



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 3: ABRAHAM- GOD CAN DO ANYTHING, BELIEVE WHAT HE SAYS!

In the story of Abraham, we see God promise the impossible to Abraham - that he would have a son and the whole world would be blessed through his family. Sarah was 90 years old when she fell pregnant - a miracle! When God speaks, He speaks the truth. Is anything too hard for the Lord? This week we're teaching our preschoolers **God can do anything, believe what He says!**

RESOURCES

- Coloured paper and music for the game
- Colouring pencils, scissors, glue, sticky tape and the Week 3 Craft template for the craft
- The Big Picture Bible by David R. Helm for connect groups

GAME: MUSICAL ISLANDS

Place coloured paper around the room randomly. Explain that when the music is playing they must dance - the only rule is they must keep moving and can't stay in one spot as they dance. When the music stops they must jump onto the nearest paper 'island' because the floor has become lava! The slowest person to jump to safety will sit out. You can make it harder by taking away colours.

VIDEO FOLLOW-UP

Today we are learning that God can do anything so we believe everything He says to us in the bible! In the bible God tells us He listens to our prayers. He also said to Sarah and Abraham that they would have a baby, which was impossible because Sarah was too old! But God gave her a son and did exactly what He said He would. God always does what He says He will do and never lies. **God can do anything, believe what He says!**

1. Igal was a little bit sad about something to do with his shoes today. What was he sad about?
2. We believe what God says to us, like that He'll listen to our prayers. What happened when Igal believed God would listen to His prayer to help him learn to tie his shoes?
3. God also told Abraham and Sarah that he would give Sarah a baby even though it was impossible! Did God do what He said to them too?

ILLUSTRATION IDEA

Ask the kids what are some things their parents can do that they can't do yet? (i.e write, ride a bike, cook etc.) Why can their parents do those things but not them? Your parents are a lot bigger than you and have been around for a lot longer, so they are very clever. Do you know who else is bigger and cleverer than anyone in the whole wide world? God! Just like our parents can do lots of things we can't do because they are bigger and older than us, God can do ANYTHING because he is the biggest, oldest person in the world! So if he says He is going to do something that seems IMPOSSIBLE, we can believe Him.

CONNECT GROUP & STORY TIME

Read "God's Big Promise" and part of "God's people grow" in the Big Picture Story bible by David R. Helm pp. 67-85

1. What big promise did God give Abraham?
2. Why was his promise for Sarah to have a baby hard to believe?
3. God spoke to Abraham again and said something about his family and the stars.. what did he say?
4. Faith is believing in God. Did Abraham have faith?
5. Did God do what he said and give Abraham and Sarah a son?

After the connect questions, don't forget to pray with the kids. Pray that they remember that God always keeps his promise.

CRAFT: ABRAHAM LOOKS AT THE STARS!

1. Give each child the picture of Abraham and the picture of the stars from the week 3 craft template. Today they will be making a craft with a special trick to help them remember that just like God's promise to Abraham came true - we can believe God's words to us are true, too!
2. Have the kids colour in the pictures
3. Grab a skewer and sticky tape the skewer to the back of one of the pictures. Then glue around the other picture and attach it so the pictures are double sided with the skewer in the middle.
4. As the kids spin/roll the skewer between their hands, the pictures will merge together so it looks like Abraham looking at the stars!