



THIS PROGRAM - OVERVIEW

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 kids will see the many ways they can activate their faith in their lives, learning from these great men and women who have gone before us. Faith is confidence in what we hope for and assurance about what we do not see. We don't trust our feelings, or what the circumstance looks like - instead we have faith in God!

Our Repeated phrase is: In this program we are looking at heroes in the bible who stepped out in faith, so we can be encouraged to do the same.

Memory Verse: "Now faith is confidence in what we hope for and assurance about what we do not see"- Hebrews 11:1

WEEK 10: DANIEL

This week we are diving in to the story of Daniel, Shdrach, Meshach and Abednego when they were taken captive in Babylon. They each had experiences where their faith was tested to deny God, or they were in danger. Each time, God came through for them and not only saved them, but showed that He is the true and living God. **Our Faith in God is unstoppable!**

RESOURCES

- Slips of paper, pen and lots of sticky tape for the game
- Wk 10 connect worksheet, bible and colouring pencils for connect group

PREACH OUTLINE

Story: Share the story of Daniel and his friends Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego when they were taken captive in Babylon (Daniel 1-6). God protected them many times as they continued to serve him and step out in faith and many came to believe because of their faith! Faith is unstoppable.

Points to hit:

1. **Prayer with friends who have faith is powerful** - Daniel, Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego were all taken captive in Babylon and made to serve the King. When the King wanted to kill them all because no one could tell him his dream and interpret it, David went to his friends and they prayed together and God answered! Praying with others is powerful - God is with you! Daniel 2:17-19. (Mt. 18:20)
2. **Your faith shows God is real to others** - When David interpreted Nebuchadnezzar's dream he declared 'truly your God is God of gods and Lord of kings and a revealer of mysteries.' When David was saved from the Lion's Den, King Darius wrote letters to all the land saying that Daniels God was the living God. When you believe God for things and follow Him faithfully, you too will show others that our God is the living God and they will be able to believe in God too. (Daniel 2:47 and 6:25-28)
3. **Faith is unstoppable** - Do not be afraid of what might happen when you obey God - just like God shut the mouth of the lions and protected Daniel and just like He sent an angel to protect Shadrach Meshach and Abednego when they were thrown into a fire - God is with you as you follow him (Daniel 3 and 6).

ILLUSTRATION IDEA

You and what army? in the movie 'Shrek,' Donkey follows Shrek around everywhere he goes. Play this clip from the movie and explain to the kids that just like Donkey had Shrek and the army fled when they saw him - we have God on our side. As we follow Him, He is with us and will protect us. You may not be able to see Him, but have faith that He is there and He cares!

Link: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4bAADHZ48kQ>

CONNECT GROUP QUESTIONS

Connect groups are a time to build friendships and engage kids in discussion about the preach. Remember to keep it fun and to pray!

1. Have you ever prayed with your family or with a friend when something has been troubling you?
2. Read Matthew 18:19 together. What do you think it means?
3. Why do you think praying together is so powerful?
4. When God answers your prayers, how can it show others that God is real?
5. How can you grow brave faith in your life like Daniel and his friends?

Pray: Pray together for each others prayer requests.

GAME: 'SAY ANYTHING' CHALLENGE

You'll have to think quick or get tape to the face in this game!

1. The aim of the game is to be the best at thinking of objects that fit various categories (i.e. nature, cereals, movies etc.)
2. Prepare by writing down a few different categories on slips of paper and putting them in a hat or bowl
3. The first person draws a category and thinks of an object/subject that fits in that category, then it is the next persons turn
4. If they take too long or stumble, they get a piece of tape stuck on their face! The tape can be used to make their face look a little funny! After a few rounds, the person with the least tape on their face, wins!