# **IDENTITY & SELF ACCEPTANCE | WEEK 12**

### **LEADERS GOAL**

Help students to understand what Faith is

# **SCRIPTURES**

Hebrews 11:1 Matthew 19:26

#### **ACTIVITIES**

Examples of Faith Everywhere Cards

Dream Cards

### **PRAY**

# **SUPPLIES**

- Card images (used for Dream activity)
- Pen or markers
- Bible marked and open to Hebrews 11:1, Matthew 19:26

# **BOTTOM LINE**

With God we can believe in the Impossible

#### **AS STUDENTS ARRIVE**

Have you watched any YouTube videos lately about something that seemed impossible (tricks, stunts, talents) but the person actually did it?

What makes tricks or stunts like those seem impossible?

# STORY CONNECTION

Seussical is all about believing the impossible. Who believes in the Whos? Who are the doubters?

Choose readers for Sour Kangaroo and Young Kangaroo. (Script, p.12) "Why, that speck is as small as the head of a pin. A person on that? Why, there never has been."

Did the doubters come to believe in the Whos by the end?



### **OUR STORIES**

- What once felt impossible in your life but you did it?! How did you make it happen?
- Is there anything you want to do or try that feels impossible, but you still want to go for it?
- If you could achieve any goal, what would it be?

#### **TRUTH & TREASURE**

The Bible calls believing in the impossible, faith. Faith means trusting even when we can't yet see the outcome.

Now faith is the confidence in what we hope for and assurance about what we do not see. Hebrews 11:1 NIV

In Genesis 6-9 we read the story of Noah. God told Noah to build an ark because a flood was coming, even though it had never rained like that before. Noah obeyed, even when others likely mocked him. His faith saved his family and preserved creation. "By faith Noah, when warned about things not yet seen, in holy fear built an ark to save his family. (Hebrews 11:7)[BB1]

Let's try a little exercise together:

- 1. Ask your students if they trust you? Tell them this exercise will only work if they do
- 2. Have students line up single-file behind a leader.
- 3. The leader walks around the room/space, and everyone behind must follow closely even when they can't see what's ahead.
- 4. Add a twist by turning corners or ducking under tables.

#### Debrief:

Noah followed God's directions even though he didn't know how it would turn out. Faith means trusting God's lead even when the path feels uncertain. We can continue to learn more about trusting in God and having faith in Him by reading our bibles and seeing the ways He kept his promises to His people in lots of different stories like Noah's.



# **DISCOVERY TIME**

# **ACTIVITY: EXAMPLES OF FAITH EVERYWHERE CARDS**

Believing in the impossible is called faith. Faith means trusting even when we can't yet see the outcome. Sometimes we can see the start of something, and we need to have faith to imagine what it could become. I'm going to show image cards, and I want to hear from you how we could have faith in these things and imagine what they could eventually become if we did.

Card images are: #1 art supplies, #2 baking supplies, #3 gardening supplies, #4 building materials (2x4s, hammer, nails), #5 Noah and the ark, #6 child reading a book, #7 dance and music, #8 video game controller #9 hockey stick and skates, goal net and puck, #10 picture of theatre

What other examples of faith do you see in everyday life?

We start small with a seed, a paintbrush, learning the sounds letters make, or just a script book, and by faith, we trust we'll one day have a garden harvest, a painting, or can read a whole book.

Imagining or picturing in our mind what we believe for helps our faith grow. For example, we can imagine our K2K show, what our costumes might look like, how to decorate the stage, and doing our dance steps on stage even before it happens.

We still have to do our part to plant the seeds and water it. We have to do our part to practice our lines and dance steps. Then before we know it, what seemed impossible, comes true!

#### ACTIVITY: FAITH EVERYWHERE- BUILDING OUR DREAMS

Give each student one of the 'Faith Everywhere' cards and on the back have them draw or write something they are hoping or dreaming for that may feel impossible right now. Take time to pray for these hopes and dreams.

#### **PRAYER**

Dear God, thank you nothing is impossible for you! You see the full picture for our hopes and dreams and you know how to make them happen. You are ready to help us make them happen. We choose faith even when we can't yet see the outcome and believe that they are possible with you. Help us this week to be faithful to do 1-2 things toward our hopes and dreams. Amen.

#### WEEKLY CHALLENGE

What is one thing you will do this week to step toward your goal or dreams so they come true?

Report back to us next week on your progress. Pray and ask God for help. Small Group Leaders pray for students and their hopes and dreams athroughout the week.





















