



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 8: DAVID - GOD IS WITH ME

In the story of David, we see that David is confident that God is with Him. He knows that God is mighty and that since He belongs to the Lord, He will succeed in his fight against Goliath. David knew God was with him because David was with God, spending lot of time with Him in his every day. This week we want our preschoolers to declare **I am brave because God is with me!**

RESOURCES

- Four markers or masking tape and 6 x each shape in the game aid printed and cut out for the game
- Scissors, split pins, colouring pencils and the week 7 craft template for the craft
- The Beginners Bible by Zondervan for connect groups

GAME: CROSS THE RIVER

Use 2 markers to set up the 'start' and 2 to set up the 'end' of the river, then randomly place paper shapes printed from the game aid on the floor. You may need to stick them down to the floor with double sided masking tape to avoid tripping. The aim of the game is to cross the river without 'getting wet' by only walking on the shapes. Each round you can call out a shape and they can cross the river by only jumping on those shapes. If they touch the ground/river then they must go back and try again.

VIDEO FOLLOW-UP

Did you know that when God is with you, you can be brave like David? Our memory verse tells us to be strong and take heart! That means to be brave and to have hope that things will work out! We can be brave and have hope that things will work out, because we hope in God and we know he is with us. We all get scared sometimes, but just like David was brave even though Goliath was really scary, we can be brave too. God is with you and will take care of you! When you remember that God is with you, you can be brave. Have the children shout out, **I am brave because God is with me!**

1. What was our friend Igal afraid of?
2. What did he learn was the trick to being brave? (hint: to remember that....)
3. If God is with you.. why does that make you brave? What makes God being with you so special?

ILLUSTRATION IDEA

Play a game of follow the leader, walking around the room and having everyone follow you in a train. Explain to the kids that the aim of the game is to keep up with you and never leave you! Speed things up and make it difficult to make it fun. Explain to the kids that just like in this game where they stuck by you, God sticks by us! God is always with us and He is there to protect us. We don't have to fear because God is with us.

CONNECT GROUP & STORY TIME

Read "David and Goliath" in the Beginners Bible by Zondervan pp. 173-180

1. Who were the Philistines and why were God's people afraid of them?
2. There was one boy who wasn't afraid - who was it?
3. Why wasn't David afraid? Who did he know was with him?
4. Who won the battle, David or Goliath? What happened?
5. David wasn't afraid because he knew God was with him. Next time we're feeling scared, who's with us, too?

Pray together and thank God that He is with us, so we can be brave like David too as we believe in God!

CRAFT: 'GOD IS WITH ME!' CLOCK

1. Prepare this craft by cutting out the clock and clock hands from the craft template - give each child one set with a split pin.
2. Explain that today they are going to be creating a clock to remind them that God is with them all the time!
3. Have the kids colour in the clock and clock hands and then attach the clock hands to the picture with a split pin, so they can move the hands around the clock!
4. Don't forget to label the crafts











