LESSON 20 "CONFIDENCE"

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BIBLE CONNECTION

Acts 12:1-17 (pgs. 1201-1202)

CHARACTER WORD

<u>Confidence</u> - Trust; a feeling of assurance or certainty

TEACHING OBJECTIVE

I can have <u>confidence</u> in God even in hard times.

MEMORY LINK

Isaiah 41:10a

"Fear not, for I am with you... I will strengthen you, Yes, I will help you." (KBC Study Bible pg. 768)

SUPPLIES NEEDED THIS WEEK

GET CONNECTED

None

MEMORY LINK ACTIVITY

Option 1: Hula hoop
Option 2: None

BIBLE CONNECTION

Confidence Pictures (Resources)

SURF TEAM LEADER

Memory link cards, Hang 10 pages, Index cards, pens

MAKE-IT-STICK REVIEW GAME

Option 1: A door, in or near your room

Option 2: Beach balls

Peter Miraculously Escapes Prison

WHAT'S THE POINT?

Having <u>confidence</u> in someone means that you firmly believe what he says and you trust him to keep his promises. It is hard to have <u>confidence</u> in someone based on words alone. Seeing words combined with action increases your <u>confidence</u> and trust in that person. God's Word, the Bible, is full of promises from God. It is also full of real examples of God's faithfulness in action in keeping His promises. That combination of words and actions become the firm foundation of <u>confidence</u> in God.

When difficult times come, build your <u>confidence</u> in God by looking to God's word for reassurance. Read God's promises and trust Him to keep them. Read stories about heroes of the faith to see evidence of God's power in action, boosting your <u>confidence</u> more. Then, look at your own life and see how God has carried you through in the past. Reflecting on what God has done for you in the past can further increase your <u>confidence</u> that He will keep His promise to you today.

In today's Bible story, things looked bleak for Peter. He was in jail with little hope of release. The other believers remained at home and prayed earnestly and confidently for God to rescue Peter. God responded in a miraculous way, boosting the believer's confidence even more. Through your most difficult times, you, too, can pray with confidence in God and trust Him to perform miracles in your life.

GET CONNECTED

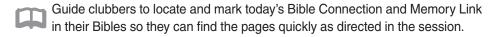


Building relationships in Surf Teams; introducing today's lesson

No supplies needed

Use the following conversation prompts to get to know the kids in your Surf Team and to introduce today's lesson.

- Today's character word is confidence. What does confidence mean?
- In today's Bible story, you'll hear about a man who had a difficult time. What difficult things do kids your age face?
- How can having confidence help you during difficult times?
- What does it mean to have confidence in God?



Worship Tip

Today's character word is <u>confidence</u>. God has called you to serve in beach club as a worship leader, so do it with <u>confidence</u>! God will strengthen you and help you. Make sure your words, facial expressions and body language reflect the <u>confidence</u> you have in God. When you lead out <u>confidently</u>, the kids will naturally follow and respond. Additionally, you will build <u>confidence</u> in kids when you give them opportunities to participate as worship leaders, too!

MEMORY LINK



Teach a Bible verse to clubbers; help them memorize the verse

No supplies needed

Focus on the Bible 🛄

Direct kids who brought their Bibles to hold them high in the air. Guide kids to find in their KBC Study Bible each of the four gospel books in order: Matthew (page 1023), Mark (page 1070), Luke (page 1100) and John (1148). Remind kids that the gospel books tell the story of Jesus' life on earth. Challenge kids to find the first page of the book that follows John (Acts, page 1183). Explain that the book of Acts was written to tell about the ACT-ions of Jesus' followers after Jesus ascended into Heaven. Use "Digging In" on page 1183 to share with the kids additional information about the book of Acts.

Focus on today's Memory Link

Often, the very first Christians were afraid. Many people didn't believe the true things they said about Jesus. They would have to hide for their own safety, some were put in jail, and many were even killed for sharing the good news about Jesus. Many of them remembered God's promises they had learned from scripture. One of those promises is today's Memory Link. Guide the kids to find Isaiah 41:10 in their KBC Study Bible (page 768) and ask a volunteer to read it aloud. Imagine you were one of the first believers in Jesus and afraid for your life. How would this verse give you confidence? (Answers will vary.) Like those believers, you too, can have confidence in God when you face difficult times because He is always with you.

Option 1 - STEP IN IT

Hula hoop

Place the hula hoop on the floor and guide your surf team to stand in a circle around the hula hoop. Select one child to go first. She will step into the hoop and say the first word of the verse (Fear) and step back out. The person to her right steps in and says the next word (not) and steps out. Continue around the circle until the entire verse and reference has been recited. After the verse is completed, repeat the game increasing speed. Challenge kids to see how quickly they can recite the verse in this way.

Option 2 - ACT IT OUT

No supplies needed

Give the surf teams a few minutes to come up with motions that act out or demonstrate the words of today's Memory Link. After groups have had time to practice, call on each surf team and allow them to demonstrate their motions to the rest of the clubbers. You may reward the team that does the best job by giving them bonus tickets.

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Isaiah 41:10a

"Fear not, for I am with you... I will strengthen you, Yes, I will help you."

(KBC Study Bible pg. 768)

Teaching Tip

Remind the kids that the Memory Link is always found in God's Word, the Bible. Be sure that you always read the scripture from the KiDs Beach Club Bible to reinforce to the kids that they have access to God's Word just like you do.

Teaching Tip

Today's Memory Link contains ellipses, which are three dots that indicate part of the verse was left out. Help kids understand the removed words don't change the meaning of the verse, but make it shorter for memorization. Always guide kids to read memory links containing ellipses in full from the Bible so they understand the entire verse. It's also good to read the verses before and after so kids see the verse context and can better understand the meaning of the verse.

BIBLE CONNECTION



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Teaching today's character word through gospel-centered Bible story

Confidence Pictures (Resources)

Before the session, select a clubber to play the parts of Peter, 2 guards and Rhoda as directed while you tell the story.

Introduce the Story

Explain that you will show the kids pictures of some dangerous and difficult situations. Show the kids one picture at a time and briefly discuss the following questions: What about this situation requires <u>confidence</u>? What might make you lose your <u>confidence</u>? How would you prove your <u>confidence</u>?

Use the Bible

Today's story is about a person in a dangerous and difficult situation. He knew he couldn't get out of the situation on his own. He placed his <u>confidence</u> in God to help him. Guide the kids to open their KBC Study Bibles to Acts 12:1-17 (pages 1201-1202) and follow along as you give them directions and tell the story.

Acts 12:1-5

Look at Acts 12:1 and find the name of the king and what he was doing. (Herod; he harassed some from the church) To harass means to pressure or intimidate someone. The king treated Jesus' followers unfairly so they would keep quiet and stop causing trouble with the Jews. In fact, James was killed and Peter was thrown into prison.

Talk About It

The people who followed Jesus were in a difficult situation. They wanted everyone to know the truth that Jesus is the Savior and that He was raised from the dead. But the Jewish leaders and the king didn't want to hear it. They tried to silence the believers in Jesus by persecuting them. Anyone who continued to believe in Jesus and spread the good news was in danger.

Acts 12:5 📖

Ask the kids to read aloud Acts 12:5 (page 1201) and identify what the church people were doing to help Peter. (praying constantly) *Peter and the church people were <u>confident</u> that God would help Peter. They showed their <u>confidence</u> in God by praying to Him constantly. Tell the kids to pretend they are the church people praying for Peter.*

Acts 12:6-12

It was late at night. Peter was sleeping, chained between the two guards. An angel appeared before Peter. A light shone in the prison. The angel punched Peter on the side to wake him up and said, 'Get up quickly!' The chains on Peter's hands fell off. The angel said, 'Get dressed and follow me.' Peter put on his cloak and followed the angel. Peter thought he was seeing a vision. The angel and Peter walked right past not one, but two guard posts. They came to a big iron gate, which opened to them without anyone touching it. They went out of the prison into the street and the angel disappeared. When Peter was standing alone on the street, he realized it wasn't a dream. God had rescued him from the hand of the king. Peter headed to Mary's house, where he knew the church people were together praying.

Teaching Tip

Repetition is key with children. Repetition is how they learn best and how retention is achieved. Don't be afraid to repeat ideas and truths each and every week. In fact, make a list of 5 truths you hope your kids will leave with by the end of the year. Find a way to incorporate your "top 5" every week. An example might be coming up with a rhyme and motions expressing "what God's Word is" such as "true, good, and neverchanging". Repeat these truths with the clubbers at the same time each week.

Talk About It

How do you think Peter felt when the angel appeared? What about when the angel led him out of the prison without anyone noticing them? How do you think this event increased Peter's <u>confidence</u> in God?

Acts 12:13-17

When Peter got to Mary's house, he knocked on the door. A young girl, Rhoda, answered the knock saying, 'Who is it?' Peter said, 'It's me, Peter.' She recognized his voice but got so excited she forgot to open the door. Rhoda left Peter outside the gate and ran to tell the others. But they didn't believe her. Kids, shake your heads like you don't believe something. Peter kept knocking and knocking. Finally, they opened the door and Rhoda was right! It was Peter! Kids, act surprised and astonished. The church people realized that God had answered their prayers and Peter was rescued.

Gospel Connection

Peter and the church people placed their <u>confidence</u> in God in a very difficult situation. They prayed to God for help because they were <u>confident</u> God would hear and answer their prayer. They didn't know that Peter would be rescued, but they trusted God no matter what.

Again, show each "Confidence Picture" one at a time and ask this question: In what do you have to trust in this situation? (the parachute, the life jacket, the rope) You have to put your trust, or confidence, in the correct equipment to save you. Because of sin, all people are born into a difficult and dangerous situation, that is eternal separation from God. Jesus Christ is the only one you can trust to rescue you from your sin. You can be confident that God loves you and wants you to be with Him forever in Heaven. You can be confident that Jesus will forgive your sin and make it possible for you to have a relationship with God when you ADMIT your sin, BELIEVE in Jesus as your Savior, and CHOOSE TO FOLLOW Jesus as Lord. The way you show you are confident in God's ability to save from sin is by trusting Jesus to pay for your sin.

Lead a prayer and offer kids an opportunity to go to the designated location to talk more with a leader about how they can choose to place their trust in Jesus as Savior and Lord.

Application/Transition

Remind the kids that they can have <u>confidence</u> in God even in hard times. Instruct the kids to transition to their Surf Teams, walking with <u>confidence</u>.

Gospel Tip

Affirm every child who responds to the gospel. If kids aren't making a salvation decision but are simply asking questions, be sure to compliment them on the way they are listening to God and wanting to understand better. For those who choose to follow Jesus, rejoice with them! Make every effort to connect with a parent as soon as possible following a child's decision in club. Remember to complete a decision card for each child and enter each profession of faith (POF) in the KiDs Online Management System. "The Record Keeper" on pages 25-30 in the KBC Leadership Manual.

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Teaching Tip

Help the kids understand that in many parts of the world today, Christians are still in danger for their lives. Like Peter in today's story, those in danger need believers to pray confidently that God will protect them and help them to have courage in the face of persecution. You may want to lead your group to pray for Christians who faithfully worship Jesus when it is very difficult and even dangerous to do so.

SURF TEAM TIME

5-10 MINUTES

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Connecting with kids in small groups; applying today's Bible Connection and Character Word

Memory Link Cards, Hang 10 page, Index cards, pens

Gospel Connection

Before you begin, ask if there are any clubbers who would like to talk with the Bible Connection Leader about praying to ask Jesus to become their Forever Friend. If so, let them go to the designated area.

Today's Lesson

- What questions do you have about today's story?
- What examples of confidence did you see in today's story?
- How is having confidence in people different than having confidence in God?
- How does praying to God help you have confidence in Him?
- What does it mean to have confidence in God in difficult times?

Pray

Explain that like the people in the story prayed for Peter, the kids in your surf team will pray for each other. Lead the kids to choose partners. Guide partners to each share one prayer request and pray for each other. After a few minutes, lead the kids in a group prayer to close your prayer time. Collect prayer requests on index cards and remember to pray for kids this week.

Use the Bible

Give each child a Memory Link card. Review today's Memory Link and Character Word. Guide kids to use cards to mark today's story in their KBC Study Bibles. Lead them to highlight today's Memory Link.

Hang 10 Pages

Give each child a Hang 10 page. Challenge kids to hang out with God 10 minutes each day by praying and reading the Bible, using the Hang 10 page as a guide. Encourage kids to bring back their Hang 10 page next week.

More at Home

Draw kids' attention to the tip-in pages "Spending Time with God" (between pages 242-245) in the KBC Study Bible. Explain that spending time with God and learning His word will help them to boost their <u>confidence</u> in Him. Challenge the kids to spend time with God every day.

Teaching Tip

Today's lesson is a wonderful opportunity to reinforce to kids the power of prayer. God wants us to pray for others with confidence. He always hears and answers the prayers of His people. Remind the kids that they can have confidence in you to pray for them. Earn their confidence by praying for them and following up on the things they ask you to pray about. Even with the beach club year coming to a close, continue over the summer months to pray for the kids in your Surf Team. Set a reminder to help you keep that commitment to pray for your Beach Club kids.

Teaching Tip

The KiDs Beach Club®
Summer Reading Plan
is a great way for kids
to continue good habits
of spending time with
God every day. The plan
runs in the months of
June, July and August.
For details, watch KBC's
social media accounts
on Facebook, Twitter and
Instagram at
@KiDsBeachClub.

MAKE IT STICK - REVIEW GAME

Game to review today's Bible Connection & Character Word



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Option 1 - RHODA RELAY

Door (in your room)

Form teams and instruct them to line up single file, relay style. Show them the door you selected as "Mary's gate". Explain that players will take turns moving from their lines to the door in whatever way you command. The first player to knock on the door will try to answer a review question and earn a point for their team. Select from these ways to move to the door or create your own (giant steps, crab walk, skipping, dance moves, hopping, walking backward).

Option 2 - MUSICAL BEACH BALL

Beach balls

Guide each surf teams to sit in a separate circle. Give each surf team a beach ball. The leader will play the music, indicating when all surf teams will start tossing the ball. As the music plays, the kids will gently toss the ball randomly to other children in that surf team. When the music stops, whoever has the ball (or if in mid-air whoever touched it last) must answer a review question asked by their surf team leader. Continue until all questions are asked and answered.

REVIEW QUESTIONS

- 1. What is today's character word? (Confidence)
- 2. What does the book of Acts tell about? (The ACT-ions of the first Christians)
- 3. Why was Peter in prison? (Because the king treated Christians unfairly)
- 4. What did the people of the church do when Peter was arrested? (They prayed for him constantly.)
- 5. How did Peter get out of prison? (God sent an angel to set him free.)
- 6. When did Peter realize the angel was not a vision but was real? (When he was outside the prison and the angel left him.)
- 7. What did Rhoda do when she saw Peter was at the gate? (She left him outside and told the others.)
- 8. What did the people of the church think when they realized God had freed Peter from prison? (They were astonished. They knew God had answered their prayer.)
- 9. Who did Peter say brought him out of the prison? (The Lord)
- 10. How can you have <u>confidence</u> in Jesus' power to help you in difficult times? (By believing what the Bible says to be true)
- 11. What can you read to give you <u>confidence</u> about God? (The Bible)

Teaching Tip

For most clubs, next week will be your last beach club meeting for this school year. Make is special! Plan a party or give small gifts to kids. Communicate what is happening at your church during the summer months and extend an invitation to your beach club kids.

Double check your attendance and decisions in the KiDs Online Management System. Make sure the information is up to date so you can continue to communicate with your clubbers and follow up with kids who have made professions of faith this year.



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