

KIDS' DEVOTIONAL AT HOME

For Sunday, April 26, 2020

For your family worship time, we have prepared 4 short activities that you can do together:

1. Kids' worship songs
2. A Bible story from YouTube
3. Questions for discussion and reflection, Prayer
4. Optional: crafts, activities and songs

Prepare these items before you begin:

1. Smart phone, tablet, or computer to play the worship songs
2. Scripture Reference:
3. You tube video: God's Story: Peter Preaches by Crossroads Kids
4. For the optional crafts and family games
 - Coloring pages
 - Craft
 - Extension Activities

Step 1. Worship

1. Unstoppable God YouTube video with music and lyrics <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YfzXHU0HOWI>
2. Only King Forever - YouTube video with music and lyrics https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7ypXUd_vGml
3. Super Wonderful For the younger kids: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=biwrXFSvSXI>
4. God's Love Don't Stop <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CTnQsFHDr6w>

Step 2. Bible Story Discussion & Prayer

Before the video, say:

"We're talking about how a guy who followed Jesus...time here or you don't remember Peter, that's OK! We heard about how he followed Jesus and how God gave him the POWER to be BRAVE. Today, we are going to think about how God helped Peter do a brave thing and how God helps us do brave things!"

THE HOLY SPIRIT COMES

"So when Jesus left for Heaven, his friends didn't know what to do. Jesus had given Peter and other followers of Jesus a special job to tell OTHER people about Jesus. But they were waiting for God to send a special helper, the Holy Spirit. They waited. (Shift.) And waited. (Look really bored.) And waited. Suddenly, a sound came from Heaven! It was like a great wind! We're going to create wind, just like you did in your rooms before you came in here! Can you guys all stand up? (Let kids stand.) Let's wave our arms like they're waving in the wind (let kids wave their arms). Now let's say, "Whooooooosh!" (Lead kids in a low whooshing noise.) Now, when I put my arms UP, get LOUDER. When I put my arms DOWN, get QUIETER. Ready? (Make wind loud and soft. End with your arms down and continue...) Great job! Go ahead and have a seat."

PETER WAS BRAVE

"That wind filled the whole house and THEN the special helper came! It was the Holy Spirit. Can you guys say, "Holy Spirit?" (Let kids say, "Holy Spirit.") Great job! And when the Holy Spirit came, he helped Peter do something BRAVE. We're going to watch a video to see what Peter did. As you watch, see if you can figure out what the Holy Spirit helped Peter do.

Wow, so the Holy Spirit helped Peter be BRAVE. Peter left the house, went outside and started telling lots and lots of people that Jesus loved them and rescued them. Hey, let's try that together! On the count of three, let's say, "Jesus loves you!" Ready? 1-2-3: Jesus loves you! Great! And now, even LOUDER, on the count of three, let's say "Jesus rescued you!" Ready? 1-2-3: Jesus rescued you! Wow, God can help US be brave, just like he helped Peter."

Play Video:

God's Story / Peter Preaches by Crossroads Kids

Review:

1. What was Peter waiting for? (help from the Holy Spirit)
2. What sound did the disciples hear when the Holy Spirit came? (wind; you could make another wind sound, just for fun!)
3. After the Holy Spirit came, what brave thing did Peter do? (went outside and told people about Jesus)
4. How could everybody understand Peter in their own language? (the Holy Spirit helped them)
5. Will the Holy Spirit help us be brave too? (Yes! Practice saying, "Jesus loves you!" and "Jesus rescued you!")

Prayer for Preschoolers:

Let's say thank you to God. " Hi God! Thanks for helping Peter to be brave. Thanks for helping tell others about you. Help me to tell others about you, too. In Jesus' name, A-men!

Questions for Older Kids:

1. Did Peter take a brave leap all by himself? (no)
2. Who helped Peter to take a brave leap in today's story? (Jesus, the Holy Spirit)
3. What leap did Peter take once he had the power of the Holy Spirit? (preached)
4. Why did he need bravery to do that?
5. Why did Peter go outside and start telling everybody about Jesus?
6. Have you ever been worried or afraid to do something? What was it?
7. What brave leap would you take if you weren't afraid of anything? Have them share

Say:

"God is calling each of us to follow him and live by the power of the Holy Spirit, like Peter. You might have said things that are fun to do, and that's OK. But you might have said things that would bring you closer to God or show his love to somebody else. If so, that might be the leap God wants YOU to take! Think about it for a second and ask God if he wants you to take that leap. (Pause.)

If you still feel afraid, here's a big reminder: our verse, Joshua 1:9: This is my command—be strong and courageous! Do not be afraid or discouraged. For the LORD your God is with you wherever you go.

Did you guys hear that?? The Lord your God is with you wherever you go! That's amazing! And he gives us all the power we need for any leap he asks to take. Let's declare these words together (say it together loudly)."

Prayer for Older Kids:

God thank you for keeping your promise and for sending the Holy Spirit. Thank you for helping us be brave and give us strength to tell people about Jesus. Thank you for the Holy Spirit who gives us power to and to not be afraid. Amen

Step 3. Craft/Coloring/Activities:**Wind and Fire streamers:**

Needed Supplies:

- Tissue Paper (in blue, white, red, and orange)
- Glue
- Sticks

How to Make Them:

1. Cut pieces of crepe paper into 3 feet lengths. Use red and orange to make the fire sticks and white and blue to make the wind sticks.
2. Staple four or five pieces of crepe paper to jumbo craft sticks and then cover the staples with tape.

**Headband craft:**

<https://craftingthewordofgod.com/2013/07/06/the-day-of-pentecost/>

Holy Spirit Origami Dove of Peace:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=a2pJlmwj1WY>

Paper pinwheels:

Have your kids color the paper with red, orange and yellow to make it look like fire and then follow the instructions found at the link below

<https://www.hgtv.com/design/make-and-celebrate/handmade/kids-craft-easy-pencil-pinwheel>

Leap Charades:

This game is similar to charades; we'll act out different types of leaping scenarios! Tell the group that a leap is when you take off on one foot, and land somewhere else. Say that we're going to practice leaping, but we're going to pretend we're leaping in imaginary places. Encourage them to imagine and act out what it would be like to take these different kind of leaps:

- Leap from one soft cloud onto another
- Leap from a giant cliff into the ocean
- Leap across a river of hot lava
- Take the smallest leap possible across a tiny ant
- Leap onto a very cold iceberg in the ocean
- Leap onto a super hot giant oven
- Take a backwards leap
- Take a sideways leap