



WEEK FOUR – MAY 2020 – K3

Bible Story: *Keep Holding On (Stephen) • Acts 6:1–7:60*

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 6:8 7:60, we find a somber moment in the life in the early church. Stephen, a church leader, was arrested and put on trial for teaching about Jesus. Even as he was being stoned to death, Stephen showed determination. He boldly shared how Jesus was the Savior God promised from the beginning. Stephen was willing to die for his faith because he believed that Jesus was truly the Son of God.

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 because God knows the end of the story. When it comes down to it, most of our fear comes from being unsure of what will happen next. It's all too easy to go to the worst-case scenario in the situations we face. Thankfully, no matter what difficulties we may face in life, we can trust that God will help us face them. God can give us the strength and courage we need to get through every moment.*

SMALL GROUP

1. In the Know

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

What You Need: Timer or Stopwatch

What You Do:

- Divide your group into two teams to play charades.
- Choose one team to go first.
- The first team will choose a teammate to act out the secret word. (Remind kids that there's no talking and no sound effects in charades!)
- Whisper a charades word into the first kid's ear and start the timer for 60 seconds.
- That player's team will attempt to guess what their teammate is acting out. If they don't get it right in 60 seconds, the other team gets a chance to guess!
- Regardless of which team wins the round, it's the next team's turn to choose someone to act out a clue while they guess.
- Rotate actors so that everyone has a chance to act out a clue.
 - Sample charades words: (feel free to come up with some of your own)
 - Dog
 - Fireman
 - Surfer
 - Football coach
 - Soccer player
 - Teacher
 - Fish
 - Shark
 - Figure skater
 - Mail carrier

What You Say:

"I love a good game of charades! You all did a great job of telling a story with no words so your friends could figure out what you were. What do you think was the easiest to guess? (Allow time for responses.) What do you think was the hardest to guess? (Allow time for responses.) [Transition] Today in Large Group, we learned about someone who knew a lot of different stories. I guess that means He would be a really great charades contestant!"

2. Prayer

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

What You Need: N/A

What You Do:

- Help kids get into pairs.
- Ask them to think about something they need prayer for, like determination to finish the school year strong or prayer for a family member who's sick.
- Give kids a couple minutes to share their prayer requests with their partner.
- Then close out by praying over your group.

What You Say:

“God, even though we don’t have the full picture of every life event, we are grateful to serve a God who always has a plan. No matter what is happening, we can be comforted knowing that You have a plan and You know the end of the story. When we’re scared or frustrated, remind us that we can [Bottom Line] keep going because God knows the end of the story.”