

City LG - July 13-14, 2019

Bible Story: Faithfully (Peter Gets Out of Prison) • Acts 12:1-19

Bottom Line: Be faithful so others can count on you.

Memory Verse: *God began a good work in you. And I am sure that he will carry it on until it is completed. That will be on the day Christ Jesus returns.* Philippians 1:6, NIV

CG: Countdown Video

WORSHIP: “Dance” and “Give My All”

(Worship Leader prays)

WELCOME:

“Hi, everyone! How many of you are getting excited about SummerJam? It’s almost time! If you haven’t signed up yet, you still can today at our SummerJam tents! Here’s a video about all the fun you can have. Watch this!”

CG: SummerJam Promo Video

“Today we have an amazing story from the book of Acts in the Bible. *(Hold up Bible.)* The book of Acts was written by a man named Luke . . . who also wrote the book of Luke.

“Luke was a follower of Jesus, and he wanted to make sure someone was writing down everything that happened. Isn’t that cool? It’s like somehow he knew there would be people like us someday who really wanted to know what happened with Jesus and what happened with the very first believers!

“Okay, so let’s get to our story for today. After Jesus died on the cross and came back to life, and after God sent His Holy Spirit, so many people began following Jesus that the church grew every day. The religious leaders tried to stop the new movement, but the believers took the good news about Jesus everywhere they went. Even people who weren’t from a Jewish background began following Jesus. That’s what our Bible Story video is all about today. Let’s take a look!”

CG: Lesson Video (Runtime: 11:00)

“That’s a pretty wild story, isn’t it? But it isn’t just a story. It really happened! Just as Peter and the followers of Jesus had been faithful to trust God and pray for His help, God had been faithful to save Peter. And the good news about Jesus continued to spread all over the world. Peter’s faithfulness to God is a huge part of why you and I get to learn about Jesus today!

“We can follow their example and be faithful to the people around us. We can be dependable. We can be the kind of people who actually do what we say we’re going to do.

“Here’s what we need to remember today.

CG: Bottom Line Slide

[Bottom Line] “Be faithful so others can count on you.

“Let’s pray and ask God to help us with that.”

Pray: “Dear God, thank You for always being so faithful to us. You never give up on us. You’re ALWAYS there when we need You! Please help us follow Your example. Help us to be faithful to the people around us, so they’ll know they can always count on us. In Jesus’ name we pray, amen.”

“Peter was put in prison because he was faithful to God. He kept telling people about Jesus, even when he knew it would get him into trouble. Peter’s friends were faithful to pray for him, too. And that’s not all. Think of how faithful God was to Peter! He helped Peter escape from a pretty scary situation. God is faithful to us, too. He’s ALWAYS there to help us. So, what can we do to be more faithful? We can trust God and do what He says. We can have faith in God because God is faithful! So, don’t just say you’re going to do something; actually do it! Be a good listener. Be a friend who keeps promises. If you borrow something from someone, take care of it. And when you need help, ask for it!

CG: Bottom Line Slide

[Bottom Line] “Be faithful so others can count on you.

“God can help you be a faithful friend. After all, isn’t it so good when you have a friend who’s faithful to you? Absolutely! You’ll get to talk some more in Small Group about how you can be faithful to others, but 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 and is part of a really great place called Mission of Hope International! Here’s a picture of Missions of Hope!”

CG: Missions of Hope 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: 3:00)

Dismiss to Small Groups