

CITY SG – May 6-8, 2023

Today's Bible Story: All Around the World (The Great Commission and Ascension) • *Matthew 28:16-20; Luke 24:50-53; Acts 1:1-11*

Today's Bottom Line: Share God's love with others.

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

1. The Whole World in God's Hands

Bible Story Review

What You Need: "Bible Story Review" Page and 2 dice (1 set per group)

What You Do:

- Invite your group to sit in a circle.
- Have one child roll both dice.
- If the child rolls a 2-11, ask them the corresponding number question on the "Bible Story Review" Page.
- If the child rolls a 12, ask them to tell you the bottom line for today. (*Share God's love with others*)
- Allow the kid to respond if they know the answer but open the question to the group if they don't.
- Take turns around the circle until all kids have had at least one turn.
- (*Note: Review and repetition are helpful, so it's fine if you review the same question more than once!*)
- At the end, if there are any questions that were never asked, ask them to the whole group.

What You Say:

"Jesus lived a life that was full of confidence. He believed that God was with Him in everything He did. That's true for us, too! We know that we don't have to do it alone. When we believe that God is with us, we can live with confidence. God sent the Holy Spirit to help us, and that's where our confidence comes from. When we remember that, we can have confidence to **share God's love with others.**"

2. Sticky Note Cover-Up

Memory Verse Activity

Non-Reader Option

What You Need: white board, eraser, markers (1 set per bin), small sticky notes (pad per group), Bibles

What You Do:

- Depending on the age/ability of your group, you can either:
 - Give each child a Bible and look up the memory verse together.
 - Read the memory verse from a Bible aloud to your group.
- Write the memory verse on a white board.
- Read the verse out loud from the board a few times together.
***For younger kids who cannot read well, point to each word and have the kids repeat it after you. Do this a few times until the kids are familiar with the words and can say the verse.**
- Use a sticky note to cover up one word at a time.
- Increase the number of sticky notes on the board each time you read the verse.
- Direct the kids to continue to read the verse out loud, including the covered word(s).
- Follow this pattern until the entire verse is covered and the kids are repeating the verse by memory!

What You Say:

“Great job of practicing our memory verse today! Memorizing Scripture is a great way to keep it in our hearts so we have it right when we need it. When we feel afraid, we can remember that we’re not alone. God is here to help us! When we remember that God is with us and remember how much God loves us, we can have confidence to **share God’s love with others.**”

3. Tell the World!

Application activity

Non-Reader Option

What You Need: blank paper (1 per child) and markers

What You Do:

- Set out the markers.
- Give each kid a piece of paper.
- Invite the kids to draw the world.
- *Option: Show them a picture of the Earth (or a globe) on your phone*
- Tell the kids to write: Share God’s love with others! on their papers.
***If the kids cannot spell, help them to write the phrase on their paper**
- Encourage them to hang this picture somewhere at home to remind them what God asks them to do.

What You Say:

“Jesus told His disciples to GO and share God’s love with others, making disciples of all nations. That’s a big job! We may never meet everyone across the whole world. But we can work together to **share God’s love with others!** If we can share God’s love with someone, and that person shares God’s love with another person, we can help share Jesus to the ends of the earth!”



4. Pray and Dismiss

What You Need: No supplies needed.

What You Do:

- Invite the kids to sit in a circle.
- Tell the kids that you are going to lead them in a CHAT with God.
- Share that you will start this week with the letter C, which stands for Confess.
- Invite the kids to spread out, find their own private spot to silently talk to God, and confess anything they might need forgiveness for.
- Close your group time in prayer.

What You Say:

“Today we’ll talk about the letter C which stands for ‘Confess to God.’ We can have confidence that God loves us, no matter what. There’s nothing too big for God and nothing we’ve done could ever make God love us less. God loves us and wants to help us live a life that shows others who Jesus is. When we truly believe that God loves us and is always with us, we can **share God’s love with others**, too! *(Close the group in prayer.)*”

“God, we know that we can come to You with anything going on in our lives. We can ask You to forgive us when we make a mistake, and we can ask You for confidence to make the wise choice. Today, we confess that there are things in our lives that we need forgiveness for and need help to make right. We know that You are always with us and ready to forgive us. We love You, and we pray these things in Jesus’ name. Amen.”