

## CITY LG – January 3<sup>rd</sup>- 4<sup>th</sup>, 2026

**Bible Story:** Jesus at the Temple • *Luke 2:41-52*

**Bottom Line:** Practice talking about God.

**Monthly Memory Verse:** *Training the body has some value. But being godly has value in every way. It promises help for the life you are now living and the life to come.* • 1 Timothy 4:8 NIV

**LG Campus Supply: A piece of paper that says “Find Me” and tape**

### WORSHIP

Undefeated

Soldier On

*SLIDE: Theme*

Hi, friends! I'm so glad you're here for the start of our new series called Game Plan. A game plan tells a team what to do so they can win. It helps the team move from something they want to happen to some actual things they can do to make that happen. We're going to follow a game plan this month so we can be stronger in our friendship with God!

Today's first part of our game plan is this: **Practice talking about God.** Say it with me: Practice talking about God.

Now who wants to play a game? We're going to play a game called 'Find Me!'

*SLIDE: “Find Me!”*

Here's how to play 'Find Me!' One friend will be our seeker and will step to the outside of the room facing the wall with a leader. While they're turned around, I'll choose one person to wear a paper on their back that says, 'Find me!'

We'll instruct the seeker to come back, and we'll give the seeker 30 seconds to spot the friend with the 'Find me!' paper on their back.

Everyone else, listen carefully to the Game Plan. You're a part of this game too! When I say 'stand,' stand up right where you're sitting and move around. You can form groups of people, but you have to stay in this room. When I say, 'freeze,' you can't move. No switching places. Hands to yourself.

Seeker, you walk around to find the one person you need to find—the person with the 'Find me!' sign on their backs.

Let's play!

*(Choose your seeker, have them go off to the side with a leader, then close a finder and tape the sign on his/her back.)*

Okay, everyone, stand up and move around for a bit. *(Allow the kids to move around for a few seconds.)*

Now, freeze! Let me bring the seeker back in.

Okay seeker, you have 30 seconds to find the kid with the sign taped on their back. Everyone else, stay frozen! Are you ready, seeker? Go!

**AUDIO: Upbeat music**

*After 30 seconds, end the round. Or if the seeker finds the kid with the sign on their back, celebrate!*

Nice job following the Game Plan by staying frozen in your spots, everybody.

*Play another round if time and interest allow.*

In our true story from the Bible that we're looking at today, Mary and Joseph were searching in a big crowd too. They found Jesus in His Father's house, talking about God. That's also what we're talking about today **practice talking about God**.

Let's take a look at our new memory verse for January, This month's Memory Verse is 1 Timothy 4:8! Let me read it to you, and then you can repeat after me!

**SLIDE: Memory Verse**

This month we're talking all about God's Game Plan for us! It's a Game Plan we can follow to help us get to know God better! This week we're going to look at one part of that Game Plan—talking about God! Our true story from the Bible is all about that!

But before we dive into that true story from the Bible, let me tell you something amazing we've been doing this year. We're going through the key stories of the Bible! By the end of the school year, we'll have looked at the key stories of the Bible from cover to cover!

Why are we going through the key stories of the Bible? Well, part of the reason God gave us the Bible is so we could know Him! He wants to be our close, close friend. So as we go through the Bible this year, our intention is to learn more about God!

We're going to go through God's Big Story in the Bible together so we can learn about God! (*Gesture to slide.*)

**SLIDE: God's Big Story**

We're picking up in our journey through the Bible a few years after Jesus was born. It's a story in the Bible when Jesus was not much older than you!

**VIDEO: Bible Story**

Today we saw something amazing. Jesus was only 12 years old, but He amazed everyone with how He talked about God.

That reminds me of our Bottom Line for today!

**VIDEO: Bottom Line**

**SLIDE: Bottom Line**

## **Practice talking about God**

Jesus showed us what to do. We can start small and start now.

He could have been playing or running around, but He chose to be in His Father's house. He chose to practice talking about God. He chose to find people who knew about God and talk to them and ask them questions to learn about God. You can do the same thing too!

The people in your life who know God can help you get to know Him better. So ask them questions about God. Ask them to show you in the Bible where to go for answers.

Think about someone you know who knows Jesus. Maybe it's your Small Group leader. Maybe it's another friend. If you don't know many people who know Jesus, ask God to put more people in your life who can help you know Him better. Practice talking about Him like Jesus did to other people. Make getting to know God an important part of your life, so ask people about Him!

Let's talk to the God who wants you to get to know Him better. Bow your heads and close your eyes.

God, thank You for Jesus. Thank You that even as a Kid, Jesus showed us how important it is to talk about You. Help us to practice this week. Help us to find the people in our lives who know You so we can learn more about You. We want to know You more. We love You, and we pray these things in Jesus' name. Amen.

**SLIDE: Theme**

## **WINTERPALOOZA**

**Slides: Winterpalooza**

Make sure you tell your parents you need to come back next week! Next weekend at all services we will be WinterPalooza! This is our winter party where we will have crafts, games, prizes and marshmallow treats! So bring your friends next week!

## **OFFERING**

We started supporting an organization with our offering last year. Who remembers what that organization was? Right! Shady Oaks Camp! We have been helping kids and adults with disabilities who live right near us in Homer Glen, IL. Their mission is to give these kids and adults a summer camp experience just like the ones kids without disabilities can enjoy.

**SLIDES: Shady Oaks 5-8**

Well, we have been supporting them with our offering for 6 months and I'm proud to say that we have raised **\$1,663.83** from the weekend offerings in the city and alley at our 3 campuses! Way to go!!

We will start supporting a new ministry this month so come back to see what that will be!