

# City LG - November 17-18, 2018

**Bible Story:** Stand by You (Jesus Heals the Paralytic / Four Friends) • *Luke 5:17-26*

**Bottom Line:** Work together to help someone in need.

**Memory Verse:** “Two people are better than one. They can help each other in everything they do.” *Ecclesiastes 4:9 (NIRV)*

**CG: 2-minute Countdown Video**

**CG: Welcome Video**

**While Welcome Video is playing, Large Group Leader/Worship Leader enthusiastically greets children and invites them to stand for Worship.**

**WORSHIP: “Hands Toward Heaven” and “We Are Royals”**

**(Worship Leader Prays)**

“Hi, everybody! I’m excited to tell you today’s story. (*Hold up Bible.*) It’s about some men who had to decide just how far they’d go to help a friend!”

“This happened during a time when Jesus was in a city called Galilee. He had been teaching people, helping people, and healing people. Many of these people would follow Jesus everywhere He went. People wanted to see Him and be near Him. They wanted to learn from Him. They believed He could help them.

“You’d think everyone would have been happy about what Jesus was doing, right? Well, the leaders in charge didn’t like it one bit. They didn’t believe that Jesus was God’s Son. They thought Jesus was a fake. But you and I know that He wasn’t. He was the real deal!”

“In our story today, some of those leaders had come to Galilee to hear and see Jesus. They had heard that He had the power to heal sick people. They wanted to witness it for themselves. In fact, there were LOTS of people who had come to see Jesus. They crowded around the house where He was teaching. They wanted to see the One everyone was talking about. But all of those people made it impossible to get to the door, much less get inside to see Jesus! Let’s watch our video today to see what happened!”

**CG: Lesson Video (Runtime: 5:55)**

“The Bible says that everyone was amazed at what Jesus had done. They praised God and were filled with wonder.

“Think about all the four men did to help their friend get to Jesus. They believed Jesus could heal him, so they cooperated to make sure their friend wouldn’t miss his chance. They worked together to get him on top of the roof AND down inside the house. I can’t even imagine the cooperation that took!

“We can help the people around us just like those four men did.”

**CG: Bottom Line Slide**

“We can **[Bottom Line]** work together to help someone in need. Can you say that with me?”

**KIDS: [Bottom Line]** “Work together to help someone in need.”

“That’s right! There are lots of people around us who need help. They might be hurt or sick. They might be sad. They might need friends to cheer them up. The good news is, there are so many ways we can help. When we work together, God can help us fix what’s wrong and make it right!”

“When the four men took their friend to see Jesus, they weren’t doing it for themselves. They were doing it because their friend needed help. Nothing could stop them from getting him to Jesus. Not a crowd of people—not even a roof! They found a way—together—to get him all the way up and then all the way down inside that house. They got him all the way to Jesus.

“We can cooperate and help people just like they did. Here’s what we need to remember today.

**CG: Bottom Line Slide**

**[Bottom Line]** “Work together to help someone in need.

“If you think about it, there are people who need our help everywhere: our families, our friends, people who don’t have enough food to eat, people who don’t have homes to live in. All over the world, there are people who need our help. If you try to do it alone, it can feel impossible to make a difference. But together, we can do so much more!

“Maybe your family could work together to do yard work for a neighbor who can’t do it on their own. Or maybe you and your friends could gather the toys and clothes you don’t use and donate them to a shelter so other kids can use them. Just remember—with God’s help, there is nothing we can’t do together to help people in need.

“After all, you’d want someone to do that for you, right? Helping people in need is a great way to treat others the way you want to be treated.”

“Now it’s time for you to head to Small Group. You’ll get to talk some more about how we can cooperate to help others, but before we head there, let’s pray and worship God with our offering!”

**Pray:** “God, it’s so good to know that You’re always there for us. We know that with Your help, we can make a big difference in other people’s lives, and we know we can do so much more when we work together. Help us to be brave enough and loving enough to help people in need, just like the four friends in our story. We love You, and we pray these things in Jesus’ name, amen.”

## **Offering Time:**

“Offering time is a chance for us to bring our money to God, so he can use it to make somebody else’s life better. For us, here in the City, we give our offering to an organization called ‘Missions of Hope’ to help kids in Kenya have food, clothes, and learn about God’s love for them.”

Here at (your Campus name), we bring our offering to help support:

***Homer Glen: Victor***

***New Lenox: Daniel***

***Orland Park: Michael and Valerie***

***CG: Picture of Child***

“(Your Campus Child) lives in Nairobi, Kenya. Here’s how far away Nairobi is from Chicago!”

***CG: Distance between Chicago and Nairobi JPEG***

If you brought your offering today, you can bring it up now and place it here in our offering container while our Offering Video plays! (*show offering container*).”

***CG: Offering Video (Runtime: 1:30)***

“Thank you for your kindness and generosity, City! Have fun in Small Groups!”

*Dismiss kids to their Small Groups*