



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 2: 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

- The Storybook bible by Sally Lloyd-Jones for connect groups.
- Paper plates and either (A) Coloured play-dough or (B) glue, scissors, the Wk 2 craft template and colouring pencils for the craft.

GAME: CAT AND MOUSE

Select one child to be the cat and one to be the mouse. Have the remaining kids form a circle holding hands - with the mouse inside the circle and the cat outside. All together the kids walk around in their circle hand in hand chanting 'What time is it? Just struck nine. Is the cat at home? He's about to dine!' When the rhyme stops, the kids stop moving and the cat must chase the mouse, who should weave in and out of the circle (under kids arms). The cat **MUST** follow the same path of the mouse. Once caught, you can pick a new cat and mouse!

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

Pick a child or leader to help you and ask them whether they trust you to keep your promises? Then ask them to turn and face the opposite direction to you. Make a point to promise the child that you **WILL** catch them! On the count of three the child needs to fall back and you need to catch them. Start with a very small gap and continue widening the gap (only until you are confident that you will catch the child/leader.) Explain to the kids that just like your helper was nervous but trusted you - we trust in God even when we're nervous too! We believe He keeps His promises. That's what faith is! Believing in God. Have the kids repeat after you in their loudest voices "Faith is believing in God, He always keeps His promises!" Then have them whisper "I believe God keeps His promises"

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: CREATE NOAH'S ARK!

Explain to the kids that they will be making their very own Noahs ark and animals to remind them that God always keeps His promises. .

OPTION A: Playdoh Modelling

1. Give each child a paper plate folded in half and distribute colours of play-dough to them.
2. Have them model (or cut with cutters) animals from the dough
3. When each child is done they can plant their creations on their paper plate. Don't forget to label it!

OPTION B: Colour and Glue a Paper plate ark together

1. Give each child colouring pencils, a full paper plate and a paper plate cut in 1/2. This will be the boat - have them colour it brown and glue it to the full sized paper plate - leave an unglued gap to slot in animals!
2. Hand out some loosely cut animals from the template and have the kids colour them in and then position them inside the boat
3. Finally have them stick the rainbow above the animals in the boat.