

CITY LG – May 23rd- 24th, 2026

Bible Story: Paul Shipwrecked • Acts 27–28:10

Bottom Line: Don't give up on God when bad things happen.

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. Some people go on long treks where they have to stop and camp out. Or sometimes you go out for a hike while you are camping. So to start us out, I have a game called "Camp Vibes". Check it out!

VIDEO: Camp Vibes

Now it's time to look at our Memory Verse for this month! 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

We know that even when hard things happen, God is still good, and we can still trust Him, no matter what. Today, we're going to hear a story about someone who went through something really hard and scary but still trusted God through it.

But before we get into that true story from the Bible today, let me tell you about something amazing we've been doing all year! And next week, we will have completed our journey!

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

Why have we been doing that? 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.'

We're going to go through God's Big Story in the Bible so we can learn about God!

SLIDE: God's Big Story

We're continuing our journey through the Bible! We're at the part of the Bible where Jesus had gone back to heaven, but He sent His Holy Spirit to live inside of His followers. One of Jesus' most dedicated followers was a man named Saul. You might know him as another name he went by, Paul. Paul went from being a Jesus-hater to a Jesus-follower after He met Jesus on the road to Damascus. Let's see what happens.

VIDEO: Bible Story

Why could Paul trust God? Because Paul knew something that's always true: No matter what he was facing, God was still good and was still working for good. And we can trust God no matter what too, because in every situation we face, God is good and He is working for good.

And that brings us to our Bottom Line.

SLIDE: Bottom Line

Don't give up on God when bad things happen.

So what does this mean for us? Well, you may never be shipwrecked or bitten by a deadly snake, but when you're disappointed or sad, it's still easy to feel like God is nowhere to be found. The truth is that God loves us deeply and is ALWAYS with us, whether or not we feel like it. We can look back and see all the ways God has worked in the past, and we can know He's still at work right now. God is good, and He is always working for good. So when bad things happen, don't give up on God.

When you feel like it's just too hard and you don't see what God's up to, choose to talk to God anyway. Tell Him how you feel. You can say, 'God, this is tough. I don't get it! I really need Your help right now.' Ask Him to give you hope and help. Keep talking to Him—He is your friend.

Let's take a few moments to be quiet and let our hearts be still while we pray. Everyone, take a deep breath in ... and let it out. That's great. Now let's pray.

Dear God, thank You so much that You're always with us. When we face hard things, please help us to trust that You're still with us and You're working things out for good. Remind us that in the end, You will make everything right. We love You, and we pray these things in Jesus' name. Amen.

OFFERING

Do you remember what we are raising money for this year? Yep, Clean water wells in Malawi, which is a country in Africa. 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 then they don't have to walk back with heavy containers. Let's watch a video that will show women filling their bins with clean water from a brand new well that was just installed in their village!

Missions video 1

Amazing right? Can't wait to see how these wells impact the villages in Malawi!

SUMMER JAM

And that's not all! Summer Jam is 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! Also grab some invite cards and invite your friends! Check this out!

VIDEO: Summer Jam

SLIDE: Summer Jam