

CITY SG – 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

PRE- SERVICE ACTIVITY

What You Need: "Camp Cards" (1 set per group)

What You Do:

- Welcome the kids by name as they arrive.
- Invite any kids who brought an offering to place it in the offering container.
- Show the group one scene from the "Camp Cards" Activity Page.
- Encourage them to share their thoughts about the picture scenes using the following prompts.
 - "What do you see?"
 - "What do you think is happening here?"
 - "If you could, would you want to play in this scene?"
- Go through each card one by one **as the kids arrive** and lead the kids in the above discussion.
- Once you've gone through all of the cards from the "Camp Cards" Activity Page, ask: "What do you think these cards have in common?" (*Welcome all answers! They are all camp activities.*)
- Share with kids that the cards are all scenes of camp environments!
- If time allows, lead the group in a discussion about their camp experiences. Ask questions like:
 - What kind of camp do you want to attend?
 - What type of camp(s) have you attended?
 - Was it fun? What did you learn?
 - Did you make new friends at camp?
 - How long was the camp?

SMALL GROUP TIME

1. Choices

Bible Story Review

What You Need: “Choice Cards” (one set per group), “Choices Questions and Answer Key” (one per group), index cards, and markers

What You Do:

- Divide kids into teams of four.
 - It’s okay if there’s a team of five!
 - If you have a small group just give everyone 4 cards and they can play alone.
- Give each team four index cards and coloring supplies.
- Direct each kid to pick one of the following images to draw on an index card for their team:
 - Draw a “tent” on one card.
 - Draw a “basketball” on one card.
 - Draw a “tree” on one card.
 - Draw a “water bottle” on one card.
- Give the kids about two minutes to draw their images.
 - *NOTE: These are sketches and shouldn’t take much time to make.*
- Explain that you will ask a question from the “Choices Questions and Answer Key” Activity Page and give the teams four possible answers.
- Direct the kids to use their sketched index cards to answer the questions.
- After reading each question, share the possible answers by holding up the “Choice Card” Activity Page as you share the answer the image corresponds to.
- Give the teams a few seconds to discuss the correct answer.
- Instruct the teams to display the symbol on their index card that matches the correct answer.
- Award one point to every team who answers a question correctly.
- Encourage the teams to keep track of their point totals.
- Continue until all questions have been answered.
- The team with the most points, wins! Celebrate each team for their effort!
- Say “Jesus made some incredible choices. Jesus is God’s Son, yet He still chose to live humbly and love others—even when it was hard. We can follow Jesus’ example too. That’s why it’s so important to get to know Jesus by reading about Him in the Bible, talking to Him in prayer, and spending time with friends who love Him.”

2. Beautiful World

Application Activity

What You Need: Coffee filter (one per group), plastic tablecloth- one per group (CHRIS: OP and NL have rectangle tables – HG has round tables), prepared spray bottle filled with water, permanent marker, washable markers in primary colors

What You Do:

- Place the plastic tablecloth on your table.
- Draw a cross in the center of the coffee filter with a permanent marker.
- Pass the coffee filter around the table.
- Set out the washable markers.
- Instruct the kids to write their names on the coffee filter with a primary color washable marker.
 - *NOTE: Make sure the kids use various colors.*
- As the kids write their names, ask questions like:
 - What are some ways we can get to know Jesus?
 - What are some ways we can act and think like Jesus?
- Once all the kids have written their names on the filter, lay the filter flat on the tablecloth.
- Pass the spray bottle around the circle.
- Invite each kid to spray water on the filter once.
- Point out the beautiful colors as they spread.
- Share that just like the beautiful transformation of the coffee filter with the water, the more they get to know Jesus, the more He beautifully transforms them to live like Him!
- Say, “It was amazing to see how your names began to blend and turn into beautiful art. When we stay connected to Jesus, it changes everything! It helps us think and act like He would.”
- Throw the tablecloth in the garbage.

3. Think, Act, Repeat

Memory Verse Activity

What You Need: Bibles

What You Do:

- Depending on the age/ability of your group, you can either:
 - Give each child a Bible and look up the memory verse together.
 - Read the memory verse from a Bible aloud to your group.
 - “As you deal with one another, you should think and act as Jesus did. Philippians 2:5 (NIRV)
- Repeat the verse together several times.
- Gather your entire group together and invite them to stand up.
- Model the following Memory Verse motions to the kids:
 - As you deal with one another, (*Point to the kids around you.*)
 - you should think (*Tap your forehead.*)
 - and act (*Take a big step forward.*)
 - as Jesus did. (*Stretch your arms like Jesus on the cross.*)
 - Philippians 2:5 (*Open hands like a book.*)

- Repeat the motions again and invite the kids to perform them with you.
- Practice the Memory Verse motions together several times.
- Divide the kids into two groups.
- Instruct the groups to stand facing each other.
- Assign each group part of the Memory Verse and motions.
 1. Group 1 says: *As you deal with one another,*
 2. Group 2 says: *you should think and act as Jesus did.*
- Lead the kids in reciting the verse again by performing their group's part.
- *Optional: Challenge the groups to say their part of the verse in a whisper, loudly, slowly, or quickly.*

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 giving us Your Son, Jesus, to show us how to live. Help us listen to the directions You give us so we can live, love, and make a difference in the world around us—like Jesus did! Thank You for always guiding us. We love You, and we pray these things in Jesus' name. Amen."
- If there is still time, pass out the Parent Guides to the kids and begin to read through them together. Remind them they can do the activity at home to bring back next week for a prize.

PARENT PICK UP POINT: As adults arrive to pick up, encourage the kids to show them the coffee filter and share how they can make the world a beautiful place when they **live like Jesus**. Encourage the kids to practice the Memory Verse motions at home this week!