



WEEK FIVE - JULY 2018

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.*

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

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

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.

"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."

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: Paper; markers

What You Do:

- Ask kids to help you make a list of things that are sticky.

- Interact as a group by prompting kids to tell stories behind the sticky things they mention.
- For example, if they mention chewing gum, ask if they have ever gotten gum stuck to the bottom of their shoe or in their hair. What did they do?

What You Say:

"Some things are sticky and some things are not. Sticky isn't always a bad or yucky thing. Sometimes it's the best thing ever! [Transition] Let's go to Large Group and learn about something that's the best kind of sticky there is because it never goes away."

**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. Can't Separate It

[Application Activity]

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

What You Need: Play-Doh

What You Do:

- Tell kids to partner up.
- Give each kid some Play-Doh. Each kid should have a different color than his partner.
- Ask one partner to shape his dough into a heart to represent God's love for us.
- Tell the other partner to shape his dough into a smiley face to represent a person.
- Invite partners to squish their Play-Doh shapes together, mixing the two colors.
- Divide the mixed dough and let each partner take half. Then challenge them to try and separate their portion back into the original separate colors, which will be impossible.
- After a few minutes have kids place their dough back into the container or bag.
- Tell them to take their dough home as a reminder that, like the mixture of colors, they can never be separated from God's love.

What You Say:

"It is completely impossible to separate the two colors of dough once they're mixed together. It's even harder for us to be separated from God's love. In fact, it's absolutely, positively, beyond-a-doubt impossible. God promises that absolutely nothing can take His love away from you. [Bottom Line] Live like you believe what God says is true by saying thank you to God for His great love. Ready? Thank you, God, for Your love!"

3. 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.)