

CITY LG – August 30 - 31, 2026

Bible Story: Joseph • *Genesis 37, 39–45*

Bottom Line: You can trust God when things get tough.

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

Hi, everyone! Welcome to The City! My name is (*Host name*) and I'm so glad you're here with us today! If you're pumped to be here, give me a thumbs-up like this. This month we're talking about faith. Who can tell me 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 one last time.

SLIDE: Memory Verse

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

When we have faith in God, we can trust Him even if we can't see Him. 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 going to test our ability to freeze like Mr. Freeze!

We're going to play some fun music and we'll all dance and move around the room. Then, when the music stops, I'll call out a cool Mr. Freeze catchphrase and you all will freeze! Don't move, okay? Then when the music starts again, you can move around and dance again! Alright, let's get moving in 3 . . . 2 . . . 1 . . . GO!

SFX: Play fun, upbeat music

Every time the music stops, shout out a funny Mr. Freeze catchphrase. Then wait a few seconds and start the music again. This isn't about finding a winner as much as it's about everyone having fun!

Mr. Freeze Catchphrases:

Ice to see you!

Allow me to break the ice . . .

Cool party!

Tonight's forecast: a freeze is coming!

Stay cool!

Alright, everyone. Chill!

Chilled to perfection

That was amazing, and I think you've all mastered the freeze. In fact, I think you've all passed your superhero training!

I want to tell you about something SUPER-incredible we're going to do for the next year! For the rest of this school year, we're going to be going through the story of the Bible together.

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

SLIDE: God's Big Story

This week, we'll be looking at one more story that's found in the book of Genesis—that's the very first book of the Bible. It tells all about the beginnings!

To review what we've talked about so far, in the beginning, God created the heavens, the Earth, and everything in it—including people!

But rather than listening to their friend God and obeying Him, Adam and Eve, the first people, chose to do something different. They sinned. Sin is anything that goes against who God is and what God says. Sin is awful.

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's rescue plan was unique. He was going to rescue the world through a family! So, sometime after Adam and Eve, God spoke to a man who'd eventually be named Abraham. Abraham didn't have any children, but God was going to change that. He promised that He would bless the whole world through Abraham's family. To start that promise, God gave Abraham and his wife Sarah, a child, Isaac.

Then Isaac had a son named Jacob. And Jacob had 12 sons and one daughter. Abraham's family was growing—just like God had promised it would.

And that's the background of our story today! Let's take a look.

VIDEO: Bible Story 10:37

As Joseph told his brothers: 'You planned to harm me. But God planned it for good.' Because Joseph continued to trust God when things got tough, God used Joseph to save his entire family. And more than a thousand years later, Jesus, God's Son, would be born into this same family! God worked through Joseph's life to bring about rescue for us all! It's like our bottom line says.

VIDEO: Bottom Line

SLIDE: Bottom Line

You can trust God when things get tough

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When we look at Joseph's story and the ways that God has worked throughout history, we see how God can bring good out of hard things. So, when something difficult or unfair happens, you can trust that God is still with you.

When we think about Joseph, we can remember saw how Joseph trusted God when things got difficult. Over and over in Joseph's story, the Bible says: 'And God was with him.' The same is true for you. When you follow Jesus, God's very Spirit lives in you—God is not just with you, but He's in you! God is with you when things are tough, and you can trust Him.

When you are in a hard situation too, and you don't know what to do, the best place to start is by talking to God in prayer and asking Him to help you remember that He is with you. Let's go ahead and pray together.

Dear God, thank You so much for the reminder today that we can trust You when things get tough. Help us, Holy Spirit, when we feel worried or don't know what to do, to turn to You. Help us remember to trust and believe that You love us and want to help us. Thank You that You love us so much. We love You, and we pray these things in Jesus' name. Amen.

OFFERING

In The City, we want to have fun but also be the hands and feet of Jesus by helping others who are in need. For the rest of 2025 we are going to help kids and adults who live right near us! We are collecting our offering for Shady Oaks Camp for People with Disabilities in Homer Glen, IL. If you were at Summer Jam, you heard a lot about Shady Oaks. And Scott, the director of Shady Oaks Camp wants you all to hear how thankful he is for our help! Let's check it out.

VIDEO: Scott

Go home and see what you can do to earn money to help Shady Oaks Camp!

SLIDE: Theme