

CITY SG – May 2nd- 3rd, 2026

Bible Story: Peter and John Are Taken to the Sanhedrin • Acts 3–4:22

Bottom Line: Keep going because of what God has done.

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

PRE- SERVICE ACTIVITY

What You Need: Bowls (4 per bin) Bag of plastic gold coins (2 per bin), Spoons (2 per bin)

What You Do:

- Greet each kid by name with a fist bump, high five, smile, or wave as they arrive.
- Invite any kids who brought an offering to place it in the offering container.
- Divide the kids into two teams.
- Give each team one bowl of plastic gold coins, one empty bowl, and one spoon.
- Say: “We’re going to see who can scoop the most coins into their bowl in 30 seconds!”
- Invite the first kid from each team get ready with the spoon.
- Start the timer on your phone and instruct the kids to scoop as many coins as they can from one bowl to the other using only the spoon.
- When the timer goes off, count the coins in each team’s bowl.
- Reset the bowls and let two more kids from each team have a turn. Continue until every kid has had a turn.
- **Say:** “In our true story from the Bible today, we’re going to hear about something even better than silver or gold coins. Two friends of Jesus, named Peter and John, gave someone a gift that was much, much better than coins. Let’s go find out what happened!”

SMALL GROUP TIME

1. Who Said It?

Bible Story Review

What You Need: Bible, “Matching Cards” Activity Page (one set per kid), scissors

What You Do:

- Open your Bible and review the Bible Story with the kids (Acts 3–4:22). Share the following main points:
 - Through the power of the Holy Spirit, Peter and John healed a man who couldn’t walk.
 - When Peter began preaching about Jesus, the religious leaders got angry and arrested Peter and John.
 - The Holy Spirit moved 5,000 people to believe in Jesus!
 - The next day, Peter and John were brought out of prison to a gathering of religious leaders.
 - The religious leaders questioned Peter and John, but the Holy Spirit helped them answer boldly.
 - When the religious leaders commanded Peter and John never to speak in Jesus’ name again, Peter and John said they couldn’t stop because they had seen the good things God had done!

- Give each kid a set of the character cards from the “Matching Cards” Activity Page.
- Explain that you will read something that happened in today’s Bible Story.
- Instruct the kids to listen carefully and hold up the picture of the person or group of people who said it or did it.
- Read the following statements one at a time:
 - “Who saw a man who couldn’t walk and healed him in Jesus’ name?” (*Peter and John*)
 - “Who was so happy he could walk that he jumped and leaped and praised God?” (*the healed man*)
 - “Who were the angry leaders who arrested Peter and John?” (*the religious leaders*)
 - “Who boldly told the religious leaders they would never stop talking about Jesus?” (*Peter and John*)
- Help kids (as needed) choose the right card and celebrate their great listening.
- **Say:** “Peter was quick to step up and share the good news of God’s story. The religious leaders tried to stop Peter and John. They arrested them, and then the next day, the religious leaders commanded Peter and John to never again speak or teach in Jesus’ name. But Peter and John said, ‘Which is right from God’s point of view? Should we listen to you? Or should we listen to God? You be the judges! There’s nothing else we can do. We have to speak about the things we’ve seen and heard’ (Acts 4:19-20 NIV). They had seen what God had done, and they couldn’t stop talking about it! They knew they had to speak boldly and **keep going because of what God has done.**”

2. Don’t Stop Posters

Memory Verse Activity

What You Need: Bibles, Large piece of butcher paper (1-2 per group), Coloring supplies

What You Do:

- Tear the edges of the butcher paper or posterboard so it looks like a rugged mountain.
- 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.
 - *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
- Repeat the Memory Verse aloud together several times.
- Lay the “mountain” in the middle of the kids.
- Write the Memory Verse and reference on the “mountain.”
- Let the kids work together to decorate the “mountain” with the coloring supplies. Invite them to draw pictures of people doing good things, like sharing or helping.
- If you have a large group, use a couple of pieces of butcher paper.

3. Boldly Follow the Leader

Application Activity

What You Need: No supplies needed

What You Do:

- Tell the kids you are going to play a game of “Follow the Leader” but with a BOLD twist.
- Explain that whatever you do, they are to copy it in a big, bold, and brave way.
- Lead them around the room with bold actions:
 - “Let’s do BOLD marching!” (*Lift your knees up high.*)
 - “Let’s make BOLD arm muscles!” (*Flex your arm muscles.*)
 - “Let’s take BOLD giant steps!” (*Take the biggest steps you can.*)
 - “Let’s give a BOLD clap!” (*Clap loudly together.*)
- Let a few kids take turns being the bold leader.

Say: “Great job being so bold! Peter and John were bold when they talked about Jesus. They weren’t scared because they knew God was with them. They didn’t give up speaking and acting for Jesus. They knew that they could keep going because of what God had done!”

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*)
- “Dear God, thank You for all the amazing things You’ve done for us. Thank You for sending Jesus to rescue us so we can be friends with You forever. Please be with the people we prayed for today. Help us to be brave and keep telling people about You, just like Peter and John. Help us to always **keep going because of what God has done**. 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 say one good thing they have seen God do.