



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

- Keys for the game
- A night light or torch for the illustration
- Coloured paper, clag glue, pom poms, pipe cleaners, paddle pop sticks, scissors and the week 10 craft template for the craft
- The Beginners Bible by Zondervan for connect groups

GAME: WHERE'S THAT SOUND?

Have the kids sit in a circle and show them a set of noisy keys! Explain that you are going to pick someone to sit in the middle with a blindfold on. The rest of the group will then pass the keys around the circle as quietly as possible. If the person in the middle thinks they hear the keys rattle they should shout 'STOP' and point to where the sound was coming from. If they point to the person who is holding the keys they have won the round! If not give them a few more tries before swapping players in the middle.

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

Show the kids a night light or torch. Ask the kids what do night lights do? We can't see in the dark, but sometimes when Mum or Dad comes in at night to check on us - even though we can't see them we know it's them. Ask the kids to put their hand up if they know when their parents are in the room even in dark? Just like they are with you even though you can't see them, God is with you even though you can't see Him. God is always there and He is taking care of you. When we remember that, it helps us to be brave.

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: DAVID'S SLINGSHOT

1. Prepare this craft by cutting out the speech bubbles in the template. Give each child a speech bubble, coloured piece of paper, three paddle-pop sticks, five mini pom poms, a pipe cleaner and have some clag glue.
2. Explain that today they are creating David's Slingshot and the stones he used to defeat Goliath with to remind them that that just like God was with David, He is with us so we can be brave!
3. Have the kids position two of the paddle-pop sticks in a V shape and attach the pipe cleaner between them, wrapping it around the sticks. Then have them add another paddle-pop stick to the bottom to change the V shape into a Y. Glue it down on paper.
4. Next have them glue the speech bubble to the top of the page and five mini pom poms on the bottom as the stones!
5. Don't forget to label the crafts