# **CITY LG - August 2 - 3, 2025**

Bible Story: Creation and the Fall • Genesis 1-2:3, 3; Romans 5:8

**Bottom Line:** You can trust God no matter what

Monthly Memory Verse: Faith is being sure of what we hope for. It is being sure of what we do not

see. Hebrews 11:1 (NIrV)

#### **WORSHIP**

Give My All Firm Foundation

## SLIDE: Theme

Super hello to everyone here! Welcome to The City! My name is [Host name], and I'm so glad you're here today! Who likes superhero movies? I love seeing these superhero characters showing off their moves and saving the world! But you know, a lot of them didn't just wake up and become crimefighters. They had an origin story or a beginning to their story. When we know more about how they started, you may understand why they can do what they can do!

This month, we're learning about our origin story with God! But before we jump into that, let's play a game! Since our theme this month is 'origin story,' with Superheroes we thought it might be fun to play a superhero game! This is a screen game called "Real or Fake."

## SLIDE: Real or Fake

I will show a comic book superhero, and you will have to guess if he or she is real or fake. I'll put a slide up and you can shout out "real" or "fake". Let's go!

#### SLIDES: Real or Fake

I want to share something special that we're doing for this next year! As we start this new school year, we're going to be going through the story of the ENTIRE Bible together.

Why are we going through the entire story of the Bible? Well, it's not so we can learn all of the awesome stories in the Bible. It's so we can learn about God. God gave us the Bible so we can know about Him! And that's what we hope to discover—we're going to learn Bible stories, yes. But more importantly, we're going to get to know God!

#### SLIDE: God's Big Story

Each week, we'll talk about a different story in the Bible that's important to the big story God is telling. So, let's start right at the beginning of the Bible, in the book of Genesis! Genesis is the very first book in the Bible! It's a part of a section of the Bible called 'The Old Testament.' (Hold up Bible.)

So, go ahead, and let's get started. Check out the Story Lab.

#### VIDEO: Bible Story 12:18

Even though Adam and Eve sinned, which affected everyone and everything, God had a plan. His goodness was even bigger than their sin. Let's stand up and check out our bottom line.

VIDEO: Bottom Line SLIDE: Bottom Line

You can trust God no matter what.

## SLIDE: Theme

Through all the ups and downs, we can trust that God loves us. This week, we looked at how God has been working on His great rescue plan for a long, long time. He is going to fix everything. That means He loves us so, so much and He is always working for our good. We can trust Him. We can believe God wants what's best for us, no matter what. We can choose to have faith in Him. Faith means trusting in what you can't see because of what you can see.

When people sinned against God, He NEVER gave up on them. From the beginning, God had a plan to restore us and to restore everything! We can trust that nothing will ever change God's love for us.

When we think about Creation and Adam and Eve, we can remember how God made people to be His close friends. But when Adam and Eve sinned, God didn't let that stop His love. He put His rescue plan into motion. He wanted His friends back close to Him.

That is the main message of the big story God is telling. God wants you to be His close friend. And He wants that so much that He paid a great price to rescue you.

As we'll see over the next year, God faithfully worked and worked and worked through history to launch His great rescue plan. You are so deeply loved by God.

Let's pray, asking God to help us live in His great love for us.

## SLIDE: Theme

God, thank You so much for helping us learn and understand Your Big Story. Thank You for knowing from the very beginning that we would sin, that we would need Your help, and sending Jesus to rescue us. We are so thankful that You love us so much. We love You, and we pray these things in Jesus' name. Amen.

#### **OFFERING**

We started supporting a new organization with our offering last month. We are going to help kids and adults who live right near us! Our mission is Shady Oaks Camp for People with Disabilities in Homer Glen, II. Their mission is to give kids and adults the same kind of camp experience that kids without disabilities can enjoy.

## SLIDES: Shady Oaks 5-8

I'm so excited that we are raising money to help Shady Oaks provide summer camps for people with disabilities!