



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 5: JOSEPH - I CAN BE STRONG AND FORGIVE

Today we meet another hero of the faith, Joseph! God had great plans for Joseph's life, although this didn't mean that his life was easy. There were many times in Joseph's life that he could have said he had had enough. Especially when his brothers had treated him so awfully. But Joseph knew that God asks us to forgive everybody and so with God's help, Joseph was strong and forgave his brothers. This week we are teaching our preschoolers that just like Joseph, **We can be strong and forgive!**

RESOURCES

- Music for the game
- The Storybook bible by Sally Lloyd-Jones for connect groups.
- The Wk 5 craft template, paddle pop sticks, glue, coloured pencils and glitter for the craft.

GAME: MUSICAL BUMPS

This is a game that involves a whole lot of dancing! Kids must dance along to some music, but when it stops they must sit on their bottom as fast as they can. The last person to sit on their bottom is eliminated, and can help you inspire the others with dance moves while the game continues. You may like to give kids dancing ideas such as dancing like certain animals, doing star jumps, spinning around etc. The last few players standing - are the winners!

VIDEO FOLLOW-UP

Today we are learning about how God can make us strong and help us to forgive even when it is very hard to do. Joseph was very loved and had a special rainbow coat which made his brothers very jealous! "What about me" they thought! So they treated Joseph so badly and sold him as a slave. But one day, when they saw Joseph again, instead of Joseph yelling at them or hurting them back, Joseph chose to be really strong and forgive them. God loves it when we forgive others.

1. In our video today, Daisy was upset at her best friend for something she did playing tip. What did her friend do?
2. Then We learnt about Joseph whose brothers were terrible to him! What did Josephs brothers do?
3. But in our video, Joseph wasn't mad at them anymore, he was happy! Why was he happy? What did he do with his anger?

ILLUSTRATION IDEA

Tell the kids you're going to share a story and you want them to show on their faces and with their bodies (i.e. crossing their arms), how they think you were feeling in your story (do a practice of being happy/sad). Tell them you were playing happily one day and your sister/brother wanted your toy so they pushed you and snatched it! Ask the kids to show you how they think you felt? Then tell them you were really angry with them, which didn't feel good at all. Ask them again to show you how they think you felt? Does being angry and upset feel good? In our story Joseph forgave his brothers for what they did. How do you think I felt when I decided not to be angry anymore and to forgive my brother/sister? Happy! It's important to say sorry when you upset someone, but it's just as important to forgive. Have the kids shout '**I can be strong and forgive.**'

CONNECT GROUP & STORY TIME

Read 'The forgiving prince' in The Jesus Storybook bible by Sally Lloyd-Jones pp.76 - 83

1. Who gave Joseph the very special rainbow robe?
2. What did Joseph's brothers do to Joseph?
3. Did God leave Joseph when he was put in jail?
4. When Pharaoh took Joseph out of jail what did he make him?
5. How did Joseph treat his brother's when they came to him in Egypt asking for food?
6. What can we do next time someone upsets us. Should we upset them back? What should we do?

After the connect questions, don't forget to pray with the kids. Pray that God would help them to be strong and forgive.

CRAFT: JOSEPH & HIS COAT

1. Give each child a picture of Joseph and a picture of his coat and sheep cut from the Wk 5 craft template. Also give them two paddle pop sticks, glue, colouring pencils and glitter.
2. Explain to the kids that they will be making Joseph and his coat to remind them of Joseph and how he forgave. We can be strong and forgive too!
3. Have the children colour in Joseph and the coat (rainbow like!)
4. Glue the sheep and then Joseph to two separate paddle pop sticks.
5. Show the children that they can put the coat and sheep in front of Joseph and now he has his very special rainbow coat on!