

# CITY LG – May 9<sup>th</sup>- 10<sup>th</sup>, 2026

**Bible Story:** Philip and the Man from Ethiopia • Acts 8:26-40

**Bottom Line:** Keep following God, even when you have questions.

**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. All month long, we're talking about how we can keep going because of the things God has already done—and because God is with us now! Sometimes life can feel like an epic hike up a mountain, but the climb is so worth it! Our series this month is called 'TREK: Don't Stop, Don't Give Up—God's with You!'

And to get us ready for today's expedition, we're going to play a game called 'This or That: TREK Edition!'

### SLIDE: This or That: TREK Edition! Title

This game is super simple and super fun ... and everyone gets to play! Here's what's going to happen: I'm going to show you a slide with two pictures on it. If you'd choose the picture on the LEFT side, run to the LEFT side of the room (*point*). But if you'd choose the picture on the RIGHT side, run to the right side of the room! Maybe you've got questions. Maybe you want more information before you choose. That's okay. Just go for it anyway!

Let's try one. Everybody ready? Okay, tie up your hiking shoes and buckle on that backpack! Here we go!

### SLIDE: Game Slide 1 (Rock Climbing or Hiking Around a Lake?)

Here's our first choice. This or that: Rock climbing? Or hiking around a nice, calm lake?

*(Encourage kids to run to their preferred side of the room. Wait a few seconds while kids gather on either side of the room.)*

Oh, well done! You all did a great job! Now make sure you don't accidentally rock climb OVER someone while you're running to your spot. Okay, let's do another one. You can stay where you are or run to the other side of the room!

### SLIDE: Game Slide 2 (S'mores or Hot Dogs?)

This or that: S'mores or hot dogs? Which one are you picking?

*(Encourage kids to run to their preferred side of the room. Wait a few seconds while kids gather on either side of the room.)*

Woohoo! You guys are getting the hang of this! Let's do another one!

*(Go through the following slides. Make sure to read each choice out loud for kids who can't read yet.)*

**SLIDE: Game Slide 3** *(Tent Camping or Camper?)*

**SLIDE: Game Slide 4** *(Fishing or Swimming?)*

**SLIDE: Game Slide 5** *(Summer Adventures or Winter Adventures?)*

**SLIDE: Game Slide 6** *(Watch Birds or Catch Minnows?)*

**SLIDE: Game Slide 7** *(Build a Campfire or Build a Sandcastle?)*

**SLIDE: Game Slide 8** *(Play Games or Star Gaze?)*

**SLIDE: Game Slide 9** *(Sunset or Sunrise?)*

**SLIDE: Game Slide 10** *(Mosquito Bite or Poison Ivy?)*

And that's our last one! You all did great! You can go back to your seats now. I'm sure each of you had questions. Like ... how early would I have to get up to see the sunrise? Would it be one mosquito bite or a bunch? Do I get binoculars for bird watching? Which games would we be playing? But great job—you all still played the game and had fun anyway.

And you know what, the same thing is true for our faith. We don't always get to know exactly what God is up to. Sometimes we have lots of questions. But we can keep following God, even while we're asking those questions.

Let's take a minute to check out 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*

This month, we're talking about how we can keep going because God is with us. Life can feel like a big, long hike. But we can't give up because God is with us! That's our theme for this month, it's called: 'TREK: Don't Stop, Don't Give Up—God's with You!'

Today, we're going to look at the story of a guy in the Bible who had a lot of questions about God, but he didn't stop, and he didn't give up.

But before we get into that true story from the Bible, let me tell you about something that we've been doing all school year. In fact, at the end of the month, we will be through!

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 are continuing our journey through the Bible! We're at the part of the Bible when Jesus has gone back to heaven, but He sent His very Spirit, the Holy Spirit, to live inside of His followers. His followers were learning what life looked like with God's Spirit inside of them. As we'll see this week, one of God's followers did something amazing as he listened to the Holy Spirit. This God-follower helped someone who had big questions about God. Let's see what happens.

**VIDEO: Bible Story**

Philip listened to and followed God, even when the angel's instructions sent him somewhere he didn't know. And the Ethiopian man was faithful to keep asking questions, even when he didn't understand. And we can do the same! In fact, that's our Bottom Line for today. Let's take a look at it.

**SLIDE: Bottom Line**

**Keep following God, even when you have questions.**

So if you have hard questions about God, trust that God hears you. Keep asking. Maybe you have questions like:

Why can't I see God with my eyes?

What will heaven be like?

God, why did You make me so different from other kids?

There are so many important questions to ask! Sometimes you may have to wait a long time for an answer. And sometimes it won't be the answer you want. But through it all, you can trust that God loves you more than you can imagine, God hears you every time you ask Him a question, and God will give you everything you need to know for right now.

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.

Jesus, thank You that You're always with us. Thank You that we can bring all our questions to You and that You love us even when we don't understand everything. Help us to keep following You and keep trusting that You're at work, even when we don't have all the answers. 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: 1-4**

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.

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