

City LG - May 25-26, 2019

Bible Story: Learning to Fly (Fix Your Eyes on Jesus) • *Hebrews 12:2-3*

Bottom Line: Keep going because of what Jesus did for you.

Memory Verse: *But those who trust in the LORD will receive new strength. They will fly as high as eagles. They will run and not get tired. They will walk and not grow weak.* Isaiah 40:31 (NIRV)

CG: 2-Minute Countdown

WORSHIP: “We Are Royals” and “Every Beat”

(Worship Leader prays)

WELCOME:

“Hello, friends! Last week, we talked about the book of Hebrews in the Bible. *(Hold up Bible.)* We looked at a verse that said living God’s way is a lot like running a race. If we’re not careful, we can end up holding ourselves back by making UNWISE choices. So we have to let go of those things and make wise choices instead.

“That can be tough to do, but the good news is we’re never alone! God is always with us. Plus, we can look at the Bible and see how other people chose to follow God throughout His story. That can help us persevere when WE face something tough.

“Today we’ll take a look at the two verses that come next. You’ll see that there’s someone else who gave us the ultimate example of perseverance. Who do you think that might be? *(Pause for response.)* You think it’s Jesus? Let’s find out.

Open the Bible to Hebrews 12:2-3 (NIRV), and read.

“Let us keep looking to Jesus. He is the one who started this journey of faith. And he is the one who completes the journey of faith. He paid no attention to the shame of the cross. He suffered there because of the joy he was looking forward to. Then he sat down at the right hand of the throne of God. He made it through these attacks by sinners. So think about him. Then you won’t get tired. You won’t lose hope.”

“So these verses are saying that we should focus on Jesus. We should remember all the things He did for us and especially how He died on the cross for us. It’s a lot easier for us to persevere when we think about Him!

“The truth is, all of us have hard days. All of us have to face some tough situations. Did you know that Jesus actually said that things wouldn’t always be easy? That’s right. He said that things would be really tough for us sometimes. He knew that sometimes we might feel like giving up.

“But in those tough situations when we don’t know what to do—in those moments when something bad is happening and we can’t stop it—we DO have something that makes it better. We have a promise from Jesus Himself. Jesus promised that even though we would go through hard times, we wouldn’t have to be alone. He promised that He would always be with us!

“When we have a relationship with Jesus, our hope is in Him, not in ourselves. We can persevere because of the example Jesus gave us. We can remember EXACTLY what He did for us. Jesus died on the cross for us. He rose from the grave and went to heaven. He made it through all the awful things that people tried to do to Him. But He never gave up! That’s what our story is all about today! Let’s take a look!”

CG: Lesson Video (Runtime: 7:30)

“Life can be really tough sometimes. But when we face the tough things, we’re not alone! We can always remember what Jesus did for us.

“Here’s what we need to remember today.

CG: Bottom Line Slide

[Bottom Line] “Keep going because of what Jesus did for you.

“Let’s pray.”

Pray: “God, thank You for this awesome reminder that we can always think about Jesus when we’re facing something tough. Please help us remember to focus on Him. Help us think about what He did for us on the cross. We know that when we do, it’ll help us keep going. We love You, and we pray these things in Jesus’ name, amen.”

“It’s true. Jesus gave us the perfect example of perseverance. He refused to give up when life got hard.

“And you know what? When we remember what Jesus did for us, we can have perseverance too! We can rely on Him and find the courage we need to keep going. So, the next time you get frustrated or overwhelmed or you feel like you want to quit, think about Jesus. Focus on Him. You can do that by talking to Him, reading about Him, or singing to Him. You can talk about Him with your friends and family. You could even find a way to serve others like He did. He’ll give you the strength to persevere, no matter what you might be going through.

“You’ll get to keep talking about that in Small Group. Before we head there, let’s 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 cool facts about Nairobi!”

CG: Kenyan Facts 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 “MC Haggis” (Runtime: 2:40)

Dismiss to Small Groups