



WEEK THREE – MAY 2020 – K3

Bible Story: *Spirit Thing (The Holy Spirit Comes at Pentecost) • Acts 2:1-41*

Bottom Line: *God gives you what you need to keep going.*

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: In Acts 3:1–4:21, we see that Jesus’ mission isn’t going to be that easy. Peter healed someone in the name of Jesus and caused quite a stir. Peter and John used this moment to share the message of Jesus. Soon though, the religious leaders arrested them and had them stand trial. Peter and John showed determination. They made it clear that no matter what happened to them, they would continue sharing Jesus with others.

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?
- Here are some good questions to ask as well:
 - Would you rather have a lifetime supply of ice cream or a lifetime supply of pizza?
 - If you could travel anywhere, where would you go?
 - What's your favorite animal?
 - Describe your room at home.
 - What's the best gift you've ever been given?
 - What's the best gift you've ever given to someone else?
 - What would you like to do when you grow up?
 - What is your middle name?
 - What did you most recently watch on a screen (TV, computer, phone, etc.)?

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: *Keep going even when it gets tough.* Even when we follow Jesus, we're not promised an easy life. We are promised that God will be with us. Just because a situation we face is difficult, doesn't mean it's time to give up. We pray that kids will learn to lean into the power of God to find the determination they need to keep going.

SMALL GROUP

1. Story Recap

[Bible Story Review]

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

What You Need: N/A

What You Do:

- Recap the Bible story using the questions below.
 - Who did Peter and John run into when they approached the temple? (A man lying on a mat)
 - Why was the man lying on a mat? (He wasn't able to walk)
 - What did Peter say they could do for the man? (Heal him by the power of the Holy Spirit)
 - What happened to the man? (He was healed and was able to walk)
 - How did the man respond once he was healed? (He started walking and leaping and praising God!)
 - How did the religious leaders respond because of the man's healing? (They did not like it)
 - What happened to Peter and John? (They were arrested)
 - What did the religious leaders ask Peter and John not to do? (Speak about Jesus)
 - Did Peter and John stop talking about Jesus? (No)

What You Say:

"I can tell you all were really paying attention to today's story! Peter and John were faced with challenging people and really tough situations, but the Holy Spirit helped them [Bottom Line] keep going even when it gets tough. How do you think they felt when they got arrested? (Allow time for responses.) What about when they were ordered not to preach in Jesus' name, but they did it anyway? Do you think Peter and John were scared or nervous that they'd get in trouble?"

But what kept them going? (Allow for a few responses and discussion.) Don't ever forget that God sent us a Helper that we can call on to help us when we want to quit and give up."