

LETTERS FROM A KIDS CHURCH LEADER

Hello everyone, I hope you've all had a fabulous week! I'm sure some of you have been away on holidays with your family and we can't wait to hear about all the exciting things you have gotten up to during this time! A few of the leaders have been away and really enjoyed their time up north and down south!

Have any of you ever struggled to trust someone? Maybe it's because they've done something in the past which tested our faith and trust in them. Joseph is a super example of someone showing the faith and trust they had in God. Joseph during his life faced a lot of struggle and hardship, but his hardships were used for good. Joseph had so much trust and faith in God that he did whatever God wanted no matter the outcome. Joseph died before making it to the promised land, but he asked that his bones be buried there when they finally reached the promised land. Because of Joseph's amazing faith, God rewarded him and that's where he was buried. Joseph relied on God even when tested and proved his faith time and time again. We need to trust in God even if we are unsure of the outcome!

We hope you all have a super week and can't wait to hear all about your summer adventures!

Katie, Ben, Nikki, Mark, Lois, Abigail, Judith, Ruth and John!

Challenge:

"By faith Joseph, when his end was near, spoke about exodus of the Israelites from Egypt and gave instructions concerning the burial of his bones." Hebrews 11:22
(NIV – we know you love to add this in!)

When you are trying to remember this verse, why don't you try repeating it over and over, challenge your parents or siblings to say it or write it out.

Sing-A-Long:

Here is a little song to sing and dance along to, we hope you enjoy it!

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Tr5eUBTClw>

Bible Story:

"Heroes of Faith" based on Hebrews 11 (https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OlgXVihi_S8) is the series that Kids Church are going to focus on over the summer! We will learn about a different person from Hebrews 11 who demonstrated faith and this week we are focussing on Joseph. Watch the video below and read Genesis 50:22-26 and Exodus 13:19.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=j1-AVyyFa1A>



Joseph trusted that God would lead the people to the promised land. What's even greater about Joseph's trust and faith in God is that he didn't even see the promise fulfilled, but he knew that God would provide. God is a God who keeps His promises, even in the midst of uncertainty and doubt. I wonder if you have ever doubted God or what He was doing? Maybe you've felt that way over the past few weeks? By reading Joseph's story, we can see how good God is and how trustworthy He is. Let us remember Joseph's example of faith whenever we struggle with doubt.

Joseph was known for many things. He was known for his ability to interpret dreams. You maybe know him well for his coat of many colours, or his brothers selling him. But the author who wrote Hebrews believed that it was his trust in God that was worth being listed. What a great example of faith for us!

Craft:

Today we would like you to make your very own door hanger with reminders to trust God. You can decorate it whatever way you like.

What you will need: A piece of string, card, cellotape and felt tips/colouring pencils.



1. Cut out a shape (picture is rectangle but you could do a heart or circle) from your card.
2. Using your cello-tape, stick your string to the back of the card.
3. Decorate your door handle with things that you can do to remember to trust God. The picture above includes things like praying every day and reading your bible.
4. Once coloured in and finished, put your hanger on your bedroom door so you see it every day as a reminder to trust God.
5. We would love to see your creations, please take a photo and send to steven@railwaystreet.org



Worksheet.

Joseph had faith in God and trusted that He would keep his promise. What are some of the things that have made you doubt God's promise? Write or draw in the box below.

Whenever you start to doubt God and His promises, what are some of the things you can do to remember to trust God and His promises? Write or draw in the box below.

Prayer:

Dear God,

Thank you for the example of trust that Joseph shows us in the story today. He knew that he wasn't going to live to see your promise but trusted that it would be fulfilled. Help us to always have that kind of trust in you. Whenever we struggle, keep our eyes focussed on you.

For your glory and our good, Amen.

The End:

Jesus is our ultimate hero of faith because he is perfect, but we can still learn from imperfect people. We are so excited for you to work through the "Heroes of Faith" series. We hope this guide points you to God and reminds you of His love. Until next week,

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Other Resources:

The Bible Project are sending out weekly family encouragements: <https://bibleproject.com>

Illustrated Ministry have lots of Free resources that can be used as well:
<https://www.illustratedministry.com/>

Railway Street Presbyterian Church: <http://www.facebook.com/RailwayStreetPC>

Hope for Youth Ministries are doing assemblies on Monday, Wednesdays and Fridays:
<https://www.facebook.com/hopeforyouthministries/>

She Reads Truth have a Kids Read Truth section with a free digital download, 'Kids Read Matthew.' This is a daily scripture and activity book, follow the link below to download:
<https://shereadstruth.com/downloads/>

Made for More have an Encounters with Jesus booklet which can be requested from
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