

AUG Weeks 3 & 4

FAITHFULNESS

Aug 17/18, 24/25

CRAFT Week 1 – 2s/3s

5 Finger Prayer

SUPPLIES: 5 Finger Prayer page, crayons, ink pad, baby wipes

What You DO and SAY:

⇒ **Pass out I Can Pray Circle**

- *“Boys and girls – today we learned that when Jesus is our friend we can be FAITHFUL. Peter and his friends prayed – they stuck to it and they did not give up. We can be faithful and pray, too! And did you know something amazing? God hears us when we pray! He is always listening!*
- *Everyone look at this side of the page (hold up paper and point to left side). This says “When Jesus is my friend, I can be faithful in my prayers.” Isn’t that amazing?*
- *Everybody hold up your hands! We can use our hands to pray. Can you show me your praying hands?*

⇒ **Have volunteers go around and press each child’s hand onto the ink pad and then onto the open space on the paper.**

- *“God can hear us no matter what our hands are doing, but one way to pray is by using our hands. We are going to come around and stamp your hand on the page as a reminder for you. While you are waiting, you can color in all of the beautiful words!*

⇒ **Once all children’s hands have been stamped.**

- *“This is a special prayer that you can pray every day, any time of day! God loves it when you talk to him!*
- *How many fingers do you have on your hand? That’s right – 5! As we say each part of this prayer I want you to wiggle one finger to help you remember.*
 - *1 – I love you, God. 2 – Today is your day. 3 – I am your child. 4 – Show me your way. 5 – Amen.*

⇒ **Repeat the prayer several times and Bring it Back to Jesus.**

- *Great job, everybody! I hope you use this prayer every day to talk to God. Remember, when Jesus is your friend, he gives you the power to be faithful!*

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CRAFT Week 1- 4s/5s

Prayer Fill in the Blank

SUPPLIES: Prayer fill in the blank script, crayons

What You DO and SAY:

⇒ **Pass out Prayer Sheet**

- *“Boys and girls – today we learned that when Jesus is our friend we can be FAITHFUL. Peter and his friends prayed – they stuck to it and they did not give up. We can be faithful and pray, too! And did you know something amazing? God hears us when we pray! He is always listening!*
- *Look at the left side of the page. What do you see? That’s right! Praying hands! It says, “When Jesus is my friend, I can be faithful in my prayers!”*
- *Let’s color this page and make it look beautiful.*

⇒ **Write the prayer on the board and fill in the blanks with ideas.**

- *“God loves hearing us talk to him and he is always listening.*
- *Look at the right side of the page. This is a very special prayer that you can pray every day and you can make it your own.*
- *The first line says, “I love you, God.” Everyone say that with me.*
- *The second line says “Thank you for _____”. What are some things we can thank God for?*
- *The third line says “I’m sorry for _____.” We can ask God for forgiveness when we do something wrong. What is something you want to say you are sorry for?*
- *The fourth line says “Please help me _____.” What is something you want to ask God for help with?”*

⇒ **Have all volunteers go from child to child to help them fill in the blanks. Once the blanks are complete, volunteer should pray the prayer with the child.**

- *Now we are going to come around and help you fill in your very own prayer. Once you fill the blanks in, we will help you pray this special prayer.*

⇒ **Complete the craft and Bring it Back to Jesus.**

- *Remember, when Jesus is your friend he gives you the power to be faithful and to pray every day! Keep this in a special place!*

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CRAFT Week 2

I Can Pray

SUPPLIES: I Can Pray – 2 pieces, markers or crayons, metal brads

What You DO and SAY:

⇒ **Pass out I Can Pray Circle**

- *“Boys and girls – today we learned that when Jesus is our friend we can be FAITHFUL. Peter and his friends prayed – they stuck to it and they did not give up. We can be faithful and pray, too! And did you know something amazing? God hears us when we pray! He is always listening!*
- *The circle I just gave you says “I can pray.” I want you to color that now.*

⇒ **Pass out the second part of the circle.**

- *“God is always listening when we pray. And we can pray any time, no matter what we are doing! Take a look at this circle. It has 4 different pictures on it.*
- *(point to EATING) What is she doing in this picture? Eating! We can pray when we are eating!*
- *(point to PLAYING) What is she doing in this picture? Playing! We can pray when we are playing!*
- *(point to DISHES) What is he doing in this picture? He’s cleaning or helping! We can pray when we are helping!*
- *(point to SLEEPING) What is he doing in this picture? He’s laying in his bed! We can pray before we go to sleep!*
- *Let’s color these!*

⇒ **Have volunteers poke the metal brad through the two circles so that “I Can Pray” is on top. Demonstrate how to spin the circle.**

- *Look! When we put these together and spin the circle, it reminds us that we can pray all day!*

⇒ **Complete the craft and Bring it Back to Jesus.**

- *These look awesome! Remember, when Jesus is your friend he gives you the power to be faithful and to pray all day!*

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ACTIVITY #1

Memory Verse Practice

SUPPLIES: None needed

What You DO and SAY:

⇒ **Gather children in a circle.**

- *“Friends, you have been doing an amazing job learning our memory verse the past few weeks. Today I want to see just how well you know it! We are going to practice it lots of different ways. Each time we do it we will POWER UP with Jesus!*

⇒ **Do memory verse all together in a variety of ways.**

- *“First, let’s say it once together.*
 - *“I can do everything by the power of Christ. Philippians 4:13”*
- *Now lets try it...*
 - *Super loud*
 - *Super quiet*
 - *Really fast*
 - *Really Slow*
 - *Jumping up and down*
 - *Running in Place*
 - *All the boys*
 - *All the girls*
 - *Kids only*
 - *Teachers only*
 - *Etc....*

⇒ **Repeat as long as children are interested. If time permits, you can do one person at a time and give out stickers.**

⇒ **Complete the activity and then Bring it Back to Jesus.**

- *Nice work, my friends! I want you to tuck that memory verse deep inside your heart an remember it forever! As long as you live I want you to remember that you can do EVERYTHING by the power of Christ!*
- ***Who gives you the power to do everything?***
- ***Jesus gives me the power to do everything!***

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ACTIVITY #2

Jail Break!

SUPPLIES: Floor tape

SET UP: Create a jail cell on the floor in the center of the room.

What You DO and SAY:

⇒ **Gather the children in the center of the room.**

- *Today we heard a true story about a man named Peter. Peter was put in jail even though he didn't do anything wrong! But do you remember what his friends did?*
- *That's right! They prayed! Peter's friends were faithful. They stuck to it and prayed for Peter and God broke him out of jail!*

⇒ **Stand in the jail cell.**

- *"Today we are going to play a fun game. One person is going to pretend to be Peter and go to jail. When Peter is in jail, everyone in the circle is going to pray to help Peter get out! Let's try it!"*

⇒ **Choose one child to be in jail.**

- *Alright, who wants to be Peter first? Come on in the jail cell!*
- *Everyone else, we get to be Peter's friends. Let's get down on our knees and fold our hands and pray. Repeat after me, "Dear God, thank you for giving us the power to be faithful. Amen."*
- *Now stand up – Who gives you the power to do everything? And when we shout "JESUS gives me the power to do everything!" Peter is going to break out of jail. Let's do it!*
- *Who gives you the power to do everything? JESUS GIVES ME THE POWER TO DO EVERYTHING!*

⇒ **Repeat as long as kids are interested and Bring it Back to Jesus.**

- *Friends, when things are tough, we can stick to it and pray. When Jesus is our friend, he gives us the power to be faithful.*
- *Who gives you the power to do everything? Jesus gives me the power to do everything."*

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ACTIVITY #3

Bible Story Cards

SUPPLIES: Bible Story Cards, wall tape/magnets (optional)

What You DO and SAY:

- ⇒ **Have children gather on the floor or at the table. Lay the pictures out in front of them.**
- *“Today we heard an amazing TRUE story about a man named Peter. Something sad happened to him. Do you remember what it was? That’s right – he was in jail! (Show them picture of Peter in jail.)”*
- ⇒ **Continue to put pictures in order (on floor, on board with magnets, or on wall with wall tape).**
- *But Peter knew that Jesus was his friend and that Jesus gives him the power to do everything. Who gives you the power to do everything? Jesus gives me the power to do everything! Peter knew that he could Pray to God while he was in jail. Everybody say, “PRAY PRAY PRAY!”*
 - *Peter had some wonderful friends who also loved Jesus. Peter’s friends decided to pray. (Show picture of friends praying.). Everybody say, “PRAY PRAY PRAY!”*
 - *Peter’s friends stuck with it. They were faithful. But Peter was still in jail. He was even chained to the guards. (Show picture of Peter with the guards.) It seemed like he would never get out! But he kept praying and so did his friends. They were faithful! Everybody say, “PRAY PRAY PRAY!”*
 - *But then something incredible happened! God sent an angel and he broke Peter’s chains and set him free! (Show picture of Angel.) Everybody say, “YAY GOD!”*
 - *But on the way home, the angel disappeared. Then Peter really knew that God had taken care of him. (Show picture of Peter alone.) Everybody say, “YAY GOD!”*
 - *So Peter ran back to his friends as quickly as he could and when he found them they were still praying. Everybody say, “PRAY PRAY PRAY!” They were faithful! And when they found out Peter was free they praised God! Everybody say, “YAY GOD!”*
- ⇒ **Bring it Back to Jesus.**
- *“Peter’s friends were faithful. They stuck with it and prayed to God. We can stick with it and be faithful in our prayers, too!”*

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REFLECTION & REVIEW

READ

⇒ The Bible

- *The Beginner's Bible: The Lord's Prayer p. 323*
- Read the story and then say: Jesus taught us how to pray in the Bible! This is one of the prayers he said. Jesus faithfully talked to God!

⇒ *Pray to God: A Book about Prayer*

- Read the story and then say: When Jesus is our friend, he gives us the power to be faithful! We can stick to it and pray to God any time, any place and he will always hear us!

REVIEW *(This is a great opportunity to give out stickers as they answer these questions!)*

⇒ Key Question and Bottom Line

- **Who gives you the power to do everything?**
- **Jesus gives me the power to do everything!**

⇒ Memory Verse

- **I can do everything by the power of Christ. Philippians 4:13.**

⇒ Basic Truth

- **Jesus wants to be my friend forever.**

⇒ Connect it!

- **“Today we learned that we can be faithful in our prayers – we can stick to it! I want to make a list today of people we want to be faithful in praying for. Who is someone you think you can remember to pray for every day? We are going to write their name down and then pray for them all together.”**

PRAY

“Dear God, first, we want to say thank You for being so FAITHFUL to us. You never give up on us. You always love us. You’re always with us. You always listen to us. You are FAITHFUL. I pray each of us will follow Jesus so He will give us the power to faithfully pray for (read names). We love You, God. In Jesus’ name, amen.