

CITY LG – September 19th- 20th, 2026

Bible Story: How to Read the Bible • *Matthew 6:11; 2 Timothy 3:16-17*

Bottom Line: I can learn to know God through the Bible.

Monthly Memory Verse: *My sheep listen to my voice. I know them, and they follow me.* • John 10:27 NIV

WORSHIP

My God

Nothing is Impossible

SLIDE: Theme

Hey, everybody! Welcome to The City! My name is [Host Name], and I am so glad you are here.

This month, we're talking about something really important ... how we can hear from God. Our series this month is called: 'Frequency—Learning to Hear from God.'

When we listen to God, it actually changes our lives. And today, we're going to discover something huge. God has already given us a way to know Him, to hear from Him, to learn what He's like. It might even be something you already have at home. But before we get into that, we're going to play a game. See, another amazing thing that God has given us is great stories! So our game is called 'Book-mojis!'

GAME SLIDE 1: Book-mojis! Title

Raise your hand if you have a favorite story. Okay, let's hear a few of them.

Those are some really fantastic stories! And right now, we're going to see if we can guess some more fun stories ... using emojis! Let's try one together first.

GAME SLIDE 2: Cat in the Hat (Emojis: cat, hat)

We've got a cat emoji and a hat emoji. So what story do you think this is?

The Cat in the Hat! You're absolutely right. It's such a fun and silly story. Let's try some more!

(You can choose from the following list or do all of them if you wish. Help the kids if they get stuck.)

GAME SLIDE 3: *Charlotte's Web* (Emojis: pig, spider, spider web)

GAME SLIDE 4: *If You Give a Mouse a Cookie* (Emojis: mouse, cookie)

GAME SLIDE 5: *Charlie and the Chocolate Factory* (Emojis: boy, golden ticket, chocolate bar, factory)

GAME SLIDE 6: *Goodnight Moon* (Emojis: sleeping face, moon)

GAME SLIDE 7: *The Three Little Pigs* (Emojis: pig, pig, pig, wolf, house)

GAME SLIDE 8: *Green Eggs and Ham* (Emojis: green dot, egg, egg, ham)

GAME SLIDE 9: *Curious George* (Emojis: question mark, question mark, monkey)

GAME SLIDE 10: *The Very Hungry Caterpillar* (Emojis: caterpillar, apple, pear, orange, cake, butterfly)

GAME SLIDE 11: *How to Train Your Dragon* (Emojis: question mark, train, dragon)

That was so fun! You all really know your stories. And you know your emojis! But today we are going to talk about the very best story, ever. In fact, this is a TRUE story. It's God's story—and we can read all about it in the Bible. It's one of the very best ways that we can learn to know God.

Before we get to our story, let's review this month's Memory Verse! This verse is from Jesus, and He uses an example everybody listening back then would understand: sheep and a shepherd.

Here's the cool thing about sheep. They don't follow just anybody. They know the voice of the shepherd who takes care of them.

SLIDE: Memory Verse *My sheep listen to my voice. I know them, and they follow me (John 10:27 NIV).*

Let me ask you something. How do you get to know someone? You talk to them, you spend time with them, and you listen to what they say. That's how you become friends and get to know them better. And here's something amazing. God wants you to know Him. The God of the universe doesn't want to keep who He is a secret—He wants you to know Him. And one of the biggest ways He helps us do that is through the Bible. Let's check out this week's story!

VIDEO: Bible Story

In the Bible, you've got a whole library that shows you the different parts of Who God is. You're stepping into a relationship. You're learning who God is, how much He loves you, and what is true. And every time you come back to it, even if it's just a little bit, you are getting to know Him more.

You don't have to have it all figured out. You don't have to understand everything right away. You just have to start. Our Bottom Line today talks about how we can get to know God through the Bible. Let's check it out!

SLIDE: Bottom Line **I can learn to know God through the Bible.**

God wants you to know Him! And getting to know God is not something far away or only for grown-ups. It's something you can begin right now. God has already made a way for you to know Him in the Bible, and He invites you into that every day."

You can start small. You can make a simple plan to read just a little bit of the Bible each day, and as you do, you can ask God, 'Help me know You. Show me who You are.' He will meet you there.

So this week, just take one step. Open your Bible, read a little, and trust that you're meeting with the God of the universe. When you read the Bible, it's a really awesome moment. You are getting to know and meeting with the King of all.

Let's take a moment and talk to the God who wants us to know Him.

God, thank You that You want us to know You. Thank You for giving us Your Word so we can learn who You are and what You are like. Thank You that You care about what we need every single day.

We want to depend on You, not just sometimes, but every day. We are going to read the Bible more because we want to know You. Teach us who You are. We love You, and we pray these things in Jesus' name. Amen.

CHECK THE TIME: There should be 25 minutes for small group. If LG is running late, skip the next part and just have kids bring up their money.

OFFERING

Do you remember what we are raising money for this year? Yep, Clean water wells in Malawi, which is a country in Africa. Having a well with clean water right in their village means women and children don't have to travel far away to other villages to get clean water, and then they don't have to walk back with heavy containers. Let's watch a video that was taken from a team from our church that just finished installing a brand new well. Listen carefully as the man is a little hard to understand.

Missions video 3

Amazing right? The money we raise for these wells really make a BIG impact the villages in Malawi!