



LEADER'S GUIDE YOUNGER CHILDREN

BIG PICTURE:

FAITH

BIG IDEA:

DOING FAITH

BIG POINT:

WE CAN HAVE FAITH AND TRUST IN GOD

BIG WORD:

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DOCUMENT PURPOSE

This document is the Leader's Guide for BIG Picture FAITH HOPE & LOVE - FAITH. It contains a summary of the BIG Message 'LIVE'.

The BIG 'Faith Hope & Love' User Guide document contains all the service element information, including the large group segment of your service.

Make sure you read through and prayerfully study this material prior to your service to be fully prepared to minister to your children.



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Learning Outcomes

- At the conclusion of this lesson children will:
- Understand that faith is being sure of what we hope for and certain of what we do not see.
 - Discover Heroes of Faith in God's word.
 - Know that we can have faith in God because He will never fail.
 - Our faith is demonstrated by our actions.

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KIDS DISCIPLESHIP GROUP (KDG)

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Use this KDG outline to prepare an impacting small group time for you and your children.

CONNECT TIME

Think of your favourite colour. Got it? Now think of something that you like which is that colour. For example; your favourite colour is pink and you like pink bubble gum!

Go around the group and share your answers.

THE BIG QUESTION (TO DISCUSS IN YOUR KDG'S)

1. What does it mean to have faith in God?

It means that we trust God, we can be sure that He is real and that He will take care of us. We don't need to worry because we can have faith and trust in God. Faith is trusting God to do what only God can do. We know that nothing is impossible for God, so we can have faith in Him no matter what.

2. How did Abraham have faith and trust God?

God gave Abraham a promise and even though it seemed impossible, he trusted God and God didn't break His promise. God told Abraham and Sarah that they would have many, many descendants more than there are stars in the sky. It seemed impossible because they didn't even have one child yet. They waited many years and had to have faith in God that He would give them a son.

3. How can you have faith and trust in God?

When we live our lives having faith in God and we put our faith into action, we can do amazing things for God. Things that seem impossible, we can be sure of because we have faith in God.

We don't live with fear or worry because we trust in God. When we live with faith we don't need to be afraid. Our faith is shown in our actions and how we live our lives. If we didn't believe God would take care of us we might live with fear and never try to do anything for God. When we live with faith we step out, try new things, invite people to church, serve at church and help others because we know that God is with us and has a plan for our lives. When things go wrong we keep trusting God and keep having faith.



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ACTIVITY SHEETS

Children complete the activity sheets in this time.

THE BIG ACTIVITY

Purpose: Children can make a pennant flag decoration, to join together and display in your program, reminding them everyday to have faith and trust in God.

Directions: Give each child a flag printed on card paper from the template supplied. Allow them to colour in their flag and help them to cut it out. Punch a hole in the top corners of each flag and then string the flags together in the right order to say "We can have faith and trust in God."

Explanation: Having faith and trusting in God isn't just something we do when we have a big problem to face. We have to have faith in God everyday! Faith in God will change how we live out our everyday lives, putting our faith into action and trusting God. Talking about faith vs. living with faith, faith in action/shown in our actions.

BIG WORD

"Since we have been justified through faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have gained access by faith into this grace in which we now stand." Romans 5:1 (NIV)

Practice the Big Word song as a group and help each other to learn the actions.

GAME

Mighty Memory

One by one say the name of each object and place it on the tray. Give players one minute to memorise all the objects. Cover the tray with a cloth and give each player a pencil/pen and some paper. Ask the children to write down as many objects as they can remember.

PRAYER

Dear God,

Thank you that we can have faith in You and that You will always be with us. Help us to live with faith and to trust You with our lives. Help us to put faith into action and do amazing things for You.

In Jesus' name, Amen

Supplies Needed:

Pennant Flag template from print material, printed onto card paper. Colouring pencils or crayons. Hole puncher and string.

Supplies Needed:

A tray, a cloth, a selection of small objects, pencils or pens, paper.