



WEEK
TWO
JUNE 2023

SMALL GROUP
PRETEEN

PRELUDE

SOCIAL

STORY

WORSHIP

GROUPS

HOME

CREATING A SAFE PLACE TO CONNECT
25 MINUTES

MADE TO CONNECT

an activity that invites kids to share and collaborate with others while growing their understanding



3. DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

[TALK ABOUT GOD | BIBLE STORY REVIEW]

WHAT YOU NEED: No supplies needed

WHAT YOU DO:

Ask:

- Do you think fear can be a good thing? Explain.
- What is one fear you wish you didn't have? How might God help you face that fear?
- If someone is scared or nervous, does that mean they don't have faith?
- What are some things you know about God that can help you face your fears?
- How can the following characteristics of God change how you view your fears?
 - God is all powerful.
 - God loves us no matter what.
 - God is always with us.
 - God has a plan for every person ever born.
 - God hears our prayers.
 - God's story of love for all humankind is seen through the Bible.

TODAY'S BIBLE STORY

I Can See Clearly Now

Ananias Helps Paul
Acts 9:10-31

TODAY'S KEY QUESTION

When have you faced a fear?

TODAY'S BOTTOM LINE

God can help you face your fears.

MONTHLY MEMORY VERSE

"Faith is being sure of what we hope for. It is being sure of what we do not see."

Hebrews 11:1, NIV

MONTHLY VIRTUE

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4. VERSE TO TAKE WITH YOU

[HEAR FROM GOD | MEMORY VERSE ACTIVITY]

WHAT YOU NEED: Bibles, paper, pens, timer

WHAT YOU DO:

- Invite kids to look up Psalm 56:3 using the tip below to assist them in locating the verse.

***Finding verses with 4th-5th graders:** Ask kids to tell you if the book of the Bible they're looking for is in the Old Testament or New Testament. If it's in the Old, instruct kids to flip slowly, starting at the front of the Bible and heading toward the back, until they find the book they're looking for. If it's in the New, instruct kids to start flipping from the back, going forward to find the book they're looking for. Once they find the book, explain that the big numbers on the page are the chapter numbers. First, have them find the chapter they're looking for. Then explain that the small numbers are verse numbers. Tell kids to find the verse within the chapter they've already found.*

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- Since Psalm 56:3 is fairly short and straight forward, challenge kids to try and memorize it in one minute.
- Do this by reciting the verse together a few times. Then set a timer for 60 seconds and lead kids in echoing the verse after you.
- Tell them to imitate your voice and speed as closely as they can.
- Use a variety of voice changes and tempos.
- Set out paper and pens.
- Challenge kids to write out Psalm 56:3 but to write the words upside-down.

When I'm afraid, I put my trust in you.

- Ask:
 - In what ways does faith turn fear upside-down?
 - What is upside-down (different, unexpected) about the way a Jesus follower sees their fears as opposed to someone who doesn't know Jesus?
 - What are you facing this week that the reminder to trust in God found in Psalm 53:6 would be helpful?
 - What would it look like for you to trust God in the fear you're facing?
- Encourage the kids to put their papers in their Bible as a reminder to ask for God's help to turn fear on its head by trusting God no matter what.



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5. MAKE IT PERSONAL WITH PRAYER
[PRAY TO GOD | PRAYER ACTIVITY]

WHAT YOU NEED: "Footprints" from Bible Story Extension, pens

WHAT YOU DO:

- Set out the "Footprints" from "Bible Story Extension."
- Invite kids to choose one that reminds them of the faith the people in the Bible story had in the face of their fears.
- Give kids pens then ask them to turn the footprint over and write a prayer about something they are most fearful of right now.
- If willing, encourage kids to pair up with a friend and share their "faith request"—the fear they need to trust God with—then pray for one another

WHAT YOU SAY:

"Dear God, help us to trust You when we feel afraid. Thank You for always being bigger, stronger, closer, and greater than anything we fear."

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