

LG K-3 | W4

Today's Suggested Schedule

Kids arrival: 9:25 / 11:10

Play high-pitch music as kids arrive

Countdown: 9:30 / 11:15

Start the countdown with excitement!

Large Group: 9:30-9:55 / 11:15-11:40

- Opener
- Bible Story
- Memory Verse
- Talk it Out!
- Prayer

Transition to Small Group: 9:55-10:00 / 11:40-11:45

Kids move with their leader to small groups

Small Group: 10:00-10:25 / 11:45-12:10

Creating a safe place to connect



Bible Story

Jacob's Dream • *Genesis 28:10-22* (supporting: *Genesis 25:19-34; 27*)

Bottom Line

You can trust that God is with you.

Monthly Memory Verse

Faith is being sure of what we hope for. It is being sure of what we do not see. Hebrews 11:1 (NirV)

15 min

Large Group Opener

5 min

Opener

What You Need

No supplies needed

10 min

Large Group Game | Hulk Smash Surprise

What You Need

No supplies needed

AUDIO: Play high-energy music as kids enter.
SLIDE: Theme

(Host enters with energy and excitement.)

SLIDE: Countdown
SLIDE: Theme Intro

HOST: “Hey, everyone! Welcome to *(name of kids environment)*! I can't wait to learn more with all of you about the origins of our faith! This month we've discovered how God created us and everything in the world. We have another epic story from Genesis today all about faith! The Bible tells us that:

SLIDE: Memory Verse

Open the Bible to Hebrews 11:1 (NirV) and read.

Faith is being sure of what we hope for. It is being sure of what we do not see.

“So we can have faith in a loving and all-powerful God, even when we can't see Him face to face. We can learn about who He is through the Bible and know I can trust God no matter what!

SLIDE: Hulk Smash Surprise

Speaking of powerful, I need a few kids who were created by God to be incredibly strong. We have a *hulk*-ingly big challenge today that requires some smashing!

Pick 3-5 kids to come up onstage. The number of kids depends on how many options you have for them to smash. Each kid will need at most 2 boxes, and at least 1 (0 if they take the previous kid's prize).

“You guys will each get a chance to smash one of these boxes to discover what's behind. After your first smash, you have a big decision to make. You can either keep the prize you discovered, or choose to smash one more. If you choose to smash again, you **HAVE TO** keep the second prize—whether or not it's good.

"Now the next kid in line can choose to keep the item the first kid gave up, or start smashing for themselves. But if they choose to smash instead, the first item is no longer up for grabs to anyone, and they have to follow the same rules for smashing. Everybody ready?"

AUDIO: Upbeat Game Music

Pick the kids to smash one at a time. Make sure the punch in the center of the paper so they don't hit the sides of the cube storage. Adding a bullseye or logo in the center will help with this. You can even pre-cut the paper a little in the center to help it tear.

Fill the boxes with a mixture of good things and crazy things, like cans of dog food or cleaning supplies.

Optional: Give out any remaining good or bad prizes to random kids at the end.

24 min

Bible Story

12 min

StoryLab Bible Story | Video

What You Need

No supplies needed

12 min

Wrapping Up the Story

What You Need

No supplies needed

SLIDE: Story Lab W4

STORYTELLER: "After his dream, Jacob continued his long journey to Harran. He lived with his uncle Laban for around 20 years. He got married there and had most of his thirteen children there! Eventually, Jacob did return home to face his brother Esau, just like God promised he would.

"Jacob made a lot of mistakes and bad choices in his life, and he didn't always trust God. But God was still with him through it all. Jacob's story shows us that God can work through anyone, no matter how many bad choices they make. God will always be with them, as He is with us!

SLIDE: Bottom Line

[Bottom Line] "You can trust that God is with you. Say that with me."

STORYTELLER and KIDS: **[Bottom Line]** "You can trust that God is with you."

Memory Verse

Monthly Memory Verse: *Faith is being sure of what we hope for. It is being sure of what we do not see.* Hebrews 11:1 (NirV)

Talk It Out!

Now, before we move on, I have a question for you... (lean in and whisper) do you know what time it is?

It's time to... (pause, cup your hand to your ear) **TALK IT OUT!**

That means it's your turn to do the talking! You get to share your thoughts, ask questions, and see how this story connects to YOUR life. So, let's put on our 'thinking caps' ... zip up our listening ears... and get ready to Talk. It. Out!"

SLIDE: Talk It Out!

1. What were the names of Isaac and Rebekah's twin sons?

Esau and Jacob

2. What did Jacob ask Esau to trade for the stew?

His birthright

3. What did Jacob see in his dream?

A stairway reaching to heaven with angels going up and down

4. What does the name Bethel mean?

House of God

5. What can we trust about God even when we cannot see Him?

God is always with us

Prayer

"Dear God, thank You for this story of Jacob! Thank You that You can still work Your good plans through us, even when we make bad choices. And thank You that You are always with us. Thank You that You send Your Holy Spirit to live in us, so we are never alone. Please teach us to trust that You are always with us. Thank You for loving us so much. We love You, and we pray these things in Jesus' name. Amen."