

CITY SG – August 29th- 30th, 2026

Bible Story: Gifted Together (Building the Tabernacle) • Exodus 25:1-2, 8-9; 28:1-3; 31:1-11; 35:21, 25, 34; 39:42-43

Bottom Line: God grows His gifts in me to build His kingdom.

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

**Pass out the Back to School Bash invite cards. Let kids color the back if they want. Tell them to take them home and to invite their friends!*

What You Need: Pack of Facial tissues, Toothpicks (small box), a few of each: Rubber band, Marble, Dice, plastic cup

What You Do:

- Place a tissue over the opening of the cup, and secure with the rubber band.
- Welcome kids by name with a high-five, fist bump, smile, or wave as they arrive.
- Invite any kids who brought an offering to place it in the offering container.
- Put the marble on top of the tissue.
- Place the cup on the floor in the middle of the kids.
- Give each kid a toothpick.
- Instruct kids to take turns rolling the dice. Whichever number is rolled is the number of times they poke the tissue with their toothpick.
- The goal is not to be the one who makes the marble on the tissue fall.

Say: “Wow, just one hole in the tissue couldn’t make the marble fall, could it? But when we poked lots of holes in the tissue, the weight was enough to make it fall! The goal of this game was not to make the marble fall. But in our Bible Story today, things are a little bit different. The people were working together to make something big happen that they really wanted to happen! In our Bible Story today,”

SMALL GROUP TIME

1. Our World Masterpiece

Bible Story Review

What You Need: Bible, Butcher paper, coloring supplies

What You Do:

- Open your Bible to Exodus 25 and flip the pages to Exodus 39 to show the kids where the Bible Story is.
- Share these key points:
 - While Moses was on Mount Sinai, God told Moses that He wanted His people to work together to build a special tent for Him to dwell among them.
 - This tent was called the tabernacle!

- So God gave Moses very, very specific instructions on how to build the tabernacle. When Moses wrote those instructions down, they filled up so much of the book of the Bible we call Exodus!
- Draw a large outline of the world in the middle of the butcher paper and lay it out on the table.
- Remind the kids that God asked all the people to bring their special gifts to help build His special tent, the tabernacle.
- Say: “God gave everyone different gifts. Some were good at working with wood, some with metal, and some with fabric. Some people had the materials—like the wood, the metal, and the fabric—and they brought those materials to help with the tabernacle building project. Everyone had a part to play!”
- Explain that God has given each of them special things too—like your abilities, your time, your possessions.
- Have the kids draw pictures of the special things God has given them around the world.

Say: “Look at our beautiful world! Each one is different and special, just like you are! Every single person is created in the image of God. Each one of us can reflect something of what God is like. But God never meant for us to only reflect Him on our own. God gave each one of us different things, so that when we work together, we can shine His light even further and brighter. Our Bible Story today shows us that God gave everyone something special to help build His tabernacle. God has given YOU special gifts because He wants you to help point to His kingdom on earth by showing His love.”

2. Amazing and Wonderful Web

Memory Verse Activity

What You Need: Bibles, Yarn (one ball per group), balloon

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.

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- Repeat the Memory Verse out loud together several times.
- Gather the kids in a circle and tell them they are going to build an amazing web together.
- Hold the end of the yarn and say the first word of the verse: “How.”
- Gently toss or roll the ball of yarn to a kid across the circle.
- Instruct that kid to hold onto their part of the string, say the next word, “you,” and then toss the ball of yarn to another friend.
- Continue this process—each kid saying the next word of the verse as they hold their string, then tossing the ball of yarn to someone else—until a large web is created, and the verse is complete.
- Once your web is made, gently place the inflated balloon in the center of the web.
- Instruct the kids to hold the web tightly and work together to gently bounce the balloon up and down while you say the verse together.

3. Tabernacle Trek

Application Activity

What You Need: Floor tape, Balloons

What You Do:

- Create a start line and a finish line on opposite sides of your group space with tape.
- Divide your group into one or two large teams. (depending on size of group).
- Instruct each team to line up single file behind the start line.
- Give each team enough balloons so they can place one between each kid in line (one less than the number of kids on the team).
- Demonstrate how the first two kids will hold a balloon between them (chest to back) without using their hands. Have the rest of the team do the same, creating a long “caterpillar.”
- Explain the challenge: On “Go!”, the team must work together to walk like a caterpillar from the start line to the finish line without dropping any balloons.
- Share the rules:
 - No hands allowed! You can only hold the balloons by pressing them between each other.
 - If a balloon drops, the entire caterpillar must stop, work together to put it back in place, and then continue.
- Encourage the kids to talk to each other and move at the same speed.
- Cheer them on as they trek across the room!

Say:

“Awesome job, everyone! That was tricky, wasn’t it? What did you have to do to keep the balloons from falling? (*Invite responses: talk to each other, walk slowly, stay close together*) You had to cooperate! This is a great picture of what it was like for God’s people to build the tabernacle. God gave some people the gift of working with metal, some the gift of sewing, and some the gift of working with wood. Some people even had the metal, the fabric, and the wood to contribute to the project! Everyone used what God had given them, and they all carefully worked together to build a special place for God.”

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 for giving each of us special gifts. Thank You for making us all different. Help us to see the gifts You have put inside us, and show us how to use them to love others to point to Your kingdom. Help us remember that **God grows His gifts in me to build His kingdom.** 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 show what they drew on the World Masterpiece.