



WEEK FIVE – MAY 2020 – PRETEEN

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

Key Question: *When were you scared but kept 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: We end the month in Acts 8:26–40, and discover a Jesus follower named Philip. An angel told Philip to travel toward the desert. On the way, Philip met an Ethiopian official who was reading the Jewish Scriptures. He had questions and asked Philip. Philip answered the man’s question and pointed him to Jesus. The official put his faith in Jesus and was baptized.

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 questions do you have? We want church to be one of the safest places for kids to ask questions about their faith. We pray this question will spark great conversations in Small Group. When you realize that everyone has questions about faith, you feel safer to ask your own.*

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:
 - Why is it important to ask questions?
 - What happens if we don't understand and we don't ask questions?
 - When is it hard to ask questions?
 - Are there questions that have no answers? Encourage kids to think of examples.