

City LG - August 3-4, 2019

Bible Story: I'll Remember (What Is the Bible?) • *Psalm 119:105*

Bottom Line: When you learn about God, it's easier to follow Him.

Memory Verse: *The way we show our love is to obey God's commands. He commands you to lead a life of love. That's what you have heard from the beginning.* 2 John 6 (NIRV)

CG: Countdown Video

WORSHIP: "Fireblazin" and "Not the Same"

"Hi, everyone! Here in The City, we talk a lot about the Bible. (*Hold up Bible.*) Maybe you've read the Bible at home, or maybe someone has read it TO you. You can read it online or on an app, you can listen to it as an audiobook, or you can hold an actual Bible in your hands to read it. But have you ever thought about what the Bible actually IS?

"However you read it, here's what's true: the Bible is a library of 66 different books that fit together to form God's One Big Story. God's Big Story starts with the 39 books of the Old Testament.

"In the beginning, there's nothing. But in Genesis, God creates the entire universe. He makes the first people, Adam and Eve, but they disobey.

CG: Bible Story Image #1 (Adam and Eve)

"Even as Adam and Eve leave God, He never leaves them. God promises to make a great nation from Abraham's family.

CG: Bible Story Image #2 (Abraham looking at the stars)

"The rest of the Old Testament tells the story of Abraham's family, the Israelites. Over and over, the Israelites turn away from God. And over and over, He rescues them and sets them free.

CG: Bible Story Image #3 (parting of the Red Sea)

"God even sends prophets who speak His words. They tell of a Savior who will rescue not just the Israelites, but also the whole world.

"But we reach the end of the Old Testament and . . . nothing.

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"For hundreds of years, we don't have a single recorded word from God. But then, God sends angels— one of them to a teenager named Mary."

"The 27 books of the New Testament tell the story of Jesus and His followers. In the books of Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John, we see how Jesus is born.

CG: Bible Story Image #4 (Jesus' birth)

“We see how Jesus becomes a kid who grows in wisdom, faith, and friendship. We see Jesus as a man who teaches and heals and shows God’s love to every single person he meets.

CG: Bible Story Image #5 (Jesus healing a blind man)

“Sadly, we see how Jesus is killed by the religious leaders. But we also see how God raises Him back to life.

CG: Bible Story Image #6 (empty tomb)

“It’s the single most important moment in history. Jesus has defeated death! Throughout the rest of the New Testament, Jesus’ followers spread the news, no matter what it costs them. The final book of the Bible, Revelation, tells what it will be like when God makes everything right again . . . forever!”

“The Bible is God’s Big Story. And WE are part of it! That’s what our Bible story video is all about today. Let’s watch!”

CG: Lesson Video (Runtime: 11:00)

(Hold up Bible.) “Here’s what’s so cool about the Bible. As you read these words that God wants you to know, He will help you understand them. He will give you the power to obey. The more you dig into the Bible, the more you discover who God is and how you can follow Him in all you say and do.

“Listen to these words from Psalm 119.

Open the Bible to Psalm 119:115 (NirV) and read.

“Your word is like a lamp that shows me the way. It is like a light that guides me.

“The Bible helps us know more about God. It’s like a bright light that shows us which way to go. Remember this.

CG: Bottom Line Slide

[Bottom Line] “When you learn about God, it’s easier to follow Him.

“It’s so true, isn’t it? When we read the Bible and get to know God better, it’s easier for us to trust Him and obey. Let’s pray.”

Pray: “Dear God, thank You for letting us be part of Your Big Story. You’ve had a plan from the beginning for us to have a close relationship with You. We know that Your way is the best way to live. Help us to trust You and follow Your plan. We love You, and we pray these things in Jesus’ name, amen.”

“Wow! It’s incredible to think that we’re all part of God’s Big Story. *(Hold up Bible.)* When we take time to read the Bible for ourselves, we get to know God more and more. Then it’s easier for us to trust Him and obey. It reminds us that **[Basic Truth] we can trust Him no matter what.**

“Remember:

CG: Bottom Line Slide

[Bottom Line] “When you learn about God, it’s easier to follow Him.

“So, how do you learn more about Jesus? Find time to read the books in the Bible that were written to help us know what Jesus did and said. Check out Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John (*hold up Bible*)—on an app, on the computer, or in an actual book. Read some verses every day if you can. Make it a habit. Ask your parents for help. The Bible will help you know God so you can follow Him!

“Now it’s time for Small Group. 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: 5:00)

Dismiss kids to their small groups.