



WEEK TWO – JUNE 2020 – PRETEEN

Bible Story: *Suddenly, I See (Paul Becomes a Believer) • Acts 9:1-9*

Key Question: *What are you afraid of?*

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: In Acts 9:10–31, we see what happens after Jesus meets Paul on the road to Damascus. God came to Ananias, a follower of Jesus living in Damascus. Ananias knew Paul’s reputation, but he trusted that God would take care of him. He might have been scared, but he trusted that Jesus could change anyone, including a man like Paul. He even helped Paul escape Damascus when some of the religious leaders plotted to kill Paul.

OPENING DISCUSSION

1. Get Your Head in the Game

What You Need: Pens, “Phreaky Phobias and Phears” Activity Page

What to ask:

- Give kids a copy of the “Phreaky Phobias and Phears” Activity Page and a pen.
- Instruct them to draw a line from the fear on the left side of the page to the description they think matches it on the right side.
- Give kids several minutes to work and then call everyone together to discuss the correct answers (below).
- Phreaky Phears Answers:
 - Arachnophobia Fear of spiders
 - Felinophobia Fear of cats
 - Insectophobia Fear of insects
 - Kathisophobia Fear of sitting down
 - Megalophobia Fear of large things
 - Noctiphobia Fear of the night
 - Oneirophobia Fear of dreams
 - Placophobia Fear of tombstones
 - Rupophobia Fear of dirt
 - Sesquipedalophobia Fear of long words

What You Say:

“We’re all afraid of something. Some fears are bigger than others. The things that scared you when you were two years old probably don’t bother you now—or maybe they still do. Sometimes a fear stays with us all of our lives. God gave us the feeling of fear because it can be a helpful warning when we need to be careful. We need to learn when fear means to STOP, when it means to trust, and when it means we should do BOTH. ***[Transition] In Large Group we’ll learn about someone who was faced with a very real fear—freakier than a fear of spiders or the dark. Let’s find out what God told him to do.***”

WEEKLY OVERVIEW

OVERVIEW:

Key Question: *What are you afraid of?* *One of the best ways to work through your fear is to name what makes you scared. We pray that as kids start to understand their fears, they'll experience the peace that can come from knowing Jesus.*

SMALL GROUP

1. Bible Story Extension

[Bible Story Review]

What You Need: Bible, paper coins

What You Do:

- Sit together in a circle.
- Give one of the kids the coin.
- Explain that you will read verses from today's Bible story found in Acts 9:10–31.
 - When you pause, the person with the coin will toss it in the air and catch it.
 - If the coin lands on TAILS, that kid must share something from the verses you just read that was potentially scary or intimidating.
 - If the coin lands on HEADS, he or she must share a way someone showed (or could have shown) faith.
- Pass the coin to the next person and continue repeating the coin toss after each of the following sections is read:
 - Acts 9:10–12
 - Acts 9:13–14
 - Acts 9:15–16
 - Acts 9:17–18
 - Acts 9:19–21
 - Acts 9:22
 - Acts 9:23–25
 - Acts 9:26–27
 - Acts 9:28–30
 - Acts 9:31
- Pass the coin around the circle again, but this time, if it lands on HEADS, have kids give a modern-day example of a way people show faith.

- If it lands on TAILS, have them share an example of fears kids their age might have deal with.
- Do this as interest allows. Or let kids pass the coin around “popcorn” style, giving it to whoever wants it next.
- As you close, tell the group to remember that even though they can’t see Him, they can trust that God is with them all of the time. He can give them the strength they need to do something they’re scared to do, like telling the truth, being kind to someone they don’t get along with, talking about Jesus, inviting someone to church, or trying something new.
- Challenge kids to talk to God about their fears this week and ask for His help whenever they feel afraid.

2. 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:
 - When could fear be a good thing?
 - What is one fear you wish you didn’t have? How might God help you have courage?
 - If someone is brave or courageous, does that mean they’re not afraid? Why or why not?
 - How does knowing Jesus help us face our fears?