LETTERS FROM A KIDS CHURCH LEADER

Hi everyone, I hope that you have all had a fun week and enjoyed plenty of time in the sun. I can't wait to hear all the stories about what you did in the good weather! I hope that you are all enjoying kids church each week and are having lots of fun with all the different activities that you have been doing. Some of the leaders have been on a camping trip for the past week around Ireland and lots of times we didn't know where we were going to put our tents, but every night a place was provided to stay.

Today's story is about a man called Abraham, you may have heard the song 'Many sons has father Abraham' this is the same Abraham!

Have any of you ever not known where you are going? Maybe you have been to a new country or had a blindfold on. Abraham also didn't know where he was going, he had to trust in God to provide for him. He ended up living in a foreign land called the promise land in a tent with Isaac and Jacob (for a lot longer than a week in Ireland). Abraham had to have faith that God's plan was better than his own plans and sometimes we have to trust that god knows best in our lives. This is comforting for us as it means that we don't need to worry about the future as god is in control.

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

Challenge:

"By faith Abraham, when called to go to a place he would later receive as his inheritance, obeyed and went, even though he did not know where he was going." Hebrews 11:8

(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=5o J30x6E6s

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 Abraham. Watch the video below and read Genesis 12:1-9.

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Abraham was 75 years old whenever God told him to uproot himself and his family and move to a new land. It was a test of faith and obedience for Abraham, one of the reasons that he was listed in the Hebrews 11 hall of faith. Abraham didn't know where he was going but he knew that he could trust God to provide.

Throughout this year I think it's safe to say that a lot of us haven't known where we were going. School was very different this year and I'm sure you didn't start 2020 thinking that it would happen. Or maybe you and your family had a holiday booked and you weren't sure whether you could go. Despite all of the changes, all of the unknowns about where we are going tomorrow, God is now and always will be in control. We can trust God and have faith that He will guide our steps even when things seem upside down.

Craft:

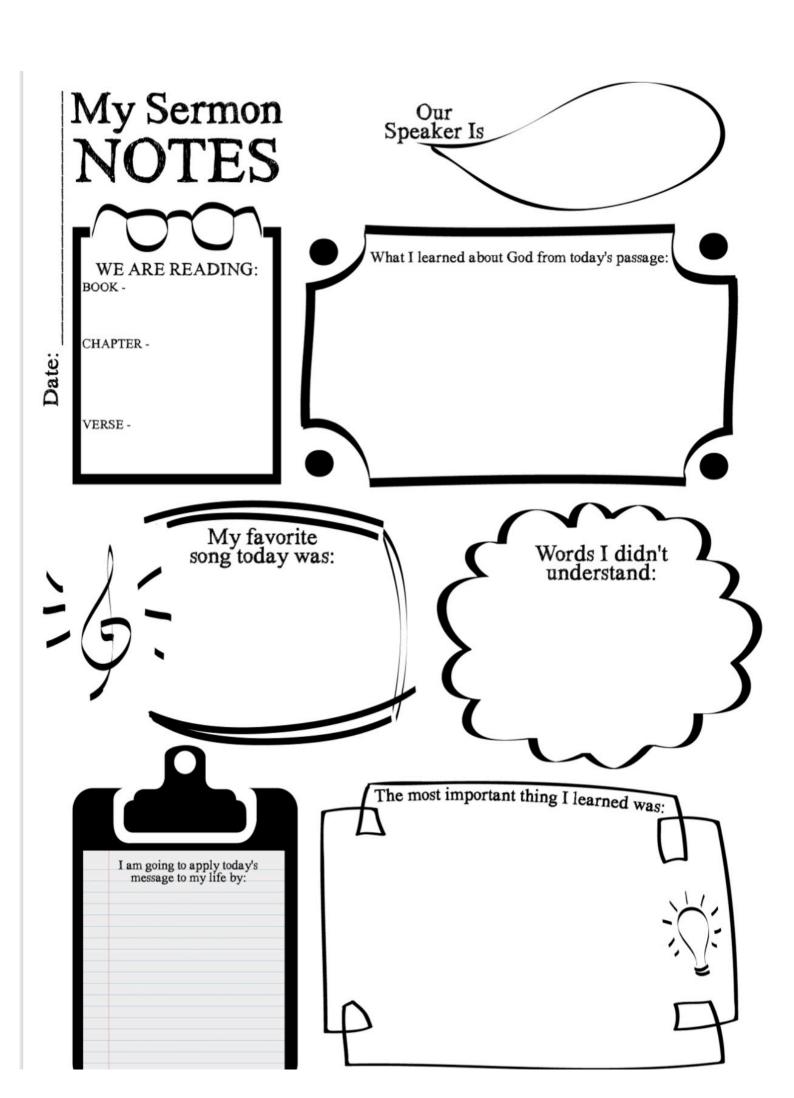
Today we would like you to make your own poster. This could be put in your room as a reminder to always trust God, even when we don't know where we are going.

What you will need: Card, paint and colouring pencils.



- 1. Using your card, write out Trust in God in your best bubble writing.
- 2. Get your paint and do some finger painting outside of your letters.
- 3. Decorate the rest of your poster whatever way you want to, add in glitter, stickers or extra drawings!
- 4. Go around 'Trust in God' with a black pen to make it stand out.
- 5. Leave it to dry and hang up in your room or give it to someone as a gift who you think would like this reminder.
- 6. We would love to see your creations, please take a photo and send to steven@railwaystreet.org





Prayer:

Dear God,

Thank you for sharing Abrahams story of faith and trust in the bible for us to learn from. Whenever we are unsure of what the future looks like or what is going to happen, please help us to reminder that you God hold all of our tomorrows. We can trust that you will be there for us no matter what happens in our life.

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 steven@railwaystreet.org

