

# City LG - February 9-10, 2019

**Bible Story:** Give Love (Meet People's Needs) • 1 Peter 4:10-11

**Bottom Line:** Look for ways to serve others.

**Memory Verse:** "Jesus sat down and called for the 12 disciples to come to him. Then he said, 'Anyone who wants to be first must be the very last. They must be the servant of everyone.'" *Mark 9:35, Nlrv*

**CG: 2-Minute Countdown**

**WORSHIP: Movin' Me and Higher than the Sky**

"Hi, everyone! I'm so glad you're here today. Welcome to the City Diner. My name is [your name], and I'll be serving you today.

"All month long we're talking about service. Here's what we are saying service is...

**CG: Theme Slide**

**Service is lending a hand to help someone else.**

Serving others can be really fun, but it's not always easy. God wants us to be willing to serve each other. There's actually a letter in the Bible that talks about that. We call it the book of 1 Peter. Any guesses who wrote it? (*Pause for response.*) Right. Peter, one of Jesus' closest friends. Here's what Peter wrote.

*Open the Bible to 1 Peter 4:10-11 (Nlrv) and read.*

*"God's gifts of grace come in many forms. Each of you has received a gift in order to serve others. You should use it faithfully. If anyone speaks, they should do it as one speaking God's words. If anyone serves, they should do it with the strength God provides. Then in all things God will be praised through Jesus Christ.*

"Peter wrote these verses to a group of people who were followers of Jesus. He wanted to encourage them because they were going through a tough time. Peter wanted to remind them to show Jesus' love in everything they said and did. That's what today's Bible Story is all about today. Let's take a look!"

**CG: Lesson Video (Runtime: 6:15)**

"Whatever gift you've been given, God gave it to you so that you could use it to serve others. He made you with the ability to serve in your own unique way. That's exactly what Peter was talking about when he wrote this:

*Open the Bible to 1 Peter 4:10b (Nlrv) and read.*

*"Each of you has received a gift in order to serve others.*

**CG: Bottom Line Slide**

"We need to keep our eyes open and **[Bottom Line] look for ways to serve others.** Say that with me."

**KIDS: [Bottom Line] "Look for ways to serve others."**

"Let's pray and ask God to help us do that."

**Pray:** "God, thank You so much for the gifts You've given us. Thank You for Peter's reminder that we should use those gifts to serve others. Help us to show Your love by looking for ways to serve the people around us. We love You, and we ask these things in Jesus' name, amen."

“When we follow Jesus, the Holy Spirit helps us serve by giving us special skills. There are lots of gifts the Holy Spirit can give—gifts like teaching, serving, showing mercy, leading, and having faith. You can use whatever gifts God has given YOU to serve others.

“After all, God made you. He knows how special you are. He gave you your gifts and talents and your own unique personality. And guess what. He placed you with your friends and family for a reason. He knows that you can use the things that make you YOU as you choose to serve—as you choose to **[Basic Truth] treat others the way you want to be treated.**

“Jesus once told His friends what it means to serve. We can read what He said in Mark, chapter 9, verse 35. It’s our Memory Verse for this month. Check it out.

**CG: Memory Verse Slide**

“Jesus sat down and called for the 12 disciples to come to him. Then he said, “Anyone who wants to be first must be the very last. They must be the servant of everyone” (NirV).

“It’s clear that Jesus wants us to serve—to lend a hand to help someone else. He wants us to **[Bottom Line] look for ways to serve others.**

“Remember to always be on the lookout for ways you can serve someone. It’s time for you to head to Small Group now, but before we head there, let’s take some time to worship God with our offering!”

#### **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 a picture of 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 “One Thing” (Runtime: 2:45)**

*Dismiss to Small Groups*