

# ALLEY SG–April 30<sup>th</sup>/May 1<sup>st</sup>(Daring Faith Week 5)

**Theme:** Dare to SHARE

**Bible Story:** Jesus' question and Peter's answer – Matthew 16:13-19

**Bottom Line:** In order for me to have Daring Faith, I need to share what I know about God with others

**Memory Verse:** "Be on your guard. Remain strong in the faith. Be brave." 1 Corinthians 16:13  
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## Famous People

**What You Need:** Bibles

### **What You Do:**

Hand out Bibles, and ask kids to open to today's Bible story. Ask the following questions:

- What is the first question Jesus asked? (v.13)?
- What is the second question? (v.15)?
- What is the difference between those two questions?
- What did Peter say? (v.16)?
- How did Jesus respond to Peter's statement? (vv.17-19)?

Next, ask someone to name someone famous. Ask others to describe that person. Allow them to correct each other's descriptions or to help each other guess.

### **What You Say:**

"Although the people we just talked about are either very famous or very important, some of them were hard to describe. It's hard to talk about something we don't know very well. Some of them we didn't know much about at all. In our Bible story today, people were saying Jesus was somebody great, like John the Baptist or one of the prophets—the great people of the Jewish faith. But what they didn't understand was that Jesus was even greater than these men. He was more than a prophet or a teacher. He was the Messiah they had all been waiting for their whole lives!

"Sometimes our perceptions of people aren't who they really are. And even what we read about people in a history book or through a Google search tells us only a little. But this isn't so with Jesus. When Peter said, 'You are the Christ, the Son of the Living God!' Jesus said, basically, 'Right!' And Jesus taught about Himself for three years, little by little letting people know he was the One sent to save them. From Jesus' own words (in the Bible), we can learn who He really is. which can help us *[Impress]* practice talking about God more easily and accurately. Just like our main point says, **In order to have daring faith, I need to share what I know about God with others.**"

## **My Story, God's Story**

**What You Need:** "My Story, God's Story" Activity Page, pencils, Bibles

### **What You Do:**

Discuss how part of **[Impress] practice talking about God** begins with our own experience with Him. Guide the kids to answer the questions on the Activity Page to help them organize their own God story. For those that feel comfortable, have them share their story with the rest of the Small Group.

### **What You Say:**

"Thinking about your 'God story' is a good way to begin figuring out how to talk about what Jesus has done in your life. When you know your own story, it helps you to practice talking about God. Take what you learned about yourself today, and what you wrote, and practice that. Practice talking about what you know of Jesus in your own life, how you know He's real, and what you have seen Him do in your own life or in the lives of others around you. That part is the part only you can tell!"

**[Make It Personal]** Tell the kids your own God story, highlighting when Jesus became real in your own life and what His salvation means to you. Make sure to keep it age-appropriate. If you have negative experiences that led you to a relationship with Christ, share that, but keep it vague and only include necessary details.

### **What You Say:**

"The Bible tells us to practice talking about God. When we talk about God, other people learn about Him and how *(say three or four of the words from the game)* God is! And you know what? When someone else reads your sticker out loud, they will also be talking about God! Just like our main point says, **In order to have daring faith, I need to share what I know about God with others.**

## **Personal Index**

**What You Need:** Index cards, pens or pencils, hat

### **What You Do:**

Give each kid an index card. On the card, they will describe themselves, without including their name or any physical description. They also should not say the names of their closest friends or anything that would give away who they are. Cards should tell what they are like on the inside. Are they shy or outgoing? Do they have any pets? What upsets them or makes them happy? What are their favorite things to do, places to go, experiences they have had? When they are finished, collect the cards in a hat. Let each kid draw a card out of the hat (making sure not to draw his own name). Allow each one to read the description aloud and guess whose card they are reading.

### **What You Say:**

"You know, what we know and think about ourselves can often be different than people's perceptions of us, but you guessed pretty well. People had all kinds of ideas and guesses about who Jesus was. But we know who he is and **In order to have daring faith, I need to share what I know about God with others.**

## **Pray**

### **What You Say:**

“Heavenly Father, thank you for all that you are to us. Help us to remember what we’ve learned about you and help us to tell others about you. In Jesus’ mighty name we pray, amen.”

**Encourage the kids to fill out the page for WEEK 5 in their Daring Faith booklet at home this week. 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!**