

# CITY SG – June 21- 22, 2025

*Due to summer scheduling, all these activities can be done in small groups or in one large group*

## **PRE- SERVICE ACTIVITY**

**What You Need:** paper, pens, and dice

### **What You Do:**

- Welcome kids as they arrive with a high five or a fist bump.
- Invite any kids who brought an offering to place it in the offering container.
- Think of some camp-related words that can be quickly drawn or acted out. Some ideas:
  - basketball
  - volleyball
  - cabin
  - bunk bed
  - flashlight
  - swimming
  - boat
  - food
  - horseback riding
  - tree, etc.
- Divide the group into two teams.
- Give each team paper, and pens.
- Call one kid from each team to the front..
- Discreetly give both kids the same word from your list. (Make sure they don't share it with their team.)
- Instruct each kid to roll the die to determine how they'll represent the word:
  - 1 - 3: Act it out
  - 4 - 6: Draw it
- Send the kids back to their teams to act or draw based on their die roll without letting their team know what they're doing.
- Instruct the rest of the teams to guess what the word.
- The first team to guess correctly earns a point.
- Call on a new kid from each team and repeat the process.
- Continue playing until everyone has had a turn to roll the die and participate.

## **SMALL GROUP TIME**

### **1. This Side or That Side?**

**What You Need:** "Bible Story Q's" Activity Page (one per group), and floor tape

### **What You Do:**

- Using the tape, create a line on the floor. Make sure it's long enough for every kid to stand on.
- Invite the kids to stand on the taped line.
- Designate the floor on one side of the tape line to be "true" and the other side "false."
- Inform the kids that you're going to read a set of statements and the kids are to respond based on what they think the answer is.
  - If the kids think the statement is true, direct them to jump on the "true" side.
  - If the kids think the statement is false, direct them to jump on the "false" side.
- One at a time, read a statement out loud to the group from the "Bible Story Q's" Activity Page, allowing kids to jump to the side of the tape line to indicate their answer.
- After the kids have moved to the side of the tape line, reveal the answer to the question.
- After you reveal the answer to each question, instruct the kids to stand on the tape line again.
- After each false answer, discuss with the group what they think the correct answer is.

- Say, “Even when life feels hard or unfair, we can remind one another that God will make everything right in the end. Share God’s love and hope for those around us, especially those who love Jesus! We all need some encouragement to keep loving and doing good works. One of the best ways to encourage others to love is by loving others ourselves. So, let’s remember to live like Jesus and **encourage one another.**”

## 2. Encourage One Another

**What You Need:** card stock (one per kid), stickers, markers

### What You Do:

- Ask:
  - How does it feel when someone encourages you?
  - What are some things you can say to encourage someone?
- Give each child a piece of card stock and tell them to fold it in half to create a card.
- Pass out the stickers and markers
- Tell the kids to think of someone they would like to encourage and have them make them an uplifting card to show their love.
- ***\*Younger groups may need help with words.***
- Encourage the kids to give this card to the person they want to encourage to make their day!
- Say, “Jesus, God’s only Son, lived His life showing love to everyone, no matter who they were! He was there for others, encouraging them with God’s words. God calls us to do the same—to encourage each other, to stir up love, and to do good things together.”

## 3. Memory Verse Race

**What You Need:** “Memory Verse” Activity Page (2 sets per group),

### What You Do:

- Read the verse (Philippians 2:5) aloud to the group.
- Invite the kids to repeat the verse together several times.
- Divide the group into two teams.
- Direct each team to form a line and place one set of verse cards across from each line..
- When you say GO the first person on each team will run down and grab one card from the pile.
- When he gets back, the next child in line will do the same.
- After the team has all the cards, they will work together to put the words of the verse in order
- The first one to complete the verse is the winner.
- If time, play again, the kids do something else to get to the end: skip, walk backwards, etc.

## 4. Extra Time Activity Sheets

### AT THE 5- MINUTE CALL:

#### PRAY

- Ask, “Does anyone have any prayer requests or things they want to thank God for from this week? *(Let the kids share their prayer requests and praises)*
- “Dear God, thank You for each of my friends here today! Thank You for loving us, and showing us how important it is to encourage one another. We are so grateful for Your Word, the Bible, where we get to learn about You every day! Please help us practice encouraging others. Give us the courage to speak kind words that will lift up our friends, families, and those around us. We love You, and we pray these things in Jesus’ name. Amen.”

**PARENT PICK UP POINT:** As adults arrive to pick up, encourage the kids to show them the encouragement card they made.