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Love

Jesus gives you the power to love, Week 1 | June 1-2

THE BIG PICTURE

When Jesus is your friend, He gives you the power to love.

KEY VERSE

“I can do everything by the power of Christ.”

Philippians 4:13

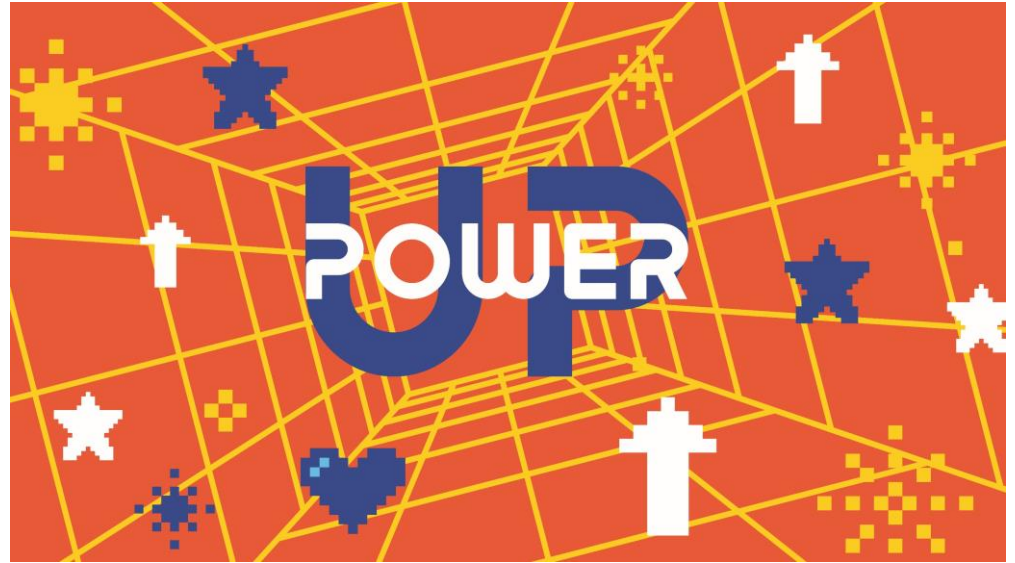
GOD STORY

Love

1 Corinthians; John 3:16; John 13:34

BOTTOM LINE

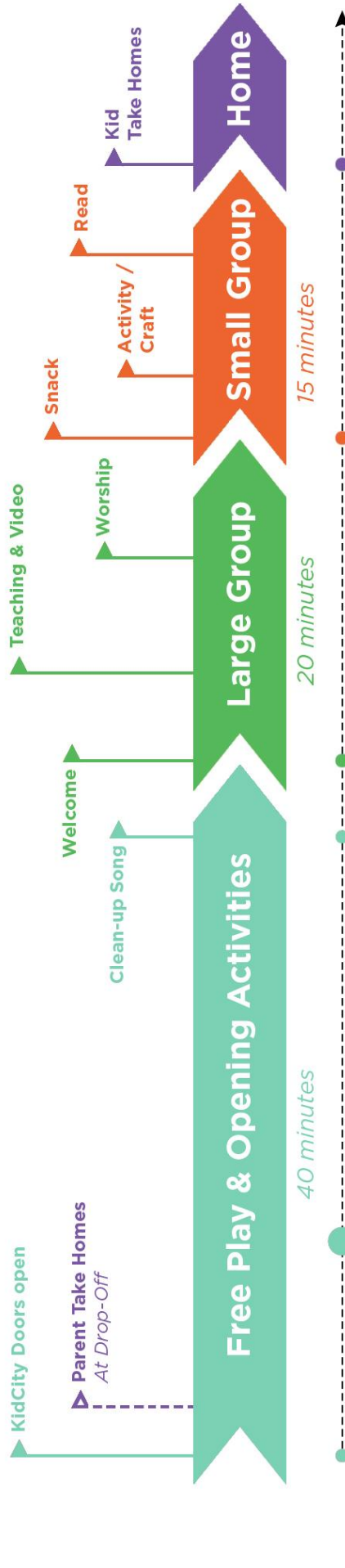
Jesus (point up) gives me (thumbs to chest) the power to do everything. (flex arms).



What you need:

- **OPENING ACTIVITIES** (Emotion Memory Match)
 - Emotion faces
- **APPLY** (Heart Pop)
 - “Hearts” and “Jesus” Activity Pages
 - Clear tape
 - Bubble wrap
 - Small chair
- **RELATE** (Memory Verse w/ Motions)
 - No supplies needed
- **TAKE HOME**
 - June Placemat

kid CITY **Preschool** 2-3s



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Sat PM	5:45	6:00	6:22	6:25	6:45	7:00
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Sun AM	11:00	11:15	11:37	11:40	12:00	12:15
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Opening Activity

Welcome the children to KidCity! **Don't forget to greet each child by name** (learn their name if you don't know it). This time sets the pace for how the rest of KidCity will go for each child.

OPENING ACTIVITIES

These are some fun ways for you to engage kids as they enter, making them feel safe by immersing themselves in play. For some, starting with an activity rather than a conversation is way less intimidating.

Emotion Memory Match

What You Need: Emotion faces

What You Do:

During the Activity: Gather the children around the table. Let them take turns drawing two cards to find two emotion faces that match. If they find a match, talk about the emotion depicted on the card. If they don't make a match, instruct the child to turn replace the cards and give another friend a turn. Repeat until all matches have been found. If time allows, reset the cards, and play again.

What You Say:

Before the Activity: "We're going to play a memory match game today! When it is your turn, I want you to turn over two cards to see if you can find two matching faces. Each face shows a different emotion."

After the Activity: (Turn all the cards face up so the children can see them.) "Sometimes we are happy or sad. Sometimes we are angry or scared. In our Bible story today, we'll hear about two friends named Paul and Silas. They had joy even though they were in a place where they could be really sad. Let's go find out why they could have joy!"

LARGE GROUP

Sit with your few during Large Group and help them participate. Model for them what they should do: sing and dance with them, encourage them to stay by (or on) your Small Group blanket, and respond to the HOST, STORYTELLER, and video to encourage your few to do the same.

For the details of Large Group, see the **2-3s LARGE GROUP** Lesson.



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APPLY

Heart Pop

Preschoolers will hop on bubble wrap hearts all the way to a Jesus picture taped on a chair.

What You Need:

- For the Group: “Hearts” and “Jesus” Activity Pages, Clear tape, Bubble wrap, Small chair
(cut pictures out ahead of time and tape to bubble wrap)

What You Do:

Before the Activity: Copy the Activity Pages onto the cardstock and cut on the dotted lines. You will need five hearts and one Jesus cutout. Tape the hearts onto the floor in a vertical pathway about six inches apart. Place the bubble wrap on top of the hearts, and tape them to the floor. Place the cone or chair at the end of the pathway. Tape the Jesus cutout to the cone or chair.

During the Activity: Encourage the children to hop on the bubble wrap and the hearts all the way to Jesus. Repeat several times.

What You Say:

Before the Activity: “Jesus wants to be our friend forever, and He gives us the power to love everyone.”

During the Activity: “We are going to hop on the hearts all the way to Jesus! Let’s POWER up and get hopping.” (Do activity.)

After the Activity: “Way to go! God loves us so much. God gave us Jesus to be our friend and to give us the power to love. **Who gives you the power to do everything? [Bottom Line] Jesus gives me the power to do everything!**”

RELATE

Memory Verse with Motions

Help children say the memory verse while modeling the motions.

What You Do:

Before the Activity: Say the memory verse and do the following motions in front of the children. **I can do** (both thumbs to chest) **everything** (spread arms wide) **by the power** (make arm muscles) **of Christ** (point both hands up), **Philippians 4:13.** (Open hands like a book.)

During the Activity: Say the verse again with the motions and invite the children to do it with you. Repeat several times.



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What You Say:

Before the Activity: "I am going to say our new memory verse today. Everyone watch me! **I can do** (both thumbs to chest) **everything** (spread arms wide) **by the power** (make arm muscles) **of Christ** (point both hands up), **Philippians 4:13.**" (Open hands like a book.)

TAKE HOME

- **For each Kid:**
 - June Placemat (Given out at drop-off)

Take a moment to share with parents about their children's experiences. Many parents will only hear about the morning from you.