

# CITY SG – August 22<sup>nd</sup>- 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2026

**Bible Story:** Woman at the Well • *John 4*

**Bottom Line:** Jesus values everyone.

**Monthly Memory Verse:** *How you made me is amazing and wonderful. I praise you for that. What you have done is wonderful. I know that very well.* • Psalm 139:14 NIV

## **PRE- SERVICE ACTIVITY**

**What You Need:** Back To School activity sheets

**What You Do:**

- Great each kid by name and with a high five as they arrive!
- Invite any kids who brought an offering to place it in the offering container.
- Set out the Back-to-School activity sheets
- Ask kids about going back to school while they complete the activity sheets.

## **SMALL GROUP TIME**

### **1. Trace the Story**

*Bible Story Review*

**What You Need:** Bible, “Trace the Story” Activity Page (one per kid), Cardstock (one piece per kid), Crayons (especially darker colors), pencils

- Open your Bible to John 4, and show the kids where the Bible Story is.
- Review the main points of the story with the kids by sharing points like.
  - Jesus was traveling with His disciples and chose to go the way that led Him into the region where Samaritans lived.
  - Samaritans and Jewish people did not get along.
  - Jesus got tired and sat down by a well outside of a Samaritan town. It was about noon.
  - While Jesus was resting, a Samaritan woman came to the well to get water.
  - Jesus was kind to the woman even though she was a Samaritan and was probably an outcast of her own people. She had also made some bad choices.
  - Jesus knew all about the woman, and she was amazed.
  - Jesus told the woman that He is the Messiah, the Savior of the whole world!
  - The woman was so grateful that Jesus valued her so much, she went and told the people of her town about Him.
  - Many people in her town became followers of Jesus!
- Give each kid a “Trace the Story” Activity Page, a blank piece of cardstock, and let them choose a dark crayon. (Kids can use more than one color if desired.)
- Instruct them to flip their picture over to the back.
- Have them color hard all over the back of the entire picture, creating a thick layer of crayon wax.
- Next, have them flip the picture back over and place it on top of their blank sheet of cardstock.
- Instruct them to firmly trace over the lines of the drawing using a pencil.
- When they’re done, have them lift the picture page to reveal the transferred image on their blank paper.

**Say:**

By tracing over the top, you made the picture show up on the paper underneath. In our Bible Story, Jesus talked with the woman at the well and showed her that He valued her by talking to her. He even told her who He was—the Savior God had promised! He showed her that even though other people might not have treated her well, He saw her and valued her.”

## 2. Spread the News

### *Application Activity*

**What You Need:** Large plastic jar (one per bin)

**What You Do:**

- Ask for three volunteers and select one kid to be the person at the well. Have them stand on one side of the room holding the jar.
- Have the two other kids stand on the opposite side of the room.
- Explain the game: “In our Bible Story, the woman at the well was so excited about Jesus that she ran to tell everyone in her town. She was so excited that He valued her so much by talking to her! When I say, ‘Go,’ you two are going to race to be the first one to get to the person at the well and share the good news that Jesus loves them so much, He came to rescue them!”
- On “Go,” the two kids race to the other side. The first one to tap the kid holding the jar on the shoulder and say: “Jesus loves everyone so much that He came to rescue them” wins the round.
- Let the winner become the new person at the well, and choose two new racers.
- Continue until everyone has had a chance to race and share the good news.

**Say:**

Great job racing and spreading that amazing news! That’s exactly what the woman in our Bible Story did. She didn’t keep the good news about Jesus to herself—she shared it! We can do that too. We can tell our friends and family the most wonderful truth **Jesus values everyone!** He loves everyone so much that He gave His life to rescue them!

## 3. Masterpiece Pose

### *Memory Verse Activity*

**What You Need:** Bibles

**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.  
*How you made me is amazing and wonderful. I praise you for that. What you have done is wonderful. I know that very well. • Psalm 139:14 NIV*
- Repeat the Memory Verse out loud together several times.
- Invite the kids to stand up and spread out.
- Explain the game: “You will say the Memory Verse together, and every time you say the word ‘YOU,’ everyone must freeze and strike a pose like a priceless statue in a museum—a masterpiece!”

- Practice a few masterpiece poses together. They can be silly, serious, or strong!
- Lead the group in saying the verse and freezing on each “YOU.”
  - *How **you** made me is amazing and wonderful. I praise **you** for that. What **you** have done is wonderful. I know that very well (Psalm 139:14 NIV).*
- Play several times, challenging the kids to strike a different masterpiece pose each time.

## 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 loving us so much. Thank You for this reminder that You value everyone. Please help us to show Your love to the people we wrote on our hands today—to people who are younger, to our community helpers, to our families, to our friends, and even to people we don’t know very well. Help us to treat everyone like they are Your masterpiece. You value them, and we want to value them as well. 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 them to say our memory verse: Psalm 139:14.