

WEEK 3 – June 21, 2020

Hello Kindergarten and First Grade Parents!
HAPPY FATHER'S DAY!!

Here are some At Home Activities *suggestions* for you to do with your child(ren). Everyone is different, so feel free to pick any or all of these ideas to fit the needs and desires of your family. If you are unable to print these pages, just use any substitute non-print ideas. ie: draw a picture instead of color the one provided. You can also find a simplified version of the lesson on the website called "K-3 Parent Guide".

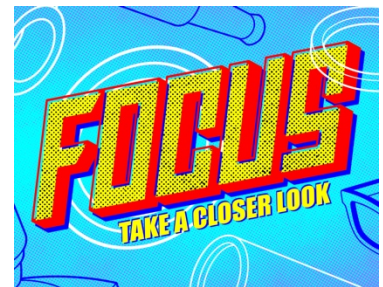
BE SURE TO FILL OUT THE HCKIDS ONLINE CONNECTION CARD:

<https://hillcrestcov.ccbchurch.com/goto/forms/284/responses/new>

Praying you all are well, safe, growing in faith, and having fun during our time apart!

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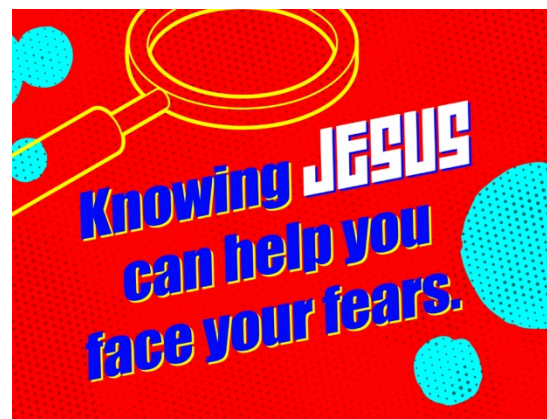


BIBLE STORY

Acts 9:10-31



BOTTOM LINE



YOUR CHILD WILL EARN 3 POINTS TO SPEND AT THE STORE FOR EACH COMPLETED ACTIVITY AND 10 POINTS FOR A COMPLETED "GOD TIME"

~ PLEASE EMAIL ME POINTS EARNED EACH WEEK ~

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SUGGESTED ACTIVITIES:

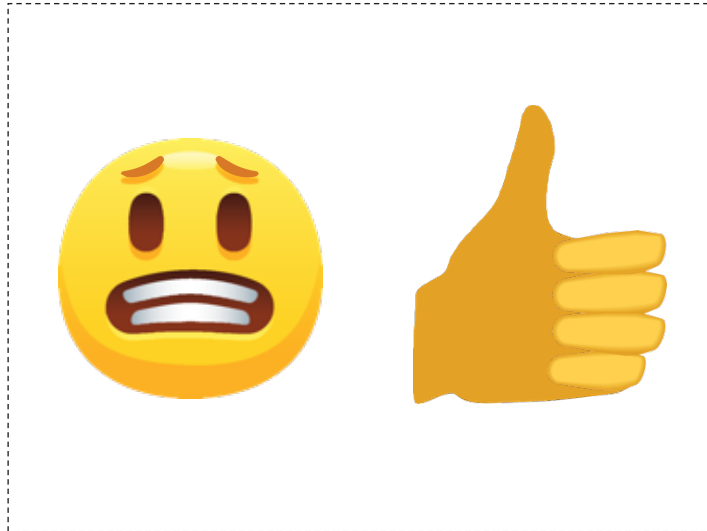
1. WATCH VIDEOS (link is on the church website)
 - *STORY REVIEW - "Fear or Faith?" - NEXT TWO PAGES*
2. COLOR THE PICTURE and/or DRAW A PICTURE OF THE STORY
3. MEMORY VERSE ACTIVITY -
4. JOURNAL ENTRY
5. PRAY TOGETHER
6. GOD-TIME THROUGHOUT THE WEEK TO REINFORCE BIBLE STUDY (LAST 2 PAGES)

Bible Story Review – “Fear or Faith?”

Read “Ananias Helps Paul” aloud, pausing where indicated.

- At each pause, let kids choose whether to point to the “Fear” (scared face emoji) picture or the “Faith” (thumbs up) picture.

HINT: You can add interest by using body language like standing tall for the “Faith” answers and crouching down for the “Fear” answers.



READ:

In Damascus there was a man named Ananias. Ananias loved God and believed in Jesus. *(Pause.)* The Lord spoke to Ananias and said, “Go to the house of Judas on Straight Street. Ask for a man named Saul.”

Ananias answered, “Lord, people say that Saul has done many things to hurt your people. *(Pause.)* Now he has come here to arrest everyone who worships you.” *(Pause.)*

But the Lord said to Ananias, “Go! I have chosen Saul to work for me. He will tell many people about me.”

Ananias trusted God. *(Pause.)* He went to the house God told him about and put his hands on Saul. *(Pause.)* “Saul,” he said, “Jesus appeared to you on the road as you were coming here. He has sent me so that you will be able to see again. You will be filled with the Holy Spirit.” Right away, some scaly stuff fell from Saul’s eyes, and he could see! *(Pause.)*

Saul spent several days with the believers in Damascus. Right away he began to tell others about Jesus. *(Pause.)* He told them that Jesus is God’s Son and proved to them that Jesus is the Rescuer that God promised! *(Pause.)*

After many days, the Jews had a meeting. They planned to kill Saul. *(Pause.)* But Saul’s friends helped him escape. *(Pause.)*

When Saul came to Jerusalem, he tried to join the believers, but they were all afraid of him. *(Pause.)* They didn’t believe he was really one of Jesus’ followers. But Barnabas told them Saul’s story. He also said that Saul had told many people about Jesus. After that, Saul stayed with the believers and boldly told lots of people about Jesus. *(Pause.)*

Discussion Ideas:

“Do you think Ananias was scared when God told Him to visit Saul?

- Yes, I think he was, too!
- But even though Ananias was probably scared, he chose to trust God. He knew God, and so he trusted God.

“What are some things that YOU know about God?

- *(He loves me, He’s powerful, He can do anything, He’s everywhere.)*

Yes! And you know what? When you’re scared, you can think about all those things! When you’re scared, you can remember how powerful God is and that He’s in charge of everything! When you’re scared, you can remember how much God loves you and that He’s always with you.

Everyone gets afraid sometimes. Even grownups who believe in Jesus and have a friendship with Him get scared! ***[Make it Personal] (Quickly share an example of when you get scared.)***

But guess what?! God is always with me. And He’s always with you, too! When you know Jesus, God’s Holy Spirit is in you and will be with you. He will help you face your fears.

Here’s the cool thing: God doesn’t expect you to be brave all by yourself! He sent Jesus to help you. And ***[Bottom Line] knowing Jesus can help you face your fears***, because when you know that Jesus is always with you and that He loves you more than you could ever imagine, God can help you be brave. So, remember, ***[Bottom Line] knowing Jesus can help you face your fears.***”

2. Color the picture and/or draw a picture of Bible story



3. Memory Verse Activity –



- Look up Hebrews 11:1 in the Bible and read it aloud a couple of times.
- Unpack the word “Faith,” emphasizing that faith is trusting that something is true or real even if we’ve never seen it or experienced it before.
- Briefly highlight the truth that Ananias and the believers in Jerusalem had faith to welcome Saul even though he had hurt many Christians in the past.
- Next, invite your child to stand by you and cross their arms over their chest. Position yourself about two feet behind them.
- Guide the kid to stiffen and fall backward for you to catch them.
- See if they can recite the verse while falling into your arms.
- Let them take as many turns as needed to say the entire verse or until interest is lost

What You Say:

“Was it scary to think about falling backward? *(Pause.)* How did it feel when I caught you? *(Pause.)* Was it easier to let yourself fall backward the second time? *(Yes!)* Why?”

“It can be scary to fall backward even when you know someone will catch you. But once you experience falling then being caught and feeling safe, it helps you trust again and again. The same thing is true with our relationship with God. The more we know Him, and the more we experience His love for us and what He can do, the more it helps us face our fears. It’s like our Bottom Line says, ***[Bottom Line]* knowing Jesus can help you face your fears.**”

4. JOURNAL ENTRY

IDEAS:

- USE THIS TEMPLATE or THE SUGGESTIONS BELOW

HI GOD!

Today I feel....

Today I am thankful for...

Today I'd like to pray for...

AMEN!



OTHER JOURNALING SUGGESTIONS:

- WRITE OR DRAW ABOUT THE BIBLE STORY -
- WRITE A PRAYER ABOUT THE BOTTOM LINE



5. Pray together

What You Do:

- Lead kids to close their eyes and think of a time when they might be afraid.
- Guide them to imagine Jesus with them, helping them be brave.
- They might imagine Jesus holding their hand, standing beside them, or even carrying them.
- Use the conversation below as a guide to lead kids in prayer.

What You Say:

“Dear God, thank You, that You love us more than we can imagine and that You are always with us. Thank You, that we don’t have to be brave on our own. Thank You, that You’re with us when we’re scared of the dark, when we’re scared of the storm, or when we’re scared of being alone, You’re with us when we’re scared because things are confusing or hard. Thank You, God, that You are always with us and that knowing Jesus can help us face our fears. We love You, Lord. Amen.

6. GOD-TIME THROUGHOUT THE WEEK TO REINFORCE BIBLE STUDY (LAST 2 PAGES)

~WORTH 10 POINTS FOR THE “STORE”~

FAITH

TRUSTING IN WHAT
YOU CAN'T SEE

BECAUSE OF WHAT
YOU CAN SEE

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BOTTOM LINE: Knowing Jesus can help you face your fears.

Read John 14:27

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1

FEARS

Write down a few things you're afraid of in the space below:

Some of these fears are real and some are imaginary. Lots of people are afraid of things like spiders and heights. But there are lots of people who love these things too. Like people who keep spiders as pets or fly in airplanes every day.

It's okay to name your fears and to talk about them with the adults you trust. But it's also good to remember that Jesus is bigger and stronger than any fear we might face. Ask God to help you remember that you don't have to be afraid because Jesus will always help you face your fears.

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2

True or False

Have you ever been in bed and thought you heard or saw something strange? When you called your parents, maybe you learned the noise was a branch outside hitting the window. But in the darkness of your room, it seemed like something much scarier.

You felt fear, but the fear proved out to be false! What you thought was true (a monster under the bed or in the closet) wasn't actually there. Your fear wasn't true, it was false.

When it comes to faith and facing your fears, we have to remember what's TRUE. Jesus promised peace, not fear. He is WITH us. Always. We can trust him. Always. When you're afraid, ask God to remind you of what is true!

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3

Peace or No Peace

What does the word "peace" mean to you?
Circle some answers below.

- No fighting
- Quiet or calm
- No worries
- The opposite of fear

Jesus promises peace, even when things aren't going the way we want them to. Even when we're angry or frustrated.

Head outside and take a look around. Notice the birds, the trees, the clouds in the sky. Thank God for all the wonderful things He's made for you to enjoy. Take three big breaths—the kind you can feel all the way to your toes! Thank God for sending Jesus so that you could know Him. The next time you need peace, ask God to remind you that He is with you, always.

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Peace Like a River

Have you ever stood at the edge of a river and watched the water move?
Or heard the sounds of the ocean?

Jesus wants to give us a peace that goes way deeper than that! When we have faith in Jesus, His promise is that peace will follow. Because, no matter what happens, knowing Jesus will help us face our fears.

Ask your mom or dad to look up the old song, "Peace Like a River." Listen to the song and sing it together. Pray and thank God for sending Jesus so that you can feel peace, always.

