

CITY LG – August 23 - 24, 2025

Bible Story: Jacob's Dream • *Genesis 28:10-22 (supporting: Genesis 25:19-34; 27)*

Bottom Line: You can trust that God is with you.

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)

Central LG Supplies: 5 brown paper lunch bags, 5 commonly known superhero action figures

Campus Supply: **table** Index card (or paper) and pen for each small group leader

WORSHIP

Give My All

Firm Foundation

SLIDE: Theme

Hey there, boys and girls! I'm so glad you're here today because we're going to be having LOTS of fun together! Everybody look at your neighbor and say: 'Are you ready for fun?' (*Pause for responses.*) Alright! This month we're talking about faith. Does anyone remember what faith is? (*Pause for responses.*) That's right! Faith is trusting in what you can't see because of what you can see.

Let's all say our Memory Verse together

SLIDE: Memory Verse

Faith is being sure of what we hope for. It is being sure of what we do not see.

As we remember this verse, we can remember to have faith! Well, as you may remember, if you've been here this month, we're training to be superheroes all month long! And today we're working on our X-ray vision!

I've got these 5 bags (*hold up one of the bags*) and each one has a superhero in it. In just a minute, your group will write down five guesses of which superheroes are in these bags. Then I'll reveal them one at a time and you can see how many your group gets right! Okay, go ahead and make your five guesses!

Give groups one minute to write down their five guesses. Then open one bag at a time to reveal the superheroes, asking each time for groups to raise their hands if they got that one right.

I want to share something SUPER-awesome that we're doing for this next year! You might have heard me share this the last couple of weeks, but just to say it again, as we start this new school year, we're going to be going through the story of the ENTIRE Bible together.

Why? Well, it's not just so we can learn the awesome stories of the Bible! It's bigger than that! You see, God gave us the Bible to learn about Him—who He is and what His heart is like! So as we go through the stories of the Bible, we want to learn about Him!

We're going to go through God's Big Story! (*Gesture to slide.*)

SLIDE: God's Big Story

This week, we're still in the book of Genesis—that's the very first book of the Bible. It tells all about the beginnings! So we're starting the big story God is telling in the Bible exactly where you think we should! In the beginning!

As we saw a few weeks ago, in the beginning, God created the heavens, the Earth, and everything in it—including people! Of all the creatures God created, He made people special. We're all made in the image of

God, which means we were created to show each other what God is like. God is loving, so we can love others like He does! God is kind, so we can be kind like He is! God is fair, so we can be fair like He is!

But rather than obeying God, Adam and Eve, the first people, sinned. They ushered in a curse that affected their hearts and the hearts of everyone who would live after them. Sin pulled them away from God. And it would pull everyone else away from God too. It broke their relationship with God.

It also did something else awful. It brought sickness, pain, suffering, and death into the world.

But God didn't want to leave things that way! He loves us! From the beginning, God had a plan to rescue us and bring us back into relationship with Him! God chose one man, Abraham, and promised to bless the whole world through his family. After many long years, Abraham and Sarah had a son, Isaac, just as God had promised. Now let's check out what happened next.

VIDEO: Bible Story

Jacob made many mistakes during his life and didn't always trust God. But God was still with Jacob just like He promised. God was faithful, even when Jacob wasn't. This week's bottom line is important to remember.

VIDEO: Bottom Line

SLIDE: Bottom Line

You can trust that God is with you.

SLIDE: Theme

Today, we can trust God because we have the privilege of reading the Bible and seeing how God has been at work throughout history. Over and over, we read how God was with His people. We see how God sent Jesus to be here on Earth with us too. Then we see how, after Jesus returned to heaven, God sent the Holy Spirit to be with everyone, everywhere who follows Jesus.

We'll see that sometimes God's people experienced good things and sometimes bad things, but no matter what, God was with them. God is with you too. He loves you and is walking through every step of life with you. So when you need a reminder that God is with you, ask Him to help you! Because He is there! Let's go ahead and pray now together.

Dear God, thank You for this story, which shows how faithful You are. When we feel like we can't see You, help us know that You are with us. Teach us to live every moment that You are with us. Thank You for loving 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. 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, IL. Their mission is to give kids and adults the same kind of camp experience that kids without disabilities can enjoy.

SLIDES: Shady Oaks 1-3

I'm so excited that we are raising money to help Shady Oaks provide summer camps for people with disabilities! Bring your money up if you brought it.