

Children's Discipleship Training OCTOBER

The word “disciple” means “learner” or “student.” The discipleship of children often involves teaching spiritual lessons with practical applications.

No one can please God without faith, for whoever comes to God must have faith that God exists and rewards those who seek him Hebrews 11:6

What is Faith?

Complete trust (God’s character was TRUSTWORTHY). God wants us to trust Him, another word is FAITH.

Faith is listening to God and trusting Him that He will help you and lead you where you should go.

Hebrews 11:1 Faith makes us sure of what we hope for and gives us proof of what we cannot see.

Romans 8:24 For in this hope we were saved; but hope that is seen is no hope at all. Who hopes for what he can already see?

- Think about Heaven, can you see it? But you know its there, right?
- Think about the character of God we talked about, can we always see character? Not if you don’t spend time with God, or a person you don’t really know them.
- We have a heart, brain, but we can’t see them.
- For us to know that Jesus lives in our heart it should show on the outside, by being nice, caring, loving and us wanting to do good.
- We have to act and believe that God will take care of us, even though we can’t see how it will work out.

Activity:

1. When you sit in a chair for the first time you are showing *faith* that the chair will hold you. Until you are safely seated you don’t know for sure if the chair is going to hold you.

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LESSON 2

Faith – believing without doubt and trusting Him whatever the outcome.

David's life as he was anointed is a perfect example. [1 Samuel 16:13](#) So Samuel took the horn of oil and anointed him in the presence of his brothers, and from that day on the Spirit of the LORD came powerfully upon David.

God did not choose him because of his age, but his heart was completely devoted to Him. This challenges us to be totally devoted to God in our hearts.

1 Samuel 16:7 But the Lord said to Samuel, "Do not consider his appearance or his height, for I have rejected him. The Lord does not look at the things people look at. People look at the outward appearance, but the Lord looks at the heart."

Leading up to killing Goliath David had faith that God was with him. 1 Samuel 17:45-47:

<https://www.bing.com/videos/search?q=David+and+Goliath+Movie+2018&&view=detail&mid=CEB166728D4481332B81CEB166728D4481332B81&&FORM=VRDGAR>

By faith, we can do incredible things that will ultimately bring glory to God. David was a small boy compared to his brothers, but he did big things like protect his sheep from wild animals and save his people by slaying Goliath.

Activity:

2. Blind fold their eyes and talk them through an obstacle course.

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LESSON 3

What is Fear? Opposite of FAITH.

We learned that FAITH is believing in God, trusting Him and His Word. So then fear is not believing in God, Not Trusting Him or His Word.

What comes to mind when you think of fear?

- Scary things
- darkness
- being alone
- death

So let's talk about these things as God see's them.

SCARY THINGS: probably unknown, something you hear, can't see, or ugly figure.

God has given you tools to use so you don't have to be afraid.

God didn't give you fear. He gave you Faith.

2 Timothy 1:7 For God has not given us a spirit of fear, but of power, love, and self-control.

God knew you would need His Spirit in you to have power over fear, He works through Love and you can control it.

Darkness: Psalm 23:4 Even though I walk through the darkest place, I won't have fear, BECAUSE God is always with me.

You don't have to see God to know He is in your heart, like Heaven you know its there because the Bible tells the TRUTH.

Being Alone: Deuteronomy 31:6 Be strong and courageous; don't be afraid. For it is the LORD your God goes with you; He will not leave you.

Death:

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John 14:1-6 Jesus is talking to His Disciples

Jesus said, "Don't be afraid. Trust in God, and trust in Me. My father (GOD) has a house in Heaven with many rooms. I would not lie to you!!! (BECAUSE GOD NEVER EVER LIES)I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back. Then I will take you with me, so that you can be where I am. You know the way to the place where I am going."

Where will you go when you leave earth? If Jesus lives in your heart, HEAVEN!!!

So anything that brings fear, makes you afraid is not from God, you don't have to put up with it. You ask God to help you, or if it's a place you don't want to be tell a parent, adult. If it's a movie turn it off!!

Prayer Time

Lead the students in prayer, asking God specifically to help them be His students/disciples of His teachings.

Lead into salvation prayer/Holy Spirit