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Learning Outcomes

At the conclusion of this lesson children will:

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INTRO

Peek - a - Boo

With a puppet or a leader dressed up in a funny costume, play a game of peek-a-boo as you begin today's lesson.

Begin to talk to the children and as you're talking have your puppet (or another leader dressed up as a funny character) pop up from behind you (or puppet stage or screen) and say "Peek-a-boo" and slip away before you can see and acknowledge them.

"Good morning, I am so glad we are all here today as we begin to learn about God and having faith in him." (Puppet/character appears again saying "Peek-a-boo")
"Who was that? Did someone say Peek-a-boo? I can't see anyone. There's no one there."

"Anyway, as I was saying, we are beginning to learn about faith. Faith means trusting in something that you can't see. We can't see God, but we have faith and know He is there. We can see what God does, the things He has created and we can feel His love in our hearts." (Puppet/character appears again saying "Peek-a-boo")

"Is there someone behind me? I can't see anyone there! Who is it?"

(Puppet/character appears again saying "Peek-a-boo")

"Oh it's (say the name of the puppet or leader), I couldn't see you! I didn't believe that anyone was there! I'm so glad you could join us today."

Scripture References:

Proverbs 3:5&6

Romans 4

2 Corinthians 5:7

Hebrews 10:23

Hebrews 11:1

Supplies Needed:

Puppet or another leader dressed in a funny costume.



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Puppet/character says "I've been here the whole time! Didn't you see me? I am real.. I was right here from the very start."

"I know that you're real (say the name of the puppet or leader), but I didn't believe anyone was there because I couldn't SEE you with my eyes."

Puppet/character says "Weren't you just saying to everyone here that we can have faith and believe in things even when we can't SEE them?"

"I suppose you're right (say the name of the puppet or leader), we can have faith in God even though we can't SEE Him. We can see all the beautiful things He has created, the twinkling stars in the sky, the beautiful flowers, the powerful ocean and the wild animals. God made them all and we know we can have faith in Him even though we can't see Him with our eyes. Today, we're going to be learning all about trusting God and having faith in Him!"

STORYTELLING

Share the story of God's promise to Abraham reinforcing today's big point "We can have faith and trust in God" throughout the story.

Abraham & Sarah

(Pointing up in the sky counting stars) "One, two, three, four, five, six, seven.. wait, I already counted that one, let me start again. One, two, three, four, five...what comes next.. oh, I've lost count again."

Abraham and Sarah were very old and they didn't have any children. They were old enough to have had grandchildren and great grandchildren, but they didn't have any at all. God had promised Abraham that he and his wife Sarah would have a son and that Abraham would have a HUGE family..A family with so many people that it would be hard to count them all, as hard as counting all the stars in the sky. How would he have a big family when he didn't even have one child yet?

"That's impossible, there is just no way that it could happen. I'm so old!" Said Abraham. God's promise to Abraham seemed so crazy and so beyond belief that Abraham and his wife Sarah thought God must have been joking. Now, you don't see many elderly women walking around pregnant do you? No! It's basically impossible!

Abraham and Sarah waited and waited and waited. Years passed by and they didn't seem to be any closer to what God had promised them. They may have started to think that God had forgotten about His promise altogether. They couldn't see an answer, and they couldn't see how it could happen. With faith in God they waited. Then they waited some more... and even more after that. We can have faith and trust in God.

Abraham was scared. He was afraid that the older he and Sarah were, the less time they had left to be able to have any children. He was afraid that maybe God wasn't going to give them a child at all and maybe it had all been one big joke. God came to Abraham in a vision and said "Don't be afraid. I'm your shield. Your reward will be grand!" We can have faith and trust in God.

Reminder:

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Supplies Needed:

Image of Abraham and Sarah supplied in print material.



God took him outside and said "Don't worry, look at the sky. Count the stars. Can you do it? Count your descendants! You're going to have a big family, Abraham!" With faith Abraham believed God. Abraham believed that he would have more descendants than there are stars in the sky! Abraham and Sarah had to trust God. We can have faith and trust in God.

Many, many, years passed by and what did Abraham and Sarah do? Yes, they waited and waited and waited some more. They waited until Sarah was ninety years old and Abraham was ONE HUNDRED years old! God spoke to Abraham and said "I will bless Sarah, she will have a baby son and from Sarah will come nations and kings of nations."

"Ha, ha, ha!" he laughed, "How can I have a son now, at one hundred years old and my wife Sarah at 90 years old?" Abraham just laughed and laughed at how crazy this whole thing seemed.

God told him "Your wife Sarah will have a baby son and you will call him Isaac". The name Isaac means laughter!

Sarah laughed too, "How could an old woman like me have a baby? And with a husband who's one hundred years old!"

This isn't really a story about Abraham and why he was so special. It's a story about God and why HE is so special. Is there anything that is too hard for God? Is there anything that God cannot do? Faith is trusting God to do what only God can do. We can have faith and trust in God.

Sure enough, God DID keep his promise to Abraham and Sarah, and they had a son at the exact time God had planned all along. They named Him Isaac just as God had told them to and Abraham threw a huge party to celebrate! We can have faith and trust in God.

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.

In Jesus' name, Amen.



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KIDS DISCIPLESHIP GROUP (KDG)

DOCUMENT PURPOSE

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

THE BIG QUESTION (To discuss in your KDGs)

1. Who did we learn about in today's bible story?

Abraham and Sarah.

2. What did God promise Abraham?

God promised that Abraham and Sarah would have a child, even though they were very old. God promised that they would have a big family, more people in their family than there are stars in the sky.

3. 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.



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THE BIG ACTIVITY

Purpose: Children can make an Abraham story picture, to remind them everyday to have faith and trust in God.

Directions: Help the children to colour in their picture then add star stickers on the sky part of the picture.

Explanation: Abraham had faith in God. God gave Abraham a promise, that he would have a son and a big family, with more people than there are stars in the sky. We can have faith and trust in God. God keeps His promises.

PLAY TIME LEARNING ACTIVITY

Sand Play

Provide a tub of sand for your small group. Allow the children to feel the grains of sand running through their fingers.

Ask: Do you think we could count every single grain of sand that is in this tub? There would be so many! I don't think we would be able to count them all. Imagine how many grains of sand there are on a whole beach! You could never count them. God said to Abraham "So I will certainly bless you. I will make your children after you as many as the stars in the sky. I will make them as many as the grains of sand on the seashore." Genesis 22:17 (NIV)

That's how many people Abraham would have in his family, as many stars as there are in the sky and as many grains of sand on the seashore. Abraham had faith in God that God would keep this promise and God did! We can have faith and trust in God.

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.

In Jesus' name, Amen.

Supplies Needed:

Abraham picture printed for each child (provided in print material).

Star stickers.

Supplies Needed:

Tub of sand



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INTRO

I'm not scared!

[Included in the worship music segment of this curriculum is the song 'Let Your Light Shine'. You can play it from the DVD menu or sing it acapella if you choose.]

LET YOUR LIGHT SHINE

VERSE 1:

Creep creep creep
In the dark fear comes
To blow out all your lights
It doesn't want you telling everybody that
Jesus rules alright

CHORUS:

Let your light shine Woah
Let your light shine Woah
Let your light shine
And let Jesus shine through you

VERSE 2:

Giant fears are really small
When all you see is God
Don't be afraid to stand up tall
And give a great big shout!

Scripture References:

Matthew 6:25-34

Matthew 14:22-34

Mark 4:35-41

1 John 4:18

Supplies Needed:

Song "Let your Light Shine" to play.



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BRIDGE:

'Cause I'm not scared
I'm gonna let my light shine
You're not scared
You're gonna let your light shine
We're not scared
We're gonna let our light shine
'Cause Jesus is Lord
And He's gonna let His light shine

(Stop singing for a moment and talk about faith in God defeating fear.)

We don't need to be afraid when we have faith in God. Faith in God defeats fear! Fear get outta here!

Maybe we are afraid of the dark - When we have faith in God we don't need to be afraid.

Maybe we are afraid of creepy crawly bugs - When we have faith in God we don't need to be afraid.

Maybe we are scared of going to a new place and meeting new people - when we have faith in God we don't need to be afraid.

(Sing the bridge again)

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STORYTELLING

Share the story of Jesus calming the storm & Peter walking on water. To help the children feel involved, include them in the story by giving them a 4D experience! Wind, waves, sound effects, water spray and the smell of fish!

Matthew 14:22-33

Jesus said to His disciples "go, now, to the other side of the lake." The disciples got into the boat and were about to set sail. The sky was clear and the waves seemed peaceful as they lapped the side of the boat. It was night time but there didn't seem to be any signs of bad weather so they set sail. As Peter and John pulled in the rope John sneezed...(Spray a little water!). Meanwhile Jesus went by himself up a mountainside to pray.

As they started to get out a little further and were settling into their journey across the water, things changed. Like an earthquake the wind blew (blow fans) and the boat began to rock from side to side (have children sway side to side) and dark clouds rolled in (dim lights), rain and waves splashed into the boat (squirt water sprays across the crowd), the thunder roared (play storm sound effects) and the lightning lit up the sky (flick on and off lights). It was a storm like they had never seen before.

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Supplies needed:

Water sprayers, fans, storm sound effects, and if you're really keen...Some cans of sardines open and placed strategically to make the area smell fishy!



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Some of Jesus disciples were fishermen and had encountered storms all their life, but this one was so much worse. They did everything they could to get the water out of the boat and keep it afloat. Their sails were in tatters and the waves didn't let up. The disciples were afraid, they made sure that everyone on the boat was still there and that no one had been thrown overboard.

"What is that?" Said Peter

John was confused..."What are you talking about?"

"Look.. out there on the water.. it's... it's... a..."

"Ghost!" they all screamed in fear.

It wasn't a ghost. It wasn't another ship. It wasn't their imagination.. It was Jesus! He was walking out towards them. Walking ON THE WATER! He wasn't in a boat and he wasn't sinking, he really was walking on the water. He called out to them "Be brave, it's me! Don't be afraid."

Peter called out to Jesus "Lord.. If it really is you, tell me to come out to you on the water"

"Come" Jesus said.

Peter looked out to Jesus, stretched one leg out of the boat, then the other and began walking on the water out to where Jesus was. Peter took his eyes off Jesus and looked across the water at the wind and the waves and began to wobble a little, then sink a little, his fear got the best of him and he called to Jesus "Lord, save me!"

Jesus quickly reached out his hand and caught him. "Peter, why did you doubt me? Your faith is so small." As they climbed into the boat the wind stopped blowing and the waves settled and the boat became stable (turn off sound effects, fans and water spray).

All the disciples knew right there and then that Jesus really was the Son of God.

PRAYER

Dear God,

Thank you that we don't need to have fear. Thank you that faith in you defeats fear. Help us to trust in you and have faith that no matter how big our storm is, you will be with us and you have power over it.

In Jesus' name, Amen.



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1. Why were the disciples afraid when they were in the boat?

They were afraid because of the storm. The disciples were good at sailing but these storms were so big that they nearly sank the boat!

2. What happened when Peter took his eyes off Jesus?

When Peter was walking on the water out to where Jesus was, he took his eyes off Jesus and looked at the wind and waves, he began to sink!

3. Who can we trust in when we are scared?

We can trust God and have faith in Him. We don't need to be afraid because God is with us.



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THE BIG ACTIVITY

Purpose: To remind the children that faith defeats fear by making a boat just like in today's bible story.

Directions: Give each child a boat shape and a sail shape allow them to colour in as you talk about today's story. Use a straw as the boat's mast and attach the sail to the straw using tape. Then attach the mast to the boat with a second piece of tape.

Explanation: Some of Jesus' disciples were fishermen, so they spent a lot of time sailing in boats. They were used to being out on the boat in big waves and storms, but the storms they faced in today's story were HUGE! They were the biggest storms they'd ever seen. They were afraid, their boat rocked from side to side and the waves crashed in to the boat and it almost sank. Jesus walked out to them on the water and they didn't realise it was him, so they grew even more afraid. Jesus had power over the storm. They didn't need to have fear, they just needed to have faith in God and their fear was gone. When we face storms in our life we might be afraid but when we have faith in God we don't need to fear, we can remember today's story. Jesus had power over the storms and He has power over the storms in our life.

PLAY TIME LEARNING ACTIVITY

Let's go fishing!

Before the lesson, make some fish shapes from thin coloured card paper and place a paper clip on the nose of each fish. Make a few fishing rods using lengths of wooden dowel or sticks from your garden. Add a length of string and a magnet.

Lay all the fish on the ground and allow the children to go fishing! The magnets will attract the paper clip noses of the fish. See how many fish your group can catch.

Some of the disciples were fishermen. They went out on boats and liked to be out in the sea. When a storm came they were afraid, but Jesus calmed the storm and they learned to have faith in Him.

PRAYER

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In Jesus' name, Amen.

Supplies Needed:

Boat and sail printed on card paper for each child from the template provided, scissors, tape, straws, colouring pencils or crayons.

Supplies Needed:

Coloured card stock, scissors, paper clips, dowel rods or sticks, string, small magnets.



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- Learn that God's word helps me grow.
- Learn that sharing about what God has done grows our faith.
- Learn that big or small our faith can have huge results

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Mustard Seed Faith

If you plant a little tiny seed in some soil, then water it and let the sun shine on it... what happens? It grows! Yes, it grows and grows and grows. Can you say that with me? "It grows and grows and grows". It gets bigger and bigger and bigger.

Something very small has so much power and potential inside of it that it can grow and grow and grow and become something HUGE. It grows to be a big tree! (Show tree picture)

As we trust God our faith will grow and grow and grow. We know that we can trust Him because He will never fail. But how much faith have you got? How much faith do we need to have? That's what the disciples asked Jesus, they wanted more faith and Jesus said, "Suppose you have faith as small as a mustard seed. Then you can say to this mulberry tree, 'Be pulled up. Be planted in the sea.' And it will obey you." Luke 17:5-6 (NIRV).

Jesus used this mustard seed example again when the disciples asked why they couldn't perform miracles like Jesus did, He said, "Because your faith is much too small. What I'm about to tell you is true. If you have faith as small as a mustard seed, it is enough. You can say to this mountain, 'Move from here to there.' And it will move. Nothing will be impossible for you." Matthew 17:21 (NIRV). Faith as small as a mustard seed was all that they needed. A mustard seed is tiny especially when compared to the size of a mountain! Imagine something so small having such great power. When our faith is in God and He is working through us it is powerful. Our faith gets bigger and bigger, it grows and grows and grows.

Scripture References:

Proverbs 3:5&6

Psalms 103:2

Matthew 17

Mark 5:40-55

Luke 8

Philemon 1:6

Hebrews 11

Supplies Needed:

A small seed and a picture of a big tree.



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STORYTELLING

Share the stories of Jesus healing Jairus' daughter.

Dad's love their daughters. There was once a Dad that had only one daughter, she was 12 years old and was very sick. Her Dad's name was Jairus and he was extremely worried. Day after day his little girl lay in bed and day after day she became more and more ill. No one knew how to make her well and no one knew how to help.

Jairus was worried. He buried his face in his hands and sighed as he tried to think of what he could do. Then he had an idea, "That's it! I know who can help!" Jairus had heard that Jesus was in town and that Jesus had healed many people from all kinds of sickness. There was a huge crowd gathering around to see Jesus. Jairus rushed to the temple, weaved his way through the crowd and threw himself at Jesus' feet, begging Him, "please, please come to my house and help my little girl." Jairus led Jesus and his disciples through the crowd to take them to his house. There were so many people! They had to squish, slide, duck and weave through all the people. Jesus said "Do not be afraid. Trust me. Just believe. She will be healed." They got to Jairus' house and Jesus made everyone wait outside. He took in only a few of the disciples, and the little girl's mother and her father Jairus. Everyone was sobbing. They thought it was all over for their little girl. Jesus told them "Stop crying, she is not dead, she is just sleeping."

Everyone laughed, did Jesus know what He was talking about? They knew that she had died and wasn't just sleeping at all. Jesus went over to the girl and held her hand and spoke to her "My child, get up!" Her eyes opened, she yawned just as if she had been asleep. She reached her legs out and stood up, everyone was amazed. Jesus said, "Get her something to eat." She was healed. Jesus wasn't too late. He was right on time.

God's plan is better than anything we could come up with on our own. We can trust in Him and have faith in Him. We don't put our faith in luck, just flipping a coin and hoping for the best. Luck doesn't have our future planned for us, luck doesn't care for us, know us or have the best ahead for us. God does. God loves us, God knows us and He has a great future planned for us. As we trust God our faith will grow, bigger and bigger as we continue to put our trust in Him.

PRAYER

Dear God,

Thank you that we can always have faith in you because you will never fail. Help us to trust you and see our faith grow and grow. Thank you that your Word gives us examples of other people that lived with faith and did great things for you.

In Jesus' name, Amen.

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Learning Outcomes

At the conclusion of this lesson children will:

- Learn that God's word helps me grow.
- Learn that sharing about what God has done grows our faith.
- Learn that big or small our faith can have huge results

BIG POINT:

AS WE TRUST GOD, OUR FAITH WILL GROW

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)

KIDS DISCIPLESHIP GROUP (KDG)

DOCUMENT PURPOSE

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

THE BIG QUESTION (To discuss in your KDGs)

1. What happened to the sick girl in our Bible story today?

She was sick and her father was so worried about her that he went to find Jesus for help.

2. What did Jesus do to help her?

Jesus said to her "get up" and she woke up and wasn't sick anymore. Jesus healed her.

3. How can we have faith in God?

We can read God's word, pray and trust in God.



BIG PICTURE: FAITH

BIG IDEA: BIGGER & BIGGER

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THE BIG ACTIVITY

Purpose: To remind the children that as we trust God our faith will grow and that faith in God is powerful, like having faith as small as a seed.

Directions: Help the children to dip 5 cotton wool balls into water and place them into their resealable plastic bag and seal the top. Make a seed label using the template provided with the print material. Children can write their name and use tape to attach their label to the front of the bag. Children can take home their seed bag craft with instructions for their parents to help them stick it to a window in their house that gets some sunlight during the day.

Explanation: As we trust God our faith will grow. We don't need to have BIG faith to see big things happen in our lives, Jesus told His disciples they only needed faith as small as a mustard seed because faith is so powerful. "Suppose you have faith as small as a mustard seed. Then you can say to this mulberry tree, 'Be pulled up. Be planted in the sea.' And it will obey you." Luke 17:5-6 (NIV). When we trust God with every detail of our lives, our faith will grow as we see him provide for us and work in our lives.

PLAY TIME LEARNING ACTIVITY

Leaf rubbings

Show the children a box with different kinds of leaves. Take a moment to look at the different shapes and colours.

Give each child a sheet of paper and some crayons. Help them to place a leaf flat on the table, put the sheet of paper on top and use the side of the crayons to rub over the shape of the leaf.

Plants grow from small tiny seeds into big trees. From such a small tiny thing it grows into a bigger and bigger plant. Our faith in God is powerful like that tiny seed!

PRAYER

Dear God,

Thank you that we can always have faith in you because you will never fail. Help us to trust you and see our faith grow and grow. Thank you that your Word gives us examples of other people that lived with faith and did great things for you.

In Jesus' name, Amen.

Supplies Needed:

Plastic resealable bags, cotton wool balls, water, lima beans that have been soaked in water overnight, seed labels made from print material disc, tape, seed care instructions printed for each child.



Supplies Needed:

A collection of different shaped leaves. Paper and crayons for each child.