

City LG—October 10th-11th, 2021

Today's Bible Story: Change Your Mind (Matthew) • *Matthew 9:9-13*

Today's Bottom Line: Knowing Jesus changes how you see yourself.

Monthly Memory Verse: *How you made me is amazing and wonderful. I praise you for that. What you have done is wonderful. I know that very well.* Psalm 139:14 (NirV)

NOTE: Groups kids into their Small Groups to start your Service

CG: God Time Cards Competition Video

Note: Play this Video at your Service Start Time

“How awesome! Do you think (your Campus) can win the Competition and Fill Up this Cup? (Point to Cup). Me too! Don't forget to get a God Time Card today, bring it back next week, invite a friend to church or bring your Bible. Let's fill up the Cup!”

ICE-BREAKER GAME: Know the Number

CG: Know the Number VIDEO

How to Play: Lead the Kids in holding up a number of fingers 1-5 to start the game. Video will play. Whatever number of fingers it lands on, the kids that held up that number of fingers are “out”. Don't worry about eliminating kids each round. The video will continue playing. Just have FUN with it, and keep the energy high!

WORSHIP: Undefeated and Give My All

“Hi, everyone! So glad to see you all here today. I love to see you all gathered together in your Small Groups. Today we are going to start with a question, and you will have 3 minutes to answer it together as a group. Here's the question...”

SLIDE: Group Question Week 2

3 minutes on the clock! Here we go!

CG: Group Question Week 2 VIDEO (Runtime: 3:00)

“Great job, friends! We have an awesome Bible story for you today about a man named Matthew.

“Matthew was one of Jesus’ closest friends. He traveled with Jesus and saw Jesus do amazing things. He even wrote a book that we have in the Bible today. *(Hold up Bible.)* Can you guess what it’s called? *(Pause for response.)* That’s right—Matthew!

“Our story begins when Matthew first met Jesus. At the time, Matthew was working as a tax collector. And tax collectors weren’t exactly the good guys. They worked for the Roman government—the same government that was pretty mean to God’s people. So when someone was a tax collector, they were basically working for the enemy. On top of that, tax collectors were known for lying about how much money people owed the Roman government so they could take some extra money for themselves. We’re not sure if Matthew did that, but tax collectors very often did. Matthew was a guy that no one thought was worthy to follow Jesus. Let’s take a look at what happened with the help of our Bible Story Video!”

CG: Lesson Video (Runtime: 6:00)

“From then on, Matthew did follow Jesus everywhere. He became one of Jesus’ 12 disciples. He saw more of what Jesus said and did than almost anyone else. That’s what he wrote about in his book of the Bible. *(Hold up Bible.)* He did it so that other people could know about Jesus and could put their trust in Jesus, too.

“You see, being around Jesus CHANGED Matthew. Jesus didn’t see Matthew as a bad guy who had done wrong things. Jesus saw Matthew as someone who was important and valuable and made in the image of God.

“That’s how Jesus sees US! He loves us. He knows that God created us with our individuality, so we can show His love and show who He is to other people. And we can choose to follow Jesus, just like Matthew did.

CG: Bottom Line VIDEO (Runtime: 2:00)

[Bottom Line] “Knowing Jesus changes how you see yourself.

“Let’s pray and ask God to help us see ourselves the way He does.”

PRAY: “God, thank You for loving us and creating us in Your image. Thank You for sending Jesus to be our Savior! We all mess up from time to time; but You see each one of us as special and valuable. Help us be like Matthew. Help us choose to follow You and live Your way, every day. We love You, and we ask these things in Jesus’ name. Amen.”

“That is such a cool story! I love how Jesus showed love to Matthew. Other people probably saw Matthew as a bad guy . . . but Jesus saw him as someone special and important.

“The truth is, we ALL mess up. We ALL need Jesus’ love and forgiveness. Never forget that Jesus loves you. He sees how valuable you are, because you’re made in the image of God! Jesus died on the cross to pay the price for all the things we’ve done wrong—for all our sins. Because He did that, we can be forgiven.

“When you start to see the way Jesus sees you, that will change the way you see yourself. You’ll believe that you’re valuable, too. You’ll be able to live with joy, peace, and confidence because you know that God sent Jesus to be your Savior.

SLIDE: Bottom Line

[Bottom Line] Knowing Jesus changes how you see yourself.

“Jesus’ love can CHANGE us, just like it changed Matthew. We can choose to follow Jesus and put our trust in Him. If you have questions about how to know and follow Jesus, make sure to tell your Small Group Leader and your parents. Before we head to Small Group now and talk some more about how Jesus’ love can change us, let’s review our Memory Verse and give our Offering!”

SLIDE: Memory Verse

*Dismiss kids to their small groups
after Offering Time.*

OFFERING:

Here in Parkview Kids, we bring our offering each week to help support (your Campus Child) learn more about Jesus just like we do here in Parkview Kids. Here’s a picture of (your Campus Child)! If you brought your offering, you can bring it up now!”

Orland Park: Michael and Valeri, New Lenox: Daniel, Homer Glen: Victor