



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 4: 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 for the game (at least four colours)
- The illustration aid printed and scissors for the illustration
- The week 4 craft template, colouring pencils, scissors and glue for the craft
- The Big Picture Bible by David R. Helm for connect groups

GAME: RAINBOW RUN

Place four different coloured pieces of paper in each corner of the room (can do more colours around the border of the playing space if you like). Explain to the game that the aim of the game is to run to the colour the fastest! Call a colour out, the kids must run to that colour - the slowest person may be eliminated. If you shout 'Rainbow Run' the kids must run to every single colour before sitting down in the middle of the playing space.

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

Do this fun party trick with the kids - the 'walk through paper' trick. Bring with you the A4 template found overleaf and have some scissors handy. Show it to the kids and ask them 'Do you think I can fit through this piece of paper?' (hold it up to your body) What if i told you I **can** fit through this piece of paper, would you believe me?' (have them raise hands) Fold the paper in half and cut the paper along **all** the lines - it should open up to be big enough for you to walk through! It seemed impossible, but you could do what you said! Explain to the kids that just like you did what you said you could do - God always does what He says - even the impossible!

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: GOD CAN DO ANYTHING!

1. Prepare this craft by printing the A4 page with the scripture and then the star pages double sided. Give each child the colouring page, colouring pencils, glue and a star.
2. Explain that today they are going to be creating a picture of Abraham and Sarah with their baby, hidden in the stars. This is to remind them God can do anything! We can believe what he says, just like Abraham believed God when he promised a son!
3. Have the kids colour in the pictures
4. Fold the tab attached to the star down and have the kids glue it, so that the star covers the grey outline on the colouring page. Glue it so that kids can fold back the star and see Abraham and Sarah with their baby!
5. Don't forget to name the crafts!

