

City LG—May 22nd, 2022

Today's Bible Story: Glory Days (Heroes of the Faith) • *Hebrews 11*

Today's Bottom Line: Trusting God can help you get back up.

Monthly Memory Verse: *But those who trust in the LORD will receive new strength. will fly as high as eagles. They will run and not get tired. They will walk and not grow weak.*
Isaiah 40:31 (NIV)

REMINDER: Kids will need to be grouped into Small Groups to begin Service

WORSHIP: Not the Same and Something Good

CG: Summer JAM Slide

“Summer JAM is coming up very soon and we’re so excited to invite you to 3 nights jam-packed with FUN and Adventure! You won’t want to miss it. Visit the Summer Jam Tents after our time together today to sign up!”

GAME: Beach Ball Bounce

Supplies Needed: 5 Beach Balls in Color #1 and 5 Beach Balls in Color #2 (per Campus)

“OK, everyone! I’m so glad you’re here today. It’s great to see all your smiling faces. This month, we’re talking about resilience.

SLIDE: Resilience

“Resilience is getting back up when something gets you down.

Hold up one of the beach balls.

“With resilience, you can take a hit then bounce back. (*Bounce the beach ball in the air.*) You can trust God and believe that God is WITH you—even in the tough times. And that’s what will help you get back up again!

“Today’s game is an all-play, and we’ll be playing with these beach balls. (*Reference the beach ball.*) You might have already noticed the tape on the floor, splitting the room in half. That means this side, you’re a team (*point to one side of the line*) . . . and THIS side, you’re a team (*point to the other side*).

“In just a minute, we’ll toss some beach balls into the air. We have [color] beach balls for this side and [color] beach balls for this side. Your goal is to KEEP those beach balls in the air by bouncing them gently—like this. (*Demonstrate.*) That way it’ll be easier for the next person to hit it after you. Just keep bouncing them in the air on your team’s side. If a beach ball hits the ground, though, don’t worry. Just grab it quickly and toss it in the air again!

“When time runs out, the winning team will be the one with the fewest beach balls on the floor. Are you ready? (*Pause.*) Let’s do this!

CG: “Get Back Up Again” SLIDE WITH AUDIO

Worship Leaders enter and toss beach balls into the air—each team’s color on their side of the room.

Comment on the action as the kids play the game. Help the Worship Leaders toss the beach balls back in play if the kids knock them out of bounds.

“Way to go! It looks like the [color] team has fewer beach balls on the floor—but I noticed both teams doing a great job of working together to keep them in the air. I think we’re all winners! Toss those beach balls to our friends on the sides, please, then we’ll keep the fun going as we learn more about God together.”

Help the kids toss the beach balls to the Worship Leaders on the sides of the room. They collect the beach balls in the plastic bins.

“We’ve talked a lot this month about resilience and how we can get back up when something gets us down. We know that it’s super-important to trust God and believe that God is with us; because that helps us bounce back even in the toughest situations. So, to get started with our lesson today, I have a question for you...

SLIDE: Question (“What is the hardest thing for you to do?”)

Ooooh. That’s another good one! It could be making your bed, cleaning your room, practicing an instrument, doing your homework, emptying the dishwasher, etc. 3 minutes on the clock! Have fun talking it out with your group!”

CG: Question Video (Runtime: 3:00)

(Hold up Bible.) “Great job answering our question everyone! Let’s get started with our lesson today! There’s a book in the New Testament called Hebrews. The writer of this book was writing after Jesus died and came back to life. This person looked back at the long history of God’s people and wrote about people who showed amazing resilience. These people were able to stand strong in tough situations because of their great FAITH in God.”

“That brings us to an important question. What IS faith? What does it mean to put our faith in God, and how does that help us have resilience?

“Let’s see how faith is described in the book of Hebrews. Listen to this.

Open the Bible to Hebrews 11:1-2 (NIV) and read.

“Faith is being sure of what we hope for. It is being sure of what we do not see. That is what the people of long ago were praised for.

“Did you catch that? *Faith is being sure of what we hope for. It is being sure of what we do not see.*

"So, really, faith means that we trust God and we believe that God is working out a good plan in our lives. It means that we believe God is good, even if there are things happening in our lives that we don't totally understand.

(Hold up Bible.) "The writer of Hebrews then goes on to talk about dozens of men and women who faced difficult times, but still trusted God. These men and women had faith that God was working out a good story through their lives, even if they couldn't always see it. These were people who got back up, even when it seemed impossible. Let's learn some more about them with the help of this week's video!"

CG: Lesson Video (Runtime: 7:00)

"Abraham, Joseph, and Moses are just a few of the people we read about in the book of Hebrews (hold up Bible). There are also people like Noah, Sarah, Isaac, Jacob, and many more. These people did amazing things because of their faith in God. They faced challenges, but they pushed through. They TRUSTED God. And that's what made them resilient, even in tough times.

"As we look back at these stories from the Bible, we can see how important it is to have faith. These stories make US want to keep going, because we can trust that we're part of the big story God has been telling since the very beginning. So let's live each day with faith and trust in God. Let's learn our Bottom Line for this week!"

CG: Bottom Line Video (Runtime: 1:00)

SLIDE: Bottom Line

[Bottom Line] "Trusting God can help you get back up.

"Let's pray and ask God to help us."

PRAY: "Dear God, thank You for giving us such great examples to follow as we follow You! We want to be like Abraham, who trusted You to lead him to a new land. We want to be like Joseph, who trusted You and saved his family from a famine. We want to be like Moses, who had the courage to lead Your people into freedom! Help us trust You and live with resilience, even when we face difficult things in life. We know that You're with us through it all. We love You, and we pray these things in Jesus' name. Amen."

"God knows what you're going through . . . and everything you ever *will* go through. When you put your trust in God, it means you believe that God is in control. Even in the tough times, you can know for sure that God loves you and God will never leave you."

OFFERING:

Here in Parkview Kids, we bring our offering each week to help support (your Campus Child) learn more about Jesus just like we do here in Parkview Kids. Here's a picture of (your Campus Child)! If you brought your offering, you can bring it up now! Have fun in Small Groups!"

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