

CITY LG - Feb 20th/21st

Bible Story: A Series of Fortunate Events (John the Baptist in jail) • *Luke 7:18-22 (Supporting: Matthew 11; Mark 6:17-20; Luke 3:1-21; 6; 7:1-16)*

Bottom Line: When I hear what Jesus has done, it helps me believe who Jesus is.

Memory Verse: “Faith is being sure of what we hope for. It is being certain of what we do not see.” *Hebrews 11:1, NIV*

Life App: Faith—believing in what you can’t see because of what you can see.

Basic Truth: I can trust God no matter what.

Host walks in dressed as a scientist (lab coat, goggles on head, clipboard).

Opener

HOST: “Hello, everybody! Welcome to the CITY. I am Professor [Host’s name], and I have a question to ask you—how many of you like science? Yes! Solids and liquids, magnets and sound waves ... all very fascinating. But let’s be honest—the best part about science is the experiments! Mixing things, pouring things, exploding things. What I love about experiments is that sometimes we get to see something happen right before our eyes that we never would have believed could happen. And that is perfect because all month long we are going to be talking about faith. Faith is believing what you can’t see because of what you can see.

CG: Faith Slide

“Now, on to the experiment! I want you to circle up with your small group and I am going to give each group a bag of supplies. We are going to try THREE different things today.

1. Leaders: Carefully take out the two balloons that are tied together with a string. Now take out the piece of wool fabric. Let one child rub the 2 balloons one by one against the wool fabric, then try moving the balloons together. What happens??? Do they want to go together or are they unattracted to each other? Cooh, huh??
2. Now, leaders Rub 1 of the balloons back and forth on someone’s hair. Give it a good rub! Now, slowly pull it away, what do you guys see happening??? Science is so cool!!!!
3. For experiment #3, take out the aluminum can and place it on its side. Find another person with a good head of hair and rub the balloon in it. Again, give it a good rub. Now, hold the balloon near the can. What is happening? The can should roll towards the balloon. Now, slowly move the balloon away from the can and it should follow.

So what happened? What caused those things to happen?? Two words: static electricity. Rubbing the balloons against the wool fabric or your hair creates static electricity. This involves negatively charged particles (electrons) jumping to positively charged objects. When you rub the balloons against your hair or the fabric they become negatively charged, they have taken some of the electrons from the hair/fabric and left them positively charged.

But here's the things about static electricity....Can you see it??? Then how do you know its there??? Right! Because you saw what it did! All month long we are talking about faith.

CG: Faith

Faith is believing in what you can see because of what you can't see. Just like this experiment! You can't see the static electricity that caused your hair to rise, or the balloons to push against each other.

Have the leaders bring the bags back up

SETTING UP THE STORY

STORYTELLER: "All month we are going to see examples of what faith is and learn what it means for us to show faith in our own lives, too.

"In fact, you are about to watch one of those examples right now. Take a look at this...

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WRAPPING UP THE STORY

STORYTELLER: "John's disciples got to see Jesus' power with their own eyes. Even though John the Baptist was in prison, Jesus was clearly God's Chosen One. They could return to John with the good news.

"John was in jail and wondering if Jesus really was who He said He was. But John couldn't go out and see for himself. Instead, John listened to what his friends had seen and heard Jesus do—and that helped him believe Jesus was really the Promised One.

And that reminds me of our memory verse for the month—Hebrews 11:1! Let's say this together."

CG: Memory Verse Slide

HOST and KIDS: "Faith is being sure of what we hope for. It is being certain of what we do not see."
(Hebrews 11:1, NIV)

No matter what we face, we can know that Jesus will have our backs and take care of us each moment of our lives. We can trust God no matter what! That's the one thing to remember today:

CG: Bottom Line Slide

"It is like our Bottom Line says: **when I hear what Jesus has done, it helps me believe who Jesus is.** Let's say that nice and loud. I will say, "When I hear what Jesus has done... Then you will say, It helps me believe who Jesus is. Ready??

ST: When I hear what Jesus has done,

KIDS: it helps me believe who Jesus is

One more time....

“It must have been such a comfort for John to know that Jesus was who He said He was. Two thousand years later, we can know and believe in Jesus too! It’s amazing, really. Let’s pray and thank God for the awesome gift of Jesus.

Prayer

STORYTELLER: “God, thank You for sending Jesus. We are so grateful for the way that He has changed our lives, and the lives of the people around us. In the times when we wonder and have doubts, please give us people who can tell us about all that Jesus has done for them, so that we might have even stronger faith. We ask these things in Jesus’ name. Amen.

Dismiss children to their Small Groups.