



WEEK FOUR – APRIL 2020 – PRETEEN

Bible Story: *Send Me on My Way • Matthew 28:16-20; Luke 24:50-53; Acts 1:1-11*

Key Question: *What seems impossible to you?*

Memory Verse: *“Let us not become tired of doing good. At the right time we will gather a crop if we don’t give up.” Galatians 6:9 (NirV)*

Life App: *Determination—Deciding it’s worth it to finish what you started*

Basic Truth: *I can trust God no matter what*

Summary: We start off the month in Matthew 28:16–20, Luke 24:50–53, and Acts 1:1–11 as we help kids discover more about the final moments of Jesus’ life on earth. Before He went back to His Father, Jesus gave His disciples a huge mission: tell the world about Him. The message of Jesus was for everyone, and it was their job to get the word out.

OPENING DISCUSSION

1. Icebreakers / Zoom SetUp

What to ask:

- 2 people share: What has been the best thing you have done this week?
- 2 people share: What's one thing you miss being able to do right now?
- Leader share: What is one thing you look forward to during this Zoom call?
- Fun Activity
 - Challenge kids to come up with ways to “be upside-down.”
 - This could be upside down on a chair, doing a headstand, doing a handstand with a friend holding their feet, leaning over a table . . .
 - Any method goes, as long as they can stay safe while doing it!
 - Let kids have a few minutes to practice their methods of being upside down, then let everyone take turns showing off their methods.
 - Lead the group to vote on which method was the most creative, funniest, weirdest, etc. (Enlist kids' help in coming up with categories, too!)
 - The only rule with voting is that kids can't vote for their own methods.

What to expect:

- Leader: Set healthy standards for what this group time will look like, how much time you'll spend just catching up, and how much time you'll be engaged with the discussion questions -- NOTE: you want to prompt them to watch the weekend message BEFORE this call so they understand what is being talked about.

Recap the Weekend:

- Leader: Recap the story
- ***Consider having one of your the kids retell the story, then you can fill in the gaps

WEEKLY OVERVIEW

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Bottom Line: *What seems impossible to you? What seems impossible is often in the eye of the beholder. Preteens face all sorts of things throughout their week that feel impossible to them, from homework to extracurricular activities to something happening in their home life. As preteens start to identify what seems impossible to them, we pray they'll also discover how they can trust God, keep going, and finish what they start.*

SMALL GROUP

1. Discussion Questions

[Application Activity]

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

What You Need: N/A

What You Do:

- Ask:
 - Jesus gave the disciples a big job, to tell others about Him. The disciples were probably intimidated by the enormous calling ahead of them. Can you think of a time you thought, “I can never do that!,” and then ended up doing it?
Encourage kids to share examples.
 - What can we do when we are faced with something we think is impossible and we don’t even know where to start? [Make it Personal] (Be prepared to share a time you faced something you thought was impossible. What did you do to show determination?)
 - We know about Jesus because the disciples showed determination. What are ways we can show determination, like the disciples, and let others know about Jesus? Can you think of times you have told others about Jesus? (If interest, allow time for kids to share examples.)
 - Are there times when talking to others about Jesus seems impossible?
Encourage kids to give examples.