

ALLEY SG 10-12, 2023

Due to summer scheduling, these activities can be done in small groups or in one large group.

1. Bible Story Review

What You Need: Bibles, markers, “Footprints” Activity Page (10 left 10 right per group)

What You Do:

- Form two teams.
- Give each team markers, a Bible, and 10 footprints (5 left feet and 5 right feet).
- Direct teams to come up with 10 different words (names of people, places, or key words) from today’s Bible story and write each word on a separate footprint.
- Suggest that they look up Acts 9:10-31 in their Bibles for ideas and review. If needed, remind kids that Saul is the same person as Paul.
- When they’re ready, bring teams together and let them take turns sharing what’s on their footprints and how the words relate to the story.
- Discuss the story.
 - What are some of the fears people in our Bible story had to face?
 - How can you tell if God helped them face their fears?
- **OPTIONAL CHALLENGE:** Challenge one team to turn around as the other team changes the footprints by switching the places of two footprints then let the other team guess what changed.
- Repeat with the other team then continue for several more times.
- Help kids connect with the story of Ananias and Saul by way of application.
 - How does knowing Jesus change the way we think about our fears?
 - If we heard from God the way Ananias did, what do you think God would tell us to change in the way we view our fears?
 - What can God use to help us move from fear to faith?
- Remind kids that God may not change the situation, but we can have faith that God will give us what we need to face it.

2. Memory Verse Scramble

What You Need: Memory verse cards (2 sets per group)

What You Do:

- Review this month’s memory verse with the group, “*Faith is being sure of what we hope for. It is being sure of what we do not see.*” Hebrews 11:1 (NirV)
- Have the kids divide into a few groups. (*How many groups will depend on if this is being done in a small group or with the whole group.*)
- Give each group a set of memory verse cards.
- When you say, “Go” groups will put the verse cards in the correct order.
- Continue playing timing them to see if their time can get faster.

3. Discussion Questions

- Do you think fear can be a good thing? Explain.
- What is one fear you wish you didn't have? How might God help you face that fear?
- If someone is scared or nervous, does that mean they don't have faith?
- What are some things you know about God that can help you face your fears?
- How can the following characteristics of God change how you view your fears?
 - God is all powerful.
 - God loves us no matter what.
 - God is always with us.
 - God has a plan for every person ever born.
 - God hears our prayers.
 - God's story of love for all humankind is seen through the Bible.

4. Pray

- Pray this prayer, "Dear God, thank you for the Bible that reminds us of the faith the people in our story today had in the face of their fears. Help us to trust You when we feel afraid. Thank You for always being bigger, stronger, closer, and greater than anything we fear."

EXTRA TIME SHEETS