

CITY LG – Feb 6th/7th

Bible Story: Netflix (calling of Peter) • *Luke 5:1-11*

Bottom Line: When I see how God provides today, it helps me trust Him with tomorrow.

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.

SFX: Play high-energy music as kids enter.

The stage is set for this week’s “Seeing is Believing” experiment. Host walks in dressed as a scientist (lab coat, goggles on head, clipboard). He is carrying the materials for this week’s experiment.

Opener

HOST: “Hello, everybody! Welcome to a new month in 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. Like I always say: if you’re not having to use the eyewash station at least once a day, you’re not really trying! (*Beat.*) Okay, I don’t really say that and that probably isn’t the best advice, but anyhow. 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

NOTE: You can watch this experiment using this address. It is the first experiment on the video:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cjH-ctVxXgw>

NOTE: Measure out 1 TBS Baking Soda and ¼ Cup vinegar before you start the lesson today. Have the vinegar in the water bottle before you start

Get everything set up at the table.

“Now, on to the experiment! Let’s see. We have a water bottle filled with some vinegar, some baking soda, some vinegar and a balloon! Today, I will show you how to blow up a balloon without using your mouth!

Hold up the water bottle already filled with the ¼ C Vinegar

"Have you ever had a hard time blowing up balloons? Have you ever had to blow up a lot for a party and you thought your face was going to explode?? Well, I will show you how to blow up a balloon using a water bottle. You may just have to have a little faith that this will work out, okay? Let's get started.

Grab the funnel and the baking soda.

"First, we take the funnel and put it in the balloon. Then we put the baking soda into the balloon.

Pour the baking soda into the balloon

"Now, you very carefully remove the funnel from the balloon and place the balloon over the tip of the water bottle ...

"Finally you pick up the balloon and empty the baking soda into the water bottle.

Empty the baking soda into the water bottle and watch the balloon fill up!

"There you have it! You can't see it, but there is a chemical reaction causing a gas called carbon dioxide that is filling up the balloon!!!!" How cool is that????

SETTING UP THE STORY

STORYTELLER: "Well, all month long we are talking about 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 chemical reaction that filled up this balloon.

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"I know that the word faith sounds a little bit confusing right now, but 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...

Bible Story: 252 Story Week 1

WRAPPING UP THE STORY

STORYTELLER: "Wow. That was a pretty cool story. It took a lot of faith for Peter to trust Jesus and throw his nets back in the water. It also took a lot of faith for him to give up his life as a fisherman to follow Jesus. Peter couldn't always see what was going to happen in the end, but he trusted Jesus enough to do what He said. What's amazing is that Jesus asks us to trust Him the same way.

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

When I see how God provides today, it helps me trust Him with tomorrow. If there is one thing I want you to remember today its this so lets shout this out. I will say "When I see how God provides today" YOU will say, "It helps me trust him with tomorrow!: Let's go:

ST: When I see how God provides today,

KIDS: it helps me trust Him with tomorrow.

Let's say that one more time...

ST: When I see how God provides today,

KIDS: it helps me trust Him with tomorrow.

Let's pray and ask God to help us see how He provides and to give us strength to trust Him."

Pray

STORYTELLER: "God, thank You for the many ways You provide for us and take care of us each day. Sometimes it can be hard to trust You because we can't see You. Please help us to believe Your words and to remember the many ways we have seen You show up in our lives. And like Peter, help us to trust You enough to decide to follow You. We ask these things in Jesus' name. Amen."

see it!"

Dismiss children to their Small Groups.