

Prepare

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 your pre-schoolers will be encouraged that they too can be strong and courageous, believing in God. As we read each story and discover 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 promises.

Our Memory Verse is: "So be strong and courageous, all you who put your hope in the LORD!" - Psalm 31:24 (NLT)

RESOURCES

- Game: N/A
- Illustration: The Week 1 Illustration Aid found overleaf and a Bible.
- Connect group: Simple biscuits, water and The Candle Bible for Kids by Juliet David.
- Craft: The Week 1 Craft Template (printed on cardstock), glue, cotton balls, colouring in pencils, string and a hole puncher.

Mat Time

1. WELCOME & GAME: SIMON SAYS

Welcome the kids and say it's time for a game! Have a leader stand in front of the kids. Say 'Simon says...' (give them an action, [see ideas here from playtivities](#)). Do this for a few rounds and then give an action without saying 'Simon says' beforehand. The aim of the game is to only follow actions that start with 'simon says' or they are out! play elimination rounds and give kids a turn leading.

2. WORSHIP AND OUR BIG THREE RULES

- Have praise and worship time with the kids, if they haven't already with the adults at the start of church.
- Go through our three big rules: We are kind, we listen, we obey. Give practical examples (raising hands to speak) and explain any reward system in place such as prizes for good listeners, stars on star charts or stickers!

3. THIS WEEKS TOPIC & MEMORY VERSE

- Share today's topic: This program we are learning about the Heroes of the Faith! Faith is believing in God, who helps us to be strong and have courage. [This week we're learning about Noah! Noah's story shows us that God always keeps His promises.](#)
- Go through the memory verse with the kids and have them repeat it after you. Put it together with actions to help them remember! (i.e. Strong = right muscle arm, courageous = left muscle arm, all you = pointing around room, hope = prayer hands etc.)

4. VIDEO AND VIDEO FOLLOW-UP

Today we are learning about how God always keeps His promises! In the story of Noah, God told Noah that He was going to send a flood to earth to get rid of all the evil people who were hurting each other. But God promised to keep Noah and his family safe! God kept His promise to Noah and He keeps his promises to us too. We find His promises to us in the Bible and we believe them with our whole heart because God always keeps His promises.

- Who did Rory meet when He jumped into the Bible?
- What did God promise Noah when He said He was sending a flood to the earth?
- Did God keep His promise?

5. ILLUSTRATION IDEA

Use the Illustration aid found overleaf and cut out each text box, then find their place in the Bible and slot them in. Show the kids your Bible (with the promises inside) and tell them that God makes many promises to us in the Bible! Ask them if they think God keeps those promises? Turn to each piece of paper and read out God's promise. After each promise, ask 'do you think God keeps His promise and will... (always love you etc.)? Then follow-up by repeating 'Of course, because God always keeps His promises!'

Small Groups

6. CONNECT GROUP STORY TIME

Give the kids a biscuit as you read "Noah and the Rainbow" from the Candle Bible for Kids by Juliet David pp. 24-31. Then ask:

- God was so hurt at what His people were doing! What were they doing wrong? Did Noah do those things?
- God told Noah about His plan to send a stormy flood and made a promise - what did He promise would happen to Noah's family?
- Noah believed God's promise so he built an ark. What did people say when Noah and His sons were building it? Did Noah listen?
- God made another promise and sent a rainbow to remind us all about it! What else did God promise Noah?
- Should we believe God when He makes a promise?

Pray together and thank God for always keeping His promises.

7. CRAFT

Today we are making a rainbow door hanger to remind us that [God always keeps his promises](#), like He did with Noah!

- Punch holes on the correct spots of the template, where marked.
- Give each child the Week 1 craft template, colouring pencils and cotton balls. Have the leaders ready to help kids with glue.
- First, have the children colour in their rainbow, guide them to use the colours eg. red, blue, green, yellow, orange, indigo, purple
- Next, have them glue the cotton balls on the clouds on either side of the rainbow.
- Tie string where the punch holes are to create a handle. Don't forget to label the crafts!

God's Promise:

To always be with us & never leave

"...The Lord your God will always be at your side, and he will never abandon you." - Deut. 31:6b (CEV)

God's Promise:

To always love us

"Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good! His faithful love endures forever." - Psalm 136:1 (NLT)

God's Promise:

You have Angels watching over you!

"For I tell you that their (little ones) angels in heaven always see the face of my Father in heaven." - Matthew 18:10b (NIV)

God's Promise:

To listen to our prayers

"Then you will call on me and come and pray to me, and I will listen to you." - Jeremiah 29:12 (NIV)

God's Promise:

He has good plans for us

"For I know the plans I have for you," says the Lord. "They are plans for good.." - Jeremiah 29:11a