



WEEK ONE - JULY 2018

Bible Story: *These Guys Aren't on Fire • Daniel 3*

Bottom Line: *Trust that God is always 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.*

9:00-9:10 | 10:30-10:44 - KIDS ARRIVE

Team Welcomes Kids *(Providing Time for Fun Interactions)*

Summary: In July, we continue our discovery of confidence with an incredible example found in Daniel 3. Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego found their faith put to the test when they chose to obey God rather than bow

"Not only has God been faithful to Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego, but also God has proven his faithfulness to all sorts of people throughout history. We can live with confidence knowing that God will be with us in every situation we face.

9:10-9:35 | 10:40-11:05 - LARGE GROUP

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Jesus loves [child's name]"
shout out the name

1. Freeze Dance

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

What You Need: Music from "Elementary" playlist

What You Do:

- Review some of the silly dance moves from Early Arriver or ask

kids to come up with other fun ways to dance.

- Give the dance moves a fun name.
- Explain that you will play music and call out one of the silly dance steps they came up with.
- Tell them to keep dancing until they hear the music stop. Then they must freeze and be perfectly silent until the music begins again.
- After each pause, call out a different dance step before starting the music.
- If desired, play an elimination game. Ask those who move or make a sound during the freeze to sit down.

What You Say:

"I love how you dance! You're great 'Freeze Dancers' and have some very cool moves. You were good listeners too! You listened for the music just the way I asked you to do."

***Bible Story - INTRO, Story, OUTRO Videos (whatever works best for your few)
Worship SONGS***

9:35-10:05 | 11:05-11:35 - SMALL GROUP

GROUPS

(Creating a Safe Place to Connect)

1. Draw by Faith

[Application Activity]

Create: an activity that explores spiritual ideas through the process of drawing/building/designing

What You Need: "Draw by Faith" cards from Activity Page; markers; large index cards

What You Do:

- Pair the kids up with a partner.
- Give one partner a large index card and a marker and ask them to sit down on the floor.
- Explain that you will show the other partner a "Draw by Faith" card that contains a picture.
- Without speaking, the children who viewed the picture will sit behind their partners. Then, using their finger as a pen, they must draw on the backs of their partners what they saw on the "Draw by Faith" card.
- Tell the partners with the markers and index cards to draw what they think is being traced on their backs.
- Give partners one minute to complete the challenge. Kids should not speak except to ask their partner to redraw the image on their back.
- When the time is up, let kids show one another their pictures and then compare them with the one from the "Draw by Faith" card.
- Talk about what's happening in the picture. Ask kids to share why they would need to trust that God is with them if they were in that situation.
- Let partners switch roles and play again with a new "Draw by Faith" card until all the cards have been used and each picture discussed.

- Here are suggested discussion points to focus on with each picture:
 - Lightning Bolt - fear of storms
 - Sad Face - when we are sad
 - Band-Aid - if we get hurt or sick
 - Roller Coaster - trying something new
 - Stick Figure - standing up and doing what's right even when others don't
 - House - being home alone; fear of the dark

What You Say:

"Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego faced something very big, very hard, and very scary! You won't ever face a fiery furnace, but you will face situations that may feel just as scary and impossible. Everyone feels afraid sometimes. When you start to feel worried, sad, or afraid, that's a signal to stop and talk to God. [Bottom Line] Trust that God is always with you. He's even closer than your friend who was drawing on your back. You couldn't see him/her, but you knew he/she was there. You can't see God, but you can know that He's with you. He's bigger than any problem or fear and even closer than the person sitting next to you. Call on Him anytime, anywhere, and He will hear you."

3. Pray and Dismiss

[Prayer Activity]

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

What You Need: Glow Stick

What You Do:

- Sit in a circle and hand the glow stick to one of the kids.
- Pray a simple prayer like the one below.
- When finished, ask the child holding the glow stick to hand it to someone else. Repeat the Bottom Line and prayer for that child.
- Continue until everyone has been prayed for.

What You Say:

"Dear God, help [child's name] to be confident that You are with him this week when he (fill in with something that pertains to the child you're praying for). In Jesus' name, amen."

As adults arrive to pick up, invite the kids to tell what happened to three men in the Bible who didn't bow down to the gold statue.