

K-2 | August 10

Bible Story: Noah • *Genesis 6–9*

Bottom Line: You can trust God even when you don't understand.

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)

1. Opening Activity

What You Need:

- ☐ Offering Container
- ☐ Hula Hoops
- ☐ Floor Tape
- ☐ Timer

Pray for your group before they arrive. Pray for those who might visit your group for the first time. Reflect on a time when God gave you courage when you faced a fear. Ask God to strengthen the kids in your group with courage when they face their own fears. Pray they will remember that God is bigger than anything that makes them afraid! Ask God to give them faith like Joshua and Caleb, even when others around them doubt.

What You Do:

- Welcome kids by name as they arrive with a high-five, fist bump, or a wave.
- Invite any kids who brought an offering to place it in the offering container.
- Spread out hula hoops in a straight or zig-zag pattern.
 - *NOTE: Kids should be able to jump from one hoop to the next.*
- Designate a start line on one side of the hoops and a finish line on the other with floor tape.
- Divide the kids into two teams.
- Explain that they will race through the hoops using their “super speed.”
- How to play:
 - The team selected to go first will line up behind the start line.
 - The first kid on the team will hop, jump, or run through the hoops to the other side.
 - Once they reach the last hoop, they will return and tag the next kid in line.
 - The team that gets all of their kids back to the start line the fastest wins!
- Set a timer for each team during their turn. Compare the times to claim a winner.
- If time allows, play another round.
- Celebrate the teams' efforts!

What You Say:

“Whoa! You all did an incredible job using your *super speed* to get through the Hula Hoops. Some of the hoops were easy to pass on, and some hoops took a little extra time to get to! We had to take the Hula Hoops one step at a time in order to make it across. **[Transition]** In fact, we're going to hear a true story from the Bible about how important it is to take our lives one step at a time with God, even when we don't understand what's happening next. Let's go find out more!”

Inclusive Pro Tips:

- Consider the needs of your group. Adapt the movement by allowing kids to walk or crawl through each Hula Hoop instead of hopping or jumping.
- If a kid prefers not to race, let them cheer their team on!

Lead your group to watch today's video lesson.

2. Superhero Vision

What You Need:

- ☐ Bible marked at Hebrews 11:1
- ☐ "Memory Masks" Activity Page
- ☐ Prepared Mask Example
- ☐ Elastic String
- ☐ Stapler
- ☐ Scissors
- ☐ Coloring Supplies

What You Do:

- Call on an older kid to read Hebrews 11:1 from the marked Bible.
- Talk through any possibly unfamiliar words or phrases, focusing on the meaning of the verse.
- Repeat the verse together several times.
- Share with kids:
 - *"Faith is all about trusting in what you can't see because of what you can see."*
 - *"While we can't see God with our eyes, we can see all the wonderful things God made and remember all the wonderful things God has done."*
- Give each kid a mask from the "Memory Mask" Activity Pages.
- Show the kids your mask example.
- Point out the Memory Verse on the mask and lead the kids to repeat it again.
- Invite the kids to use the coloring supplies to decorate their masks.
- Use the scissors to cut the elastic string to fit each kid's head and staple it to the mask.
 - NOTE: Staple with the flat side facing in (so it doesn't scratch their heads).
- Once everyone is finished, invite the kids to put on their masks!
- Repeat the verse together again.

What You Say:

"I love your masks! They're unique and special—just like you!"

"The Bible is God's Word and when we memorize it, it helps us remember what's true. This verse from the Bible is all about faith. What are some things you can't 'see' but you know are there? Think about air or the wind. We can't see them, but we know they're there when we see the trees blowing, or when we take a breath.

"God is with us, friends. We may not 'see' God, but we can look at all the things God made and trust that God is near! We can also remember the wonderful things He has done, and that can help us trust Him too! God has always, always been good. Keep practicing this verse at home with a grown-up. For a real twist, practice saying it with your eyes closed. Remember: **[Bottom Line] you can trust God even when you don't understand.**"

Inclusive Pro Tips

- Be mindful of any sensory needs. Some of your kids may prefer to hold the mask instead of wear it. That's okay!

3. Superhero Review

What You Need:

- ☐ Floor Tape
- ☐ “Superhero Review” Activity Page

What You Do:

- Place a line of floor tape in the center of your group space.
- Instruct the kids to stand on the tape line.
- Share the rules:
 - You will read a question from the “Superhero Review” Activity Page out loud.
 - Each question will have two answer choices. Kids are to choose an answer by moving to the side of the tape line they think is correct.
 - You will challenge the kids to do different superhero movements as they move to the side of the tape line they have chosen.
- One at a time, read a question from the “Superhero Review” Activity Page out loud.
- Point to each side of the room as you call out the possible answers.
- After you’ve read a question and its two possible answers, challenge the kids to move like a superhero as they answer each question. Some examples of superhero movements are:
 - Leaping (like over buildings)
 - Super-speed (quick feet, but moving safely!)
 - Invisibly (walk low and stealthy)
 - Strong (strut with your biceps curled)
- Once kids have moved, tell them the correct answer.
- Before you ask another question, instruct the kids to return to the tape line.

What You Say:

“Great job answering today’s Bible Story review questions—and doing it in such a fun way! Today’s true story from the Bible was about Noah. What did God ask Noah to build? (*Invite responses.*) That’s right, an ark! That took a long time, and finally, once it was done, God brought two of every animal to climb aboard, along with Noah and his family.

“After more than a year in the ark, it was probably such a huge relief for Noah and his family to get out into the fresh air—and on the dry ground again! Can you imagine the kind of faith Noah must have had to trust God and build the ark, even when he didn’t understand? He had a lot of trust in God, and a lot of faith. Faith is trusting in what you *can’t* see because of what you *can* see. See, Noah had no other reason to think that it was going to rain for so long, and that rain would cover everything on the Earth . . . except for the fact that God told him. And Noah trusted and believed God.

[Make It Personal] (*Talk about an age-appropriate time when you weren’t sure what would happen next, and you had to trust God. Be sure to keep it kid-friendly! Maybe it was when you were going through a scary thunderstorm, or moving to a new place.*) “We all are going to do things that we don’t know the outcome of or that we’ve never experienced before. All Noah could lean on was God’s promises. He knew that God had been good and would see him through what he was facing.”

“We can know the same thing. God has always been good and will see us through whatever we are facing. Remember: **[Bottom Line] you can trust God even when you don't understand.**”

Inclusive Pro Tips:

- Let kids move in a way that works for them. Suggest that kids walk or point based on the needs of your group.
- If a kid isn't comfortable moving in this way, ask them to help you read the questions or cheer others on!
- Some kids might need extra time to process and think as you read the questions. Be patient and repeat the questions if necessary.

4. **Pray and Dismiss**

What You Need:

Optional:

- ☐ *Memory Masks from the Memory Verse Activity*

What You Do:

- Gather the kids in a seated circle.
- Share with kids that prayer is a conversation they can have with God anytime, anywhere, about anything!
- *Optional: If you made the Memory Masks, invite the kids to continue wearing them as you lead prayer.*
- Ask, “Is there anything that feels hard for you to understand right now?”
- Provide examples:
 - “Maybe math is really tough.”
 - “Maybe a friend is being unkind.”
 - “Maybe your family just moved.”
- Encourage the kids no matter what happens, **[Bottom Line] you can trust God even when you don't understand.**
- Close in prayer.

What You Say:

“Dear God, we love You! Thanks for reminding us today that You are always with us and that we can trust You no matter what. Thank You for the story of Noah, and so many other true stories in Your Word that remind us You are faithful to keep Your promises. When we face things that just don't make sense, help us to trust You more because You have always been good. Thank You for loving us so much—we want to trust You. We love You, and we pray these things in Jesus' name. Amen.”

Inclusive Pro Tips:

- If kids don't want to share, allow them to pass without pressure.
- Be patient with any kids who need more time to think. Let them know that you will come back to them.

As adults arrive to pick up, encourage the kids to show off their Memory Masks with the Memory Verse and share the truth we learned this week that **[Bottom Line] you can trust God even when you don't understand!**