

Looking Ahead



BIG IDEA

We can trust God with our future because He knows us, loves us, and has good purposes for our lives.



LEADER GOAL

Help students understand that it is natural to dream about the future, but we do not have to face the future alone. Introduce Jesus and explain that through Him we can have a relationship with God. Encourage students to begin thinking about who Jesus is and why His life, death, and resurrection matter.



BEFORE STUDENTS ARRIVE

- Have Week 3 video ready.
- Review Jeremiah 29:11 and John 3:16.
- Prepare to welcome honest questions about Jesus and faith.



WELCOME + CONNECT

Reconnect, review names, and help every student feel part of the group.



LEADER SAYS

“Welcome back, everyone! It's great to see you all again.”

“Last week, your challenge was to keep reading through The Wizard of Oz script. How is that going? Has anyone found a character they're especially interested in or someone they think they relate to?”

(Allow students to share.)

“Before we get started, let's quickly remind ourselves of everyone's names.”

“We're really glad you're here. Whether this is your first few weeks or you've been coming to K2K for years, we're excited to have you as part of our group.”



LIVE SPARK

TRUSTING GOD WITH MY FUTURE

GRAB

A folded map with the final destination hidden.

IDEA

We do not need to see our whole future before we can take the next faithful step. God sees more than we do, and we can trust Him as we move forward.

SPARK

I can trust God with my future.



DO / SAY

[Hold up the folded map, keeping the final section hidden.]

"Okay. I have a problem. I can see where the road starts... but I cannot see where it ends."

[Try to unfold the hidden section, then stop.]

"Does anyone else ever wish you could see your whole future ahead of time? What school will I go to? What will I be good at? What part will I get? Who will my friends be? What will my life look like?"

[Point to the visible section of the map.]

"The strange thing is... I may not be able to see the whole map, but I can see the next part."

"Dorothy understands that feeling. She dreams about somewhere over the rainbow, but she cannot see everything that is ahead of her. And neither can we."

"But not knowing the whole future does not mean we are alone in it. God knows us. God loves us. And God sees more of the road than we do."

"That does not mean every dream will happen exactly the way we imagine. It means we can trust God while we keep moving forward."

[Fold the map so only the next section is visible.]

"I do not need the whole map today. I just need to take the next faithful step. That is our Spark this week: I CAN TRUST GOD WITH MY FUTURE. So here is something to think about: What can I do when I do not know what comes next? Let's get started."

THEN Move directly into "Over the Rainbow - Looking Ahead."



STORY CONNECTION

OVER THE RAINBOW | LOOKING AHEAD

LEADER SAYS

"In Over the Rainbow, Dorothy dreams about a place where life seems better. She imagines a place beyond everything she currently knows - a place full of hope."

"Have you ever noticed that people love to dream about the future?"

Maybe you dream about becoming a teacher, a firefighter, an athlete, a musician, an engineer, or a veterinarian. Maybe you dream about travelling the world, making lifelong friends, helping people, having a family, or making a difference in your community.

Dreaming helps us think about what could be ahead. Sometimes thinking about the future feels exciting. Sometimes it feels a little overwhelming.

There are lots of questions we can't answer yet. What school will I go to? What job will I have? Who will my friends be? What will my life look like?

The good news is that while we don't know everything about our future, God does.

**'For I know the plans I have for you' - this is the Lord's declaration -
'plans for your well-being, not for disaster, to give you a future and a
hope.'
Jeremiah 29:11**



STORY CONNECTION

“This is a verse that gives many people hope, but it's important to understand what it teaches us.”

It doesn't mean that life will always be easy or that everything will happen exactly the way we want it to.

Instead, it reminds us that God knows our lives completely. He cares about us, He is with us, and we can trust Him as He leads us.

God has good purposes for our lives, even when we cannot see what is ahead. We can bring our dreams, hopes, and questions to Him. We can ask Him to guide us and trust that He will walk with us every step of the way.”



DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1

Why do you think Dorothy dreamed about a place 'over the rainbow'?

2

What is something you're looking forward to as you grow up?

3

What do you think it means that God has 'plans for your well-being'?

4

How does it make you feel knowing that God cares about your future?



SPIRITUAL PRACTICE

INTRODUCTION | WHO IS JESUS?

"Last week, we started learning about God and the Bible. Today, we're going to talk about someone you have probably heard about before - Jesus."

"Has someone ever done something really kind for you that cost them something? Maybe someone gave up their time to help you, shared something important, or stood up for you when it wasn't easy."

"When someone makes a sacrifice to help us, it shows us how much they care. Jesus did something even greater."

Christians believe that God created the world and everything in it, including every one of us. God loves His creation deeply and wants to have a relationship with every person.

But people chose to turn away from God and live life their own way. The Bible calls this sin. Sin is anything we think, say, or do that goes against God's good ways. Every one of us has sinned. None of us is perfect, and all of us need God's forgiveness.

That is why Jesus came. Jesus lived a perfect life. He showed people what God is like through His teaching, compassion, and love.

Then Jesus willingly died on the cross for our sins. Three days later, He rose from the dead, defeating the power of sin and death. He did all of this because He loves us.

Because of Jesus, we can be forgiven, know God personally, and begin a relationship with Him.

'For this is how God loved the world: He gave his one and only Son, so that everyone who believes in him will not perish but have eternal life.'

John 3:16

"This verse reminds us that God's love is not just something He talks about - it is something He demonstrated through Jesus."

"Whether you have believed this for a long time or you're hearing it for the first time, we want you to know something: You belong here at K2K. And God loves you deeply. He invites every person into a relationship with Him through Jesus."



AUDITION CONNECTION

"Auditions are coming up soon, and some of us might already be thinking about what part we'd love to get."

"It's exciting to dream about different roles, but it's also important to remember something."

"At K2K, your value isn't determined by the role you receive."

"Whether you get the part you were hoping for, a different role, or you're part of the ensemble, you are just as important."

"Every role helps tell the story. Every person matters."

"You are valuable because of who you are - not because of the part you play."



STUDENT REFLECTION

PROMPT If you could ask Jesus one question, what would it be?

Leader note: There is no pressure to have the "right" question. Welcome curiosity, even if students ask difficult or challenging questions.



THIS WEEK - YOUR CHALLENGE!

"This week, keep reading through The Wizard of Oz script."

"As you continue reading, keep paying attention to the characters and think about which ones you connect with the most and why."

"Also, spend a few minutes thinking about the question you would ask Jesus. If you'd like, write it down or talk about it with someone you trust. Remember, asking questions is one of the best ways to grow."

M**CLOSING PRAYER****HOW TO INTRODUCE PRAYER**

“Let's finish our time by praying together.”

Dear God,

Thank You for bringing us together today. Thank You for giving us dreams, hopes, and things to look forward to.

When the future feels uncertain, help us remember that You know us, love us, and are always with us. Thank You for having good purposes for our lives, even when we cannot see what is ahead.

Thank You for sending Jesus because You love us so much. Help us continue learning about who He is and what it means to follow Him.

Please watch over every student and leader throughout this year. Help us grow in friendship, confidence, and in our understanding of You.

Amen.

Connection Activities

**SUPPLIES**

markers/pencil crayons etc.

**ACTIVITY 1 | COMMON THREAD**

- Split the students into groups or partners
- Set a timer for 1-2 minutes
- Each group must come up with 3-5 things all the members have in common

**ACTIVITY 2 | I BELONG TO GOD! COLOURING SHEET**

Supplies: markers/pencil crayons etc.