

CITY SG – July 19- 20, 2025

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

PRE- SERVICE ACTIVITY

What You Need: No supplies needed

What You Do:

- Explain to the kids that they will play a game of “Simon Says” but with a twist!
- Direct the kids to join you standing up in a circle.
- Explain how to play:
- You will call out “Simon Says” motions but the kids are to do what they think is the *opposite* of that motion.
 - For example, if you say, “Simon Says, reach up high,” kids might reach down low.
- Begin by calling out the motions slowly, to give kids ample time to think about an opposite motion and then perform it.
- Speed the motions up as the kids catch on.
- Reassure children that it’s okay for them to perform different “opposite” motions. There are multiple equally valid “opposite” actions for some movements.
- Play as long as time and interest allow.
 - Simon Says examples:
 - Clap your hands.
 - Stomp your feet.
 - Reach up high.
 - Sit down.
 - Spin around slowly.
 - Spin around fast.
 - Hop forward.
 - Hop backward.
 - Stand up.
- Say, “In today’s Bible story we will hear about how Jesus told a story to His listeners and one person did the opposite of what they expected him to do!”

SMALL GROUP TIME

1. Who's In Your Path?

What You Need: "Who's In Your Path?" Activity Page (one per kid), coloring supplies, star stickers, (one per kid)

What You Do:

- Give every kid a "Who's In Your Path?" Activity Page map.
- Direct the kids to observe the map.
- Ask: "Which places on the map do you visit during the week?"
 - *Kids might say, the park, home, the store, school, etc.*
- Share with kids that they can **care for one another** starting with the people God puts in our paths!
- Set the coloring supplies in the center of the circle.
- Direct the kids to write their names on their maps.
- Instruct the kids to color and write on the different places they go to on their maps.
- Prompt them with questions, like;
 - Do you go to dance or music lessons?
 - Do you attend school at home or in a school building?
 - Is there a park you and your family go to often?
 - Are there community members who help you each week, like a mailman or garbage man?
- Give kids a few minutes to color their maps.
- Give each kid a star sticker and ask them to place it on a location of their choice on their map.
 - For example, *the park, home, the store, school, etc.*
- Challenge kids to show the love of Jesus to their neighbors in the location of their choice this week if they can!
- Once you see kids wrapping up, invite any kids to share their map with the group.
- Say, "We all take different paths each day—to go to school, to the store, to a basketball game. Our paths make our story unique and give us even more chances to live like Jesus!"

2. Red Light Green Light Story Review

What You Need: carpet tape, "Story Review" Activity Page (one per group)

What You Do:

- Have the kids line up shoulder to shoulder on one side of your area and place a tape line on the other side.
- Play a game of red light/green light. When you say "green light," kids will run until you say "red light." They should stop in place.
- If anyone is still running after you say, Red Light, they should start over at the beginning.
- Each time you stop them by saying "red light", ask a review question from the Story Review activity page.
- Play until someone crosses the line.
- Go back and play more rounds until all of the questions are answered or until time allows.
- You can have the kids get to the other side in different ways each round: crawling, hopping, walking backwards, etc.

3. Memory Verse Motions

What You Need: no supplies needed

What You Do:

- Review the memory verse, *“Our God is a God who strengthens and encourages you. May he give you the same attitude toward one another that Christ Jesus had.”* Romans 15:5
- Divide kids into teams of 3-4 kids or keep the whole group together.
- Have kids come up with motions to the words of the verse.
- Assign smaller groups sections of the verse or come up with motions as a whole group,
- Practice the motions to the verse to help memorize it.

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 Your Son, Jesus! Help us to **care for one another** just like Jesus shows us how to. We ask that Your Holy Spirit help us see the needs of those around us and be a reflection of Your love to everyone we encounter this week. We love You, and we pray these things in Jesus’ name. Amen.”

PARENT PICK UP POINT: As adults arrive to pick up, encourage kids to show off their “Who’s In Your Path?” Activity Pages.