



Week of Sept 10 - a

Scripture: Mt 17:14-20

Main Idea: By this point, Jesus had given his apostles the power to heal and cast out demons. They tried to cast out this demon who had caused this person great suffering. But they couldn't. Which was unusual. Everyone involved was confused, except Jesus, who explained, the apostles didn't have enough faith.

Questions

Preschool: What is faith? When we pray, do we really believe God is in heaven hearing us? If we have great faith, can we do big things for God and his kingdom?

Grade school: What would you do if someone told you that they could make your headache go away with just a touch of their hand on your head, would you believe them? And would you believe them if they told you that you could do the same thing to someone else? Do you think that is how the apostles felt? Their faith in Jesus grew during this time. But they had more room to grow, too.

Teen: People are healed because of their faith, demons are cast out (or not cast out) because of faith, and Heb 11:6 says without faith it is impossible to please God. So, how important is faith? What are some ways you can build your faith?

Adult: Have you had a time in your life when you prayed fervently for something, yet it didn't happen? Sometimes the world will say "Your God didn't answer." We know that God did hear but the answer was No, or Not Yet, or Wait Awhile. Do you find it hard to read this scripture and think that you have faith, yet your prayer may be answered no? How do you deal with the disappointments? Is there a scripture you look to, to help you remember that our Father's will is not always what we pray?

PRAYER REQUESTS

PRAY: For God to help us have greater faith and trust in him more

September Memory Verse:

Romans 5:8 (ESV)

8 but God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.



Week of Sept 10 - b

Scripture: Mt 18:1-6

Main Idea: Jesus teaches adults about a way they could learn from children. Children are oftentimes naturally humble. Adults are not. But Jesus shows that to be great in God's eyes, we must be humble.

Questions

Preschool: Did you know Jesus taught adults to be more like children? Do you know why? Children are humble, and Jesus said that is important and to not think you are better than other people.

Grade school: Do you know what it means to be humble? Humility means that you care about everyone – without reservations. Kids do that, until they get older and start to learn bad habits like pride.

Teen: What are some reasons that humility is so pleasing to God? What does it look like to be humble? Can you fully submit to God without humility?

Adult: Have you ever turned to a child to ask their opinion? Older people may welcome help with their cell phone. We've probably all heard the saying "out of the mouth of babes," meaning a child may have insights adults do not. Why do you think Jesus wants us to be like children and to have the humility of a child? Do you think it's their innocence? Think of small children playing in a group. What is their attitude? Are they prideful or arrogant? Or are they just having fun? Where in your life do you need to have more humility? What step can you take today to be more childlike in that area?

PRAYER REQUESTS

PRAY: For God to help us be more humble and trusting like children

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