

ALLEY SG – April 2nd/3rd (Daring Faith Week 1)

Theme: Dare to LEARN

Bible Story: The story of the wise and foolish builders • *Matthew 7:24-27*

Bottom Line: In order for me to have Daring Faith, I need to learn what God has to teach me in his word.

Memory Verse: “Be on your guard. Remain strong in the faith. Be brave.” 1 Corinthians 16:13
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Building a Tower Review Game:

What You Need: Paper cups

What You Do:

Divide your children up into two teams. The goal is to build the tallest tower. Place paper cups in the center of your group. Take turns each group a question one at a time. If the team answers a question correctly, they get to add a cup to their tower. If they are incorrect, they must remove a cup from their tower. If the tower falls over, they may not rebuild it, but start from what is left standing.

Questions:

- Today we learned about two builders. What did we call the builders? (The wise and foolish builders)
- Where did the wise man build his house? (On the rock)
- Where did the foolish man build his house? (On the sand)
- What happened to the house built on the rock when it started to rain? (Stood strong)
- What happened to the house built on the sand when it started to rain? (washed away)
- If we listen to God and obey, are we like the wise man or the foolish man? (wise)
- We are talking about Daring Faith all month. Today we are talking about how you should dare to what? (Learn)
- Where do you go to learn what God has to teach us? (His word or the Bible)
- What book of the Bible is the story of the wise and foolish builders in? (Matthew)
- Is the book of Matthew in the New or Old Testament?
- What is one way we can have a strong foundation in God? (read Bible, pray, go to church, etc.)
- What is another way we can have a strong foundation in God? (same as above)
- Let's say you see someone getting made fun of at school. If you are living your life with a strong foundation of God, how could you handle that?
- Again, you see someone getting made fun of at school. If you do NOT live your life on a strong foundation on God, how might you handle that?
- Let's say you disobeyed and got in trouble. What might you do if you were living your life on a strong foundation of God?
- Again, you disobeyed and got in trouble. What might you do if you were NOT living your life on a strong foundation of God?

***If you want more questions ask about more situations and what they might do or think if they were living with a strong foundation and if they were NOT living with a strong foundation. Some examples:**

- You didn't get many presents for your birthday

- Your parents are fighting a lot
- You get bad grades in school even though you study
- There is a new kid in your class
- You yelled at your brother for going in your room

What You Say:

“Great job remembering our story today. If we are going to have Daring Faith, we first need to LEARN what God has to teach me in his word.”

Cave Clues

What You Need: Cave Clues activity sheet (one per kid), pens

What You Do:

Pass out a Cave Clues sheet to each child. Either alone or in groups, have them decode the different actions they can do to put God’s word into practice in their lives.

What You Say:

“We learned today that we need to read our Bible, come to church and do other things to be learn about Jesus. When we do those things we become strong in our faith and know how to handle things in our lives the way Jesus wants us to. When we don’t do those things, we don’t have a strong foundation in Jesus. We make the wrong decisions and don’t handle things the way he wants us to. Jesus is our rock!! I have some Cave Clues here. They are all ways we can put into practice what we learned today. Put this somewhere at home where you will see it and remember that: *In order for me to have Daring Faith, I need to learn what God has to teach me in his word.*”

Pass the Rock Memory Verse Game

What You Need: One set of rocks with one word from the verse written on each rock

What You Do:

Have the children sit in a circle. Give one of the rocks that says a word from the memory verse to one of the students and pick one child to be the guesser. Tell your children to try and pass the rock around the circle without letting the guesser see it. The object of the game is to fool the person guessing. The children can fake passing or pretend to pass it in two different directions. After a short period of time call "stop" and let the guesser try to guess whom he thinks has the rock. You may want to give him more than one chance. Once he or she guesses, put that rock in the middle of the circle. Continue playing until all of the rocks with the words from the memory verse are in the middle of the circle. Put the rocks in order to create the memory verse as a group. Say the verse together a few times.

Pray

What You Say:

“Heavenly Father, thank You for your word the Bible! Thank You that we can read it and learn how to have a strong foundation in you. Please help us to remember to keep learning more about you so we can live the way you want us to and have the best life possible! In Jesus’ mighty name we pray, amen.”

Encourage the kids to fill out the page for WEEK 1 in their Daring Faith booklet. Remind them that they will earn a jewel when they bring it back. If they earn all 5 jewels, they will win a pass to go to a water park!