



**LEADER GUIDE
FALL 2022**

**IMPACT
KIDS**



**LEADING KIDS TO IDENTIFY
AND TAKE THEIR NEXT
STEP OF DISCIPLESHIP**

THE WIN

As you connect to your group at Impact Kids, we hope that you will identify and take your next step of discipleship.

THE CODE

RESPECT EVERYONE, EVERYWHERE

- Out of respect for each other, we treat each other with love and forgiveness.
- Keep your hands, feet, and body to yourself.
- Hurtful words are never ok.

BE TRUSTED AND TRUSTWORTHY

- Relationships are built on trust.
- What is said in a small group stays there.

FOCUS ON WHAT YOU SHOULD FOCUS ON

- By focusing on what the group is talking about, we are showing respect and being an active part of every group.
- One conversation at a time.
- Don't distract your neighbor.

BE RESPONSIBLE FOR YOUR ATTITUDE & ACTIONS

- Everyone should be quick to own their stuff. This is a biblical model of conflict resolution.
- Own it, ask for forgiveness, try to do better.

CONNECT

HAVE FUN

GROW



READING MODIFICATIONS



Thank you so much for leading our youngest kids at Impact Kids. We strongly believe no one is too young or old to learn from the Bible and grow as a disciple of Jesus. Because of this, we give all kid's groups the same content from which to work. We know not everyone learns at the same pace, so we are including some ways you can make this work best for your group.

Here are suggestions to make it work best:

- **READ** everything to your kids and model how to track the words with their fingers as you read.
- **WRITE** the words for the kids on separate index cards provided. When asked to highlight words or summarize the story, write it out for the kids while you are talking so they can see how to do it. Then take your time playing detective to match the words with the ones you wrote.
- **DRAW** a picture instead of writing words. Allow kids to draw pictures instead of writing words for the summary or prayers.
- **MODEL** by completing the activity in their book in your book. Let kids copy your work. They are learning by modeling.
- **PRIORITIZE** Bible Activity, Discussion and Praying. Faith comes from hearing the Word of God. Take time to focus on making sure kids hear you read the Bible. Feel free to cut out other activities.

"Then Jesus called for the children and said to the disciples, "Let the children come to me. Don't stop them! For the Kingdom of God belongs to those who are like children." Luke 18:16

Be Real, Not Fake

September 7, 2022

Scripture: Galatians 5:13-16; Galatians 5:22-23

Story Point: Don't fake it. Let God's Holy Spirit change you.

SOCIAL/FAMILY TABLE

Serve pizza, put names on water bottles, trash and clean up/wipe down tables and wash hands.

- Introduce yourself and welcome kids by name.
- Ask kids to share what happened during their day at school, home, etc.
- Ask kids to share something they are learning.
- Ask kids to share something they know about the Holy Spirit.
- **For fun:** Which fruit is your favorite?

SMALL GROUP

Read: Galatians 5:13-16; 5:22-23

Say: We are going to read the Bible Story from our Bible today first. Our story is in the Book of Galatians. Who can tell me where Galatians is in the Bible? (Show the table of contents and how to find where Galatians is. Talk about the Old Testament - before Jesus and the New Testament - Jesus' life and after his death and resurrection.) Which section of the Bible is Galatians in? (New Testament)

So, open your Bible halfway and then keep flipping toward the back. Look at the top of the page, Galatians is the eighth book in the New Testament. Now we need to look at the numbers. The big number in bold is the chapter so we need to find a big 5. The little numbers closer to the words are called verses, we are looking for 13-16. Did everyone find it? Help each other if you found it in your Bible. Now let's read it together. Who wants to read first? Read now:

13 You, my brothers and sisters, were called to be free. But do not use your freedom to indulge the flesh; rather, serve one another humbly in love. **14** For the entire law is fulfilled in keeping this one command: "Love your neighbor as yourself." **15** If you bite and devour each other, watch out or you will be destroyed by each other. **16** So I say, walk by the Spirit, and you will not gratify the desires of the flesh.

GALATIANS 5:13-16

22 But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, **23** gentleness and self-control. Against such things there is no law. **24** Those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. **25** Since we live by the Spirit, let us keep in step with the Spirit.

GALATIANS 5:22-23

Say: Let's open your Impact Kids book and read the words to yourself again. I want you to get a highlighter and highlight these words as we read again: **spirit, flesh, fruit**. As we watch the video today I want you to count to see how many of these words are in the video too. (Pass out highlighters to each kid.)

Watch Bible Video: Roku/DVD

Say: Our story point today is: Don't fake it. Let God's Holy Spirit change you. Let's say that together: "Don't fake it. Let God's Holy Spirit change you." When you choose to follow Jesus, God's Holy Spirit grows the fruit of the Spirit in you.

When you follow Jesus, God is already helping you grow the fruit of the Spirit! The more you get to know Him the more it shows. Which fruit of the Spirit do you think would be hardest for you to grow? (Give time for most kids to answer this question.)

Let's go back to the words you highlighted today. spirit, flesh, and fruit. Looking at the Bible passage, what do you think each of these words means? Let's start with the easiest one, what is the fruit? (love, joy, peace, patience/forbearance, kindness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control.)

When you think about those character qualities who shows you love the most? How about joy? Peace? Patience? Kindness? Faithfulness? Gentleness? Self Control? Why do you think it is important for us to picture what this looks like? Growing as a disciple means we are imitating our teachers. When we look at other people who believe in Jesus, we can use them as our teachers.

Now let's think about spirit and flesh. Would it help to consider these words as opposites? Anything that describes the flesh cannot describe the Spirit. The same thing is true for the Spirit. Anything that describes Spirit cannot describe the flesh. You could also call flesh, sin. God's Holy Spirit embodies all the fruit of the spirit and Jesus' character as well. The Holy Spirit is whom Jesus sent as our helper when He went to heaven. His spirit does not sin.

When you see words like this while reading your Bible it is a good idea to take some time to learn what they mean. There are lots of tools out there to help us figure it out. Bible Gateway.com or a Bible dictionary is a great place to start. By knowing the meaning of these words, we are finding ways to relate to what we are reading and not just reading words.

GALATIANS 5:16 says, "live by the Holy Spirit's power. then you will not do what your sinful nature wants you to do." Whose power helps you say no to temptation and sin- yours or the Holy Spirit? (The Holy Spirit's)

Discussion Questions:

- What do you think it means to act fake? Answers will vary. Ideas: Pretending to be someone you're not—trying to make people believe you're happy and good when you feel bad inside, etc.
- When you're trying really hard to be good all the time, how do you feel? Answers will vary.
- Talk about a time you acted good on the outside but you felt bad on the inside. Answers will vary
- How do you think you'll be able to tell that God is changing your heart on the inside? Answers will vary. Ideas: It might be easier to say no to sins and yes to living God's way, you might make more choices that show the fruit of the Spirit, etc.
- If you get tired of making good choices, what do you think can help you? Answers will vary. Ideas: Pray for God's help; talk to a trusted adult; etc.
- Which fruit of the Spirit will you ask God to help you get better at this week? Answers will vary. See word search for a list.

Pray:

- Ask kids to share things they'd like to pray about.
- Show them where they can write or draw prayer requests in their Impact Kids Book. Write them down in your leader guide as well.
- Pray together over the prayer requests.

"God, please help us depend on You to change us from the inside out, instead of trying to be good on the outside.

In Jesus' name, amen. "

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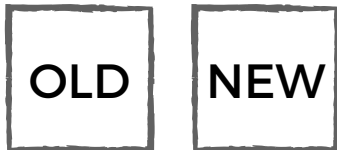
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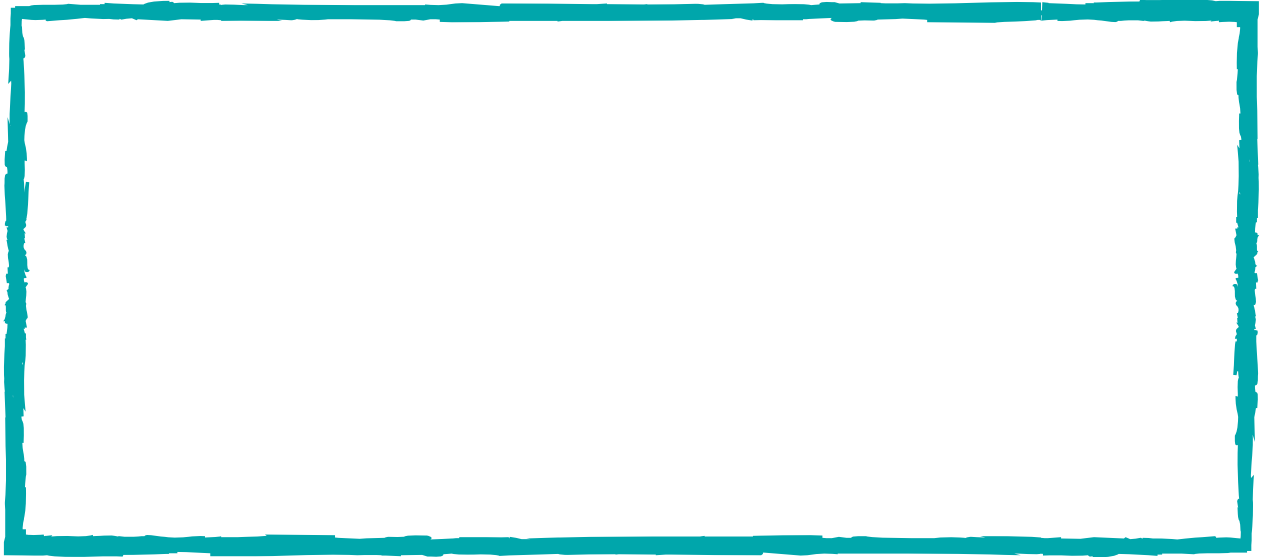
KEY WORDS

Highlight these names in tonight's passages.

**SPIRIT
FLESH
FRUIT**

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CHALLENGE ACTIVITY

Character is who you are on the inside. Cross out words that describe sinful character. Circle words that describe godly character.



GODLY CHARACTER Bible Reading Plan

What kind of person are you on the inside? Follow Jesus and let God's Holy Spirit change you. Let your character shine a light on God's love, so others can see what Jesus is like!



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Tell the Truth

September 14, 2022

Scripture: Acts 5:1-11

Story Point: Tell the truth. Be honest in all you say and do.

SOCIAL/FAMILY TABLE

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- Introduce yourself and welcome kids by name.
- Ask kids to share what happened during their day at school, home, etc.
- Ask kids to share something they are learning.
- **For fun: What is the craziest lie you ever heard someone tell?**

SMALL GROUP

Read: Acts 5:1-11

Say: We are going to read the Bible Story from our Bible today first. Our story is in the Book of Acts. Who can tell me where Acts is in the Bible? (Show the table of contents and how to find where Acts is. Talk about the Old Testament - before Jesus and the New Testament - Jesus' life and after his death and resurrection.) Which section of the Bible is Acts in? (New Testament)

So, open your Bible halfway and then keep flipping toward the back. Look at the top of the page, Acts is the fifth book in the New Testament. Now we need to look at the numbers. The big number in bold is the chapter so we need to find a big 5. The little numbers closer to the words are called verses, we are looking for 1-11. Did everyone find it? Help each other if you found it in your Bible. Now let's read it together. Who wants to read first? Read now:

1 A man named Ananias and his wife, Sapphira, also sold some land. **2** He kept part of the money for himself. Sapphira knew he had kept it. He brought the rest of it and put it down at the apostles' feet.

3 Then Peter said, "Ananias, why did you let Satan fill your heart? He made you lie to the Holy Spirit. You have kept some of the money you received for the land. **4** Didn't the land belong to you before it was sold? After it was sold, you could have used the money as you wished. What made you think of doing such a thing? You haven't lied just to people. You've also lied to God."

5 When Ananias heard this, he fell down and died. All who heard what had happened were filled with fear. **6** Some young men came and wrapped up his body. They carried him out and buried him.

7 About three hours later, the wife of Ananias came in. She didn't know what had happened. **8** Peter asked her, "Tell me. Is this the price you and Ananias sold the land for?" "Yes," she said. "That's the price."

9 Peter asked her, "How could you agree to test the Spirit of the Lord? Listen! You can hear the steps of the men who buried your husband. They are at the door. They will carry you out also."

10 At that moment she fell down at Peter's feet and died. Then the young men came in. They saw that Sapphira was dead. So they carried her out and buried her beside her husband. **11** The whole church and all who heard about these things were filled with fear.

ACTS 5:1-11

Say: Let's open your Impact Kids book and read the words to yourself again. I want you to draw a picture of Ananias and Sapphira and what happened to them in the story today. While we watch the video you can draw your picture. (Pass out pencils to each kid.)

Watch Bible Video: Roku/DVD

Say: Our story point today is: Tell the truth. Be honest in all you say and do. Let's say that together: "Tell the truth. Be honest in all you say and do." How do you think lying is like hiding a prize in a clear cup?

Proverbs 12:22 says: "The Lord detests lying lips, but he delights in those who tell the truth." The verse says God hates lying. What do you think He doesn't like about it?

Let's go back to the picture you drew during the video. Tell me about your pictures. Do you have room to draw more? Draw this: God looking at you when you lie and when you tell the truth. Does it matter where you are or who you are with? Does it matter if it is a small lie or a big lie? How does knowing this help us become a better disciple, an imitator of Jesus?

Discussion Questions:

- What do you think is so bad about lying? Answers will vary.
- What do you think it means to be honest? Answers will vary. Idea: being truthful in all you say and do.
- In the Bible story, two people died when they lied, but our bodies don't usually die when we lie. What do you think dies when we lie? Our reputation, the trust others have in us, etc.

- Once you tell lies, what do you think can help people trust you again? Ask God to help you stay honest; pray God helps others see that God's changed you; tell the truth; keep your promises; etc.
- Share the name of someone you've lied to and you need to apologize to. Answers will vary.
- Think of a lie you tell a lot. Tell your group what it is and ask them to pray God helps you quit telling that lie. Answers will vary

Pray:

- Ask kids to share things they'd like to pray about.
- Show them where they can write or draw prayer requests in their Impact Kids Book. Write them down in your leader guide as well.
- Pray together over the prayer requests.

"God, thank You for helping us to be honest. Please help us turn to You when we find ourselves telling lies. In Jesus' name, amen."

Dismiss:

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SCRIPTURE

OLD

NEW

1 Now a man named Ananias, together with his wife Sapphira, also sold a piece of property. **2** With his wife's full knowledge he kept back part of the money for himself, but brought the rest and put it at the apostles' feet.

3 Then Peter said, "Ananias, how is it that Satan has so filled your heart that you have lied to the Holy Spirit and have kept for yourself some of the money you received for the land?"

4 Didn't it belong to you before it was sold? And after it was sold, wasn't the money at your disposal? What made you think of doing such a thing? You have not lied just to human beings but to God." **5** When Ananias heard this, he fell down and died. And great fear seized all who heard what had happened. **6** Then some young men came forward, wrapped up his body, and carried him out and buried him.

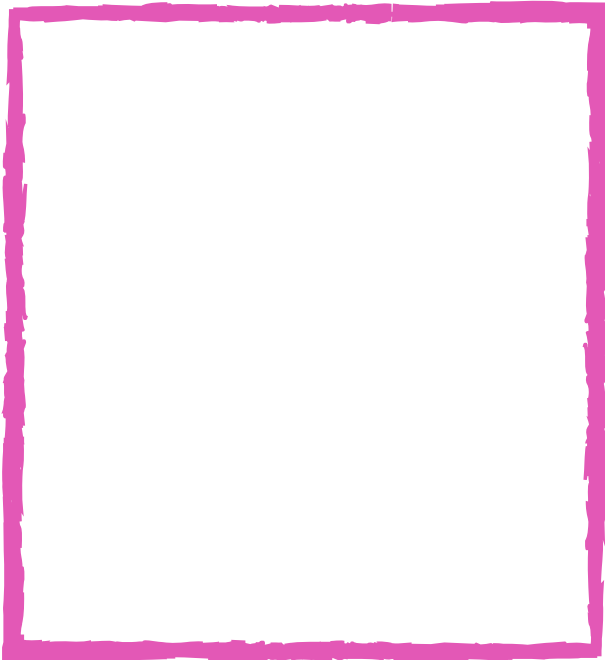
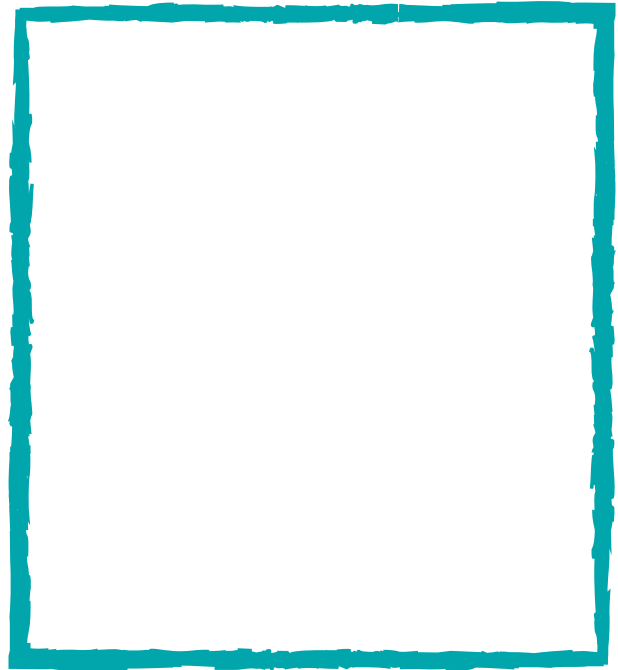
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DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

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DRAW THE BIBLE STORY**THIS WEEK'S PRAYERS****CHALLENGE ACTIVITY**

Practice being honest by telling the truth in the little things, every day. Draw a line to complete each question you should answer truthfully.

Did you brush

your work?

Did you clean

your teeth?

Did you finish

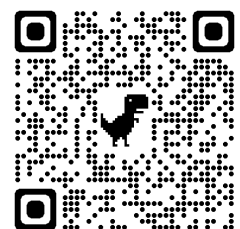
with soap?

Did you wash

your room?

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Thank You

September 21, 2022

Scripture: Acts 16:22-34, 1 Thessalonians 5:18

Story Point: I can be thankful when things are good- and when they're not.

SOCIAL/FAMILY TABLE

Serve pizza, put names on water bottles, trash and clean up/wipe down tables and wash hands.

- Introduce yourself and welcome kids by name.
- Ask kids to share what happened during their day at school, home, etc.
- Ask kids to share something they are learning.
- **For fun: What is the best thing that ever happened to you?**

SMALL GROUP

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22 The crowd joined the attack against Paul and Silas. The judges ordered that Paul and Silas be stripped and beaten with rods. **23** They were whipped without mercy. Then they were thrown into prison. The jailer was commanded to guard them carefully. **24** When he received these orders, he put Paul and Silas deep inside the prison. He fastened their feet so they couldn't get away.

25 About midnight Paul and Silas were praying. They were also singing hymns to God. The other prisoners were listening to them.

26 Suddenly there was a powerful earthquake. It shook the prison from top to bottom. All at once the prison doors flew open. Everyone's chains came loose.

27 The jailer woke up. He saw that the prison doors were open. He pulled out his sword and was going to kill himself. He thought the prisoners had escaped. **28** "Don't harm yourself!" Paul shouted. "We are all here!"

29 The jailer called out for some lights. He rushed in, shaking with fear. He fell down in front of Paul and Silas. **30** Then he brought them out. He asked, "Sirs, what must I do to be saved?" **31** They replied, "Believe in the Lord Jesus. Then you and everyone living in your house will be saved."

32 They spoke the word of the Lord to him. They also spoke to all the others in his house.

33 At that hour of the night, the jailer took Paul and Silas and washed their wounds. Right away he and everyone who lived with him were baptized. **34** The jailer brought them into his house. He set a meal in front of them. He and everyone who lived with him were filled with joy. They had become believers in God.

ACTS 16:22-34

18 Give thanks no matter what happens. God wants you to thank him because you believe in Christ Jesus. **1 THESSALONIANS 5:18**

Say: Let's open your Impact Kids book and read the words to yourself again. Let's think together about 4 sentences we can write to sum up what we just read. How about, Paul and Silas were thrown in jail. Paul and Silas sang songs and prayed. There was an earthquake. Paul and Silas were free and led others to believe in Jesus too. Our video today will help us this played out. Let's watch it while you write or draw. (Pass out pencils to kids)

Watch Bible Video: Roku/DVD

Say: Our story point today is I can be thankful when things are good- and when they're not. "Let's say that together: "I can be thankful when things are good and when they're not." Even when bad things happen, we still have a lot of reasons to thank God. What are you thankful for? When is it hard to be thankful? When is it easy to be thankful?

In **1 THESSALONIANS 5:18** it says: "Give thanks no matter what happens. God wants you to thank him because you believe in Christ Jesus." Who always has something to be thankful for? (everyone who believes in Jesus)

Let's go back to the summary we wrote/drew. Paul and Silas had many things to complain about for sure. How did they spend their time in jail? (*praising God*) What happened as a result? (*God released them and allowed others to believe.*) How does knowing this help us become better disciples, imitators of Jesus?

Discussion Questions:

- What do you think it means to be thankful? Answers will vary.
- How do you think you can stay thankful if you don't have everything you want? Answers will vary.

- What things make it harder for you to be thankful? Answers will vary. Ideas: Losing things you love, not getting what you want, bad things happen, etc.
- What are some things you can always be thankful for? God made us; God is always good; God listens to us; we're friends with God when we follow Jesus; etc.
- In the Bible (Acts 16:22-34) how do you think Paul and Silas stayed thankful? Answers will vary.
- What do you think will help you to be more thankful? Answers will vary. Ideas: Thank God for what you have; remember what Jesus did; etc.
- When bad things happen, it's still important to talk about it. Who can you talk to? Answers will vary.

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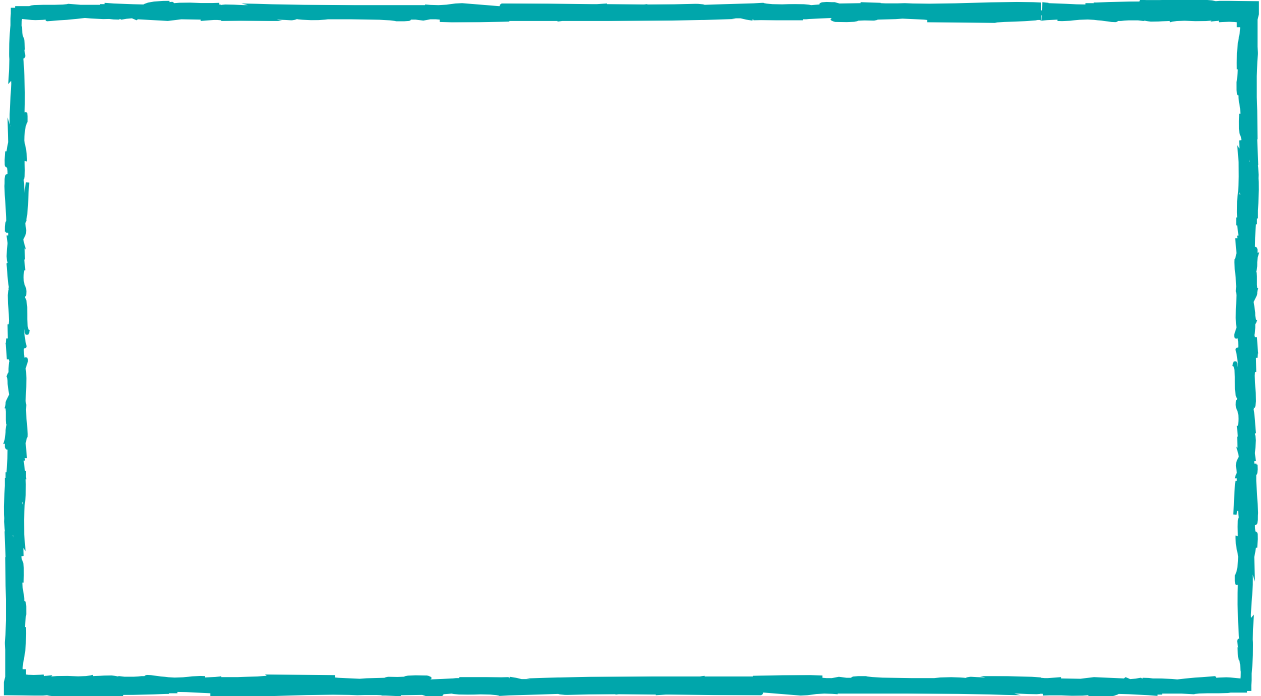
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SUM IT UP 4 SENTENCES

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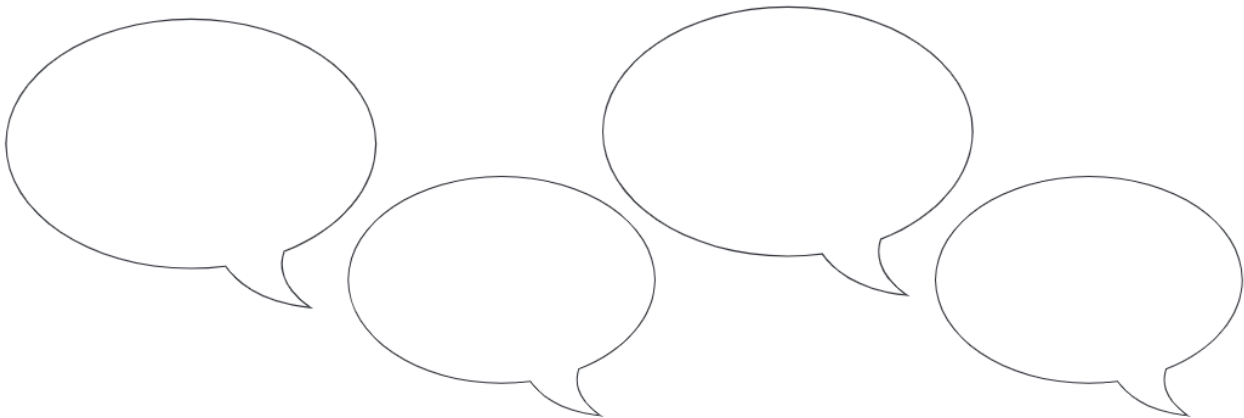
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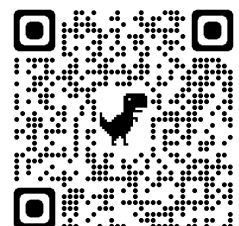
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Good Friends are Loyal

September 28, 2022

Scripture: Ruth, Proverbs 17:17

Story Point: God friends are loyal.

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SMALL GROUP

Read: Ruth 1:8-10, Ruth 1: 16-18, Proverbs 17:17

Say: We are going to read the Bible Story from our Bible today first. Our story is in the Book of Ruth. Who can tell me where Ruth is in the Bible? (Show the table of contents and how to find where Ruth is. Talk about the Old Testament - before Jesus and the New Testament - Jesus' life and after his death and resurrection.) Which section of the Bible is Ruth in? (Old Testament)

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8 Naomi said to her two daughters-in-law, "Both of you go back. Each of you go to your own mother's home. You were kind to your husbands, who have died. You have also been kind to me. So may the Lord be just as kind to you. **9** May the Lord help each of you find rest in the home of another husband." Then she kissed them goodbye. They broke down and wept loudly. **10** They said to her, "We'll go back to your people with you."

RUTH 1:8-10

16 But Ruth replied, "Don't try to make me leave you and go back. Where you go I'll go. Where you stay I'll stay. Your people will be my people. Your God will be my God. **17** Where you die I'll die. And there my body will be buried. I won't let even death separate you from me. If I do, may the Lord punish me greatly." **18** Naomi realized that Ruth had made up her mind to go with her. So she stopped trying to make her go back. **RUTH 1:16-18**

17 A friend loves at all times. They are there to help when trouble comes. **PROVERBS 17:17**

Say: Let's open your Impact Kids book and read the words to yourself again. In the Book of Ruth we see what a good friend looks like. Ruth vowed to Naomi that she would stay with her and follow God with her. When you think about your friends, who is the friend that will follow God with you no matter what? Look at the words in Proverbs. Let's think about your friend with a broken bike. How can you be a good friend in that situation? Think about it while we watch the video. (Pass out pencils to kids)

Watch Bible Video: Roku/DVD

Say: Our story point today is: Good friends are loyal "Let's say that together: "Good friends are loyal." Being loyal means you're there for your friends, no matter what. Sometimes loyalty takes teamwork or makes things harder. But sometimes loyalty is more fun, too!

This week we are memorizing **PROVERBS 17:17**. Let's practice together. Say this after me: "A friend loves at all times," (*Kids repeat.*) and a brother is born for a time of adversity. (*Kids repeat.*) Who thinks they can say it? Who wants to say it together? (*Praise progress.*) Now use the index card to write all the words for Proverbs 17:17. This is to take home so you can practice it at home.

Let's go back to the story about Ruth and our memory verse this week. What do good brothers, sisters, and friends do? (*Stay loyal and help when you need it.*) What do we get wrong when it comes to loyalty? Who do you think is the most loyal in our small group? How does knowing this help us become better disciples, imitators of Jesus?

Discussion Questions:

- What does it mean to be loyal? Be honest, be kind, and be there for your friends no matter what.

- Give some examples of ways to be loyal to your friends. Be there for them even when it's not fun; keep promises; stand up for them; help them; etc.
- What kind of actions aren't loyal? Saying someone isn't your friend anymore, breaking promises, gossiping about your friends, etc.
- How is God loyal to us? He listens, forgives, keeps His promises, sent Jesus to die for our sins, etc.
- What can you do to be loyal when your friend is upset? Ask them what they need; pray with them; listen to them; ask God to help them; etc.
- Think of a good friend or family member. What can you do to be loyal to them this week? Answers will vary.

Pray:

- Ask kids to share things they'd like to pray about.
- Show them where they can write or draw prayer requests in their Impact Kids Book. Write them down in your leader guide as well.
- Pray together over the prayer requests.

"God, thank You for showing love and loyalty to us. Please help us show it to others.
In Jesus' name, amen."

Dismiss:

- Connect with families picking up their kids. Share something positive about their kid today.
- Encourage families to do the Family Challenge together throughout the next few weeks. QR codes are available on the website and Parkway App.
<https://my.bible.com/reading-plans/1555-godly-character>

Good Friends are Loyal

September 28, 2022

Scripture: Ruth, Proverbs 17:17

Story Point: Good friends are loyal.

SCRIPTURE



8 Then Naomi said to her two daughters-in-law, "Go back, each of you, to your mother's home. May the Lord show you kindness, as you have shown kindness to your dead husbands and to me. **9** May the Lord grant that each of you will find rest in the home of another husband." Then she kissed them goodbye and they wept aloud **10** and said to her, "We will go back with you to your people." **RUTH 1:8-10**

16 But Ruth replied, "Don't urge me to leave you or to turn back from you. Where you go I will go, and where you stay I will stay. Your people will be my people and your God my God. **17** Where you die I will die, and there I will be buried. May the Lord deal with me, be it ever so severely, if even death separates you and me." **18** When Naomi realized that Ruth was determined to go with her, she stopped urging her.

RUTH 1:16-18

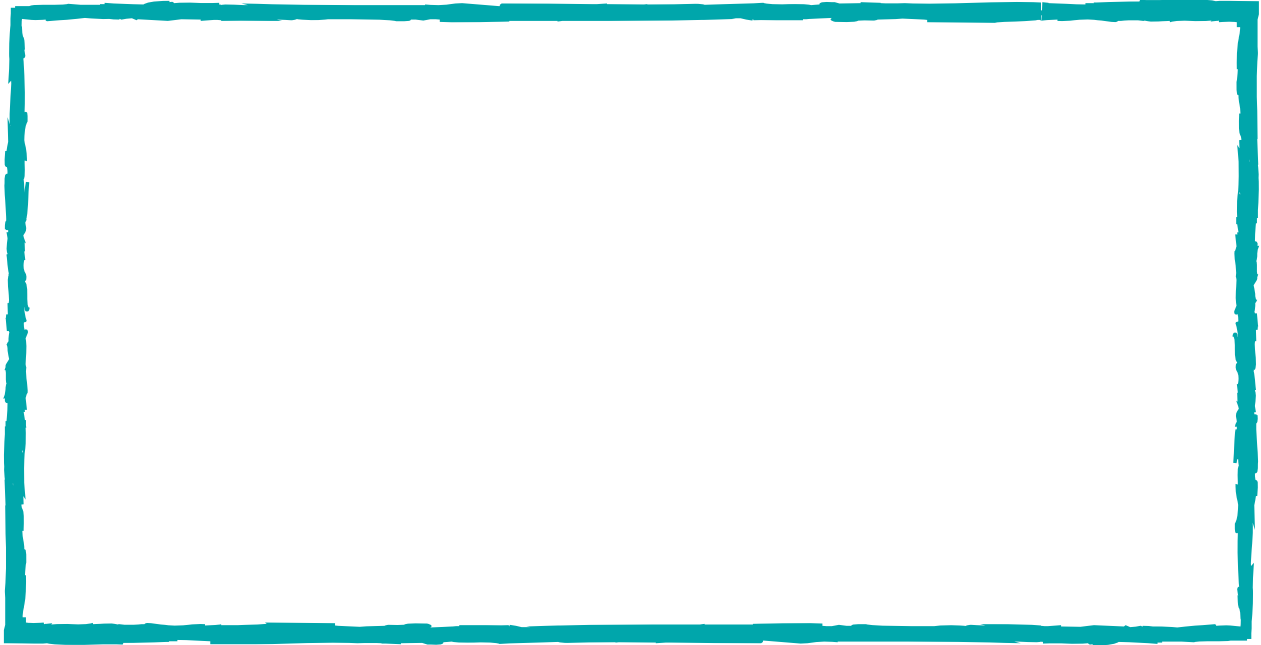
DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- What does it mean to be loyal?
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- What kind of actions aren't loyal?
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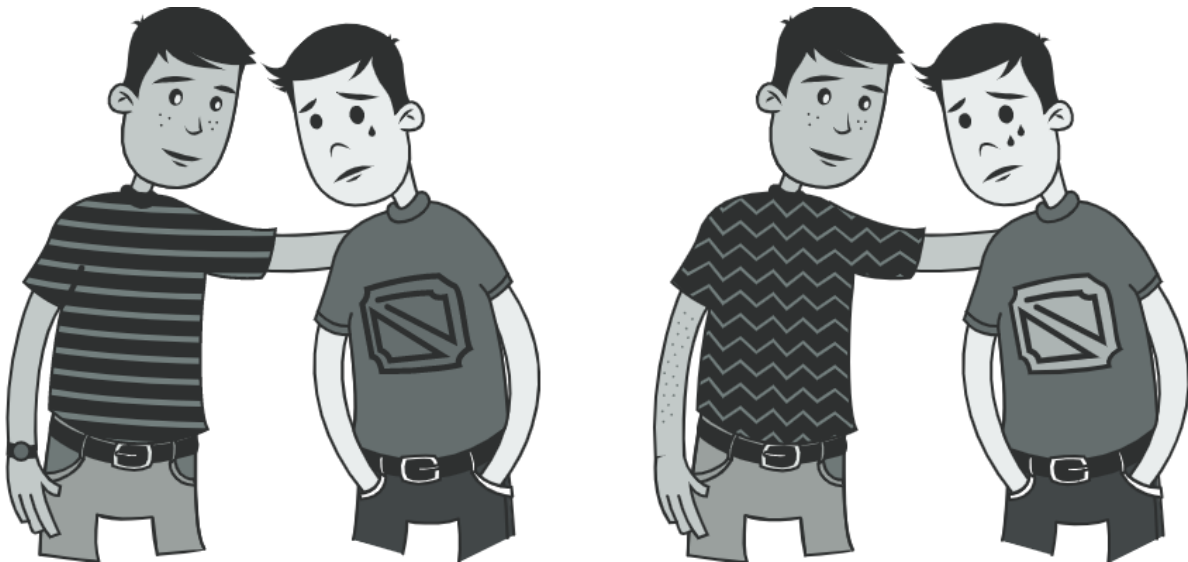
**MEMORY
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CHALLENGE ACTIVITY

A good friend is loyal when things are fun and when they're not. Circle the differences in the two pictures below.



GODLY CHARACTER Bible Reading Plan

What kind of person are you on the inside? Follow Jesus and let God's Holy Spirit change you. Let your character shine a light on God's love, so others can see what Jesus is like!



START NOW

I AM LOVED

October 5, 2022

Scripture: Mark 1:19-20

Story Point: I am loved because God loves me!

SOCIAL/FAMILY TABLE

Serve pizza, put names on water bottles, trash and clean up/wipe down tables and wash hands.

- Introduce yourself and welcome kids by name.
- Ask kids to share what happened during their day at school, home, etc.
- Ask kids to share something they are learning.
- **For fun: Who loves you most?**

SMALL GROUP

Read: MARK 1:19-20

Say: We are going to read the Bible Story from our Bible today first. Our story is in the Book of Mark. Who can tell me where Mark is in the Bible? (Show the table of contents and how to find where Mark is. Talk about the Old Testament - before Jesus and the New Testament - Jesus' life and after his death and resurrection.) Which section of the Bible is Mark in? (New Testament)

So, open your Bible halfway and then keep flipping toward the back. Look at the top of the page, Mark is the second book in the New Testament. Now we need to look at the numbers. The big number in bold is the chapter so we need to find a big 1. The little numbers closer to the words are called verses, we are looking for 19-20. Did everyone find it? Help each other if you found it in your Bible. Now let's read it together. Who wants to read first? Read now:

19 Then Jesus walked a little farther. As he did, he saw James, the son of Zebedee, and his brother John. They were in a boat preparing their nets. **20** Right away he called out to them. They left their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired men. Then they followed Jesus

MARK 1:19-20

Say: Let's open your Impact Kids book and read the words to yourself again. I want you to draw a picture of Jesus coming to James and his brother and asks them to follow him. If you need help finding a way to draw that picture watch the video and see if you can copy something there. Let's watch it now. (Pass out pencils to kids)

Watch Bible Video: Roku/DVD

Say: The next few weeks we are looking in the Bible to see what God says about us, or our ID because of Jesus. Today we are looking at love. Our story point today is: I am loved because God loves me! "Let's say that together: "I am loved because God loves me." In our story today Jesus called two disciples to follow him. How does Jesus show James and his brother he loves them? God loves us, but He hates sin and wrong choices. When we believe in Jesus, God doesn't see us for our sins anymore. Jesus covers that.

In **ROMANS 5:8** it says, "But here is how God has shown his love for us. While we were still sinners, Christ died for us." What must you do for God to love you? (absolutely nothing) Why do you think Jesus Christ died on the cross before we believed in Him?

There are times that all of us feel unloved.

I'm sorry you feel like that. During those times, I try to remember the verse in Romans. Even when I didn't know anything about Jesus or God, God loved me. That means nothing takes His love away from us. Does that give anyone more comfort?

Let's go back to the story about James and his brother. James and his brother knew that following Jesus was worth leaving everything they knew. Even fishing. When we focus on God's love for us, it should get easier to do hard things. Even if it isn't easy, God's love for us does not change. How does knowing this help us become better disciples, imitators of Jesus?

Discussion Questions:

- Do you ever feel like no one loves you? What makes you feel that way? Answers will vary.
- What's the best way to find out the truth about who you are? Choose to follow Jesus, get to know God, and believe what He says about you.
- What truth can you learn about yourself from the Bible verse and the point? I am loved by God.
- What are some things God does that show He loves you? Answers will vary.
- During the activity, what did you think when you saw God loves you instead of being mad at you? Answers will vary.
- What do you think you can do this week to remind yourself God loves you? Answers will vary.

Pray:

- Ask kids to share things they'd like to pray about.
- Show them where they can write or draw prayer requests in their Impact Kids Book. Write them down in your leader guide as well.
- Pray together over the prayer requests.

"God, thank You for loving us before we loved You. Please show us how loved we are. In Jesus' name, amen."

Dismiss:

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I Am Loved

October 5, 2022

Scripture: Mark 1:19-20

Story Point: I am loved because God loves me!

SCRIPTURE



19 When he had gone a little farther, he saw James son of Zebedee and his brother John in a boat, preparing their nets. **20** Without delay he called them, and they left their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired men and followed him. **MARK 1:19-20**

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- Do you ever feel like no one loves you? What makes you feel that way?
- What's the best way to find out the truth about who you are?
- What truth can you learn about yourself from the Bible verse and the point? .
- What are some things God does that show He loves you?
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- What do you think you can do this week to remind yourself God loves you?

DRAW THE BIBLE STORY



CHALLENGE ACTIVITY

God tells you how much He loves you in the Bible! Find the verses in the verse search and look them up in the Bible!

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Psalm 86:15

John 13:34

Romans 8:39

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START NOW

I AM FAMOUS

October 12, 2022

Scripture: John 1:43-51; Jeremiah 1:5

Story Point: I am famous because God knows me!

SOCIAL/FAMILY TABLE

Serve pizza, put names on water bottles, trash and clean up/wipe down tables and wash hands.

- Introduce yourself and welcome kids by name.
- Ask kids to share what happened during their day at school, home, etc.
- Ask kids to share something they are learning.
- **For fun: Who's your favorite famous person?**

SMALL GROUP

Read: John 1:43-51; Jeremiah 1:5

Say: We are going to read the Bible Story from our Bible today first. Our story is in the Book of John. Who can tell me where John is in the Bible? (Show the table of contents and how to find where John is. Talk about the Old Testament - before Jesus and the New Testament - Jesus' life and after his death and resurrection.) Which section of the Bible is John in? (New Testament)

So, open your Bible halfway and then keep flipping toward the back. Look at the top of the page, John is the fourth book in the New Testament. Now we need to look at the numbers. The big number in bold is the chapter so we need to find a big 1. The little numbers closer to the words are called verses, we are looking for 43-51. Did everyone find it? Help each other if you found it in your Bible. Now let's read it together. Who wants to read first? Read now:

43 The next day Jesus decided to leave for Galilee. He found Philip and said to him, "Follow me."

44 Philip was from the town of Bethsaida. So were Andrew and Peter. **45** Philip found Nathanael and told him, "We have found the one whom Moses wrote about in the Law. The prophets also wrote about him. He is Jesus of Nazareth, the son of Joseph."

46 "Nazareth! Can anything good come from there?" Nathanael asked. "Come and see," said Philip.

47 Jesus saw Nathanael approaching. Here is what Jesus said about him. "He is a true Israelite. Nothing about him is false."

48 "How do you know me?" Nathanael asked. Jesus answered, "I saw you while you were still under the fig tree. I saw you there before Philip called you."

49 Nathanael replied, "Rabbi, you are the Son of God. You are the king of Israel."

50 Jesus said, "You believe because I told you I saw you under the fig tree. You will see greater things than that." **51** Then he said to the disciples, "What I'm about to tell you is true. You will see heaven open. You will see the angels of God going up and coming down on the Son of Man." **JOHN 1:43-51**

5 "Before I formed you in your mother's body I chose you. Before you were born I set you apart to serve me. I appointed you to be a prophet to the nations." **JEREMIAH 1:5**

Say: Let's open your Impact Kids book and read the words to yourself again. We're going to summarize this story. How would you write about it in 3 sentences? How about this? Jesus calls more disciples to follow and believe in Him. Jesus told other people about Nathanael. Jesus told them they would see bigger and better things soon. If you want to draw a picture you can do that too. Let's watch out video to learn a little more. Let's watch it now. (Pass out pencils to kids)

Watch Bible Video: Roku/DVD

Say: The next few weeks we are looking in the Bible to see what God says about us, or our ID because of Jesus. Today we are looking at being famous. If you were famous, what would you be famous for? All of us want to be known. Our story point today is: I am famous because God knows me! "Let's say that together: "I am famous because God knows me." In our story today Jesus called two disciples to follow him. Then Nathanael was amazed that Jesus knew things about him. Has there ever been a time that someone said something true about you that you wondered how they knew that? Is it more important to you to be famous to God or famous to people? What do you think God knows about you?

In **JEREMIAH 1:5** it says, "I knew you before I formed you in your mother's womb. Before you were born I set you apart..." Where did God form you? (in your mother's womb; in your mom's tummy) Sometimes you might feel like you don't really matter, but the truth is God knows you by name, and He made a way for you to know Him. We are famous because God knows us and never forgets us. How does knowing this help us become better disciples, imitators of Jesus?

Discussion Questions:

- What's the best way to find out the truth about who you are? Choose to follow Jesus, get to know God, and believe what He says about you.
- When did God know us and plan for us to be special? Before we were even born!
- What do you think about the fact that God knew you before He made you? Answers will vary.
- In the Bible story, what surprised Nathaniel? Jesus knew him even though they had never met before.
- Do you ever feel like no one really knows you? What makes you feel that way? Answers will vary.

Pray:

- Ask kids to share things they'd like to pray about.
- Show them where they can write or draw prayer requests in their Impact Kids Book. Write them down in your leader guide as well.
- Pray together over the prayer requests.

"God, thank You for knowing our names and caring about every detail of our lives. Make yourself famous to us. In Jesus' name, amen."

Dismiss:

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I Am Famous

October 12, 2022

Scripture: John 1:43-51; Jeremiah 1:5

Story Point: I am famous because God knows me!

SCRIPTURE

OLD**NEW**

43 The next day Jesus decided to leave for Galilee. Finding Philip, he said to him, "Follow me." **44** Philip, like Andrew and Peter, was from the town of Bethsaida.

45 Philip found Nathanael and told him, "We have found the one Moses wrote about in the Law, and about whom the prophets also wrote—Jesus of Nazareth, the son of Joseph." **46** "Nazareth! Can anything good come from there?" Nathanael asked.

"Come and see," said Philip.

47 When Jesus saw Nathanael approaching, he said of him, "Here truly is an Israelite in whom there is no deceit."

48 "How do you know me?" Nathanael asked. Jesus answered, "I saw you while you were still under the fig tree before Philip called you."

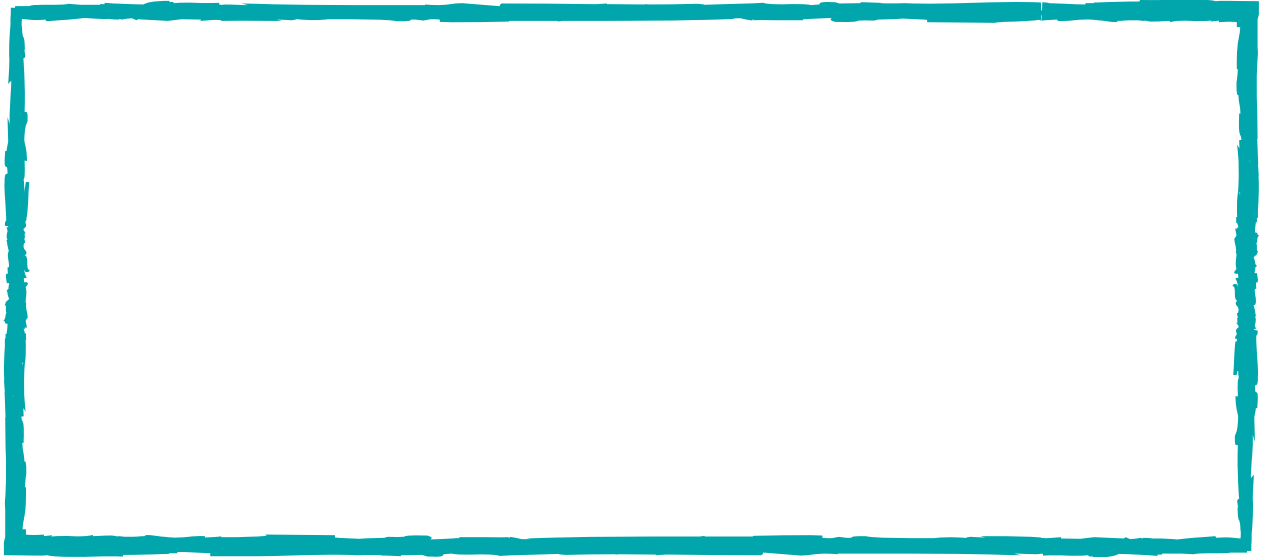
49 Then Nathanael declared, "Rabbi, you are the Son of God; you are the king of Israel." **50** Jesus said, "You believe because I told you I saw you under the fig tree. You will see greater things than that." **51** He then added, "Very truly I tell you, you will see 'heaven open, and the angels of God ascending and descending on' the Son of Man." **JOHN 1:43-51**

SUM IT UP 3 SENTENCES

Before I formed you in your mother's body I chose you. Before you were born I set you apart to serve me. I appointed you to be a prophet to the nations." JEREMIAH 1:5

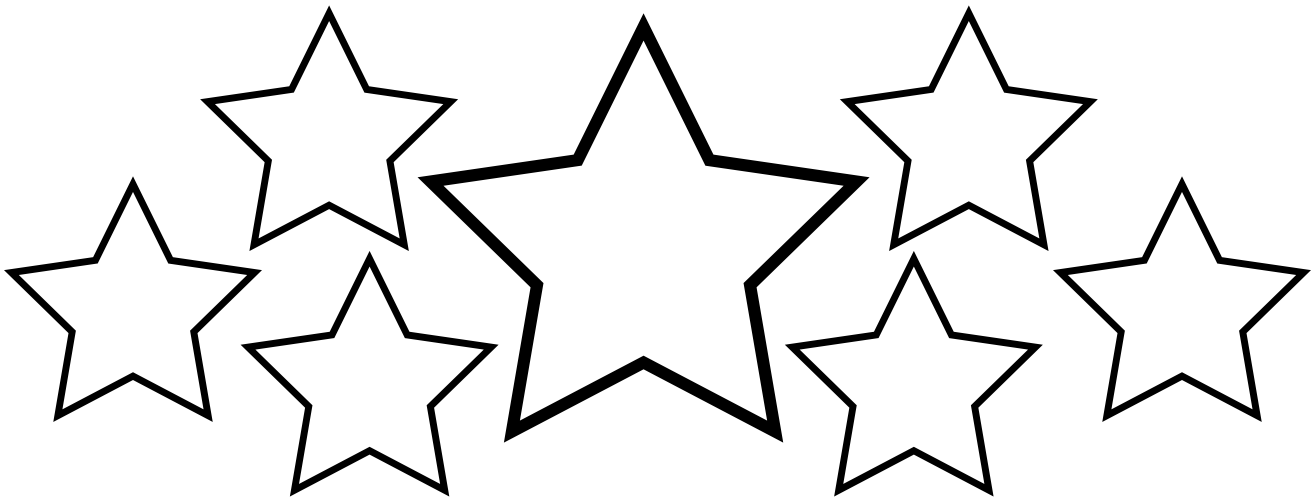
DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- What's the best way to find out the truth about who you are?
- When did God know us and plan for us to be special?
- What do you think about the fact that God knew you before He made you?
- In the Bible story, what surprised Nathaniel?
- Do you ever feel like no one really knows you? What makes you feel that way?



CHALLENGE ACTIVITY

You're famous to God! Write your name in the big star. Ask your small group friends and leader to write good things God knows about you in the little stars.



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START NOW

I AM CHOSEN

October 19, 2022

Scripture: Matthew 9:9-13, Ephesians 1:4

Story Point: I am chosen because God chose me!

SOCIAL/FAMILY TABLE

Serve pizza, put names on water bottles, trash and clean up/wipe down tables and wash hands.

- Introduce yourself and welcome kids by name.
- Ask kids to share what happened during their day at school, home, etc.
- Ask kids to share something they are learning.
- **For fun:** What kind of disguise would you wear?

SMALL GROUP

Read: Matthew 9:9-13, Ephesians 1:4

Say: We are going to read the Bible Story from our Bible today first. Our story is in the Book of Matthew. Who can tell me where Matthew is in the Bible? (Show the table of contents and how to find where Matthew is. Talk about the Old Testament - before Jesus and the New Testament - Jesus' life and after his death and resurrection.) Which section of the Bible is Matthew in? (New Testament)

So, open your Bible halfway and then keep flipping toward the back. Look at the top of the page, Matthew is the first book in the New Testament. Now we need to look at the numbers. The big number in bold is the chapter so we need to find a big 9. The little numbers closer to the words are called verses, we are looking for 9-13. Did everyone find it? Help each other if you found it in your Bible. Now let's read it together. Who wants to read first? Read now:

9 As Jesus went on from there, he saw a man named Matthew. He was sitting at the tax collector's booth. "Follow me," Jesus told him. Matthew got up and followed him.

10 Later Jesus was having dinner at Matthew's house. Many tax collectors and sinners came. They ate with Jesus and his disciples. **11** The Pharisees saw this. So they asked the disciples, "Why does your teacher eat with tax collectors and sinners?"

12 Jesus heard this. So he said, "Those who are healthy don't need a doctor. Sick people do.

13 Go and learn what this means, 'I want mercy and not sacrifice.' (Hosea 6:6) I have not come to get those who think they are right with God to follow me. I have come to get sinners to follow me." **MATTHEW 9:9-13**

4 God chose us to belong to Christ before the world was created. He chose us to be holy and without blame in his eyes. He loved us.

EPHESIANS 1:4

Say: Let's open your Impact Kids book and read the words to yourself again. As you read through it again look for these words: sinners, follow, Jesus. While we watch our video I want you to highlight those words in your book. Let's watch it now. (Pass out highlighters to kids)

Watch Bible Video: Roku/DVD

Say: The next few weeks we are looking in the Bible to see what God says about us, or our ID because of Jesus. Today we are looking at being chosen. Matthew was chosen by Jesus, even though people didn't like him. Our story point today is: I am chosen because God chose me! "Let's say that together: "I am chosen because God chose me." In our story today Jesus went to the house of people whom other people did not like at all. While He was there He asked one of "Those people" to follow Him. When you feel like you don't fit in, what does it make you want to do? When you catch yourself thinking something bad about yourself, what truths can you remember to get back on track?

Let's look back at the words you highlighted today. Do you know why we highlight words sometimes? So we can figure out what they mean and find ways to relate to what we are reading in our Bibles. Today you highlighted sinner, follow and Jesus. We can start with the easy one, Jesus. Who is Jesus? (our Savior, God's perfect Son who came to earth to take the weight of sins on the cross so we can have relationship with God forever, etc.)

Now sinners, who are sinners? (everyone)
Do you really think everyone sins? It matters. If you are struggling with that I want to pray with you that God would reveal this truth to you from the Bible. Last word follow, what did Jesus mean when He said follow? He meant leave everything behind and literally follow me and spiritually follow me. When you follow people, do you take it so seriously?

In **EPHESIANS 1:4** it says, "Even before he made the world, God loves us and chose us in Christ to be holy and without fault in his eyes." Who chose us before the world was made? (God) Is it possible that because God chose us before we breathed so that we can choose God every day? How does knowing this help us become better disciples, imitators of Jesus?

Discussion Questions:

- What's the best way to find out the truth about who you are? Choose to follow Jesus, get to know God, and believe what He says about you.
- In the Bible story, how did Jesus treat Matthew differently? Jesus chose Matthew to be his friend and follower instead of disliking and rejecting him.
- Do you ever feel like no one wants to choose you? What makes you feel that way? Answers will vary.
- God chose us to be holy and without fault in His eyes when we follow Jesus. What does that mean to you? Answers will vary.
- God chose you. What does that make you think about yourself? Answers will vary.
- God knows you and wants you to know Him! What do you think you can do this week to get to know Him better? Answers will vary.
- If you feel like you don't matter anymore, what do you think you can do to remind yourself you're famous to God? Answers will vary.

Pray:

- Ask kids to share things they'd like to pray about.
- Show them where they can write or draw prayer requests in their Impact Kids Book. Write them down in your leader guide as well.
- Pray together over the prayer requests.

"God, thank You for choosing us in Jesus Christ to be forgiven and special to You.

Please show us we matter.

In Jesus' name, amen."

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I Am Chosen

October 19, 2022

Scripture: Matthew 9:9-13, Ephesians 1:4

Story Point: I am chosen because God chose me!

SCRIPTURE



9 As Jesus went on from there, he saw a man named Matthew sitting at the tax collector's booth. "Follow me," he told him, and Matthew got up and followed him.

10 While Jesus was having dinner at Matthew's house, many tax collectors and sinners came and ate with him and his disciples. **11** When the Pharisees saw this, they asked his disciples, "Why does your teacher eat with tax collectors and sinners?"

12 On hearing this, Jesus said, "It is not the healthy who need a doctor, but the sick.

13 But go and learn what this means: 'I desire mercy, not sacrifice.' For I have not come to call the righteous, but sinners."

MATTHEW 9:9-13

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EPHESIANS 1:4

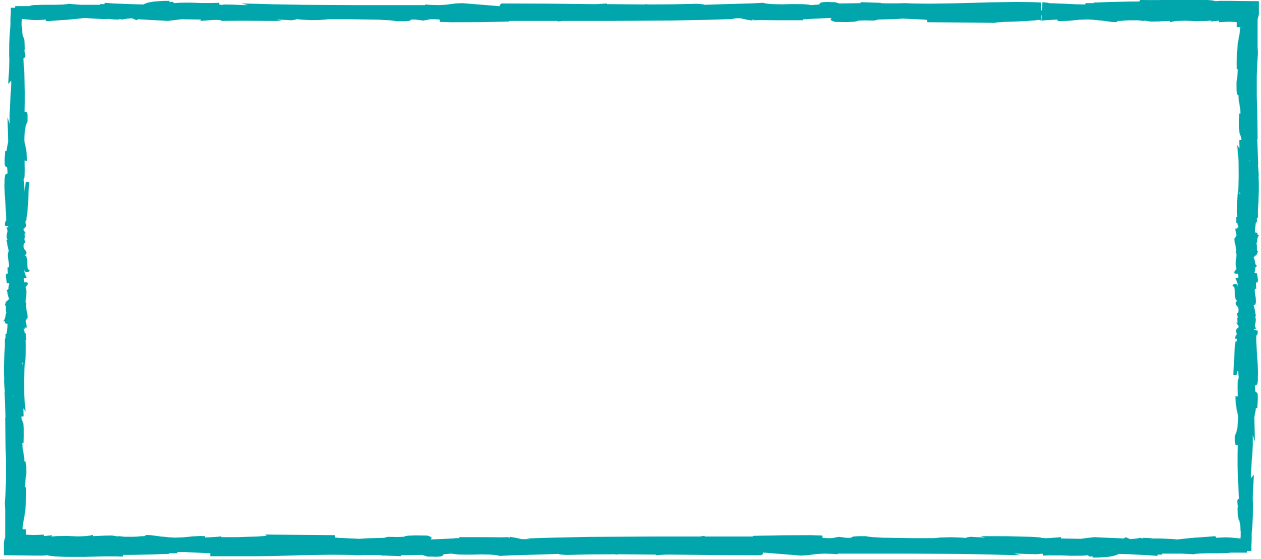
KEY WORDS

Highlight these names in tonight's passages.

**SINNERS
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JESUS**

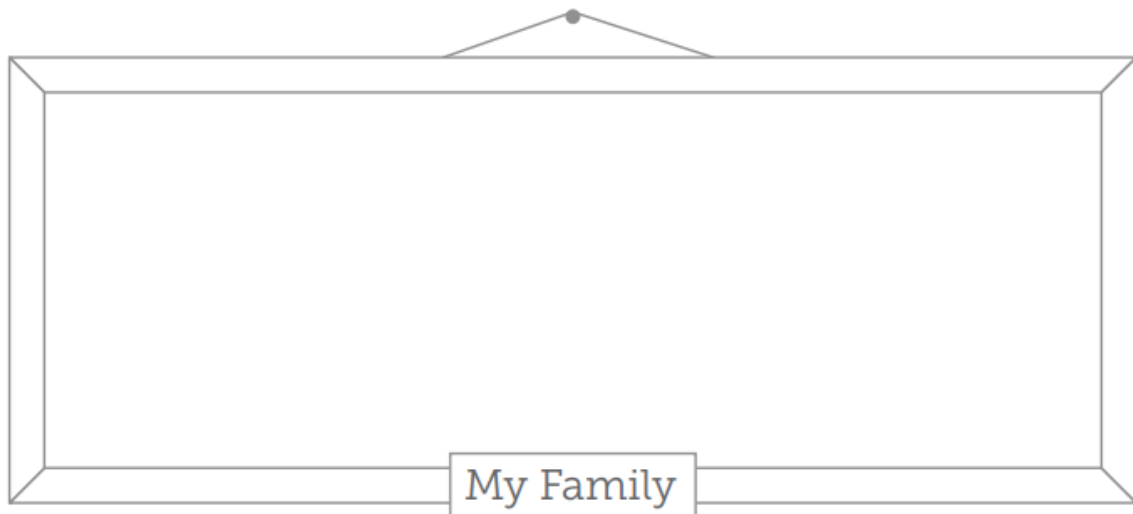
DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- What's the best way to find out the truth about who you are?
- In the Bible story, how did Jesus treat Matthew differently?
- Do you ever feel like no one wants to choose you? What makes you feel that way?
- God chose us to be holy and without fault in His eyes when we follow Jesus. What does that mean to you?
- God chose you. What does that make you think about yourself?
- God knows you and wants you to know Him! What do you think you can do this week to get to know Him better?
- If you feel like you don't matter anymore, what do you think you can do to remind yourself you're famous to God?



CHALLENGE ACTIVITY

You're chosen to be in God's family, the Church. Everyone who believes Jesus belongs in that family! Ask members of your group to draw themselves below.



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START NOW

I AM RICH

October 26, 2022

Scripture: Matthew 17:24-27

Story Point: I am rich because God gives me what I need!

SOCIAL/FAMILY TABLE

Serve pizza, put names on water bottles, trash and clean up/wipe down tables and wash hands.

- Introduce yourself and welcome kids by name.
- Ask kids to share what happened during their day at school, home, etc.
- Ask kids to share something they are learning.
- **For fun: What would you buy if you had a million dollars?**

SMALL GROUP

Read: Matthew 17:24-27

Say: We are going to read the Bible Story from our Bible today first. Our story is in the Book of Matthew. Who can tell me where Matthew is in the Bible? (Show the table of contents and how to find where Matthew is. Talk about the Old Testament - before Jesus and the New Testament - Jesus' life and after his death and resurrection.) Which section of the Bible is Matthew in? (New Testament)

So, open your Bible halfway and then keep flipping toward the back. Look at the top of the page, Matthew is the first book in the New Testament. Now we need to look at the numbers. The big number in bold is the chapter so we need to find a big 17. The little numbers closer to the words are called verses, we are looking for 24-27. Did everyone find it? Help each other if you found it in your Bible. Now let's read it together. Who wants to read first? Read now:

24 Jesus and his disciples arrived in Capernaum. There the people who collect the temple tax came to Peter. They asked him, "Doesn't your teacher pay the temple tax?"

25 "Yes, he does," he replied.

When Peter came into the house, Jesus spoke first. "What do you think, Simon?" he asked. "Who do the kings of the earth collect taxes and fees from? Do they collect them from their own children or from others?"

26 "From others," Peter answered.

"Then the children don't have to pay," Jesus said to him. **27** "But we don't want to make them angry. So go to the lake and throw out your fishing line. Take the first fish you catch. Open its mouth. There you will find the exact coin you need. Take it and give it to them for my tax and yours." **MATTHEW 17:24-27**

19 My God will meet all your needs. He will meet them in keeping with his wonderful riches. These riches come to you because you belong to Christ Jesus. **PHILIPPIANS 4:19**

Say: Let's open your Impact Kids book and read the words to yourself again. While we watch the video today, I want you to draw a picture of our Bible story today. This one should be fun, money in a fish's mouth. WOW! Let's watch it now. (Pass out pencils to kids)

Watch Bible Video: Roku/DVD

Say: The last few weeks we are looking in the Bible to see what God says about us, or our ID because of Jesus. Today we are looking at being rich. Earlier we talked about what we would buy if we had a million dollars. Would a million dollars make you rich? Our story point today is: I am rich because God gives me what I need "Let's say that together: "I am rich because God gives me what I need." In our story today Jesus was asked to pay the temple tax. That is like an entry fee to go into a park. Jesus was not a "rich man". He did not have lots of money, but He had God's power. God provided what Jesus and the disciples needed that day. A way to see God work or a miracle, so that others could believe in Jesus.

In **PHILIPPIANS 4:19** it says, "And this same God who takes care of me will supply all your needs from his glorious riches..." Will God gives us everything we want or everything we need? (*Everything we need*) There is a big difference there. Sometimes we will not be a "rich person" but we will have what we need so that God gets the glory. How does knowing this help us become better disciples, imitators of Jesus?

Discussion Questions:

- How important do you think money is? Answers will vary.
- Will God give us everything we want or everything we need? Everything we need
- What's the best way to find out the truth about who you are? Choose to follow Jesus, get to know God, and believe what He says about you.
- Some things we need can be bought with money. What are those kinds of things? Food, clothes, a place to live, etc.
- Some things we need can't be bought with money. What are those things? Love, friendship, peace, forgiveness, salvation, etc.
- Do you ever feel like you're not rich? What makes you feel that way? Answers will vary.
- How does God know what you need better than you do? God made you and knows your future.

Pray:

- Ask kids to share things they'd like to pray about.
- Show them where they can write or draw prayer requests in their Impact Kids Book. Write them down in your leader guide as well.
- Pray together over the prayer requests.

"God, thank You for meeting our needs. Please show us how rich we are in Christ Jesus. In Jesus' name, amen."

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25 “Yes, he does,” he replied.

When Peter came into the house, Jesus was the first to speak. “What do you think, Simon?” he asked. “From whom do the kings of the earth collect duty and taxes—from their own children or from others?”

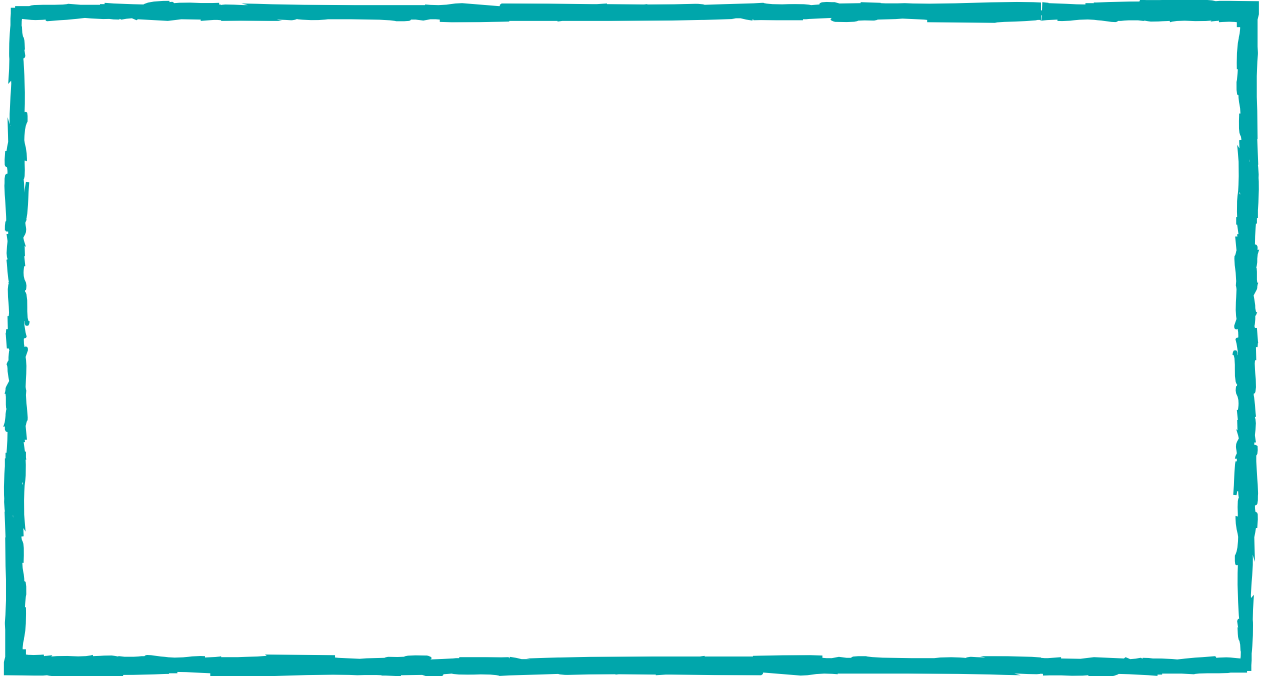
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DRAW THE BIBLE STORY

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- How important do you think money is?
- Will God give us everything we want or everything we need?
- What’s the best way to find out the truth about who you are?
- Some things we need can be bought with money. What are those kinds of things?
- Some things we need can’t be bought with money. What are those things?
- Do you ever feel like you’re not rich? What makes you feel that way?
- How does God know what you need better than you do?



CHALLENGE ACTIVITY

Your heart is rich with God's blessings! Color the blessings God fills your heart with. Mark out the things that can't fill your heart.

LOVE CARS PEACE
MANSIONS MONEY
FORGIVENESS TOYS
KINDNESS

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START NOW

COURAGE FACES FEAR

November 2, 2022

Scripture: Esther 4:7-16; Psalm 56:3

Story Point: God gives me the courage to face fear.

SOCIAL/FAMILY TABLE

Serve pizza, put names on water bottles, trash and clean up/wipe down tables and wash hands.

- Introduce yourself and welcome kids by name.
- Ask kids to share what happened during their day at school, home, etc.
- Ask kids to share something they are learning.
- **For fun:** Would you rather explore a cave full of snakes or spiders?

SMALL GROUP

Read: Esther 4:7-16, Psalm 56:3

Say: We are going to read the Bible Story from our Bible today first. Our story is in the Book of Esther. Who can tell me where Esther is in the Bible? (Show the table of contents and how to find where Esther is. Talk about the Old Testament - before Jesus and the New Testament - Jesus' life and after his death and resurrection.) Which section of the Bible is Esther in? (Old Testament)

So, open your Bible at the beginning. Look at the top of the page, Esther is the 17th book in the Old Testament. It is after Kings. Now we need to look at the numbers. The big number in bold is the chapter so we need to find a big 4. The little numbers closer to the words are called verses, we are looking for 7-16. Did everyone find it? Help each other if you found it in your Bible. Now let's read it together. Who wants to read first? Read now:

7 Mordecai told him everything that had happened to him. He told him about the exact amount of money Haman had promised to add to the royal treasures. He said Haman wanted it to be used to pay some men to destroy the Jews. **8** Mordecai also gave Hathak a copy of the order. It commanded people to wipe out the Jews. The order had been sent from Susa. Mordecai told Hathak to show the order to Esther. He wanted Hathak to explain it to her. Mordecai told him to tell her to go and beg the king for mercy. Mordecai wanted her to make an appeal to the king for her people.

9 Hathak went back and reported to Esther what Mordecai had said. **10** Then Esther directed him to give an answer to Mordecai. She told him to say, **11** "There is a certain law that everyone knows about. All the king's officials know about it. The people in the royal territories know about it. It applies to any man or woman who approaches the king in the inner courtyard without being sent for. It says they must be put to death. But there is a way out. Suppose the king reaches out his gold scepter toward them. Then their lives will be spared. But 30 days have gone by since the king sent for me."

12 Esther's words were reported to Mordecai.

13 Then he sent back an answer. He said, "You live in the king's palace. But don't think that just because you are there you will be the only Jew who will escape. **14** What if you don't say anything at this time? Then help for the Jews will come from another place. But you and your family will die. Who knows? It's possible that you became queen for a time just like this."

15 Then Esther sent a reply to Mordecai. She said, **16** "Go. Gather together all the Jews who are in Susa. And fast for my benefit. Don't eat or drink anything for three days. Don't do it night or day. I and my attendants will fast just as you do. Then I'll go to the king. I'll do it even though it's against the law. And if I have to die, I'll die." **ESTHER 4:7-16**

3 When I'm afraid, I put my trust in you.
PSALM 56:3

Say: Let's open your Impact Kids book and read the words to yourself again. While we watch the video today, you are going to write some sentences to sum up what we read. What do you think we should write? How about this: The Jews were being picked on. Esther was queen. Her uncle told her she was there to save her people and to see the king. You can write or draw that while we watch the video. Let's watch it now. *(Pass out pencils to kids.)*

Watch Bible Video: Roku/DVD

Say: Queen Esther was brave. She didn't let being afraid stop her. What are some brave things she did?

Our story point today is: God gives me the courage to face fear. "Let's say that together: "God gives me the courage to face fear" In our story today Esther was asked to face her fear of the king. She asked her uncle and family to fast and pray for her.

In **PSALM 56:3** it says, "When I am afraid, I put my trust in you." Take out the index card and write the words for Psalm 56:3 on your card so you can practice at home. Who can we always put our trust in when we're afraid? *(God)* When we choose to be brave with God's help, that is courage. How does knowing this help us become better disciples, imitators of Jesus?

Discussion Questions:

- Who can we always put our trust in when we're afraid?
- Does courage mean you're never afraid? No
- What does courage mean? Facing fear with God's power
- In the Bible, Queen Esther risked her life by talking to the king. How do you think she got the courage to do that? Answers will vary.
- How do you think feeling afraid helps us grow courage? Answers will vary.
- How do you think trusting God helps when we're afraid? Answers will vary.
- Talk about a time feeling afraid kept you from doing what you needed to do. Answers will vary.
- How can you show courage this week? Answers will vary.
- If you're feeling afraid, what can you do to get the courage to do what you need to do? Ask God for it, etc

Pray:

- Ask kids to share things they'd like to pray about.
- Show them where they can write or draw prayer requests in their Impact Kids Book. Write them down in your leader guide as well.
- Pray together over the prayer requests.

"Dear God, thank You for giving us the courage to do what we need to do, even if we feel afraid. In Jesus' name, amen."

Dismiss:

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THIS WEEK'S PRAYERS

“

Courage isn't being unafraid. It's taking a stand in the face of fear. Have the courage to face fear with God's power.

”

CHALLENGE ACTIVITY

When you're afraid, say out loud your trust in God! With your group, fill in the blanks in the word bubble. Draw or write things that worry or scare you in the thought bubbles.



MEMORY VERSE

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PSALM 56:3

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START NOW



EVERYBODY'S
GOT A
NEXT STEP.



**TAKE
YOURS!**

Packing Party

November 9, 2022

THE GOSPEL

"In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth. What do you see in the picture that God created? God created people like you and me to know, love, and obey Him. He created everything and He made everything good. Humans were in a perfect relationship with God. Everything was good, but something happened.

The first people God created disobeyed God and each one of us also disobeys God. Sin is anything we do, say, or think that goes against God. The consequence for our sin is shame and separation from God. The Bible says in Romans 3:23, "Everyone has sinned, No one measures up to God's glory." We need God to rescue us!

But here is the good news: God loves us and sent Jesus to rescue us from sin and shame. The Bible says in John 3:16, "God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son. Anyone who believed in him will not die but will have eternal life."

We learn about Jesus in the Bible. Jesus never sinned. He never did, said, or thought anything against God. Jesus did many amazing things. Show me where Jesus calmed the storm and made a dead person come back to life. Do you see another picture of Jesus caring for people's needs?

Jesus showed, again and again, He is God's Son. Even though He did many good things, there were people who hated Jesus. The people who hated Jesus falsely accused Him, even though He had never done anything wrong. The people nailed Him to a cross where He died. Jesus willingly died on the cross to take our shame and punishment. After Jesus died, they put Jesus in a tomb and covered it with stone. Three days after He died, He came back to life. Jesus rose from the grave. Jesus overcame death so that we could have new life.

Jesus appeared to His disciples and commanded them to go and tell everyone that He is alive. He is alive today.

Jesus invites you to be His friend and follower. He can save you from bad things that you do. You can have a relationship with God and one day go to heaven to be with Him.

CHANGING THE WORLD, ONE SHOEBOX AT A TIME

The Gospel is the story thousands of kids around the world will hear before they receive their shoebox gift. Tonight you will pack a shoebox or several boxes and you will share Jesus with kids all around the world.

As we prepare to pack, let's pray for each kid that receives a shoebox that hearing about Jesus changes their life forever!

Who wants to pray?

THIS WEEK'S PRAYERS

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COURAGE DOES WHAT IS RIGHT

November 16, 2022

Scripture: 1 Samuel 17:32-37

Story Point: God gives me the courage to do what is right.

SOCIAL/FAMILY TABLE

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- Ask kids to share what happened during their day at school, home, etc.
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- **For fun: Who's the bravest person you know?**

SMALL GROUP

Read: 1 Samuel 17:32-37

Say: We are going to read the Bible Story from our Bible today first. Our story is in the Book of 1 Samuel. Who can tell me where 1 Samuel is in the Bible? (Show the table of contents and how to find where Samuel is. Talk about the Old Testament - before Jesus and the New Testament - Jesus' life and after his death and resurrection.) Which section of the Bible is 1 Samuel in? (Old Testament)

So, open your Bible at the beginning. Look at the top of the page, 1st Samuel is the 9th book in the Old Testament. It is before Kings. Now we need to look at the numbers. The big number in bold is the chapter so we need to find a big 17. The little numbers closer to the words are called verses, we are looking for 32-37. Did everyone find it? Help each other if you found it in your Bible. Now let's read it together. Who wants to read first? Read now:

32 David said to Saul, "Don't let anyone lose hope because of that Philistine. I'll go out and fight him."

33 Saul replied, "You aren't able to go out there and fight that Philistine. You are too young. He's been a warrior ever since he was a boy."

34 But David said to Saul, "I've been taking care of my father's sheep. Sometimes a lion or a bear would come and carry off a sheep from the flock. **35** Then I would go after it and hit it. I would save the sheep it was carrying in its mouth. If it turned around to attack me, I would grab its hair. I would strike it down and kill it. **36** In fact, I've killed both a lion and a bear. I'll do the same thing to this Philistine. He isn't even circumcised. He has dared the armies of the living God to fight him. **37** The Lord saved me from the paw of the lion. He saved me from the paw of the bear. And he'll save me from the powerful hand of this Philistine too."

Saul said to David, "Go. And may the Lord be with you." **1 SAMUEL 17:32-37**

13 Be on your guard. Remain strong in the faith. Be brave. **1 CORINTHIANS 16:13**

Say: Let's open your Impact Kids book and read the words to yourself again. While we watch the video today, you are going to draw a picture of our story today. David was a young boy like many of you. Maybe you could draw a picture of a boy fighting a lion and a bear. You draw while we watch. Let's watch it now. *(Pass out pencils to kids.)*

Watch Bible Video: Roku/DVD

Say: It was scary for David to fight Goliath, but he knew God was with him, so he did it. Think of something you know you need to do, but you're worried, nervous, or afraid to do it. What do you think helped David stand up to a giant? What do you think will help you do the things you're afraid to do?

Our story point today is: God gives me the courage to do what is right. *"Let's say that together: "God gives me the courage to do what is right."* In our story today, David remembered how God had been with him in his other battles.

In **1 CORINTHIANS 16:13**, it says, "Be on guard. Stand firm in the faith. Be courageous. Be strong." How will this Bible verse help you when you're afraid to do what's right? When we remember God's help, that is courage. How does knowing this help us become better disciples, imitators of Jesus?

Discussion Questions:

- When other people won't do the right thing, how does it make you feel? Answers will vary.
- What do you think keeps people from standing up for what's right? Answers will vary.
- In the Bible, what showed David's courage the most: being tough and strong, or doing what was right? Doing what was right.
- In the Bible, what did David do that everyone else was too afraid to do? He fought Goliath.
- Talk about a time people were doing the wrong thing and you needed the courage to do the right thing. Answers will vary.
- What do you need to stand up for this week? Answers will vary.
- What do you think will give you the courage to do what's right, even when no one else is doing it? Answers will vary.

Pray:

- Ask kids to share things they'd like to pray about.
- Show them where they can write or draw prayer requests in their Impact Kids Book. Write them down in your leader guide as well.
- Pray together over the prayer requests.

"Dear God, thank You for filling us with your courage to do the right thing even when no one else is. In Jesus' name, amen."

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SCRIPTURE

OLD

NEW

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33 Saul replied, "You are not able to go out against this Philistine and fight him; you are only a young man, and he has been a warrior from his youth."

34 But David said to Saul, "Your servant has been keeping his father's sheep. When a lion or a bear came and carried off a sheep from the flock,

35 I went after it, struck it and rescued the sheep from its mouth. When it turned on me, I seized it by its hair, struck it and killed it. **36** Your servant has killed both the lion and the bear; this uncircumcised Philistine will be like one of them, because he has defied the armies of the living God.

37 The Lord who rescued me from the paw of the lion and the paw of the bear will rescue me from the hand of this Philistine." Saul said to David, "Go, and the Lord be with you."

1 SAMUEL 17:32-37

DRAW THE BIBLE STORY

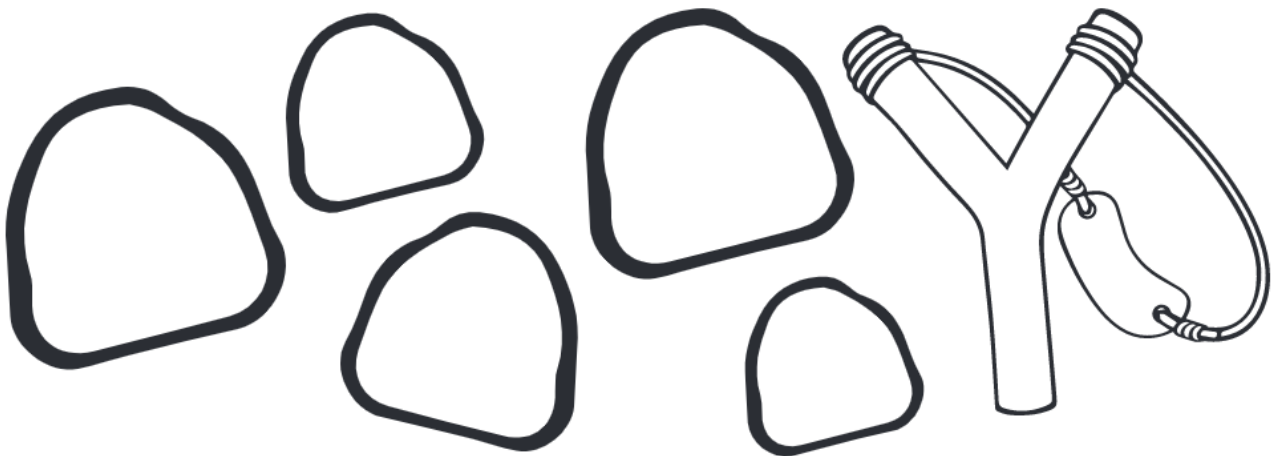
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- Talk about a time people were doing the wrong thing and you needed the courage to do the right thing.
- What do you need to stand up for this week?
- What do you think will give you the courage to do what's right, even when no one else is doing it?

THIS WEEK'S PRAYERS

CHALLENGE ACTIVITY

David showed courage. He fought Goliath when no one else would. Ask your group about some ways you can show courage, and write or draw them inside each stone.



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COURAGE PRAYS

November 30, 2022

Scripture: 1 Kings 18:30-39

Story Point: God gives me the courage to pray with power.

SOCIAL/FAMILY TABLE

Serve pizza, put names on water bottles, trash and clean up/wipe down tables and wash hands.

- Introduce yourself and welcome kids by name.
- Ask kids to share what happened during their day at school, home, etc.
- Ask kids to share something they are learning.
- **For fun:** What do you like to do during a rainstorm?

SMALL GROUP

Read: 1 Kings 18:30-39, James 5:16

Say: We are going to read the Bible Story from our Bible today first. Our story is in the Book of 1 Kings. Who can tell me where Kings is in the Bible? (*Show the table of contents and how to find where Kings is. Talk about the Old Testament - before Jesus and the New Testament - Jesus' life and after his death and resurrection.*) Which section of the Bible is 1 Kings in? (*Old Testament*)

So, open your Bible at the beginning. Look at the top of the page, 1st Kings is the 11th book in the Old Testament. It is after Samuel. Now we need to look at the numbers. The big number in bold is the chapter so we need to find a big 18. The little numbers closer to the words are called verses, we are looking for 30-39. Did everyone find it? Help each other if you found it in your Bible. Now let's read it together. Who wants to read first? Read now:

30 Then Elijah said to all the people, "Come here to me." So they went to him. He rebuilt the altar of the Lord. It had been torn down.

31 Elijah got 12 stones. There was one for each tribe in the family line of Jacob. The Lord's message had come to Jacob. It had said, "Your name will be Israel." **32** Elijah used the stones to build an altar to honor the Lord. He dug a ditch around it. The ditch was large enough to hold 24 pounds of seeds. **33** He arranged the wood for the fire. He cut the bull into pieces. He placed the pieces on the wood. Then he said to some of the people, "Fill four large jars with water. Pour it on the offering and the wood." So they did.

34 "Do it again," he said. So they did it again. "Do it a third time," he ordered. And they did it the third time. **35** The water ran down around the altar. It even filled the ditch.

36 When it was time to offer the evening sacrifice, the prophet Elijah stepped forward. He prayed, "Lord, you are the God of Abraham, Isaac and Israel. Today let everyone know that you are God in Israel. Let them know I'm your servant. Let them know I've done all these things because you commanded me to." **37** Answer me, Lord, answer me. Then these people will know that you are the one and only God. They'll know that you are turning their hearts back to you again."

38 The fire of the Lord came down. It burned up the sacrifice. It burned up the wood and the stones and the soil. It even dried up the water in the ditch.

39 All the people saw it. Then they fell down flat with their faces toward the ground. They cried out, "The Lord is the one and only God! The Lord is the one and only God!"

1 KINGS 18:30-39

16 So confess your sins to one another. Pray for one another so that you might be healed. The prayer of a godly person is powerful. Things happen because of it. **JAMES 5:16**

Say: Let's open your Impact Kids book and read the words to yourself again. While we watch the video today, you are going to highlight these words: altar, again, prayed, answer, Lord. See if you hear these words in the video too? How many times? Let's watch it now. (Pass out highlighters to kids)

Watch Bible Video: Roku/DVD

Say: Elijah was a godly person who prayed powerful prayers! Elijah prayed for God to send him food, and God answered by sending ravens to feed him. What else did Elijah pray for? *(to keep it from raining, rain, for God to show His power, etc.)* Why do you think it showed courage when Elijah prayed powerful prayers?

Our story point today is: God gives me the courage to pray with power. *"Let's say that together: "God gives me the courage to pray with power."* When you pray, it shows courage.

Let's look back at the words you highlighted today: altar, again, prayed, answer, Lord. Let's start with Lord. Who is Lord? (Jesus-God)

Now let's look at altar. (Look up http://www.mostholypplace.com/book-01_chapter-17.html to see a picture of what the altar could look like) Why do you think Elijah asked the people to put water on the altar many times? (God was about to do something big and he wanted the people to know it was God) Looking at prayed and answer. The thing to realize here is that Elijah expected God to answer and asked him to answer right now. The words we read in our Bibles have real meaning and help us understand why it is important to keep reading. God's Word is true and useful for teaching and correcting all of us.

In JAMES 5:16 it says, "The prayer of a godly person is powerful. It makes things happen." Whose prayers are powerful? (Godly people). How does knowing this help us become better disciples, imitators of Jesus?

Discussion Questions:

- How does praying show courage? It shows we trust God no matter what's going on.
- What takes more courage for you: praying every day or praying in front of others? Answers will vary.
- What do you think is the difference between selfish prayers and powerful prayers? Answers will vary.
- God might answer prayers differently than expected. If that happens, what do you think will give you courage to keep praying? Answers will vary.
- What can you do to find out what God's promises are? Look in the Bible.
- What prayer do you need to pray this week? Answers will vary.
- What will help you step up and pray powerfully this week? Answers will vary

Pray:

- Ask kids to share things they'd like to pray about.
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"God, please give us the courage to pray powerful prayers. Help us trust You hear us and answer us. In Jesus' name, amen."

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Courage Prays

November 30, 2022

Scripture: 1 Kings 18:30-39

Story Point: God gives me the courage to pray with power.

SCRIPTURE



30 Then Elijah said to all the people, "Come here to me." They came to him, and he repaired the altar of the Lord, which had been torn down. **31** Elijah took twelve stones, one for each of the tribes descended from Jacob, to whom the word of the Lord had come, saying, "Your name shall be Israel." **32** With the stones he built an altar in the name of the Lord, and he dug a trench around it large enough to hold two seahs of seed. **33** He arranged the wood, cut the bull into pieces and laid it on the wood. Then he said to them, "Fill four large jars with water and pour it on the offering and on the wood."

34 "Do it again," he said, and they did it again. "Do it a third time," he ordered, and they did it the third time. **35** The water ran down around the altar and even filled the trench.

36 At the time of sacrifice, the prophet Elijah stepped forward and prayed: "Lord, the God of Abraham, Isaac and Israel, let it be known today that you are God in Israel and that I am your servant and have done all these things at your command. **37** Answer me, Lord, answer me, so these people will know that you, Lord, are God, and that you are turning their hearts back again." **38** Then the fire of the Lord fell and burned up the sacrifice, the wood, the stones and the soil, and also licked up the water in the trench. **39** When all the people saw this, they fell prostrate and cried, "The Lord—he is God! The Lord—he is God!"

1 KINGS 18:30-39

KEY WORD

How many times can you highlight the word:

Altar
Again
Prayed
Answer
Lord

in tonight's passage?

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- How does praying show courage?
- What takes more courage for you: praying every day or praying in front of others?
- What do you think is the difference between selfish prayers and powerful prayers?
- God might answer prayers differently than expected. If that happens, what do you think will give you courage to keep praying?
- What can you do to find out what God's promises are?
- What prayer do you need to pray this week?
- What will help you step up and pray powerfully this week?

THIS WEEK'S PRAYERS

CHALLENGE ACTIVITY

When you talk to God, He promises to listen to your prayers. It takes courage to pray and believe your prayers have power. Trust God, and start praying!

Dear God,

In Jesus' name, amen.

WHAT WOULD COURAGE DO Bible Reading Plan

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COURAGE TO LIVE FOR JESUS

December 7, 2022

Scripture: 1 Corinthians 9:24-27; Mark 8:34

Story Point: God gives me the courage to live for Jesus.

SOCIAL/FAMILY TABLE

Serve pizza, put names on water bottles, trash and clean up/wipe down tables and wash hands.

- Introduce yourself and welcome kids by name.
- Ask kids to share what happened during their day at school, home, etc.
- Ask kids to share something they are learning.
- **For fun:** What is the best prize you can think of?

SMALL GROUP

Read: 1 Corinthians 9:24-27; Mark 8:34

Say: We are going to read the Bible Story from our Bible today first. Our story is in the Book of 1 Corinthians. Who can tell me where Corinthians is in the Bible? *(Show the table of contents and how to find where 1 Corinthians is. Talk about the Old Testament - before Jesus and the New Testament - Jesus' life and after his death and resurrection.)* Which section of the Bible is 1 Corinthians in? *(New Testament)*

So, open your Bible to the middle of the book and keep turning to the back. Look at the top of the page, 1st Corinthians is the 7th book in the New Testament. It is after Romans. Now we need to look at the numbers. The big number in bold is the chapter so we need to find a big 9. The little numbers closer to the words are called verses, we are looking for 24-27. Did everyone find it? Help each other if you found it in your Bible. Now let's read it together. Who wants to read first? Read now:

24 In a race all the runners run. But only one gets the prize. You know that, don't you? So run in a way that will get you the prize. **25** All who take part in the games train hard. They do it to get a crown that will not last. But we do it to get a crown that will last forever. **26** So I do not run like someone who doesn't run toward the finish line. I do not fight like a boxer who hits nothing but air. **27** No, I train my body and bring it under control. Then after I have preached to others, I myself will not break the rules. If I did break them, I would fail to win the prize.

1 CORINTHIANS 9:24-27

You Must Pick Up Your Cross

34 Jesus called the crowd to him along with his disciples. He said, "Whoever wants to be my disciple must say no to themselves. They must pick up their cross and follow me.

MARK 8:34

Say: Let's open your Impact Kids book and read the words to yourself again. While we watch the video today, I want you to write or draw a picture, to sum up, what we read. What do you think we could say about what Paul is writing in Corinthians? How about: Only one person wins a prize in a race. In the race to heaven, our goal is to share Jesus with everyone so they can join us in heaven. We can do this with our words and how we live. Write or draw those things while we watch our video. Let's watch it now. (Pass out highlighters to kids)

Watch Bible Video: Roku/DVD

Say: What did you say was the best prize you could think of? Did that change after you heard our Bible story today? Courage lives for Jesus, but sometimes it's hard because we have to give up things we're used to. Doing exercise when our bodies are tired makes our bodies stronger, but training to run the race for Jesus is different. It makes us stronger to give up our old, selfish ways.

Our story point today is: God gives me the courage to live for Jesus. "Let's say that together: "God gives me the courage to live for Jesus" What does training to run the race for Jesus do? *(It makes us stronger to give up our old selfish ways.)*

In **MARK 8:34** it says, "If any of you wants to be my follower, you must turn from your selfish ways, take up your cross, and follow me" Take out your index card and write all the words in Mark 8:34 down so you can take it home to practice. Who said this in the Bible? (Jesus). You don't have to carry a cross, but Jesus telling us to think about Him on the cross in everything we do. Thinking about this and His love and promises helps us refocus and change from the inside out. How does knowing this help us become better disciples, imitators of Jesus?

Discussion Questions:

- What is a sacrifice? Giving up something we love for something we love even more
- What things distract you from doing what God wants you to do? Answers will vary.
- What makes it difficult for you to live 100 percent for Jesus every day? Answers will vary.
- When does it take courage to live for Jesus? When you have to give up things you like or things you're used to; when others make fun of you, etc.
- What prize can we think about when it's hard to give up our selfish ways? Pleasing Jesus, living for Jesus, loving Jesus, etc.
- What selfish ways do you need to give up this week to follow Jesus better? Answers will vary.
- Giving up selfish ways isn't easy or comfortable. What can you do this week to have the courage to give them up? Answers will vary.

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1 CORINTHIANS 9:24-27

SUM IT UP

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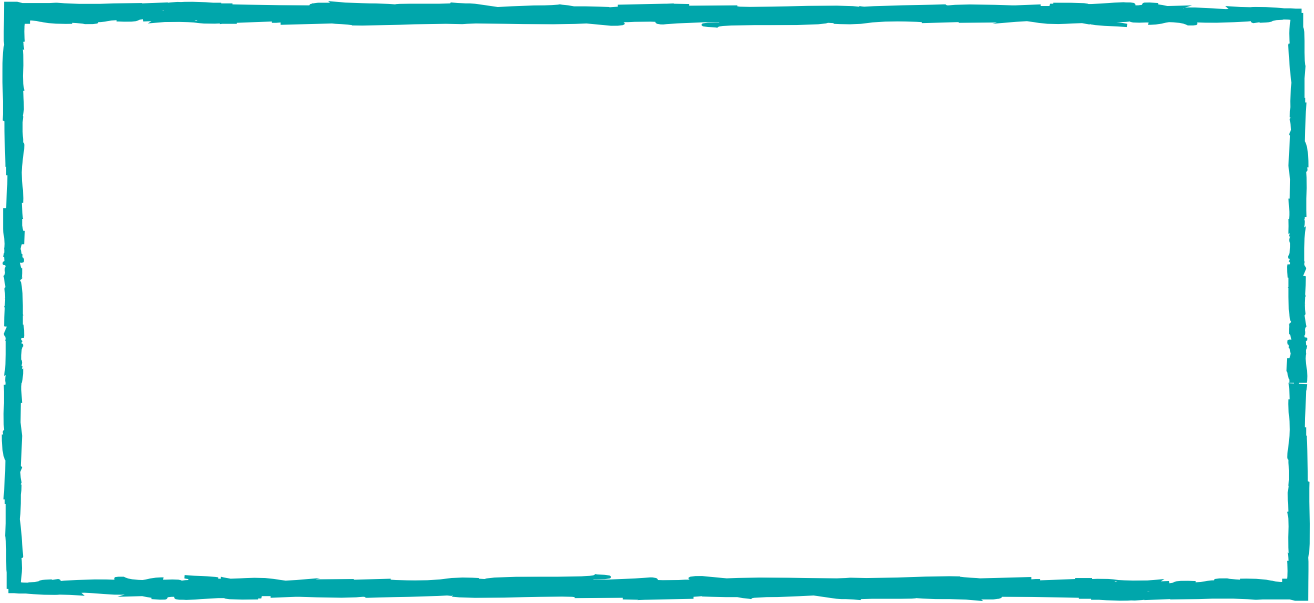
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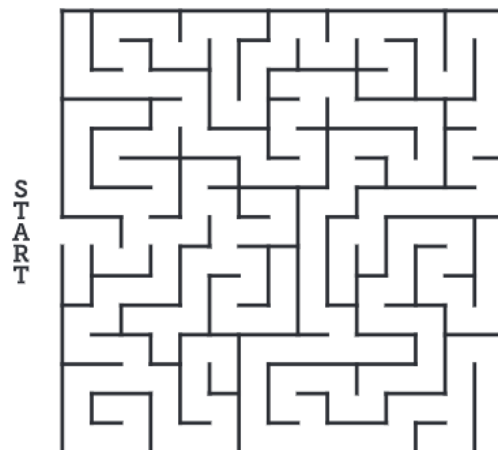
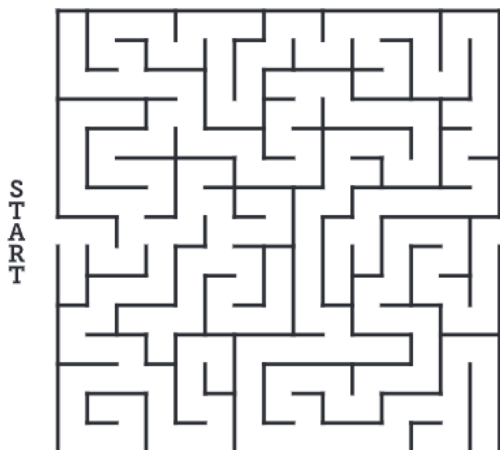
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