

CITY LG – May 27 - 29, 2023

Today's Bible Story: All I Ask of You (Philip and the Man from Ethiopia) • Acts 8:26-40

Today's Bottom Line: God is with you even when you have questions.

Monthly Memory Verse: *So we can say boldly, 'The Lord helps me. I will not be afraid.'* (Hebrews 13:6a, NIV)

WORSHIP

Turn it Up

Look to You

NOTE: This week is a celebration ending our yearlong sponsorship with Vida Nueva Ministries!

"Hey, everybody! Today is a very special day here in The CITY! Today we get to celebrate some very important people. Some VIPs if you will. Who are these VIPs you may ask? Well, our VIPs today are...

Eli and Mandy from Vida Nueva Ministries!

We have been sponsoring Eli and Mandy, missionaries in Mexico with our offering for a whole year, and we want to celebrate them today! We will start sponsoring a new ministry with our offering next week. We can't wait to tell you about it.

CG: kids at school (offering Pic)

Isn't it so awesome that you have helped all these kids in Piedras Negras, Mexico! The offering that you guys brought in helped these kids in an underprivileged area receive health care, meals, and education. Today we are going to have some fun celebrating Eli and Mandy at Vida Nueva Ministries and our 5th Graders. Before we leave today, you will all be able to write a postcard to Eli and Mandy as well as pray for God to continue to use them in BIG ways!"

"We just sent Vida Nueva the money that you guys collected the past year. Anyone want to guess how much we collected over the last year??? (Take some guesses)

Well it was.....\$4,500!!!!!! You guys did an amazing job and helped so many kids! They were so happy that Eli and Mandy themselves wanted to record a video for you guys. Check it out....

VIDEO: Message from Eli and Mandy

"So awesome! You got to be a part of making a difference in the lives of kids in Mexico!" Give yourselves a hand!

SLIDE: Theme

"Well, we will celebrate a little later, but all month long, we've been finding out how we can raise our game and live with confidence.

SLIDE: Virtue

"Confidence is living like you believe God is with you.

SLIDE: Theme

"I think all of us could use some of THAT kind of confidence! We can take on tough challenges in life when we remember that God is there to help us and that we can trust God no matter what.

“I’m so excited to be here with all of you as we look at what happened next in God’s Big Story. *(Hold up Bible.)* Let’s go back and look at where we’ve been. We saw how Jesus died on the cross, but He came back to life! That’s what we celebrated at Easter. For many days after that, Jesus appeared to His friends and followers. Then He returned to heaven.

“Just as Jesus promised, God sent the Holy Spirit to the believers, and the early church grew quickly. More and more people began to put their faith in Jesus and follow Him! In Jerusalem, the religious leaders tried to stop Jesus’ followers. Many of them were thrown in prison, and some were even killed! But that didn’t stop the new believers. They moved out from Jerusalem into Judea and Samaria. They took the news of Jesus everywhere they went.”

Now, let’s check out our story for today...

VIDEO: Bible Story

“I think all of us have questions from time to time, just like the man from Ethiopia did. But we can still live with confidence. We can still live like God is with us, even if there are things we don’t totally understand. When we ask questions, we can find out more about what we believe!

What’s our bottom line for today?”

VIDEO: Bottom Line

SLIDE: Bottom Line

Let’s say that together, **“God is with you even when you have questions.**

“Remember, you can pray and talk to God whenever you feel confused or unsure about something. You don’t have to pretend to have all the answers. You can take your questions to God, a parent or other family member, a teacher, your Small Group Leader, or another adult who follows God. You might not always understand everything right away, but you can know for sure that God is with you as you discover more and more each day.

“Let’s pray and thank God for that.”

*“Dear God, thank You for this story of Philip and the man from Ethiopia. You helped Philip explain Isaiah’s words so that the man could understand. Because of that, the man put his faith in Jesus. Thank You for loving all of us and being with us, even when we have questions. Give us the courage to ask questions so we can find out more about You. We are so thankful that **we can trust you no matter what!** We love You, and we pray these things in Jesus’ name. Amen.”*

“If you brought an offering today, you can bring it up while we watch this video about something super exciting coming up...”

Video: Summer Jam Promo

CG: Summer JAM Slide

“Summer Jam is coming up very soon and we’re so excited to invite you to these 3 nights jam-packed with FUN and Adventure! You won’t want to miss it. Tell whoever brought you that you need to visit the Summer Jam Tent after our time together today to sign up and get your t shirt!”

“Now it’s time to celebrate Vida Nueva Ministries with a Mexican Fiesta!!”

Your Campus Coordinator will tell you if the activities are being done in Small Groups or in a Large Group. Fiesta activities are on a separate page.