

# City SG—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)*

## 1. Memory Verse Jam

**Non-Reader Option highlighted in Yellow below**

**What You Need:** Prepared "Memory Verse" sets (2 per group), baskets (2 per group), ball pit balls (1 per kid), Bibles

**What You Do:**

- Make sure each kid has a Bible.
- Help kids look up and read the verse using the Bible navigation tips below.

**Finding verses with 1st, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> graders:** Guide them to open their Bibles to the front and find the table of contents. Hold up a Bible opened to the table of contents to show the kids what the page looks like. When the kids find the table of contents, lead them to find Micah in the list under "Old Testament." When the kids find Micah, lead them to look at the page number beside the word. Explain that the number tells them on what page they can find Micah. Help the kids find the page. When they find Micah, explain that the big numbers on the page are the chapter numbers. Help them find chapter 6. Explain that the small numbers are verse numbers. Help them find verse 8 in chapter 6.

- Read the memory verse out loud as a group.
- **Non-Reader: Read the verse to the group as they follow along.**
- Ask if a volunteer would like to read the verse out loud.
- Divide your group into two evenly numbered teams.
- Give each team **scrambled** set of **9 cards** with the memory verse on them.
- Place the baskets on the opposite side of your space.
- Instruct the kids to work together to put their verse discs in order.
- **For Non-Readers, numbers will be on the sheets for reference. Have the kids put the discs in order by number.**
- Once the verse is in order, teams will line up and race to put all their ball pit balls into their Team's basket. **One kid a time; relay race style.**
  - **NOTE: If you have more ball pit balls than kids, allow kids to run down and back multiple times for their teams. Make it FUN!**
- The first team to get all their ball pit balls in the basket, wins.
- Give the other team time to finish getting all their ball pit balls in the basket so each kid has a turn.
- Encourage the winning team to cheer on the remaining kids as they finish.
- Play as many rounds as time and interest allows.

**What You Say:**

"Wow! That was hard, but so much fun. You did a great job of cheering for one another. By cheering for your teammates—and even people from the other team—you truly lived out what this memory verse is all about.

It says that God has shown us what is good. God shows us what is good through the people we interact with, by what we learn at church, through reading the Bible, and in so many other ways.

“What are some ways that God shows YOU what is good? *(Allow kids time to answer and discuss.)* I am so grateful for the things God shows us and teaches us. God gave us Jesus, and **[Bottom Line] following Jesus means caring for others.**”

## 2. Name It with Care

**What You Need:** “Name It with Care” Pages (1 set of the 5 images per Group)

### What You Do:

- Invite the kids to sit in a circle.
- Hold up an image from the “Name It with Care” Activity Page and ask kids to name it.
- Ask:
  - How is this item useful? What is it used for?
  - How can this item be used to care for someone else?
- Go through all of the items then place the pages in the middle of the circle.
- Invite the kids to choose one.
- Instruct the kids to turn the page over and share one way they can care for someone else this week, then place their paper back in the middle facedown.

### What You Say:

“These items are all very useful in their own way. They each have a purpose and so do you. We know **[Bottom Line] following Jesus means caring for others.** It may look different than the ways Jesus cared for people in the stories in the Bible, but when we choose to follow Him we choose to care for other people. What are some of the ways you thought of that you can care for other people? *(Allow time for responses.)*”

“Those are all really great ways to show someone you care. **[Make it Personal] (Share a kid-appropriate story of a time a Jesus-follower showed they cared for you or you saw them care for someone else. Expand on how you knew they followed Jesus because they treated you with the same love Jesus has for others.)** This person truly showed me that **[Bottom Line] following Jesus means caring for others.**”

## 3. Follow the Leader

**What You Need:** 2 Prepared floor obstacle courses- one with 10 red cardstock spaces, one with 10 disc cones on opposite sides of your space.,

### What You Do:

- Split your group into two teams.
- Prepare an obstacle course of cones and red cardstock paper, parallel to each team.
- Instruct each team to stand next to their obstacle course—one on each side of your space.
- Within the two groups, direct the kids to partner up.
- Instruct each pair to choose a leader and a follower. *(Note: If necessary, prompt kids to adjust their face masks before beginning this activity.)*

- Designate one side of the obstacle course as the starting point and line up the pairs there.
- Direct one pair at a time to walk through the course to make it to the other side.
- Instruct the follower to shut their eyes and put their hands on the leader's shoulders while the leader leads them through the course, avoiding the hazard obstacles (red cardstock or discs).
- If the leader or follower step on an obstacle, direct the pair to start over.
- Once one pair successfully makes it through the course, send the next pair.
- The first team to get all pairs through the grid, wins!

**What You Say:**

"You guys did a great job of leading your followers and following your leaders. Jesus is the best Leader of all. The Bible calls Him the 'Great Shepherd' because of how He guides, loves, and cares for us as His people."

**4. Pray and Dismiss**

- Challenge the kids to go throughout their week thinking about ways to show everyone they interact with that they care about them.
- Close your group time in prayer.

**What You Say:**

"Today was such a good day as we learned about Jesus and how He cared for other people. The people in our lives will know we follow Jesus based on how we care for them and treat them. I love who you guys wrote and what you can do to show them you care. Showing someone you care about them is a choice you have to make every day. Jesus chose every day to care for other people. **[Bottom Line] Following Jesus means caring for others.** Let's pray and ask God to help us show others we follow Jesus by how we care for them.

"Dear God, thank You that You care about us. Please help us show others we care about them this week. We want to show other people that we follow You by how we care and treat them. We love You, and we pray these things in Jesus' name. Amen."