

SG K-G1 | W4

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Today's Suggested Schedule

Greeting & Prayer (5 minutes)

The leader greets the children and asks how they are doing. After a brief time of sharing, the group participates in a short prayer activity to prepare their hearts for the lesson.

Small Group Activity (15 minutes)

Groups: Creating a safe place to connect

Pray & Dismiss (5 minutes)

After small group time, the leader closes in prayer. Then the children are dismissed.

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Activity One

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Faith Rocks

What You Need

	Air Dry Clay	2
	Small Paper Plates	1
	"Bottom Line Labels" Activity Page	1
	Completed Rock Example	1
	Coloring supplies	Several

What You Do:

- Give each child one or two pieces of air dry clay and a small plate.
- As the kids shape the clay into a rock, share the story about how Jacob used a rock as his pillow.
- Once the kids finish making their rocks, give each child a Bottom Line sticker to place on their plate.
- Encourage the kids to decorate their paper plates using coloring supplies.
- Read the Bottom Line together:

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

- Repeat the Bottom Line together several times.
- Set the plates aside to dry so the kids can take them home later.

What You Say:

"Can you imagine using a stone as a pillow like Jacob did? Not sure I'd get much sleep if I tried that! I love your rocks and how they're all unique. I want you to take these home and place them somewhere as a reminder that **[Bottom Line] you can trust that God is with you.**"





5 min

Activity Two

5 min

Stepping Stones

What You Need

 Bible marked at Hebrews 11:1	1
 "Hebrews 11:1 Puzzle" Activity Page	1
 Cardstock Paper	1
 Glue sticks	1

What You Do:

- Select a kid to open the Bible marked at Hebrews 11:1.
- Read the verse out loud to the group.
- Lead the group to repeat the verse together several times.
- Discuss any unfamiliar words with the group.
- Share with the kids that faith is trusting in God when you can't see because of what you CAN see!
- Place the "Hebrews 11:1 Stones" Activity Page cards on the floor in verse order.
 - o Allow kids to help put the cards in verse order by looking at the numbers on the cards.
 - o Place the cards close enough together so that kids can hop from one "stone" to the other.
 - o *Optional: Use floor tape to secure the "Hebrews 11:1 Stones" Activity Page in place.*
 - If possible, invite the kids to take off their shoes.
 - Lead the kids to repeat the Memory Verse as they hop along the stones, one kid at a time.
 - Assist the kids as needed by reciting the verse with them as they hop.
 - Gather the kids to discuss.

What You Say:

Amazing hopping, friends! When Jacob used a rock for a pillow, he had a crazy dream with a staircase that went all the way to heaven! In the middle of a tough situation when he was on the run, God reminded Jacob that He was with him, even when he'd made so many bad decisions.

"In some ways, we aren't much different than Jacob. In fact, we all make bad decisions. But I'm so glad that God sent Jesus to pay for sin and defeat it once and for all so we could be close to God again. See, that awful curse of sin would separate us from God without Jesus. BUT God loves us so much, and wanted us to be close to Him, so Jesus gave His life to pay for sin.

"And guess what? God wants to be even closer to us! When Jesus returned to heaven, God sent us the Holy Spirit to live inside of His followers! When you decide to follow Jesus, the Holy Spirit comes to live inside of you! He is closer than close, friends. Not only that, but the Holy Spirit leads and guides us to be more like Jesus every day!

"Should we try to do better? Of course! But God's love for us doesn't change because of something we've done wrong. When you make a wise or a not so wise choice, when you follow God well and when you don't, God's love for you stays the same! We can hope and trust in a God we cannot see because we can see all the wonderful things He has

done. No matter what happens, **[Bottom Line]** you can trust that **God is with you.**"

Monthly Bible Verse Challenge

What You Do:

- Have all the kids recite the memory verse out loud together several times.
- Explain that this practice helps everyone learn and feel more confident.
- Ask the kids to raise their hands if they want to try saying the verse on their own.
- Invite one child at a time to come up to the Memory Verse Challenge Spot.
- When a child recites the verse, let them choose a prize from the prize box!
- Please tell the kids if they're not ready this time, that's okay---you can always try again next month!

Prayer

"Dear God, thank You for Your constant love for all of us! Just like You were with Jacob, You are with us. You don't hold our bad choices against us, and we are so grateful for that. Instead, You offer forgiveness when we turn to You through Your Son, Jesus. Thank You for being a good, good God who we can trust, always. Teach us to listen to Your Holy Spirit and follow You. We love You, and we pray these things in Jesus' name. Amen."