

CITY LG – October 24th- 25th, 2026 BLESS WEEK 3

Bible Story: Jesus Eats at Matthew's House (Matthew 9:9-13)

Bottom Line: E: EAT

Monthly Memory Verse: He said to them, "Go into all the world. Preach the good news to everyone." Mark 16:15 NIV

NOTE FOR LG LEADERS:

Our entire church is participating in a special alignment series over the next five weeks. This means both kids and adults are receiving a similar message. This content is coming from a different resource than we usually use, and certain elements may look different during this series. Have fun on this special mission and thank you for making a Kingdom difference in the lives of PARKVIEW KIDS!

WORSHIP

Wherever I Go
Believe It

SLIDE: Theme

Hello, friends! Welcome to Parkview Kids! We are so excited that you have joined us here today! We have been having a blast learning how we can BLESS everyone around us! Being a blessing means that we can show the love of God in special ways!

Every week we are going on special missions with each other while also having some fun imagining that we are space explorers in outer space! This is our third week of accepting our special missions. Last week we learned how to LISTEN like Jesus and we'll find out what our third mission will be very soon! But first, I think it may be fun to play another SPACE game together. I really like this game, especially because everyone gets to play it all together!

GAME: SPACE NEBULA

This game is so cool, guys. The name of this game is 'Space Nebula'! Whoa! Does anyone know what a nebula is? A nebula is a GIANT cloud of dust and gas in outer space! Nebulas can make different shapes, just like clouds in our sky, but the coolest thing about these clouds is that they sometimes make stars...wow.

Can anyone tell me which planet in our solar system is a star? Yes! The sun! You guys are too smart. Okay, let's get started with our game! I am going to put the game up on the screen, which is a game from NASA. In this game, we are going to see different pictures of real nebulas in our universe, and we are all going to guess what the true name of each nebula is, based on what the nebula looks like. When I show you each picture of a nebula, I am going to read four different names that it could be named after. After I read them out loud, we will all vote by raising our hands for the one you each think may be the name. Whichever name gets the most votes/hands will be the one I pick, then we'll see if we're right! Okay, let's do this!

SLIDES: Nebula Game

There will be eight images of nebulas with multiple choice answers. Encourage kids to raise their hands for which name they think it may be and choose the nebula that gets the most votes.

Wow! That was more tricky than I thought it would be, but it's neat how nebulas can really look like things we recognize! Right? Space is SO cool.

SLIDE: Memory Verse

Alright! Some of you remember from last week that we learned our memory verse. Let's read it again. He said to them, "Go into all the world. Preach the good news to everyone." Mark 16:15

Friends, for the next three weeks we are still pausing our normal curriculum and doing something different. What's so fun about this mission that we are learning about here for the month is that your adults are going to be learning about their special missions, too! Right now, just like us!

Touch both your ears if you tried your special mission last week... Nice! That makes me so excited to see that some of you were Listening just like our astronauts in the video last week! Remember, being on mission means that we have a special challenge that we are all going to be working on together—and I mean, EVERYONE in our church! Little kids, big kids, teenagers and adults, too!

Well, our special mission this week begins with the third letter of BLESS! Yes, the letter "E" is the third letter! So, this week our special mission begins with the letter, "E". Remember, this mission has been a TOP secret. The only way we can find out is to watch our special video for this week, right now! It's time to explore some more, Cadets! Are you all ready?

VIDEO: Play SPECIAL MISSION, Week 3

These videos have been so much fun to watch with you, Space Cadets! Okay, let's see who remembers what the special mission was for this week. Hold on, I'll give you a clue—it starts with the letter, "E"! Yes! The special mission this week was for all of us to EAT! Turn to your neighbor and tell them your favorite food.

SLIDE: BOTTOM LINE, week 3

In the Bible story that the astronauts read this week in their Operation Manual, Jesus taught us how to EAT like Him. Raise your hand if you like to eat. Haha, yes! Me, too. I could eat right now! But the bottom line here isn't about just going home and making a sandwich, it's about taking time to EAT with other people!

Okay, now let's have some fun and see who was listening to the Bible story. I am going to say something from today's story, and if it's true then you need to say, "ding-ding!" like you're ringing a bell! If you think it's false then I want you to say, "womp-womp" in a sad way. Got it? Okay, let's do two tricky questions!

1. Jesus already knew Matthew, because Matthew was an old friend. True or false?

Oooh, I heard a lot of “womp-womps”! That’s right. Jesus hadn’t met Matthew yet until He had dinner with Matthew at his house!

2. Matthew was a really nice guy and everyone in his town loved him! True or false?

Ah ha ha! That’s right! Matthew was NOT a good guy before he met Jesus. In fact, people really did not like him at ALL. He was a tax collector, which during that time meant he was taking money and cheating people. Matthew would not have been a popular guy in his town.

Friends, this is one great reason why I love Jesus and want to be more like Him. Take a BIG breath and listen to this. Jesus noticed people who were lonely and sad, even if it was their fault for making bad choices. Jesus doesn’t want anyone to be lonely and sad. Raise your hand if you have ever felt lonely somewhere, or left out... Yeah, me, too. Even adults feel like that.

The big idea here is that eating with people is an AMAZING way to show them love, because you are helping to care for them in a way that makes everyone happy! Because everyone looooves eating! And, when you eat with someone you are also showing them they are special to you, too, because you are choosing to spend time with them.

This week, here is your big mission. Take time to notice people around you who don’t have someone to eat with. Maybe it’s your grandma who doesn’t have someone visit very often, or a kid in your class who doesn’t have many friends.

Begin with prayer about this person and tell God that you want to love them this week! God will help you find a way to show them love. Then, take time to eat something with them while you listen to what they have to say. I bet they will be so happy that you took time to make them feel special just like Jesus did with Matthew.

Okay, so here’s the part where we get to be on mission with everyone in our whole church. When you leave today, make sure that you get a car hangar that has a special mission for you and your family to complete this week, all together!

Okay, now it’s time for us to pray together! Thank you for being so amazing!

Dear Jesus, thank you for teaching us that love can be as simple as sharing a cookie with a friend or eating lunch with a different kid at school. Please help us to love just like you and please give me special eyes to see all those who need Your love. We love you so much! Amen.

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!

SLIDE: Theme