

## CITY LG – August 9 - 10, 2025

**Bible Story:** Noah • *Genesis 6–9*

**Bottom Line:** You can trust God even when you don't understand.

**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)

**LG Supplies:** 20 ball pit balls

### WORSHIP

Give My All

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#### SLIDE: Theme

Hello! Welcome to The City! I'm so glad you came here this week. We're in our series called 'Origin Story,' talking about knowing all about our origin story with God. But before we jump into that, let's play a game!

So, this theme has all to do with superheroes! One of the bravest superheroes is named Superman®. He is super-strong, can fly, and one of the best superheroes out there. But he has a big weakness. Does anyone know what it is?

*Wait for responses.*

That's right! It's kryptonite. If he gets it near him, it zaps all of his superpowers. So today I thought we could play a game called: 'Kryptonite Catch.'

*Grab one of the "Kryptonite" balls and circle up the kids.*

The way you play is to take this ball and toss it to a friend next to you. But you have to quickly toss the ball to someone else. Pretty easy, right? But as you pass, I'll keep adding more and more in. Let's see if we can do it without dropping a ball for three minutes. Are you ready? Let's go!

*Start the game by passing the ball and starting the timer. As the game progresses, you may need to hold some balls back. Keep playing over and over as long as time allows.*

#### VIDEO: 3 minute timer

Good job, heroes! Those were some pretty great skills.

I'm so glad you're here because we're going to have so much fun learning more about God! This month, all month, we're talking about faith!

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.*

Last week, we talked about how we're doing something really cool this year. We're going through key stories of the entire Bible!

Why are we going through the Bible? Well, it's not only so we can learn the amazing 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!

We're going to go through God's Big Story together!

**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.

Today we're in the book of Genesis at the very beginning of the Bible. (*Hold up Bible.*) Last week, we learned that in the beginning of Genesis, God created the whole world and everything in it . . . including people!

We are the only creations God made in His image! That means that 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! And He made us to be His friends.

Sin is anything that goes against God's ways—who He is and what He said. When Adam and Eve sinned, it broke their friendship with God. They couldn't be close to God anymore! And the curse of sin made everything more difficult. Sadly, everyone who was born after Adam and Eve couldn't be close to God anymore either!

After that, people kept choosing their own way instead of God's way. But there was one man out of all of the people who did love and follow God. Let's hear about him in the Story Lab.

**VIDEO: Bible Story 10:58**

Through many long years of building the ark and through the epic flood, Noah chose to trust, even when he didn't understand God's plan. And God kept His promise to Noah and kept him and his family safe through the flood. Let's check out our bottom line.

**VIDEO: Bottom Line**

**SLIDE: Bottom Line**

**You can trust God even when you don't understand.**

**SLIDE: Theme**

Part of the reason God gave us His Word, the Bible, is so we can know who He is. And the Bible is filled with stories of God being faithful and keeping His promises.

One of those stories where God keeps His promises is this story of the flood! And at the end of this true story God did even more to show that He is faithful!

He made a promise, and then He gave us a sign to show that He would always keep it. God promised that He'd never flood the Earth again—and He created the rainbow in the sky to be a sign that He would keep His promise. And He has kept His promise. He has never, ever flooded the Earth again.

Since we have His entire Word, the Bible, that is full of stories of God keeping His promises, we can trust Him. He has never, ever broken a promise. So when God promises to always be with us, we can trust Him. When we face hard things that we don't understand, like Noah did, we can trust Him. We can trust that God is at work and He is with us. We have story after story after story in the Bible—God has never broken a promise.

Because God is always good, we can trust Him no matter what! So when we face hard things and don't understand what is happening, we can ask Him for help. We can ask Him to help us hold His hand through the dark and scary parts and trust He will lead us through. Let's do that now and pray.

**SLIDE: Theme**

Dear God, thank You so much for the way You were faithful in the story of Noah. Help us know how to trust You even when we don't understand what is happening. Teach us how to trust that You are always good. Thank You for Your plan to send Jesus for us. 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. Raise your hand if you have ever been to any kind of summer camp? Well, this camp is just like that one, but it is set up for kids and adults who have physical challenges. Their mission is to give these kids and adults the same kind of camp experience that kids without disabilities can enjoy. Let's check it out.

**VIDEO: Missions Night 1**

Wow! You can see how much fun the people who attend Shady Oaks Camp for kids and adults with disabilities have! What an amazing experience that is for them. We are raising money to support the camp in all they do for people with disabilities. Go home and see what you can do to earn money to help Shady Oaks Camp!

**SLIDE: Theme**