

# City LG - December 8-9, 2018

**Bible Story:** Someone Like You (Gabriel appears to Mary) • *Luke 1:26-56 (Supporting: Luke 1:5-25)*

**Bottom Line:** God can use anyone to meet others' needs.

**Memory Verse:** "God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son. Anyone who believes in him will not die but will have eternal life." *John 3:16 (NirV)*

**CG: 2-minute Countdown Video**

**Large Group Leader/Worship Leader enthusiastically greets children and invites them to stand for Worship.**

**WORSHIP: "It's Christmas Time" and "Noel"**

*(Worship Leader Prays)*

"Hi, everyone! I am so excited to be here with you all today! Can you believe it's almost Christmas? Raise your hand if you're excited! Me too! Christmas is all about giving, and having fun. Why don't we play a game that teaches us to have fun while we meet other's needs. Here's how to play..."

**GAME: Others' Needs**

**What You Need:** "Others' Needs" cards Activity Page (2 sets per campus); tub containing pictures (printed on card stock) of: water bottle, child's coat, burger and fries, shoes, box of tissues, pad of paper, a BAND-AID®, and a beach towel (2 sets per campus)

**What You Do:**

- Split your group up into 2 teams.
- Guide each team to line up at each end of your environment.
- Set the box of items in the center of your environment.
- Stand beside the box and hold the "Others' Needs" cards so they're fanned out with the backs facing the kids.
- At your signal, lead the first child in each line to **HOP** to you, pick a card, look at the need, find an object in the box that can help meet that need, pull it out, and **HOP** back to his team with both the object and the card.
- He then gives the glasses to the next child in line, who may **HOP** after she puts on the glasses.
- The relay continues until each need is met by an object in the box.
- At the end of the game, quickly debrief the needs and how the items could help meet those needs.
- *Variations: **Larger Group?** Divide your group into 4 teams. Simply separate the needs cards and corresponding items accordingly.*

**What You Say:**

"No matter who you are, God can use you. He can use you no matter how old you are, no matter if you're a boy or a girl, and no matter what you're good at or NOT good at doing."

***[Make It Personal] (Tell kids about a time God used you, even if you didn't think you were up for the task. If possible, tell how others got to see God's love as a result.)***

"God used me to meet others' needs, and you know what? God made you so that YOU can meet others' needs, too!"

Today's story is about someone who, in many ways, was very ordinary—just like you or me. This very ordinary person was chosen by God to do something very, VERY important. We learn about her in the third book of the New Testament of the Bible called Luke. It was written by a person named—you guessed it—LUKE! He learned all about the life of Jesus and the people who followed Jesus and wrote it down for people to know the truth about Jesus. He tells us that this very ordinary person was a girl named Mary. She is who our Bible Story is all about today. Let's take a look!"

***CG: Lesson Video (Runtime: 5:36)***

"Mary stayed with Elizabeth for three more months, and then she returned home. She was excited to see all that God had planned for her.

"After all, the baby God was sending was Jesus, His Son! Jesus was the One who would rescue the world from sin so that we could have a relationship with our perfect God.

***CG: Bottom Line Slide***

"It just goes to show you that ***[Bottom Line] God can use anyone to meet others' needs—*** even someone who seemed so ordinary, like Mary. God can use you and me, too. ***[Bottom Line] He can use anyone to meet others' needs.***

"I think it's amazing how God used Mary to be part of His plan to bring Jesus into the world. Mary was a regular, ordinary person, and God used her to be part of the most amazing miracle we could ever imagine!

"That's super exciting for me to think about. You know why? Because of the miracle of Christmas, for sure. But it also reminds me that God can use anyone to do big things for Him—people like you and people like me. No matter how old you are, no matter how much money you have, even if you aren't the strongest or the smartest or the fastest at finding Bible verses, God can use YOU!

***CG: Bottom Line Slide***

***[Bottom Line] "God can use anyone to meet others' needs.***

"How do you think He could use YOU to meet others' needs? There are lots of ways to do that. You could play a game or tell a joke to brighten someone's day when they're feeling down. You could draw a picture to show your mom or dad that you love and appreciate them. Everyone needs to hear that, don't you think? Make others your mission. That's what showing compassion is all about! In fact, you get to talk some more about that in Small Group. Before we head there, let's pray and worship God with our offering!"

**Pray:** "God, thank You for sending Your only Son, Jesus, to save the whole world. Thank You for choosing someone like Mary to be part of your plan. It helps us remember that You can use

anyone to meet the needs of others. Help us to be ready to do that. Help us to trust You like Mary did. Help us to show Your compassion to the people around us. We love You, and we ask 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 some homes in Nairobi!"

***CG: Kenyan Homes 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: 3:15)***

"Thank you for your kindness and generosity City! Have fun in Small Groups!"

*Dismiss kids to their small groups.*