



## 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 6: 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

- The Storybook bible by Sally Lloyd - Jones for connect groups.
- kraft paper bags (bags with a base preferably), the Wk 6 craft template, eye and mouth stickers (optional), coloured paper, glue and colouring pencils for the craft.

### GAME: WHAT'S THE TIME MR WOLF?

Ask all the kids to stand at one end of the room and have one child stand at the other end of the room, with their back to the group of kids. They are the 'Wolf.' The group calls out 'What's the time Mr Wolf?' and the wolf calls out any number between 1-12. The group takes that number of steps towards the child and ask continue to ask 'What's the time Mr Wolf?' until they are standing very close to the child. At any point, the child can call out 'dinner time!' turning to chase the group back to the starting line, if they tip someone, then it is that persons turn to be the wolf in the next round.

### 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

Imagine this (get the kids to close their eyes) you are playing with your brother and sister or your friends, and they are being super unkind. They keep making you lose or they are taking your toys off you. They are really hurting your feelings, they even tell you to go away. So you leave your brother or sister and go to another room. After a little while they come back asking you to play with them (open their eyes), what would you do? Well this is what happened to Joseph and Joseph forgave his brothers because he loved them. We need to do the same. God loves us and forgave us, so we need to forgive others.

### 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: PAPER BAG JOSEPH

1. Give each child a paper bag, a face and some shoes cut from the Wk 6 craft template, eyes and mouth stickers (optional), cut up coloured paper, glue and access to pencils.
2. Explain to the kids that they will be making a paper bag Joseph to remind them that they can forgive just like he did!
3. Start by having them colour and create the face and colour in the shoes. They should stick on the eyes and mouth if provided.
4. Next, have them glue the face and shoes to the bag so that the paper bag becomes Joseph's robe! (Face at the base of the bag, shoes at the opening of the bag which is facing down).
5. Then have the kids use coloured bits of paper to make the bag into a colourful robe!
6. Finally label the crafts.