



WEEK FOUR - JULY 2018

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.*

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

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

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.

"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."

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

"Je-sus loves me.

2 lap pats – 2 claps

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Jesus loves [child's name]"

shout out the name

1. Early Arriver Idea

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

What You Need: "Hidden Faces" Activity Page

What You Do:

- Invite kids to talk about their week.
- Point to one of the "Hidden Faces" and let kids describe how they think someone feels when they have that look on their face.
- Ask if anyone felt happy (or whatever facial expression you're pointing at) this week and then invite them to tell about it.
- Continue in the same way by pointing to other expressions and letting kids tell you about a time they felt that way.

**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)

2. Always With Me

[Application Activity]

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

What You Need: "Always with Me" Activity Pages; music; large die

What You Do:

- Show kids where you have placed the Activity Page pictures on the wall or floor.
- Tell them to dance around the room as you play music.
- At random times, stop the music and direct the kids to quickly run to a picture and stand by it.
- Roll the die.
- Tell the kids standing under the picture that has a die with the same number to shout: [Bottom Line] "When Jesus is with you, you can face anything."
- Remove this picture and continue the game. (Note: If you roll a number that has already been eliminated, roll again.)
- Each time you remove a picture, invite the kids standing near it to take a closer look at it.
- Ask them to share reasons why the situation in the picture might be hard for someone.
- Remind them that no matter what we go through, Jesus will help us.
- Ask those who have had an experience like the one in the picture to tell how God helped them in that situation.
- With each new round, have the kids move around the room in different ways such as on tiptoe, leapfrog, hop on one foot, walk backward, and so forth.

What You Say:

"You don't have to fear anything that happens in your life. God can give you the confidence to trust Him no matter what. [Bottom Line] When Jesus is with you, you can face anything."

3. Pray and Dismiss**[Prayer Activity]**

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

What You Need: "Hidden Faces" activity pages

What You Do:

- Bring out the "Hidden Faces" pages from earlier
- Lead willing volunteers in echoing the following prayer and filling in the blanks.
- Ask them to hold up their picture (or "Hidden Faces" card) and say, "Dear God, when we feel (the facial expression on their picture or card) help us remember that You are with us. Amen."

What You Say:

"God loves it when we pray and ask Him for help. He is always there, listening and waiting for us to talk to Him. Isn't it amazing to know that we're never ever alone? When we are happy, Jesus is there. When we are sad, Jesus is there. When we are scared, confused, angry . . . guess what. Jesus is there. And the reason that's so great is because [Bottom Line] when Jesus is with you, you can face anything."