest amount of beachballs on their side wins a point for that round. We'll play a few rounds and see which team scores the most points overall!

First, though, everyone make sure you're on the right side of the line. All right—I think we're ready. You may now get in crab position. *(Pause.)* Let the Crab Soccer begin!

**AUDIO: Fun beach music (suggestion: "Surfin' U.S.A." by The Beach Boys)—for each round**

*When the game begins, Leaders roll/toss the beachballs into the room, making sure to distribute them evenly among both teams to start.*

*Play several rounds of the game, about 30 seconds per round. Remind the kids to crab-walk (not crab-run) and look out for each other.*

*At the end of each round, look around to see which side has fewer beachballs.*

*Before you start each round, tell the kids closest to the center line to move to the back of their section so that another group of kids can start the game closest to the line.*

Way to go, teams! You did great! Help me collect all of the beach balls.

Today we're talking about how we can live in peace with one other. That's something that Jesus Himself showed us how to do.

I have a question, and I want you to circle up in your small group and spend a few minutes answering this: **What does it mean to live in peace?** 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.*

When Jesus lived here on Earth, He showed us how to love God and love others. Jesus gave up His life for us when He died on the cross to pay for our sins and restore our relationship with God. But that wasn't the end of the story, was it? *(Pause for responses.)* Not at all! Because God raised Jesus back to life, defeating death, rising to live a new life, and offering for all His followers to live a new life too.

Then, about 40 days after that, Jesus returned to heaven to be with God. A few days after Jesus went to heaven, He sent His very Holy Spirit to live inside all of His followers to guide them every step of their lives and to help them continue sharing His love with the world.

As the disciples shared the amazing news about Jesus and what He did, the church began to grow quickly through the presence and power of God's Spirit. But not everyone was happy about this. Some of the religious leaders were upset because they didn't think Jesus was the Son of God, and they tried to stop the new believers. Let's check out what happens in the Story Lab.

**Video: Bible Story** 10:21

"In Saul's letter to the Romans, he wrote this:

*If possible, live in peace with everyone. Do that as much as you can. (NIRV)* Think about how Barnabas helped to make peace between Saul and the believers in Jerusalem. That's a great way to show the love of Jesus.

Here's what we need to remember today. Let's all stand up...

**VIDEO: Bottom Line**

**SLIDE: Bottom Line**

**Live in peace with one another.**

**SLIDE: Theme**

Since Barnabas made peace for Saul, the other Jesus-followers accepted Saul and believed that he had changed. And because of THAT, Saul went on to start churches all over and share the good news about Jesus. When we trust in Jesus, we have God's Spirit living inside us. God's Spirit helps us to live like Jesus and share His love with others. And you know what?"

**SLIDE: Virtue**

**With Jesus, we can help change the world!**

**SLIDE: Theme**

Each and every day, God is working in our lives to make us more and more like Jesus in the way we think and act."

If you want to live in peace, you can ask God to help you make choices that will LEAD to peace. That could mean that you stop and take a deep breath before you say something mean or unkind. Or, if you're not sure how to bring peace, you could talk about what's going on with your parent or another adult you trust.

It feels good when someone makes peace with us. So, if we live in peace, that's a great way that we can treat others the way we want to be treated.

And it's a great way to 'live it out'! Let's pray.

Dear God, thank You for the way You helped Barnabas to bring peace for Saul. He made a big difference for Saul just by being his friend! God, it's not always easy for us to live in peace with others, but we know that it's something You've called us to do. We know that it's a way that we can show Your love to others. Please show us how we can do that in our own lives today. We love You, and we pray these things in Jesus' name. Amen.

**SLIDES: Offering pics 5-8 (scroll through while describing the mission)**

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!