



16 Dec 2018 (Week 1)

Big Point: Incredible Faith Stops at Nothing

God's Word: The Apostles Spread the Good News (Acts 5:17-42)

Memory Verse (7-12 y.o.): Without Faith, it is impossible to please God. Those who come to God must believe that he exists.

(Hebrews 11:6a)

Memory Verse (4-6 y.o.): Faith is being sure of what we hope for. It is being sure of what we do not see. (Hebrews 11:1)

Life Question: How do I not give up telling others about God?

Kids spot

INTRO

Welcome children and start by asking if they remember what they learnt on Sunday.

GAME

Play a game of Would You Rather

- If you told a friend about Jesus in school, would you rather be laughed at or get beaten up?
- If you invited a neighbour to church, would you rather have pie in your face or get thrown in jail?
- If you prayed for your friend for healing, would you rather be chased by their dog or get threatened with death?

No one in the right mind would choose to get thrown in jail, beaten up or threatened to be killed. But that's what happened to the apostles or disciples of Jesus as they wanted to obey Jesus, even if it meant they had to suffer.

Let's watch this video together and see what happened to Jesus's apostle after Jesus went to heaven.

VIDEO

Watch video together - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WKjWIETMYxc>

A quick recap of the video

Apostles spread the good news about Jesus everywhere they went. They met regularly in the temple in Jerusalem and performed miracles in Jesus and healed the sick and many people believed in Jesus.

But the Jews high priest and leaders were jealous and put them in jail. But the angel of the Lord helped them out of jail and told them to tell more people about Jesus.

At day break, the apostles were arrested by the high priests and were given strict orders not to teach in Jesus name. But Peter and the apostles told him that **they must obey God and not man**. They even told them about Jesus and how he died on the cross for their sins so that they can be forgiven of their sin.

This made the high council angry and they wanted to kill the apostles. But they had them beaten up instead and let them go. The apostles were released but they continued to teach and preach the good news that Jesus is the Messiah.

Let's take turns to read **Acts 5:27-29** after the apostles were captured for spreading the good news and healing the sick.

27 The apostles were brought in and made to appear before the Sanhedrin to be questioned by the high priest. **28** "We gave you strict orders not to teach in this name," he said. "Yet you have filled Jerusalem with your teaching and are determined to make us guilty of this man's blood." **29** Peter and the other apostles replied: "**We must obey God rather than human beings!**"

SHARING

Do you think the apostles were afraid of going to jail and even dying? I'm sure they were, but they were more concerned about obeying God than their fears. How do you think they were able to do that?

Have kids throw up some suggestions:

1. By praying to God

2. By focusing on Jesus instead of the leaders who were going to put them in jail
3. They had faith in God to obey even when it was difficult

We wouldn't get thrown in jail or threatened with death when we share Jesus with our friends or family in Singapore, but it can still be scary to do so. So how can we obey God and have faith to overcome our fears and do what's obedient and pleasing in God's eye?

Have kids share about their fears or struggles.

Illustration with a ping pong, tennis or any small balls that bounce and end with prayer

Our faith should be like a pong pong ball or tennis ball that bounces right up even when we are down with setbacks. Let's pray and ask God to help us live out our faith.

Dear Jesus,

I want to have incredible faith that will help me bounce back up even when I feel down. Help me to be like the apostles to be obedient to God and not other human beings and have faith that stops at nothing.