



[DARING TO DREAM: CRAZY FAITH]

Faith isn't about hoping for the best. It isn't simply a feeling. It's trusting in God so much that we are willing to let him give us his dreams and to live into them. It's not being afraid to believe for the impossible and live in ways that might be considered foolish or even crazy to those around us. It's daring to dream God-sized dreams.

LOOKING BACK:

FAMILY TIME (25 min)

- Vision Statement: Explain the vision of lifegroup.
- Praise Reports & Prayer Requests: Allow space for your group to share any praise reports and prayer requests (in small group or with one other person).

LOOKING UP:

WORSHIP (20 min)

- Spend time in worship together.
- Some possible song suggestions:
 - The Way - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=M0zsJlk8p6I>
 - Waymaker - https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=iJCV_2H9xD0
 - Daring To Dream Worship Playlist
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=M0zsJlk8p6I&list=PLCCoZYYsZZINobiQdDWT8xcfEudVIZPSQ>

BIBLE STUDY (20 min)

- Intro Question: As a child and/or youth, what kind of dreams/aspirations did you have? What happened to those dreams/aspirations?
- Intro to Bible Study: We started a new sermon series called, *Daring to Dream*. In the next few weeks, we will be looking at different persons of faith in Hebrews 11. Let's see how their journeys can encourage and inspire us to greater faith and dare to dream big with God.

Hebrews 11:1-3 & 7-12

"Now faith is confidence in what we hope for and assurance about what we do not see. 2 This is what the ancients were commended for.

3 By faith we understand that the universe was formed at God's command, so that what is seen was not made out of what was visible...

7 By faith Noah, when warned about things not yet seen, in holy fear built an ark to save his family. By his faith he condemned the world and became heir of the righteousness that is in keeping with faith.

8 By faith Abraham, when called to go to a place he would later receive as his inheritance, obeyed and went, even though he did not know where he was going. 9 By faith he made his home in the promised land like a stranger in a foreign country; he lived in tents, as did Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. 10 For he was looking forward to the city with foundations, whose architect and builder is God. 11 And by faith even Sarah, who was past childbearing age, was enabled to bear children because she considered him faithful who had made the promise. 12 And so from this one man, and he as good as dead, came descendants as numerous as the stars in the sky and as countless as the sand on the seashore.

Divide into smaller groups and share from these questions:

- 1) What strikes you/stands out to you from this passage?
- 2) What do you learn about God?
- 3) What did you learn about these people of faith? Did one of them stand out to you? If so, why?
- 4) What is God speaking to you through the journeys of these people of faith?

LOOKING FORWARD (20-30 minutes)

Pastor Josh dared us to live in God's words and promises, challenging us to not settle for our current reality but to have hope in the future outcome of what He has for us.

Get into pairs/groups and share openly with one another about your current situation and/or any dreams/promises God has given you but has not come to pass yet. Share about the struggles & challenges, or what obstacles you see that prevents those dreams come to pass, or maybe it's not God's time yet and you're obedient in your waiting. Take time to pray for one another.

As Josh mentioned, we are called to dream together in community. So, if people in your LG need accountability or a partner to walk with them, then we encourage you to be that faithful friend to aid one another in stepping into the very dream/promise God has given you.

KIDS' LESSON SUGGESTION:

Let's take a look at Noah's life with kids in your lifegroup!

For younger kids:

1. Show this video first <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4yzN0fUxjkQ>
2. Then with kids' help, come up with a summary of Noah's story
3. Highlight these points:
 - a. Noah loved and worshipped God - we want to be like Noah and love God even when everyone around us does not.
 - b. Noah did what God asked him even when people laughed at him - sometimes loving God and doing what He asks us to is not easy and we may get laughed at, but we should not get afraid. We need to keep following God.
 - c. God took care and protected Noah and his family because he obeyed and trusted Him - God will watch over us and protect us when we obey and trust Him too.

4. Lead kids in prayer and ask God to help them love Him everyday, even when other people make fun of them, that they will know God will always watch over and protect them.

For older kids:

Here is a suggested lesson -

<https://www.childrens-ministry-deals.com/pages/noah-sunday-school-lesson>

The lesson plan is long, so feel free to condense it or pick just a certain part to focus on. The main point is: *No matter what other people think, we need to be obedient to God.* You can use Noah's story and obedience to talk about why it is important to do what God says, and not be afraid to dream and do really big things if God wants us to. God is trustworthy and He will give us all we need when He asks us to dream and do big things for Him.

Give kids some time to ask Holy Spirit if there's any dream He wants to give them. Help them write them down so they can share with their parents later.