



WEEK FOUR - JULY 2018 - SECOND/THIRD

Bible Story: *He Won't Back Down • Acts 4:1-22*

Bottom Line: *When Jesus is with you, you can face anything.*

Memory Verse: *"Being confident of this, that he who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus." - Philippians 1:6 NIV*

Life App: *Confidence - Living like you believe what God says is true.*

Basic Truth: *I can trust God no matter what.*

Summary: In Week Four, we head to Acts 4:1-22. Peter and John didn't care that they were arrested for talking to others about Jesus. They had so much confidence in Jesus, that they would keep talking about Jesus even if it meant dying for their death.

8:50-9:00 | 10:20-10:30 | 11:50-12:00 - EARLY ARRIVERS ACTIVITIES

1. Early Arriver Idea

Connect: an activity that invites kids to share with others & build on their understanding

What You Need: N/A

What You Do:

- Ask kids:
 - If you could have any superpower, what would it be?
 - Why would you choose that super power?
 - Who is your favorite superhero and what are their powers?

2. Take a Stand

Move: an activity that increases the oxygen in the brain & taps into the energy in the body

What You Need: N/A

What You Do:

- Instruct the kids to do each of the following balance moves and count how long they can hold each pose without putting their other foot down:
 - Stand on one foot
 - Stand on one foot tip-toed
 - Stand on one foot and grab the other foot in front
 - Stand on one foot, grab the other foot in back, and lean forward
- Let them try the same moves again while holding on to the wall, chair, or one another and count again how long they can stay up.

What You Say:

"It was way easier to 'take a stand' when you were holding on to something, wasn't it? I think some of you could have stayed like that all day if you could keep holding on! Some things are hard to do on our own. In fact, the Bible tells us that there are some things that God asks us to do that we won't be able to do without Him. [Transition] Let's go to Large Group and hear about two guys who faced something really hard, but they asked Jesus to help them, and He did."

Lead your group to the Large Group area.

9:10-9:45 | 10:40-11:15 | 12:10-12:45 - LARGE GROUP

OVERVIEW:

Bottom Line: *When Jesus is with you, you can face anything. "Through the power of the Holy Spirit, we don't have to fear anything that happens. God can give us the confidence to trust Him no matter what."*

9:45-10:05 | 11:15-11:35 | 12:45-1:05 SMALL GROUP

1. Stump the Crowd

[Bible Story Review]

Imagine: an activity that promotes empathy & facilitates biblical application through role-play

What You Need: "Stump the Crowd" Activity Pages; Bibles; pencils

What You Do:

- Split your group into two teams and let them create team names, if they choose.
- Ask teams to sit apart from each other, so they can't hear each other.
- Provide each team with a Bible, a pencil, and one page of the "Stump the Crowd" Activity Pages. (Make sure you give each team a different page.)
- Instruct them to look over the questions on the paper and begin creating their own questions to fill in numbers 4-8.

- Kids can look up Acts 4 to help generate ideas about possible questions.
- Explain that they will be asking their questions to other team, so the questions can be tough but shouldn't be super obscure or impossible to answer without looking in the Bible.
- When kids have finished writing their questions, guide them to take turns asking a question to the other team.
- During each turn, teams will choose someone to read their question to the opposite team.
- If the opposite team gets the question correct, they get to keep all of their team members.
- If they get the question incorrect, one person must move to the other team. (You may need to facilitate the choosing of the person who switches teams, so feelings don't get hurt. Use your best judgment based on what you know about your few!)
- The team with the most people at the end wins!

What You Say:

*"You all were coming up with some difficult review questions! Way to stump the other team. There were some times that Peter and John faced when they could have felt pretty stumped too. What would you have said to the religious leaders if they were questioning what you believed in? Would you have been nervous? (This may be a difficult question for kids to answer. Provide them with enough time to think and respond.) Peter and John chose to trust what they knew to be true. They knew that **[Bottom Line] when Jesus is with you, you can face anything.** We know that whoever we face or whatever we face, we can trust that we have what we need in Him!"*

2. Imitation Recitation

[Memory Verse Activity]

Play: an activity that encourages learning through following guidelines & working as a group

What You Need: Bible

What You Do:

- Hand the Bible to one of the children and ask them to open it up to where they think the memory verse, Philippians 1:6, is located. (They don't have to be exact, just close—in the New Testament and toward the back.)

- Read Philippians 1:6 aloud to the kids.
- Remind kids that the Bible contains many promises from God.
- Ask if they can tell you what the promise is in Philippians 1:6.
- As needed, help them put into words that God has a plan for everyone who follows Him and He promises to work out that plan for as long as they live.
- Practice the verse with a game of "Imitation Recitation" in which kids echo back short phrases of the verse as you say them.
- Tell them that you will look at one child at a time.
- That person must echo back the words you say and not blink until you look at someone else.
- The person you look at next will begin the echo while trying not to blink.
- Each time you start the verse over, change the way kids must focus. Instead of not blinking, have them:
 - Imitate the tone or pitch of your voice
 - Mirror your movement as you speak
 - Use the same facial expression (fish face, squinty eyes, wide eyes)
 - Follow a familiar tune such as "Happy Birthday"

What You Say:

"Great job staying focused! Philippians 1:6 is a promise from God to those who follow Him by doing the things He tells us to do. God has a plan for all those who love Him. That's pretty fantastic, isn't it? Let's say Philippians 1:6 one more time with as much excitement as we can. Ready? Follow me." (Lead kids by jumping up and down, clapping your hands, or other expressive actions.)

3. Pray and Dismiss

[Prayer Activity]

Reflect: an activity that creates space for personal understanding and application

What You Need: N/A

What You Do:

- Ask if anyone has anything big they are facing this week.
- Allow some time for kids to share and ask each kid who shares if the thing they're facing makes them excited, nervous, or neither.

What You Say:

*"God! We thank You for the awesome friends we have here who remind us how we can trust in You. I know many of us are facing different things in this upcoming week—some exciting, some that make us nervous. Help us to remember each other this week and to be praying for the situations we are facing ahead. Remind us of Your promise that **[Bottom Line]** when Jesus is with you, you can face anything. In Jesus' name, amen!"*