

CITY SG – October 24th- 25th, 2026

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 SG 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!

PRE- SERVICE ACTIVITY

What You Need: None needed

What You Do:

- 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.
- Tell the kids we are going to play a space version of Simon Says called "Commander Says."
- You will be the commander and your crew will follow your commands.
- Crew members should ONLY follow your commands if they begin with "Commander Says..."
- If the Commander gives an action without saying "Commander says" first, the crew must stay perfectly still.
- Any player who performs an action without hearing "Commander says" or fails to follow a valid command is eliminated. The last remaining crew member wins and becomes the next Commander.
- If you choose you can use these Space Themed Commands:
 - **"Commander says float in zero gravity!"** — Float or drift slowly in place.
 - **"Put on your helmet!"** — Trick action: Mimic strapping a helmet on.
 - **"Commander says pilot your rocket ship!"** — Pretend to steer a massive control wheel.
 - **"Repair the space station!"** — Trick action: Mimic hammering or tightening space bolts.
 - **"Commander says dodge the asteroid!"** — Duck quickly or jump to the side.
 - **"Commander says walk on the moon!"** — Take giant, exaggerated, slow-motion steps.

Say: "You really had to LISTEN to play that game. Listening is what we learned about last week. Let's go hear what happens in our Bible story today!"

SMALL GROUP TIME

1. Who's Invited to the Table

Bible Story Review

What You Need: Large paper plate, White paper lunch bag filled w/food review question cards

What You Do:

- Set the Large paper plate in the middle of your space.
- Have each child pick a food card out of the lunch bag.
- Have them read the question or challenge (or read the question for the younger kids) and give their answer.
- Once it's answered, put the food card on the paper plate.
- Tell the kids the goal is to fill our table with food.
- After all of the cards are done: **SAY**, "Look at all this food! But what makes a meal special isn't just the food—it's who we invite to the table."
- Ask:
 - Who did Jesus invite to his table?
 - Who can you invite to your table?

2. Eating Like Jesus

Application Activity

What You Need: blank paper placemat (one per kid), coloring supplies

What You Do:

- Give each kid a placemat.
- Have them draw their favorite foods on the placemat, and put their name on the back.
- Have kids go around and share what they drew.
- Direct kids to exchange their placemat with someone else.
- Tell the children that one of their special missions this week is to take the placemat home and pray for their friend to eat with others like Jesus ate with people who were different than Him!

3. Space Talk

Memory Verse Activity

What You Need: Nothing needed

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.
 - *He said to them, "Go into all the world. Preach the good news to everyone." Mark 16:15*
- Review the verse together.
- Divide kids into groups of two or three

- Have them go back and forth alternating saying one word of the verse at a time.
- After everyone is done, switch partners and play again.

AT THE 5- MINUTE CALL:

PRAY USING THE BLESS PRAYER POSTER

- 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)*
- Put the BLESS Prayer laminated Poster in your space and read that prayer. Then end praying for any prayer requests that were given. *(We will pray this prayer each week of the series)*
- 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, have them name a place they can eat with others this week.