

CITY LG – June 24-26, 2023

Today's Bible Story: Jailbreak (An Angel Helps Peter Escape from Prison) • Acts 12:1-19

Today's Bottom Line: God is with you even when you feel stuck.

Monthly Memory Verse: *Faith is being sure of what we hope for. It is being sure of what we do not see.* Hebrews 11:1 (NirV)

WORSHIP

For Your Glory
He Has Won

SLIDE: Theme

OPENER

HOST: "Hi, everyone! It's great to see you. This month we are talking about faith. "What IS faith? Does anyone remember?"

SLIDE: Virtue

"Faith is trusting in what you can't see because of what you can see.

SLIDE: Theme

"When we put our faith in Jesus as our Savior, He can lead us to share His love here, there, and everywhere!"

SLIDE: Theme Background

We're back at it again as we keep moving through God's Big Story in the Bible. (*Hold up Bible.*)

"We're in the book of Acts, which is full of stories of the early church. God's Spirit helped the church grow, and many people heard the good news about Jesus. Things weren't always easy for the believers, though. Let's hear more about that in the Story Lab..."

Video: Bible Story

"When Peter was in prison, I'm sure he must have felt stuck. But God's people were praying for him. And God answered those prayers by rescuing Peter and setting him free!"

"Sometimes we can feel stuck, too. Maybe your little brother wants to play a game with you, and you know you should be kind and play with him, but if you're honest, you just don't want to. You just feel stuck. Maybe you've been trying all summer to learn to ride your bike with no training wheels, and you just can't get it! You feel stuck! Or you feel stuck because something is going on in your life that makes you feel worried or afraid."

"Well, I've got good news!"

ju“God is also with US in those times when WE feel stuck. We know that we’re never alone, even when we face tough challenges, because God is there to help us. Let’s check out our bottom line...

Video: Bottom Line
SLIDE: Bottom Line

Let’s say it together a few times, “**God is with you even when you feel stuck.**”
And let’s look at our June memory verse, Hebrews 11:1. This verse will help us remember what faith is all about.

SLIDE: Memory Verse

“Faith is being sure of what we hope for. It is being sure of what we do not see. (Hebrews 11:1, NIV)”

“Let’s pray and thank God for that amazing truth.”

SLIDE: Theme Background

PRAY

STORYTELLER: “Dear God, thank You for this great reminder that we can trust You no matter what. We can put our faith in You, even when we feel stuck, because You are always with us! You were with Peter in prison, and You’re here with us today. Help us remember to ask You for help when we need it and trust you always. We love You, and we pray these things in Jesus’ name. Amen.”

OFFERING:

All summer, our offering money will go to families in Kenya. They are experiencing a food shortage because of an on-going drought. And the food that is available costs a LOT of money! As you can see in these pictures, this is an area in Kenya called Turkana that is very rural and the people who live there do not have much money for food.

Turkana video #1

We are working with an organization called Missions of Hope. Our money will help them make food baskets to bring to families who live in Turkana. The food baskets will be such a blessing to the children and families in this community! If you have any offering you can bring it up now.

CG: Summer JAM Slide

“It’s almost time for Summer Jam! It’s coming up this Tuesday and we’re so excited to invite you to these 3 nights jam-packed with FUN and Adventure! TODAY IS THE LAST DAT TO SIGN UP AND GO TO THE BOOTH TO GET YOUR T-SHIRT! You won’t want to miss it. Tell whoever brought you that you need to visit the Summer Jam Tent after our time together.”

****AT YOUR COORDINATOR’S DIRECTION, YOU WILL EITHER DIVIDE INTO SMALL GROUPS OR DO ACTIVITIES TOGETHER.**