

CITY SG August 2 - 3, 2025

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

PRE- SERVICE ACTIVITY

What You Need: “Guess It!” Activity Page (2 sets per service)

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.
- Divide the kids into two teams.
- Spread the “Guess It!” Activity Page cards on the table or the floor.
- Explain the game.
 - You will call out a category.
 - Kids are to quickly travel to pick up a card that belongs in that category.
 - For example, you might say, “Something bright!” The kids might pick up the “sun” card or the “moon and stars” card.
- When you’re ready, call out a category, and signal the first kids to begin.
- When kids pick their card, invite them to share why they chose that card for that category.
- Instruct the kids to return the cards after each round.
- Continue until every kid gets a turn to retrieve a card.

Sample Categories (Feel free to add your own!)

Something alive

Something that has green on it

Something that flies

Something big

Something small

Something God made! (Try to do this category last!)

SMALL GROUP TIME

1. Superhero Headquarters

What You Need: “Superhero HQ” Activity Page (one set per group)

What You Do:

- Before you begin, hide a set of the “Superhero HQ” Activity Pages in your group space (or just turnover on the table).
- Explain that the goal is for the kids to find the eight hidden Bible Story clues and place them in the order of the story. (Or work as a group to turn them over and put into order)
- At your signal, invite kids to search for the hidden clues.
- Once all eight clues are found, direct the kids to bring them to the front of your group space.

- Work together to review the story and put the pieces in the correct order.
- Use the numbers in the corner of each page to check your group's work.
- Open discussion about the Bible Story by asking:
 - "What was the one rule God gave Adam and Eve to follow?" (*God told them not to eat the fruit from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil.*)
 - "What happened when Adam and Eve didn't follow God's rule?" (*They ushered in the curse of sin, which pulled their hearts away from God, and affected the hearts of everyone who would live after them.*)
 - "How do we know that God still loved Adam and Eve even after they disobeyed?" (*God started His plan to rescue them through Jesus—God wanted to be Adam and Eve's close friend, and He couldn't because of the curse of sin.*)
 - "Who can become a part of God's incredible plan? (*Anyone, anywhere who chooses to follow Jesus can be part of God's incredible plan!*)
- Say, "When we've made a bad choice, we might wonder if everything is going to be okay. BUT the good news is that God is always working on a good plan. Even though Adam and Eve sinned and it made things really messy, God had a plan to make things right again. And that plan was Jesus! God sent Jesus to break that awful curse so we can be close friends with Him again!

2. Where Faith Begins

What You Need: "Comic Book" Activity Page (one per kid), Coloring Supplies

What You Do:

- Give each kid a "Comic Book" Activity Page.
- Set out the coloring supplies.
- Say: "*Today's Bottom Line is this: **You can trust God no matter what!***"
- Guide the kids to fold the page in half along the dotted line to create a book.
- Look at the scene on page 1 together. Have kids use their imagination and ask:
 - "What do you think is happening here?"
 - "How do you think God could bring something good out of this situation?"
- Challenge the kids to fill in the missing scenes of the comic by adding words, and drawings to finish the story **showing how a situation can be bad, but God can bring something good out of it!**
- Give the kids time to use the coloring supplies to complete the page.
- Repeat the same steps for the second page
- Invite the kids to share their comic stories once they're finished.
- Let the kids decorate the cover of their comic book.
- As they are decorating ask:
 1. How do you think God sees you, even when you've made a bad choice?
 2. What do you think God wants you to remember when you've made a bad choice?
 3. "How can you show love to someone you have hurt since Jesus always shows love?"

3. Theme Song

What You Need: Bibles

What You Do:

- Divide the kids into groups of two.
- Give each group a Bible and guide them to find Hebrews 11:1.
- Recite the verse together several times, using a “repeat after me” method.
- Divide the kids into two teams and assign each team part of the Memory Verse.
- For the NlrV:
 - **Team 1:** *Faith is being sure of what we hope for.*
 - **Team 2:** *It is being sure of what we do not see.*
- Challenge the teams to create a chant, rap or song (with motions) for that portion of the verse.
- Invite teams to teach each other their part and then practice together, ending together with:
 - *“Hebrews 11:1!”*

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 all of us! You made a way for us to live with You forever through Your Son, Jesus. When we’ve made bad choices, help us remember we can trust You no matter what! Help us be reminded of Your goodness when we see the things You’ve made—including us! Help us remember that You love us so very much. We want to live in Your love for us. We love You, God. We pray these things in Jesus’ name. Amen.”

PARENT PICK UP POINT: As adults arrive to pick up, invite the kids to share their comic books with them and talk through what’s happening.