

CITY SG August 16 - 17, 2025

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

PRE- SERVICE ACTIVITY

What You Need: water bottle

What You Do:

- Welcome kids by name as they arrive with a high-five, fist bump, or a wave.
- Invite any kids who brought an offering to place it in the offering container.
- Instruct two kids to face each other.
- Place the water bottle between them.
- Explain that when you say a command, they are to make the action you say.
- Demonstrate each action.
 - “STARS!” —raise your hands above your head.
 - “BYE!” —wave your hand.
 - “OFF WE GO!” —turn around in a circle.
 - “BOTTLE” —reach down and grab the water bottle.
- Say, *“I will say the words in random order. When I say ‘BOTTLE!’, be the first to grab the water bottle to win the round.”*
- The winner stays for the next round, and a new kid steps in.
- Play until each kid has had at least one turn.
- Say, “That game was fast, but FUN! The actions in our game may have seemed random, but a lot of them actually show up in today’s true story from the Bible!”

SMALL GROUP TIME

1. Silent Scenes

What You Need: “Silent Scenes” Cards (one set per group in a baggie)

What You Do:

- Divide the kids into teams of two or three.
- Explain that each team is to select a strip to act out the events of today’s Bible Story without speaking.
 - Assist any kids who need help reading the strips.
- As a team is acting out the events from today’s Bible Story, instruct the rest of the teams to guess the part of the story that is being acted out.
- If a team guesses correctly, give them a “Super Point” (1 point).
- Play until all the scenes have been acted out.
- Say, “No matter what we’re going through in life, we can trust God’s plan like Abraham and Sarah. We’re still in the middle of the story. There’s still a lot of pain and darkness in the world. But **NOTHING** will stop God from making good things come out of the bad and making everything right in the end! The Bible says that God is working for good in every situation we face. So, no matter what, **you can trust that God has a plan.**”

2. Trust Walk

What You Need: Floor Tape, blindfolds (5 per bin)

What You Do:

- Direct kids to form groups of two (a group of three is okay).
- Designate a starting line and a finish line in your group space with floor tape.
- Invite the kids to form a line with their partner behind it.
- Tell the kids to identify who will be the “walker,” and who will be the “guide.”
- Blindfold the walker (if comfortable) or ask them to close their eyes.

- Explain how to play.
 - The “Guide” is to help the “Walker” move safely to the finish line using only their voice (no touching!)
 - They can say things like, “Take one step forward,” “Turn right,” or “Stop!”
- When the “walker” finishes, switch roles so both kids get a turn.
- Continue until every group gets a turn to walk.
- Say, “In life, we don’t always know what’s coming next. Even though we can see, there are a lot of things we don’t understand, like why it’s taking us so long to understand math or if you’re ever going to find friends again after your big move. We CAN trust God’s plan for us because we can trust God. He is good and is always working for good! Nothing can stop God’s plan to bring good out of hard things and to make everything right in the end. God loves us and knows what’s best for us, and **you can trust that God has a plan** and it’s a good one.”

3. Puzzled

What you Need: Bibles, Scissors, Zip-Top Sandwich Bags, “Hebrews 11:1 activity page” (one per kid)

What You Do:

- Depending on the age/ability of your group, you can either:
 - Give each child a Bible and look up the memory verse together.
 - Read the memory verse from a Bible aloud to your group.
 - *Faith is being sure of what we hope for. It is being sure of what we do not see.* Hebrews 11:1 (NIV)
- Give each kid a “Hebrews 11:1” Activity Page puzzle.
- Give each kid a pair of scissors and direct them to cut along the lines to create a four-piece puzzle.
 - Have kids work together if they need help with cutting.
- Give each kid a zip-top bag so they can take their puzzle home and share with their family.

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*)
- “God, thank You for being with us in every minute of our lives! Sometimes, we don’t understand why some things happen. When we’re worried or unsure, please remind us that You are good and that nothing can stop Your good plan to make everything right in the end. Please help us trust in You and in Your promise to make everything right in the end because You have never never, ever broken a promise. Help us to have faith and trust in You. We love You, and we pray these things in Jesus’ name. Amen!

PARENT PICK UP POINT: As adults arrive to pick up, invite kids to recite this month’s Memory Verse (and bonus if they add a great superhero pose at the end). Challenge the kids to practice it with their families all week long!