

# CITY LG – May 16<sup>th</sup>- 17<sup>th</sup>, 2026

**Bible Story:** Paul Becomes a Believer | Ananias Helps Paul • Acts 9:1-31

**Bottom Line:** God can help you see things in a new way.

**Monthly Memory Verse:** *Let us not become tired of doing good. At the right time we will gather a crop if we don't give up.* • Galatians 6:9 NIV

## WORSHIP

Hands Toward Heaven

Look to You

### SLIDE: Theme

Hi, friends! Welcome to The City! I'm so happy you're here today. Our theme this month is called 'TREK,' and the full name of the series is 'TREK: Don't Stop, Don't Give Up—God's with You!'

Everybody say it with me: 'TREK!'

A trek is a long hike. And sometimes those long hikes can be haaaaaard! Life can be hard too! All month long, we're talking about how we can keep going because God loves us and because God is with us!

And speaking of facing hard things, I've got a question for you to talk about. Circle up with your small group and discuss this question: **When is a time you had to do something that was really hard?** Go ahead and discuss this in your group...

*Large group leader should walk around listening to groups as they answer this. Give them a couple of minutes.*

"Now let's take a look at our Memory Verse for this month! It tells us that God is with us and will help us to not give up when times are hard. It's found in Galatians 6:9

### SLIDE: Memory Verse

*Let us not become tired of doing good. At the right time we will gather a crop if we don't give up. — Galatians 6:9 NIV*

This whole month, we're talking about how we can keep going because God is with us. And today, we're going to meet a man who thought He was doing exactly what God wanted ... then he learned to see in a TOTALLY different way!

But before we get into our true story from the Bible, let me tell you about something amazing we've been doing all school year! In fact, in a couple of weeks, we will be done with our journey!

Since August, we've been going cover-to-cover through the key stories in the Bible! Why?

Well, God has always wanted for us to be His close, close friends. And one of the reasons He gave us the Bible is so that we can know Him! The Bible is God saying, ‘Hi. This is Me. And this is what I am like.’”

So as we’ve gone through the Bible this year, our hope is that we’ve learned about God!

We’re going to go through God’s Big Story so we can learn about God!

**SLIDE: God’s Big Story**

We’re continuing our journey through the Bible! We’re at the part where Jesus had gone back to heaven, but His followers, with His Holy Spirit inside of them, were telling people everywhere about God and His great love! But there was a very dangerous man who did very bad things to stop this message of Jesus from spreading. He didn’t want any people to start their forever friendship with Jesus.

That’s who our story centers around—this man was named Saul. Saul was also sometimes known as Paul. Saul was a Jewish religious leader who had studied under a famous teacher, and he prided himself on following every single one of God’s laws. He thought he had it all together ... until something VERY unexpected happened. Let’s check it out.

**VIDEO: Bible Story**

Wow, friends ... what an amazing story!

Now let’s take a look at our Bottom Line for today.

**SLIDE: Bottom Line**

**God can help you see things in a new way.**

So what does this mean for us? Well, before meeting Jesus, Saul believed that the stories about Jesus were dangerous lies. But after meeting Jesus, Saul’s way of seeing the world completely changed. He became one of Jesus’ most loyal followers. And Ananias only saw Saul as a threat, but Jesus helped him see that Saul could change.

God can change your heart to help you see Jesus in a new way too. He can help you trust that Jesus is always with you, like a constant Friend, especially when things feel scary or uncertain or overwhelming.

God can help you see other people in a new way too. You can always ask the Holy Spirit to show you how God sees the people in your life. Maybe your little sister seems super-annoying, but she really thinks you’re amazing and just wants to be with you. Maybe that rude kid at school who says mean stuff is just lonely, and no one is kind to them at home.

Whatever you’re experiencing in your life, God can help you see it in a new way!

Let's talk to the God who can help us see things in a new way! Let's take a few moments to be quiet and let our hearts be still while we pray. Everyone take a deep breath ... and let it out. That's great. Now let's pray together.

Heavenly Father, thank You that You love us so much that You sent Jesus to live with us and take the consequences for our sin, and then that You moved into each of Your followers through Your Holy Spirit. Thank You that when we see who Jesus truly is, and how He loves, it changes the way we live and how we see others. Help us to see through Your eyes this week. We love You, and we pray these things in Jesus' name. Amen.

## **OFFERING**

In Parkview Kids, we want to have fun but also be the hands and feet of Jesus by helping others who are in need. This year we are collecting our offering money to help kids all the way on the other side of the world in a country in Africa called Malawi. Did you know that in this area many communities don't have access to clean water?

**Slides: 5-8**

We are helping a ministry called E3 which helps put in freshwater wells. Having a well with clean water right in their village means women and children don't have to travel far away to other villages to get clean water, and they don't have to walk with heavy containers of water like you see in these pictures. Children help carry water too! They have to travel so far that they have to miss school sometimes. And if they used the dirty water that is in their village, they would get very sick.

Help us raise money to provide clean water wells in the communities in Malawi who need them. We want you to go home and ask what YOU can do to raise money for these families in Africa!

## **SUMMER JAM**

Guess what today is?? It's the opening weekend for signing up for Summer Jam! It's coming up very soon and we're so excited to invite you to these 3 nights jam-packed with FUN and Adventure! You won't want to miss it. Tell whoever brought you that you need to visit the Summer Jam Booth after our time together today to sign up and get your t shirt! Check out the fun we have!

**VIDEO: Summer Jam Promo**

**SLIDE: Summer JAM Slide**