

City LG – May 31- June 1, 2025

Today's Bible Story: I Will Follow (Live Like Jesus) • *Philippians 2:5* (Supporting: *Philippians 2:1-8*)

Today's Bottom Line: Live like Jesus.

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: Game Sheets

WORSHIP

Something Good
My God is Bigger

SLIDE: Theme

Hi, everybody! I'm so excited to see your smiling faces.

Here in The City, we're always learning about God and finding out how much God loves us. We know that God loved us so much that Jesus came to be our Savior . . . and we know that Jesus showed love to everyone He met. So, this summer, we're finding out how to live and love like Jesus. We'll discover together how to: 'Live it out!' Let me hear you say that: 'Live it out!'"

Yes—so good! I love being here in The City in the summertime. It's kind of like we're all at summer camp together. So, I thought we could have some camp fun with a little team competition! First let me divide the room into two teams.

We have the red team on this side of the room and the blue team on this side. We will compete all summer long with a series of games.

Today's game is called 'Leader Says.' It's a lot like 'Simon Says.' First, let me get two Small Group Leaders to join me on the stage. I'll need a leader from the red team and a leader from the blue team.

*Bring up two Small Group Leaders—one from each team.
Give each of them one of the printed Game Sheets. (The sheets shouldn't be the same.)*

All right. When the music starts, [leaders' names] will take turns calling out things for you to do. Blue team, you're following [leader representing the blue team]. Red team, you're following [leader representing the red team]. If they say 'leader says' before they give the instruction, then you do it. But if they DON'T say 'leader says,' don't do it . . . or you'll be out! And just so you know, we'll be moving quickly—blue team, red team, blue team, red team, and so on.

Let's get started! Everyone stand up on your feet. Blue team, you're up first. Let's play 'Leader Says'!

AUDIO: Fun, instrumental music (suggestion: “Live It Out” instrumental version)

Comment on the action as the leaders and kids play the game, with the leaders taking turns reading statements from their Game Sheets and the kids on their team reacting. Make sure the leaders do the “leader says” motions too . . . and encourage them to keep the game moving quickly.

Okay, that was pretty tough! But you were all really good at following directions. Was there anyone who didn’t mess up even once? Raise your hand if you got through the whole game without any mistakes.

I love it when we play games together! Now, as you know, all summer we’re talking about what it means to live like Jesus. There’s a really amazing passage in the Bible about that, which we can find in Paul’s letter to the Philippians. (*Hold up Bible.*)

When Paul put his faith in Jesus, he traveled around to different cities and towns and started churches. Paul started a brand-new church in the city of Philippi, but not everyone who lived there was happy about it. So, Paul and his friend Silas were thrown in prison for talking about Jesus—even though they hadn’t done anything wrong.

This was a really tough break for Paul and Silas. But God did something amazing! God sent an earthquake that freed everyone in the prison. Paul left the city soon after that . . . but later on, he sent a letter to the believers who lived in in Philippi. We can find Paul’s letter here in the Bible. (*Hold up Bible.*) It’s known as the book of Philippians. Let’s check out the Story Lab.

VIDEO: Bible Story 9:46

I know you’re just getting started in your relationship with Jesus. And that is SO exciting . . . because over time, God’s Spirit can help you become more and more like Jesus on the inside. God’s Spirit will help you think and act like Jesus did and show His love to others.

Let’s all work to remember Paul’s words in Philippians 2:5. This is our Memory Verse for this month:

SLIDE: Memory Verse

As you deal with one another, you should think and act as Jesus did. (NIRV)

That’s what it means to ‘live it out.’ Let’s check out our bottom line...

VIDEO: Bottom Line

SLIDE: Bottom Line

It means to **live like Jesus.**

I’m so glad that Jesus showed us how to live. He showed us how to love God and love others—in every situation. And with God’s help, we can choose to think and act the way He did. That’s why it’s so important for us to get to know Jesus by spending time with Him. Because when we spend time with Jesus, it’s easier for us to think and act more like Him. We don’t have to do it on our own.

We can make a big difference by showing love the way Jesus taught us to. And there are lots of ways to share Jesus' love that we'll talk about all summer long. When we stay connected to Jesus, God's Spirit can actually work inside of us to change the world around us.

I'm so excited to 'live it out' and love like Jesus! Let's pray and ask God to help us do that.

God, thank You for loving us. Thank You for being faithful and good. We know that we can trust You no matter what! And thank You for sending Jesus, Your Son, to be our Savior. Thank You for the perfect example He gave of how we should think and act. We need Your help to show Your love and make a difference in this world. Please give us Your strength and wisdom, God. We love You, and we pray these things in Jesus' name. Amen

SLIDE: Theme

CHECK THE TIME: There should be at least 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

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!