



HEROES OF THE FAITH



THIS PROGRAM

There are many stories in the bible of men and women putting their faith into action and achieving great things for God. In this program, we are learning about some of these 'heroes of the faith' listed in Hebrews 11. Our heart is that your pre-schoolers will be encouraged that they, too, can be strong and courageous, believing in God. As we read each story and what we can learn from them, we are teaching the kids that faith is believing in God, He can help us to be strong and have courage!

Our repeated phrase is: Faith is believing in God, He can help us to be strong and have courage!

This weeks key point: God always keeps his promise.

Our Memory Verse is: "So be strong and courageous, all you who put your hope in the LORD!" - Psalm 31:24 (NLT)

WEEK 1: NOAH - GOD ALWAYS KEEPS HIS PROMISES

Today we are learning about Noah who is a great hero of the faith! God told Noah that He was going to flood the earth to take all the evil people away, but promised to keep Noah and his family safe because they loved God. He told Noah to build a big boat called an ark and fill it with 2 of each animal. Noah obeyed God and soon found out that God always keeps His promises! Then God promised to never flood the whole earth again and made a rainbow to remind us of this promise. God makes us many promises, that we can find in the bible. This week we are teaching our pre-schoolers that **God always keeps His promises.**

RESOURCES

- A bible and the five textboxes cut from the illustration aid, found overleaf for the illustration.
- The Wk 1 Craft Template, ribbon, sticky tape, colouring in pencils, a pipe cleaner and hole punch for the craft.
- The Storybook bible by Sally Lloyd-Jones for connect group.

GAME: SIMON SAYS

Have a leader stand in front of the kids. Say 'Simon says... (give them an action)!' Do this for a few rounds and then give an action without saying 'Simon says' beforehand. The aim is to get the kids to follow what you say only when you say 'Simon says.' Once the kids have had a few practice turns, play elimination rounds (or have a giggle together) when they are tricked! Whoever remains at the end can then become the action leader for the next round. But instead of saying 'Simon says,' use their name instead.

VIDEO FOLLOW-UP

Today we are learning about how God always keeps His promises! In the story of Noah, God told Noah that He was going to send a flood to earth to get rid of all the evil people who were hurting each other. But, God promised to keep Noah and his family safe! God kept His promise to Noah and He keeps his promises to us too. We find His promises to us in the bible and we believe them with our whole heart because **God always keeps His promises.**

1. Who did Rory meet when He jumped into the bible?
2. What did God promise Noah when He said He was sending a flood to the earth?
3. Did God keep His promise?

ILLUSTRATION IDEA

Use the Illustration aid found overleaf and cut out each text box, then find their place in the bible and slot them in. Show the kids your bible (with the promises inside) and tell them that God makes many promises to us in the bible! Ask them if they think God keeps those promises? Turn to each piece of paper and read out God's promise. After each promise, ask 'do you think God keeps His promise and will... (always love you etc.)?' Then follow-up by repeating 'Of course, because **God always keeps his promises!**' Have them shout it out together at the end.

CONNECT GROUP & STORY TIME

Read 'A new beginning' in The Jesus Storybook bible by Sally Lloyd-Jones pp.38 - 47

1. God was so hurt at what His people were doing! What were they doing wrong? Did Noah do those things?
2. God told Noah about His plan to send a stormy flood. But He promised Noah something very important. What did He promise Noah? (Hint: something about being safe...)
3. What did God ask Noah to do before the storm came?
4. God made another promise and sent a rainbow to remind us all about it! What else did God promise Noah?
5. Should we believe God when he makes a promise?

After the connect questions, don't forget to pray with the kids!

CRAFT: RAINBOW DOOR HANGERS

1. Give each child a cloud cut from the craft template, strips of coloured ribbons, sticky tape, colouring pencils and a pipe cleaner. Punch holes where they are marked in the craft template in advance.
2. Explain to the kids that they will be making a rainbow door hanger to remind them that God always keeps his promises! Just like He has kept his promise to Noah to never flood the earth again.
3. First, have the children colour in their clouds.
4. Next, have them sticky tape their ribbons to the back of the cloud. so the hang down beneath it.
5. In the holes at the top of the cloud place a pipe cleaner to create a handle. Don't forget to label the crafts!

God's Promise:

To always be with us & never leave

"...The Lord your God will always be at your side, and he will never abandon you." - Deut. 31:6b (CEV)

God's Promise:

To always love us

"Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good! His faithful love endures forever." - Psalm 136:1 (NLT)

God's Promise:

You have Angels watching over you!

"For I tell you that their (little ones) angels in heaven always see the face of my Father in heaven." - Matthew 18:10b (NIV)

God's Promise:

To listen to our prayers

"Then you will call on me and come and pray to me, and I will listen to you." - Jeremiah 29:12 (NIV)

God's Promise:

He has good plans for us

"For I know the plans I have for you," says the Lord. "They are plans for good.."
- Jeremiah 29:11a