

CITY SG August 30- 31, 2025

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

PRE- SERVICE ACTIVITY

What You Need: No supplies needed

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.
- Say, "We're going to play Secret Message Telephone! It's like the regular telephone game, but instead of whispering a message, we'll act it out!"
- Instruct the kids to line up, all facing forward.
- Explain the game:
 - The last kid in line is to receive a secret message (acted out silently, not spoken) from you.
 - The last kid in line is to tap the shoulder of the kid in front of them, who turns around to watch and learn the action.
 - Each kid is to act out what they saw for the next kid.
 - This will continue until the action makes it to the front of the line.
- Examples for you to demonstrate for the kids to act out:
 - Playing soccer
 - Taking care of a baby
 - Eating pancakes
 - Getting new sneakers
 - Taking care of a dog
- After the last kid acts out the message, challenge the kids to see if they can guess what the original message was.
- Share the original messages as the kids guess.
- Continue to play as time and interest allow.
- Say, "**Today, we're going to hear a true story from the Bible about someone who God sometimes gave 'secret messages' to through dreams.**"

SMALL GROUP TIME

1. Joseph's Life Memory Match

What You Need: "Joseph's Memory Match" Activity Page (3 sets per group)

What You Do:

- Divide kids into three groups.
- Shuffle each set of "Joseph's Memory Match" Activity Page cards.
- Give each group a set of cards.
- Instruct each group to spread the cards out face down.
- Explain how to play:
 - The kids will take turns flipping over two cards at a time, trying to find matching pairs.
 - The goal is to match a "bad" event in Joseph's life with the "good" God brought out of it.
 - Kids can use the colored borders to confirm they have a match.
 - Keep playing until all the cards are matched!
- Once all the cards have been matched, gather the group and discuss.
- Say, "We can't always see how things will turn out, but we have seen that God is good—in Joseph's story, and in Bible story after Bible story. We've also seen Him be good in our own lives. And when we look at what we know about God, that He is good and He is always working for good, we can trust Him. **So you can trust God when things get tough.**"

2. Joseph's Faith Circle

What You Need: Soft playground ball

What You Do:

- Invite the kids to sit with you in a circle or around a table.
- Hold the ball and say: "Joseph trusted that God was with him, even when he was in prison. We are going to think about some ways we can trust God when things get tough too. I will get us started. When things are tough, I can remember that God loves me."
- Pass the ball to one kid in the circle.
- Instruct the kid who catches the ball to share one way they can trust God when things get tough.
 - *If kids have trouble with this, ask, "Can you think of a time when God helped you?"*
- Continue passing the ball around the circle until every kid has shared.
- Say, "Even Jesus, God's Son, had to trust God when He was facing something really hard, like being arrested and dying on the cross. But because Jesus knew God would bring good out of something tough, something amazing could come from it. Jesus paid for sin and broke the curse. Jesus made it possible for us to be in relationship with God forever!"

3. Verse Master

What You Need: "Verse Master" Cards (one set per group per service), Floor Tape

What You Do:

- Before you begin, tape the "Verse Master" cards around your group space in order (either on the walls or on the floor).
- Review this month's memory verse, Hebrews 11:1.
- Repeat the verse several times.
- Before you begin, point to the words of the verse in order that are taped on the wall.
- Instruct the kids to separate and choose to stand near one of the words in the Memory Verse.
- Select a kid to be the "Verse Master."
- Explain the rules:
 - Everyone should close their eyes. The "Verse Master" will quietly take one word away.
 - The rest of the group will look at the verse and figure out what word is missing.
- Continue until there are no words left.
- Play another round if time allows.
- Recite the verse together one last time!

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 always being with us, no matter what. When we are going through hard times, please help us to trust You, like Joseph did! Please help us to know that You will never leave us and You will always help us through. We want to learn to trust and rest in You. Thank You for always being there for us. 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 say one thing they learned about Joseph today.

