

## City LG—February 6th, 2022

**Today's Bible Story:** Reasons Why (Jesus' Mission Statement) • *Luke 4:14-24, 28-30*

**Today's Bottom Line:** Following Jesus means caring about others.

**Monthly Memory Verse:** *The LORD has shown you what is good. He has told you what he requires of you. You must act with justice. You must love to show mercy. And you must be humble as you live in the sight of your God.* Micah 6:8 (NIRV)

**REMINDER: Kids will need to be grouped into Small Groups to begin Service**

**WORSHIP: Look to You and Higher than the Sky**

"Hey, everybody! It's great to see all of you! This month, we're talking about compassion.

**SLIDE: Compassion**

**"Compassion is caring enough to do something about someone else's need.**

"You can show compassion by caring for the people 'on your block'—the people in your neighborhood! Your neighborhood might look like this.

**SLIDE: Neighborhood Slide #1 (Townhouses)**

"Or this.

**SLIDE: Neighborhood Slide #2 (Houses in the suburbs)**

"Or this.

**SLIDE: Neighborhood Slide #3 (City apartments)**

"Or maybe your neighborhood looks different from any of those. Really, your neighborhood just means the PEOPLE around you—whether you see them at home, school, the park—anywhere! We can show compassion to our neighbors by caring enough to show love and kindness. We can see what people need and do something about it.

"This month, we'll see lots of amazing ways that Jesus showed compassion. It's important that WE learn to show compassion as we choose to follow Him!

"I was thinking . . . if we want to love our neighbors then first, we've got to get to know them. I thought we could start by getting to know our neighbors right here in this room! I bet there are lots of things we can learn about each other that we didn't know before. Let's give it a try with a really fun game, 'Know Your Neighbor'!

"It's easy to play. If I call out something that's true about you, stand up. Take a look at the people around you and see who's standing. Then, if you're standing, sit back down so you can be ready for the next one. Cool? Cool. Let's get started!

*Read the statements from the printed script.*

“Stand up if . . . you can ride a bike! *(Pause.)* Wow, look at all of you bike riders! Okay, you can sit back down.

*Do the same thing for each statement. Give the kids (and leaders) a chance to stand. Make a quick comment to interact with those who are standing (e.g. “You had cereal? What kind?”), then motion for everyone to sit down.*

*Go through as many statements as time allows. Have fun with it and move quickly to keep the energy high.*

*Stand up if . . . you’re wearing red.*

*Stand up if . . . you have short hair.*

*Stand up if . . . you had eggs for breakfast.*

*Stand up if . . . you had cereal for breakfast.*

*Stand up if . . . you can speak another language.*

*Stand up if . . . you like to watch football.*

*Stand up if . . . you can throw a football.*

*Stand up if . . . you can braid hair.*

*Stand up if . . . you like to read.*

*Stand up if . . . you can write your name.*

*Stand up if . . . you like to dance.*

*Stand up if . . . you have a brother.*

*Stand up if . . . you have a sister.*

*Stand up if . . . you like candy.*

*Stand up if . . . you can do a push up. (Have them show you.)*

*Stand up if . . . you’ve ever eaten popcorn.*

“Great job, friends! I feel like we know each other so much better now. I’m excited to tell you today’s story. *(Hold up Bible.)* We’re about to see why compassion is so important to Jesus! Before we get started with our Bible Story today, let’s spend a few minutes answering this question...”

**SLIDE: “What do you want to be when you grow up?”**

“It could be anything! A musician, a movie star, and athlete, a teacher, an astronaut, anything! Take 3 minutes now to talk about it with your groups!”

**CG: Conversation Starting Question Video (Runtime: 3:00)**

“Great job everyone! I loved walking around and hearing all about what you want to be when you grow up! Today’s Bible Story is about what Jesus came to do here on Earth!”

“Anytime Jesus entered a town, He went to the synagogue and taught the people. Everyone was amazed at His teaching.

“Jesus came to Nazareth, the town where He grew up. Jesus went into the synagogue and stood up to read. An attendant handed Him a scroll with the words of the prophet Isaiah. Jesus opened the scroll to read it out loud to the people.

“Now, you should know that Isaiah lived hundreds of years before Jesus was born. Isaiah was a prophet who wrote about God’s promise to send a Messiah who would rescue God’s people.

“Jesus read Isaiah’s words to the people. Let’s listen carefully to what He said.

***The Spirit of the Lord is on me. He has anointed me to announce the good news to poor people. He has sent me to announce freedom for prisoners. He has sent me so that the blind will see again. He wants me to set free those who are treated badly. And he has sent me to announce the year when he will set his people free. (Luke 4:18-19, NIV)***

“Jesus rolled up the scroll, gave it to the attendant, and sat down. Everyone was looking at Him. Then He said this.

***Today this passage of Scripture is coming true as you listen. (Luke 4:21, NIV)***

“Whoa. Jesus was declaring that HE was the One Isaiah wrote about. HE was the Messiah God had promised! HE was the One who had come to announce good news to poor people . . . healing for people who were sick . . . and freedom for people who were being treated badly. Mic Drop! Way to go Jesus! Let’s find out what happened next with the help of this week’s video!”

**CG: Lesson Video (Runtime: 4:30)**

“Sadly, the people in Nazareth had missed the whole point of why Jesus had come. Jesus was using Isaiah’s words to announce what was most important to Him. He had come to show compassion! He had come to save the world by dying on the cross for our sins. He had come to make things right for those who were hurting and overlooked. He had come to CARE for people . . . and the people in His hometown just didn’t see it.

“The truth is, Jesus lived a LIFE of compassion. He saw people who were normally overlooked, and He helped people who were hurting. When we follow Jesus, He teaches us to live that way, too.

**SLIDE: Bottom Line**

“You see, **[Bottom Line]** following Jesus means caring about others.

“That’s our Bottom Line this week! Let’s put some moves to it!”

**CG: Bottom Line Video (Runtime: 1:00)**

“Great job! Let’s ask God to help us live with compassion and show people how much we care.

**PRAY:** “Dear God, thank You for this reminder of why compassion is so important to You. Jesus said that He had come to show compassion . . . to bring hope and healing . . . and to show love to people who were in need. We want to follow Jesus, and we know that means we should show compassion, too. Help us care about others and be ready to act when we see someone who needs our help. We love You, and we pray these things in Jesus’ name. Amen.”  
“Jesus loves us SO much! He loves each and every person. In fact, He gave us the very best example of compassion!”

“You see that day in Nazareth, Jesus was announcing what He had come to do. He had come to care for people and bring them hope, healing, and freedom. And eventually, Jesus did something about what ALL of us need most of all. He died on a cross to pay for the sins of the whole world. That’s how much compassion He has. That’s how much He cares for us!

“So if we want to follow Jesus, then the things that are important to Jesus will be important to us, too. Jesus showed compassion, and so should we. And we don’t have to do it alone! When we put our trust in Jesus, we have His Spirit to help us.

“Remember . . .

**SLIDE: Bottom Line**

**[Bottom Line] “Following Jesus means caring about others.**

“That could mean that you draw a picture or write a note to encourage someone who’s sick. Or maybe you take time to listen and be a friend to someone who’s sad or lonely. All of us have times when we feel overlooked or left out. We know how important it is to show compassion and **treat others the way we want to be treated.**

“If you ever feel like YOU need some compassion, I want you to remember how much God loves you. God knows about the tough things you might go through. God is with you through it all. God has also put amazing friends and leaders in your life, like the people right here in this room. We all think you’re awesome. You ALWAYS belong here!

“Our memory verse for this month is Micah 6:8. It reminds us what true compassion looks like. Here it is.

**SLIDE: Memory Verse**

*“The LORD has shown you what is good. He has told you what he requires of you. You must act with justice. You must love to show mercy. And you must be humble as you live in the sight of your God. (Micah 6:8, NIV)”*

“That’s compassion! That’s how you care for people like Jesus did. Now, let’s begin our Small Group activities, where we’ll talk some more about how you can follow Jesus by caring about others.”

*Dismiss kids after leading offering.*

**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