

Huddle Discussion Guide

for Children 7-12 years old

Hopekids Huddle Time (35 mins)

Week 2 (31st Mar)

Big Point: GO! My Story Can Bring People to Jesus!

God's Word: Paul and Silas are Thrown into Prison (Acts 16: 16-36)

Memory Verse: I want to preach it because I'm not ashamed of the good news. It is God's power to save everyone who believes. (Romans 1:16 NIRV)

Life Question: What is my Jesus Story? (Testimony)

Preacher's/Teachers' Note: Regardless of how they may be, our experiences can be used by God to bring people to Jesus. Paul and Silas' experiences were not all good, but because of their heart that chose praising God and testifying of His goodness, it enabled the miracle of them being freed which brought many others to come to know God! Preachers to teach what is "testimony", and use the story of Paul and Silas' experiences (plus their own! Life stories and experiences are the best!) to help kids understand that God can use our stories and experiences to bring others to Him. Encourage the kids to recall and take ownership of their Jesus story, Jesus moments and experiences, and how they can use that to testify about God's reality to their friends.

BEFORE SESSION: Huddle leaders are to collect Huddle Guide Material Box from respective cabinet/storage area and ensure there are enough working stationery.

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Welcome - huddle leaders/ volunteers to welcome ALL and especially NEW kids

Address each of them by name and affirm how their presence is important and valuable! Get kids to say hello to each other and especially to new kids - in a way that is appropriate to your age group! :)

Hello HopeKids! Shall we take a few minutes to say hello to everyone? Every single one of us is important to God !! *Proceed to go one round to share* :)

Huddle Activity 1 - Discussion (15 mins)

(Leaders: ensure you went through these questions beforehand and have some answers)

Teachers to prepare on paper or whiteboard before Huddle Time: Revelations 12:11 (NIV)

They triumphed over him
by the blood of the Lamb
and by the word of their testimony;
they did not love their lives so much
as to shrink from death.

Part 1: Series Overview

We are on the 2nd part of this series! What is the series name? → Go! I'm Not Ashamed.

What exactly are we not ashamed of? → Our faith in Jesus and telling others about Him.

And why is it that we don't have to be ashamed or even, afraid? → Because we have God's Power!

How do we have God's Power? → By knowing we have the **Holy Spirit** who is given to us as a **Friend** and an **ever-present help**. (John 14:16)

Part 2: Addressing "Testimony"

So last week, we actually learnt about how knowing we have the Holy Spirit, helps us to not be ashamed or afraid to go out there to share the gospel!

We are given POWER, we are EMPOWERED by the Holy Spirit. On another note, our lives and experiences are also what God can use to bring others to Him.

Okay, I am going to get one volunteer to read this other bible verse for me, and it's from the book of Revelations! :)

Revelations 12:11a (NIV)

They triumphed over him
by the **blood of the Lamb**
and by the **word of their testimony**;

Alright, now I'm going to give you 2 mins to write it down.

MOkay, everyone done? Let's discuss together.

Who are "They"? → Believers or us

Who is the "him"? → Satan/the enemy

"Blood of the Lamb" refers to? → The blood of Jesus shed on the cross to save us

And this last one, this is very interesting! “By the word of their **testimony**”. We can win over the enemy and darkness, simply by speaking our testimony!

But what is **testimony**? Let’s make a [word web \(click to see example\)](#) again!

→ **Recounting an experience**

→ **Retelling how a person came to know God**

Just 5 recap questions:

1. So for example, our bible story characters today are? → Paul and Silas
2. What happened to them? → They got thrown in jail
3. What did they do in jail? → They sang hymns and prayed to God.
4. What happened as they sang? → There was an earthquake that broke their chains and opened the jail doors.
5. Did they escape? What happened after that? → They didn’t escape but instead told everyone about Jesus and the whole prison including the jailer, came to know Jesus.

Did you think Paul and Silas shared their testimony of how God was good to them and how they came to know God? → Yes.

Yes, Paul and Silas spoke and shared their experiences of the goodness of God even when they were in a bad place, they shared their **testimony**. → And because of that many more people came to know God.

So God can use any story to bring people to Him, but we also need to be willing to speak out about God’s goodness. :)

Part 3: Identifying their testimonies :)

When Paul and Silas shared their experience of God’s goodness, the whole jail including the jailer came to know Jesus. Now we are going to take some time to recount and recall some of our own Jesus experience.

So in your booklets, try to think of moments when you know God came to your rescue or gave you strength to go through the hard moments in your life. :)

If you can’t think of anything, here are some pointers!

- **Have you ever prayed to God and the prayer was answered?**
- **How did God comfort you when you were sad?**
- **When you are angry, how did God help you?**
- **When was the last moment you heard God speak to you? Or you felt God’s presence. What did you think God was trying to tell you?**

These are your Jesus stories. Sometimes we pray and God does not give us what we pray for, but it does not mean He does not hear. Sometimes God answers us by helping us endure and be stronger. God is actually always helping you to become stronger and these are your experiences with God, your

Jesus story.

Huddle Activity 2 - Reflection 1+1 (10 mins)

Alright, that's a great discussion. I want all of you to take some time to do your Reflection 1 + 1!
Write down 1 person you would like to share your testimony to before Easter, and take 1-2 minutes to pray for that person.

Wrap up & Pray (5 mins)

(Leaders, are allowed to use their own words, these are for leaders who needs some guidance!)

Dear Jesus,

Thank you for saving me, and always being there for me.

I pray for courage to share my story to my friends and bring them to You.

I lift up my friends to your hands and pray that You will use me to bring them to You.

In Jesus' name, Amen!

(Pray in your own words - and commit their Reflection 1+1 to God too!)

Announcement & Pack Up (3 mins)

Huddle leaders to do any announcements for next week's kids service

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