

## CITY SG – June 20<sup>th</sup>- 21<sup>st</sup>, 2026

**Bible Story:** The Story of the Lost Son • *Luke 15:11-32*

**Bottom Line:** God wants everyone to be part of His kingdom.

**Monthly Memory Verse:** *“May your kingdom come. May what you want to happen be done on earth as it is done in heaven.”* (Matthew 6:10 NIV)

### PRE- SERVICE ACTIVITY

**What You Need:** Paper strips (cut into 1–2-inch strips – 2 per kid), Markers, Clear tape

#### **What You Do:**

- Give each kid 2 strips of paper and ask them to write or draw someone from their school or neighborhood who needs to know about Jesus.
- Take one kid’s strip, loop it through one of the end circles of the paper chain from Week Two, form it into a circle, and tape it closed.
- Take the next kid’s strip and loop it through the first circle before taping it, adding to the chain.
- Continue with each kid’s strip of paper.

#### **Say:**

“In our Bible Story today, Jesus tells a story, called a parable, about a shepherd who had 100 sheep, yet left them all when just one sheep got lost. Let’s go find out what happened!”

### SMALL GROUP TIME

#### **1. Road Map**

*Bible Story Review*

**What You Need:** “Road Map” Activity Page (one per kid), “Lost Son” Activity Page (one square per kid), Magnetic tape (cut into 1-inch pieces – 1 per kid), Paperclips (one per kid), Clear tape, Craft stick (one per kid), Markers, Bibles

#### **What You Do:**

- Ask kids to color their “Road Map” and “Lost Son” cutout.
- Show kids where to fold the tab at the bottom of their son cutout and tape a paperclip to the bottom of the tab.
- Ask kids to remove the backing of the magnetic strip and attach it to the end of a craft stick.
- Invite kids to hold their map flat in front of them and stand their son cutout on their map.
- Show kids how to hold the craft stick under where the son cutout is on their map and move it around the map. Make sure the magnet is facing up.
- Open the Bible to Luke 15:11-32. Show the kids where the story is in the Bible.
- Retell the story, having the kids move the son along the path as you go.
  - “The younger son asked for his share of the family’s money and left his father’s house.”  
(*Kids move their puppet away from the house.*)
  - “He went far away and spent all the money.”

- “He got so hungry, he had to get a job working with pigs!” (*Kids move puppet to the pigs.*)
- “He was so sad. He decided to go home.” (*Kids start moving the puppet back to the house.*)
- “His father saw him, ran to him, and gave him a big hug!” (*Kids move the puppet back to the house.*)

**Say:**

- “Even though the son made bad choices and got lost, the father honored the son with a robe and ring and sandals and threw an epic welcome home party. The father in the story was so happy because his lost son came home! Jesus told this story to show us that’s what God is like. No matter what we do, God always wants us to come back to Him. **God wants everyone to be part of His kingdom.**”

## 2. Hand Clap Game

### *Application Activity*

**What You Need:** No supplies needed

**What You Do:**

- Teach the kids a simple, repeating hand-motion pattern. For example: Slap your lap twice, clap your hands twice, snap your fingers twice. (*Slap, Slap, Clap, Clap, Snap, Snap.*)
- Practice the pattern together until everyone gets the rhythm.
- Explain the challenge: “We’re going to pass the motion around the circle. We can’t stop until everyone has done it!”
- Start the motion. The person to your right joins in on the next beat, then the next person, and so on, until the whole circle is doing the hand motions together.
- Try it a few times and celebrate when the whole group is moving together.

**Say:**

- “That was awesome! Look how we all worked together to do the same motion. Our circle wasn’t complete until everyone joined in. That reminds me of God’s kingdom. God wants everyone to be in His family. He doesn’t want anyone to be left out.

## 3. Pass the Ring

### *Memory Verse Activity*

**What You Need:** Bibles, Plastic toy ring (one per bin)

**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.

- *“May your kingdom come. May what you want to happen be done on earth as it is done in heaven.” • Matthew 6:10 NIV*
- Repeat the verse out loud together several times.
- Remind kids of the part in the parable when the father gave the son a special ring when he came home.
- Explain that you’re going to play a game like “Hot Potato” with the ring.
- If possible, play some worship music on your phone and have the kids pass the ring around the circle.
- When the music stops, the person holding the ring gets to say the Memory Verse: *“May your kingdom come. May what you want to happen be done on earth as it is done in heaven” (Matthew 6:10 NIV).*
- Help kids if they need it, then have the whole group say the verse together.
- Start the music and continue playing until several kids have had a turn to say the verse.

**Say:**

- “Great job! That ring reminds me of the story Jesus told. When the son came home after making some pretty bad choices, the father didn’t lecture the son or give him a list of ways to pay for his bad choices. Instead, the father honored the son with a robe, ring, and sandals and threw an epic welcome home party!

## **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 being like the father in the story and always waiting for us with a big hug. Thank You that no matter what we do, You still love us. Help us to remember that You want everyone to be in Your family. Help us to be welcoming to others, just like You are to us. 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 our bottom line:  
**God wants EVERYONE to be part of His kingdom.**