



## WEEK FOUR - JULY 2018 - KINDERGARTEN/FIRST

**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.*

**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.

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**8:50-9:00 | 10:20-10:30 | 11:50-12:00 - EARLY ARRIVERS ACTIVITIES**

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### **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.

### **2. Take a Stand**

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

**What You Need:** N/A

**What You Do:**

- Instruct the kids to do each of the following balance moves and count how long they can hold each pose without putting their other foot down:
  - Stand on one foot
  - Stand on one foot tip-toed
  - Stand on one foot and grab the other foot in front
  - Stand on one foot, grab the other foot in back, and lean forward
- Let them try the same moves again while holding on to the wall, chair, or one another and count again how long they can stay up.

**What You Say:**

*"It was way easier to 'take a stand' when you were holding on to something, wasn't it? I think some of you could have stayed like that all day if you could keep holding on! Some things are hard to do on our own. In fact, the Bible tells us that there are some things that God asks us to do that we won't be able to do without Him. [Transition] Let's go to Large Group and hear about two guys who faced something really hard, but they asked Jesus to help them, and He did."*

Lead your group to the Large Group area.

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

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**OVERVIEW:**

**Bottom Line:** *When Jesus is with you, you can face anything. "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."*

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

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**1. 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."*

**2. Imitation Recitation**

**[Memory Verse Activity]**

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

**What You Need:** Bible

**What You Do:**

- Hand the Bible to one of the children and ask them to open it up to where they think the memory verse, Philippians 1:6, is located. (They don't have to be exact, just close—in the New Testament and toward the back.)
- Read Philippians 1:6 aloud to the kids.
- Remind kids that the Bible contains many promises from God.
- Ask if they can tell you what the promise is in Philippians 1:6.
- As needed, help them put into words that God has a plan for everyone who follows Him and He promises to work out that plan for as long as they live.

- Practice the verse with a game of "Imitation Recitation" in which kids echo back short phrases of the verse as you say them.
- Tell them that you will look at one child at a time.
- That person must echo back the words you say and not blink until you look at someone else.
- The person you look at next will begin the echo while trying not to blink.
- Each time you start the verse over, change the way kids must focus. Instead of not blinking, have them:
  - Imitate the tone or pitch of your voice
  - Mirror your movement as you speak
  - Use the same facial expression (fish face, squinty eyes, wide eyes)
  - Follow a familiar tune such as "Happy Birthday"

**What You Say:**

*"Great job staying focused! Philippians 1:6 is a promise from God to those who follow Him by doing the things He tells us to do. God has a plan for all those who love Him. That's pretty fantastic, isn't it? Let's say Philippians 1:6 one more time with as much excitement as we can. Ready? Follow me." (Lead kids by jumping up and down, clapping your hands, or other expressive actions.)*

**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."*