



## WEEK ONE – JUNE 2020 – K3

**Bible Story:** *I'm a Believer (Faith Is . . .)* • Hebrews 11:1-12:3

**Bottom Line:** *You can know Jesus even though you've never seen Him.*

**Memory Verse:** *"Faith is being sure of what we hope for. It is being sure of what we do not see." Hebrews 11:1 (NIRV)*

**Life App:** *Faith—Trusting in what you can't see because of what you can see*

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

**Summary:** We start off the month in Hebrews 11:1–12:3 where the author recounts the ways heroes from the past looked forward in faith towards Jesus. They trusted God even though they didn't have all the answers or know exactly how God was leading.

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## OPENING DISCUSSION

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### 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?
- Ask kids to share things they trust will happen every day, every week, and every year.
- Some suggestions might be:
  - The sun will come up.
  - It will get dark.
  - The school bus will come.
  - My mom will hug me.
  - My coach will give me a high-five.
  - I will get a year older.
  - I will use the bathroom.
- As they name more and more events, challenge them to keep going without repeating anything that was previously mentioned.

#### 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

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## WEEKLY OVERVIEW

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**Bottom Line:** *You can know Jesus even though you've never seen Him. As the Old Testament heroes looked forward in faith, we look backwards in faith. We can believe in Jesus because of what we see around us and learn from the experience of God's faithfulness throughout history. We hope that kids will start to understand the faith they can have in Jesus.*

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## SMALL GROUP

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### 1. You Can Know

#### [Bible Story Review]

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

**What You Need:** Pillowcase with a toy or stuffed animal inside

#### **What You Do:**

- Help kids understand in a concrete way that even though they can't see Jesus, they can know that He's real!
- Ask: "Do you think that you can tell what's inside this pillowcase without seeing it? (Pause.) How?" (They can feel it and guess what it is.)
- One at a time, invite kids to guess the object through the pillowcase.
- Ask them to tell whether they think the object is hard or soft; what shape it is; or what kind of stuffed animal or toy it is.
- Add fun by asking kids to vote about the object in active ways. (If you think it's soft, wiggle your nose. If you think it's hard, stomp your feet. If you think it's a stuffed animal, jump up and down. If you think it's a stuffed dog, wag your "tail" etc.)
- Next, invite a volunteer to look inside the pillowcase.
- Guide the volunteer to tell the group more about the item: what color it is; what kind of stuffed animal or toy it is; and any other details she can describe.
  - Like, it's a stuffed bunny with a red baseball cap and white tennis shoes.
  - Or, the bunny is brown and white, and it has a pink nose.
- If time allows, repeat the activity with another animal or toy. Choose a different volunteer.

#### **What You Say:**

*"So, what's in my pillowcase? (Pause.) How do you know? (Invite answers.) (Pull out the item for kids to see.) So, even though you couldn't see what was inside the pillowcase, you knew what was inside! You felt that it was a (stuffed animal) and that it had (something on its head or on its feet). Then, [kid's name] told you about it, and you knew for certain what it was.*

*"You know what? The same thing can be true about us and Jesus. Can you see Jesus? No, you can't see Jesus, but [Bottom Line] you can know Jesus even though you've never seen Him. You can know Him because you can see and hear how He's worked in others' lives.*

*"It's like the writer of Hebrews tells us: Faith is being sure of what we hope for. It is being sure of what we do not see (Hebrews 11:1, NIV). So, remember, [Bottom Line] you can know Jesus even though you've never seen Him."*