



WEEK FOUR - JULY 2018 - PRETEEN (456)

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

Key Question: *How can you face challenges knowing Jesus is with you?*

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 faith.

8:50-9:00 | 10:20-10:30 | 11:50-12:00 - FREE PLAY

9:00-9:10 | 10:30-10:40 | 12:00-12:10 - PRESERVICE ACTIVITY

1. Just for Fun

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

What You Need: Bandana

What You Do:

- Form a circle with the group.
- Ask for one volunteer to stand in the center of the circle.
- Blindfold the volunteer.
- Spin the volunteer in circles and instruct the circle of kids to rotate in one direction as well.
- When you stop spinning the volunteer, everyone stops moving.
- Ask the volunteer to say an animal and the kid directly across from (facing) the volunteer must make the animal sound.
- Ask the volunteer to guess who he is facing.
- Repeat allowing other kids an opportunity to be in the center and guess whom they are facing.

Lead your group to the Large Group area.

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

OVERVIEW:

Key Question: *How can you face challenges knowing Jesus is with you?. All kids face something they consider challenging. From learning a new skill to playing in a big game to dealing with an illness or a relationship that's falling apart, kids struggle to understand how they will make it through whatever they are facing. We hope through this question, preteens will start thinking about specific ways their relationship with Jesus can impact how they face challenges in their life.*

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

1. Verses to Take With You

[Bible Story Review]

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

What You Need: Bible

What You Do:

- Using a Bible App or a concordance, instruct kids to find verses that correspond to the "powers" below
 - Determination/courage
 - Wisdom
 - Self-control
 - Non-physical strength
 - Patience
 - Confidence
- If kids are struggling using a Bible App or concordance, encourage the group to help each other. Be prepared to show kids how to find verses as well.
- Share and discuss the verses kids find.
- Encourage the group to write the verses down on a piece of paper
- Examples of potential verses could include:
 - Determination/Courage - Acts 4:13, Joshua 1:9
 - Non-physical Strength - Colossians 1:11, Philippians 4:13

- Confidence - Hebrews 13:6, 2 Corinthians 3:4-5
- Self-Control - Galatians 5:22
- Patience - Ephesians 4:2
- Wisdom - James 1:5, Ephesians 1:17

2. Discussion Questions

[Application Activity]

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

What You Need: N/A

What You Do:

- Ask:
 - When is it hard to be confident? How can you get yourself ready to face challenges?
 - Peter and John had confidence knowing Jesus was with them. How can knowing Jesus is with you help you face challenges and give you confidence?
 - Can you think of a time you responded to a situation knowing that the Spirit was helping you? What was it? Maybe you had something to say and you decided to hold your tongue. Or you were tired of waiting for your friend to text you back and instead of getting mad you patiently waited. Or there was a lot of drama among your friends but you had the confidence and self-control to not get involved.
 - **[Make it Personal] Share a story that fits the above description. Most of the time, kids this age will need a concrete example to be able to bring to mind a story about when something similar happened to them.**

3. Make It Personal with Prayer

[Prayer Activity]

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

What You Need: Index cards

What You Do:

- Challenge kids to identify a supernatural power they may need this week.
 - Or simply have them write the power on an index card with one of the verses that resonates with them from the "Verses to Take with You" Activity.

- Determination/courage
 - Wisdom
 - Self-control
 - Non-physical strength
 - Patience
 - Confidence
- Close in prayer by:
 - Thanking Jesus for being Who He is and rescuing us.
 - Thanking Jesus for always being with us and giving us power through His Holy Spirit.
 - Asking Jesus to show us opportunities to use His power to face any challenge we may encounter this week.