

# CITY SG August 23 - 24, 2025

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

## **PRE- SERVICE ACTIVITY**

**What You Need:** “Flying Contest” Activity Page(one per kid), “Paper Airplane” directions (3 per bin), Coloring Supplies

### **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.
- Give each kid a “Flying Contest” Activity Page.
- Set out the coloring supplies.
- Instruct the kids to color and decorate their superheroes.
- Use the “Paper Airplane” directions to show and demonstrate how to fold their “Flying Contest” Activity Page.
- Give kids time to fly their paper airplanes.
- Say, “Just like these superhero planes soared through the air, we can do incredible things when we remember that God is always with us.”

## **SMALL GROUP TIME**

### **1. Super Boost**

**What You Need:** “Super Boost” Activity Page (one per group)

#### **What You Do:**

- Divide the kids into two teams.
- Direct each team to sit together.
- Explain the game:
  - You will read a question out loud about the Bible Story.
  - The teams will take turns answering the questions you ask.
  - If a team answers correctly, they will get a “super boost.”
    - *The whole team gets a round of high fives!*
  - If a team answers the question incorrectly, the other team gets a chance to “save the day” by answering it correctly.
- One at a time, ask a question about the Bible Story to one of the teams from the “Super Boost” Activity Page.
- Continue asking questions until all of the questions have been asked and answered.
- After all the questions have been asked and answered, ask:
  - What was your favorite part of the story?
  - How did Jacob show God was with him, even when he made bad choices?
- Say, “Jacob made a lot of mistakes and bad choices in his life. But God continued to be faithful to Jacob—and God continued working on His great rescue plan! In Jacob’s dream, God spoke the promises to Jacob that He had made to Abraham and Isaac. But God also made another important promise to Jacob in his dream. God said this: ‘I am with you.’”

### **2. Paper Chain**

**What You Need:** Markers, Two colors of Paper Strips (one of each color per kid), glue sticks, instructions

#### **What You Do:**

- Instruct each kid to select two different colored strips of paper.
- Set out the markers.

- Explain the activity:
  - On one strip of paper, kids are to use the markers to write areas where we might make bad choices. (*For example: being impatient, not sharing, always thinking about ourselves first, etc.*)
  - On the other colored strip of paper, kids are to write God's promises. (*For example: God will always love us, God is always with us, God made a way for us to be forgiven through Jesus, God gave us the Holy Spirit, etc.*)
  - **Younger kids can draw their examples, or leaders can help them write their thoughts.**
- Make a group paper chain. Show the kids how to roll their paper and glue the ends together to form a link, then work together to connect each one. Alternate between our bad choices and God's promises, to show how God was always faithfully building despite our bad choices.
- Say, this chain minds us of Jacob's dream when he saw the stairway with angels going up and down and God standing beside it. God made a connection between heaven and earth—Jesus came down to Earth to restore people's relationship with God. God was working and working on that plan for a long, long time.
- Say, "Let's hang this up and remember: even though we all make bad choices, God's promises are always true. Because we are Jesus' friends, God will always love us, God will always forgive us, and God will always help us. You can always trust that God is with you, even when things are hard or we mess up."

### 3. Assemble!

**What You Need:** "Assemble!" Cards (2 sets different colors per group), Floor Tape

**What You Do:**

- Place a line of tape in the center of your group space.
- Set two sets of "Assemble!" verse cards on the line of tape.
- Divide the kids into two teams.
- Create a start line for each team a few feet from the tape line.
- Direct each team to line up behind their team's tape line.
- Let each team know which color set of cards is theirs.
- Explain how to play:
  - You will start a timer and kids on each team will take turns running to the tape line, picking up one verse card in their color, and running it back to their team.
  - The teams are to continue sending one kid at a time until they've collected all their verse cards.
  - Once all the verse cards are gathered, each team is to work together to put the verse in order.
- Instruct the teams to shout, "Assemble!" and strike a superhero pose!
- Declare the first team who says, "Assemble!" to be the winner.
- Cheer the other team on together until they finish.

### 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*)"
- "Dear God, thank You for loving us so much! You promised that You are with us, please teach us how to trust that promise. Lord, we want to trust You with everything, and connect with You every second of every day. Teach us how to connect with You over everything we face in our lives. 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 show the paper chain and explain what it represents.