



WEEK FIVE - JULY 2018 - PRETEEN (456)

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

Key Question: *How would you live if you believed what God says is true?*

Memory Verse: *"Being confident of this, that he who began a good work in your 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. God's love gives us the confidence to face anything.

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: Pennies

What You Do:

- Ask kids to put their hands together so that their fingertips and palms are touching.
- Ask kids to lower the rest of their fingers while keeping their ring fingers straight so that their hands are clasped together.
- Place a penny between the kids' ring fingers.
- While they keep their hands clasped, ask kids to separate their ring fingers and drop the penny.
- Ask: Can you do it? If not, why? (As kids try to drop the pennies, their pinky fingers will want to straighten to drop the penny.)

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 would you live if you believe what God says is true?. We close out the summer with this important question. We want kids to realize that what they have learned about*

confidence can impact how they live their life. We hope they catch a vision for what their life could be if they put their trust in Jesus.

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

1. 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:
 - Have you ever felt like God was far away or not listening to you?
 - God promises He will never leave us, but what can you do when you just don't feel like He's near?
 - How can knowing God is with you change how you live? Has following God or knowing what He says ever changed or influenced something you did?
 - What does it mean to live with confidence in God?
 - What does it look like to live like you believe what God says is true? How can you respond when things don't go your way, even when you're doing your best to follow God?

2. Make It Personal with Prayer

[Prayer Activity]

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

What You Need: N/A

What You Do:

- Review what your group has learned this summer about confidence.

- Below is a list of Bible stories and key questions to help prompt the conversation:
 - Jesus is the Cornerstone * Why does Jesus matter?
 - Gideon * How could God use you?
 - Samson * What happens when you trust yourself more than God?
 - Elijah and the Prophets of Baal * How would you live if you believed God could do the impossible?
 - Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego * What does it mean to trust God?
 - Philip and Nathaniel * Who encourages you to trust God?
 - Peter Walks on Water * What distracts you from focusing on Jesus?
 - Peter and John Before the Sanhedrin * How can you face challenges knowing Jesus is with you?
 - Nothing Can Separate Us from God's Love * How would you live if you believed what God says is true?
- Pair kids up.
- Encourage kids to discuss what they learned this summer. What was encouraging? Was there a story they hadn't heard before? What did they learn about having confidence and living like they believe what God says is true?
- Encourage kids to pray for each other asking God for help to live with confidence.