



## WEEK FIVE - JULY 2018 - SECOND/THIRD

**Bible Story:** *Something to Believe In • Romans 8:38-39*

**Bottom Line:** *Live like you believe what God says is true*

**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:** We finish the month with something Paul wrote in Romans 8:38-39. The church in Rome needed some encouragement and Paul delivered. He wrote "Nothing at all can ever separate us from God's love. That's because of what Christ Jesus our Lord has done." God's love gives us the confidence to face anything.

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

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## **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:
  - What's something you will never stop loving? (Provide examples such as sister, favorite toy, parents, dog.)
  - Why will you never stop loving them?

## **2. Crazy Fun Facts**

*Explore: an activity that extends learning through hands-on experimentation & discovery*

**What You Need:** N/A

**What You Do:**

- Read the list of crazy fun facts below.
- Encourage your kids to guess if the crazy fun fact you are reading is true or false.
  - Crazy Facts
    - A hippo's lips are about five feet wide. (False; they are two feet wide)
    - Some of the first soles of Nike shoes were made by pouring rubber into a waffle iron. (True)
    - To create the sound of Darth Vader's breathing, a sound designer breathed into a scuba mask. (True)
    - There is more vitamin C in strawberries than in oranges. (True)
    - You can compete in an underwater mountain bike race in Sydney, Australia. (False; but there is one in North Carolina)

- Bloodhounds can follow a scent that is one week old. (False; they can follow a scent that is 4 days old)
- The first microwave oven was almost as tall as a refrigerator. (True)
- Ketchup was originally sold as medicine. (True)
- Popsicles were invented by a 10 year old. (False; an 11 year old)
- If grasshoppers were the size of people, they could leap the length of a football field. (False; they could leap the length of a basketball court)

**What You Say:**

*"Some of those facts were so crazy, I didn't know if I even believed them. Which fact did you think was the craziest? (Allow kids to answer while also sharing what you found the most interesting.) [Transition] Today in Large Group, we are going to learn about something else that's crazy awesome that we can always believe to be true!"*

Lead your group to the Large Group area.

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

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**OVERVIEW:**

*Bottom Line: Live like you believe what God says is true. "God's word is filled with His promises. When we believe them, we can live with confidence that God will be true to those promises and help us through whatever comes our way."*

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

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**1. Sticky Love**

**[Application Activity]**

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

**What You Need:** Red Balloons; masking tape; markers

### What You Do:

- Divide your group into teams of three.
- Use tape to create a starting line and a finish line about 15 feet apart on your floor.
- Provide each team with a red balloon, masking tape, and markers.
- As a team, they must think of 10 ways God loves them.
- They will rip off pieces of masking tape, place them on their balloon, and write each idea on the tape.
- When they have 10 ideas taped onto their balloon, they must carry it from the starting line to the finish line.
- The twist is that they will carry the balloon using only their backs!
- Use one of the teams to demonstrate how they will do this.
  - Instruct the team of three to sit down back to back, place the balloon in between their backs, link arms, and then attempt to stand up.
- The first team with their ideas completed and balloon across the finish line wins!

### What You Say:

*"I wish I had a camera to capture how funny that challenge was! Just like you linked arms and stuck by each other in the game, God always sticks by you. In fact, you can never get separated from the love He has for you. Knowing God will stick by me no matter what makes me want everyone to know this kind of love. **[Make It Personal]** (Share a personal story of a time you told others of God's love and lived like you believe what God says is true.) One of the ways I like to live out my faith is by telling people of His love. How do you think you can live like you believe what God says is true? (This will be a challenging question for your few. Help them get their brain juices flowing by prompting them with questions like, 'How could you live like this at school? The park? At home?' Allow time for kids to think and answer. Provide some help if they can't seem to get ideas flowing.) Those were all fantastic examples! This week, remember to be thankful for God's amazing love and **[Bottom Line]** live like you believe what God says is true."*

## 2. 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 kids to press both hands together in a prayer posture. Then lead them in a Five-Finger Prayer using each finger as a guide.
- Keep each prayer brief—just a sentence or two—and invite others to pray out loud if they are willing.

**What You Say:**

*"One of the best ways to [Bottom Line] live like you believe what God says is true is to talk to God every day. Let's use our hands to remind us of things we can pray about.*

*"Look at your thumb. Sometimes we give a thumb's-up to say, 'Great job,' or 'Thank you!' Let's tell God thank you. (Lead kids in a thank-you prayer for God's love and care.)*

*"Look at your first finger. We use that finger to point at things. Point to the person on your left and say, Bottom Line] 'Live like you believe what God says is true!' (Pause.) Now let's pray for him or her. (Lead kids in asking God to help the person on their left to love and follow God.)*

*"Look at your middle finger. It's the tallest or biggest finger on your hand. Since God is bigger and stronger than anything, let's tell Him we love Him. (Lead kids in unison, 'We love You, God!')*

*"Look at your next finger. It's often called a 'ring finger.' People who are married wear a wedding ring on that finger to remind them of the promise they made to love one another. God always keeps His promises. Let's tell God that we believe His promises are true. (Name some of God's promises as you pray, 'God, we believe You love us no matter what. You're always with us. You have a plan for us.')*

*"Look at your pinky finger. It's the smallest finger on your hand but it's still very important. You are small, too, but you're still very important, and God has a plan for each of you. I'm going to pray for YOU." (Speak each child's name then pray an all-inclusive prayer for the entire group to know, love, obey, and trust God more and more as they grow up.)*