

City LG - November 3-4, 2018

Bible Story: Come Together (Building the Tabernacle) • *Exodus 25:8-9; 28:1, 3; 31:1-11; 35:21, 25, 34; 39:42-43 (Exodus 19, 25)*

Bottom Line: God wants us to work together.

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: “At the Top of My Lungs” and “Rising Up”

(Worship Leader Prays)

“Hey, hey, hey, friends! Welcome to The City!—the coolest, most awesome, most fun-tastic place on earth! My name is [your name], and today you (*point to audience*) and I (*point to yourself*) are going to have so much fun together!

“EVERYTHING is better when you get to do it together. That’s what we’re talking about this month: cooperation! Take a look!

CG: Life App Music Video (Runtime: 2:37)

CG: Cooperation Slide

“What a great song! So...what are we saying cooperation is? I’ll read it first and then we’ll read it together. **Cooperation is working together to do more than you can do alone.** I’ll read it one more time. **Cooperation is working together to do more than you can do alone.** Your turn! (*Point to the kids.*)

KIDS: “Cooperation is working together to do more than you can do alone.”

“As we get started with our Bible story, raise your hand if you’ve ever been camping. (*Pause.*) Now, keep those hands up if you went camping in a tent. (*Pause.*) Raise your hand if you’ve ever SEEN a camping tent before. (*Pause.*) I gotcha. I gotcha. You can put your hands down.

(*Hold up Bible.*) “Today’s story has a tent in it. And when I say tent, I don’t mean like a camping tent. I mean a (*deep voice*) TENT—a super-big, super-important, super-special tent. But first, let me describe what was happening before this super-big, important, special tent was built.

“Many, many years ago, God’s chosen people were slaves in a country called Egypt. The Israelites—that’s what God’s chosen people were called—spent hundreds of years in slavery before finally being set free. God loved the Israelites. He loved them and He wanted to keep them safe. So, once they were on their own, He decided to give them some guidelines on how

to live. You know, like when your parents tell you to look both ways before you cross the street? God wanted to protect the Israelites by giving them some rules that would keep them safe.

“The leader of the Israelites was a man named Moses. God gave Moses these special laws that would keep the people safe and help them love God and love others. Let’s take a look at the rest of the story now!”

CG: Lesson Video (Runtime: 6:30)

“God gave Moses a HUGE job—to build a tent large enough so that everyone who wanted to worship Him could do so. But Moses NEVER could have created the Tabernacle alone. He needed all the Israelites—to follow God’s instructions. By working together, the Israelites built a wonderful place where they could worship God. When Moses came to inspect their work, he saw that the tent was exactly as God had described it to him. He was very pleased. Listen to what it says in the Bible.”

Open the Bible to Exodus 39:42-43 (NIRV) and read.

“The Israelites had done all the work just as the LORD had commanded Moses. Moses looked over the work carefully. He saw that the workers had done it just as the LORD had commanded. So Moses gave them his blessing.”

“Each of the Israelites had different talents and different gifts. Each of them pitched in what they could to create something beautiful—something they all could enjoy—a place where they could spend time with God together. The Israelites had learned that they could trust God no matter what, so they worked together to build a place where they could worship Him.

(To kids) “Thank you for cooperating with me to tell our story today! Give yourselves a hand!”

“Here’s what we need to remember today:

CG: Bottom Line Slide

[Bottom Line] “God wants us to work together.

“It’s simple. God loves it when we cooperate. We can do so much more when everyone does their part, when each of us gives what we can, when we cooperate. Raise your hand if you’re really good at drawing. *(Pause for response.)* Raise your hand if you like helping out in the kitchen. *(Pause for response.)* Raise your hand if you’re good at cleaning or organizing. *(Pause for response.)* That’s great!

“The cool thing about cooperation is that it gives all of us a chance to use our unique gifts and abilities to help others. God used each of the Israelites’ talents in a different way to make a beautiful and important place of worship. If one person had tried to build the Tabernacle on their own, it wouldn’t have happened. Cooperation made all the difference. That’s why . . .

CG: Bottom Line Slide

[Bottom Line] “**God wants us to work together.** We can get more done together. We can cooperate to do some pretty amazing things. We can love others, help people in need, and tell others about Jesus.

“This week, think about how you can cooperate in big ways and small ways. Help your little sister with her chores and you can go outside to play sooner. Help your mom put the dishes in the dishwasher and you can start family movie night earlier. Help your friend clean out that shed in your backyard so you can have your very own clubhouse. Remember—God loves it when we cooperate to do more than we could do alone.

“I know you’ve got some great ideas about how YOU can cooperate. That’s what you get to talk about back in Small Group. Before we head there, let’s take up our offering, then pray and ask God to help us work together.”

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)

Pray: “God, You made each one of us with different gifts and abilities. You’ve given all of us something special to offer. We know that when we cooperate and combine what we can do with what others can do, it makes You so happy. Not only that, but we can do so much more together! Please help us to cooperate and work together with the people You’ve put in our lives. We love You, and we pray these things in Jesus’ name, amen.”

“Have fun in Small Groups everyone!”

Dismiss kids to their small groups.