

CITY SG – April 18th- 19th, 2026

Bible Story: Great Commission and Ascension • *Matthew 28:16-20, Acts 1:1-11*

Bottom Line: You can share the good news about Jesus.

Monthly Memory Verse: *Always be joyful because you belong to the Lord. I will say it again. Be joyful!* • Philippians 4:4 (NirV)

PRE- SERVICE ACTIVITY

What You Need: Inflatable globe balls

What You Do:

- Welcome kids by name with a high five or fist bump.
- Invite any kids who brought an offering to place it in the offering container.
- Encourage the kids to sit or stand in a circle. (or stay at your table area if there's room)
- Explain that you are going to pass the "world" around the circle, but there's a catch! They cannot use their hands.
- They must use their feet, elbows, or knees to pass the globe to the person next to them.
- If the globe touches the ground, they can use their hands to pick it up and start again.
- See how many times they can get the globe all the way around the circle.

- **Say:** "That was tricky but fun! We sent the world all around to all the people in our group. In our true story from the Bible today, Jesus gave His friends a very big job to do. He wanted them to take His message of love to everyone in the whole world! Let's go see what He said."

SMALL GROUP TIME

1. Emoji Story

Bible Story Review

What You Need: Bible, "Emoji Story" Activity Page (one per kid), Scissors

What You Do:

- Read Matthew 28:16-20 and Acts 1:4-11 out loud to the group. Tell the kids that they are two different, but very important, events!
- Give each kid an emoji story page and scissors.
- Tell the kids that these emojis help us remember and share the story of Jesus.
- Invite the kids to work together to place the emojis in the correct order as you talk through the Good News:
 - Heart: God loves us so much that He sent Jesus as His rescue plan.
 - Cross: Jesus died on the cross to take the punishment for our sins.
 - Empty Tomb: Jesus rose again on the third day. He is alive!
 - Heaven: When we choose to accept Jesus' gift of forgiveness, we can live with God forever in heaven.

- Once the emojis are in order, encourage kids to practice using the pictures to tell the story to a partner.
- Let them mix up the emojis and retell the story again.
- **Say** “These emojis help us remember the BEST story ever—the good news about Jesus! God loves us so much that Jesus came to rescue us. He died on the cross to pay for our sins so we could be close to God. And then Jesus rose from the dead! Now, anyone who chooses to accept what Jesus did on the cross can be God’s friend forever!”

2. Spread the Joy

Application Activity

What You Need: “JOY” Activity Page (one per kid), Cotton rounds, Washable markers, Double-sided tape

What You Do:

- Ask kids to color one side of the cotton round completely with lots of different colors.
- Use double-sided tape to stick the cotton round (colored side up) in between the J and Y on their paper.
- Explain that when they get home, they can take their colorful cotton round off their paper and place it on a plate with a thin layer of water. Watch as the colors on their cotton round do something special.
- **Say:** “Your artwork looks so cool! It will be even cooler when you go home and put the cotton round in water. The water will make something special happen—the colors will spread all over in the water. Jesus wants us to spread His joy to everyone around us. He told us to go into all the world and tell people about Him and His great love. That means we can tell our neighbors, our friends, our teammates, and our family about Jesus. That means we can tell people about Jesus in our neighborhood, at school, at the grocery store, at practice, at the park, and on the bus. He loves them!”

3. Unscramble Relay

Memory Verse Activity

What You Need: Bibles, 2 sets of memory verse cards, Floor tape

What You Do:

- Depending on the age/ability of your group, you can either:
 - Give each child a Bible and look up the memory verse together.
 - Read the memory verse to the group.
 - *Always be joyful because you belong to the Lord. I will say it again. Be joyful!* • Philippians 4:4.
- Create two starting lines with floor tape.
- Place one set of memory verse cards on the opposite side of the space from the starting lines.
- Divide the kids into two teams and line both teams up at the opposite end of the room, behind the floor tape starting lines, and across from a pile of memory verse cards.

- Explain that they will take turns running to the pile, choosing one card, and running it back to their team.
- Once both teams have collected all their cards, help them read the words on the streamers and put the verse in order.
- When both teams finish, say the verse together.

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)*”
- “God, thank You that You are with us at school, at home, and everywhere we go. Please help us follow Jesus and share with everyone the truth about You and Your great love. When we do this, we can help people see how good and true and beautiful Jesus is, so they want to follow Him too. Thank You for giving us joy and being with us as we tell others about You. We love You, and we pray these things in Jesus’ name. Amen.”
- Remind the kids that when they leave, their parents should get a text message on their phones telling them what we learned this week. AND they will get a link to an activity they can do at home and bring back for a PRIZE!

PARENT PICK UP POINT: As adults arrive, ask the kids to tell them someone they can share the good news of Jesus with.