



WEEK ONE – JUNE 2020 – PRETEEN

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

Key Question: *What are things you believe that you can't see?*

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.

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?

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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Key Question: *What are things you believe that you can't see? Faith can be abstract for kids who still think pretty concretely about life. But we believe all sorts of things are true even though we can't see or know for sure. From the chairs we use to the love our mom gives us, we choose to believe every day. We pray that kids will start to see how they can believe in Jesus too!*

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:
 - If we can't see Jesus, how do we know He's real?
 - What would you tell someone who doesn't believe God or Jesus exists?
 - What do we see around us that helps us know God is real?
 - When you have doubts about your faith, who can you talk to?
 - What if you haven't figured out what you believe or what kind of faith you have? Is that okay? What can you do to start or continue figuring that out?