



CONFIDENCE | WEEK 2 | MAY 14, 2023

K-3rd Lesson Level Up

Monthly Virtue: Confidence—Living like you believe God is with you

Bible Story: Level Up (The Holy Spirit Comes at Pentecost) • *Acts 2:1-41*

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Hebrews 13:6a (NIV)

**KID CONNECT:
5 MINUTES**

**LARGE GROUP:
25 MINUTES**

**SMALL GROUP
25 MINUTES**

LEADER BIBLE STUDY

We might try to base our confidence on what we do well, or what someone might say about us. But true confidence should be built on something different. We think it's found in understanding how God is both big enough to create the universe, but also close enough to be right here with us. We know that we can trust God no matter what. We are created in God's image. And God loves us so much! Nowhere is this more evident than in the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus. And, when we trust Jesus with our life, the Holy Spirit is there to help us face whatever comes our way. We can respond to God's love and care with confidence!

In week 2, head to **Acts 2:1-41** and find out how the disciples found the confidence to tell the world about Jesus. The disciples had a huge mission: to share the message of Jesus with the world. Thankfully, Jesus also promised that God would send the Holy Spirit to help them. As the disciples were gathered together, the Holy Spirit came and empowered them to preach with boldness. Peter preached to the crowd of people that gathered to see the commotion, and that day, over 3,000 people trusted Jesus with their life.

Bottom Line: God sent the Holy Spirit to help you. As we spend the month talking about what it means to live with confidence, we want kids to know that this isn't something they need to figure out on their own. God has given us the Holy Spirit to help us. We'll help kids start to understand how they can rely on the Holy Spirit to give them the strength, courage, and confidence they need for whatever they face in life.

KID CONNECT

WELCOME TIME

(VIDEO: INTRO MUSIC)

Play intro music and greet each kid as he or she arrives. Use this time to fill out attendance sheets, and help new kids connect to your group.

OPENING ACTIVITY:

(No Supplies)

During this time, concentrate on getting to know your group and building a relationship among you all. Create a place where they feel like someone knows them and that they belong. A great way to do that is to pull them into an activity (coloring, LEGOs, etc.) and ask them questions. Here are some suggestions:

- What are some highs/lows from your week?
- What do you like to do for fun?
- If you could ride on any animal, what would be the most fun/most difficult?
- Do you have any siblings/pets? What are their names?

LARGE GROUP

COUNTDOWN AND WELCOME

(VIDEO: COUNTDOWN, KIDCITY EXPECTATIONS, BROUGHT A FRIEND, BAPTISM)

Show the countdown video as you transition to Large Group. Set it to end as the session begins (9:35/11:20). While the countdown is happening, you are encouraging kids to clean up and engaging with the ones that are ready for large group.

LGL: “Welcome everyone! I’m so glad you are able to come hang out with us in KidCity today. My name is [INSERT NAME]. We are going to have a lot of fun today by playing a game, singing some incredible songs that worship God, and then we are going to hear an amazing true story from God’s Word, the Bible.

“Before we play a game, just a few announcements...”

(SLIDE: BAPTISM) *(Said on the fourth weekend of the month only)* “Today are baptisms at Hope. Baptism is a way of telling the world that you love God and have made the decision to follow Him with your life. It’s a big deal! Is there anyone here who is getting baptized today? *(Pause and if someone is, go ahead and give them a high five and get the kids to clap).* Awesome!”

(SLIDE: KIDCITY EXPECTATIONS) “Now, let’s quickly go over our KidCity Expectations (rules) so we can make sure that we make the most of our time today: *(Don’t dwell on these too long, but make sure you review them briefly so we can set everyone up for success.)*”

1. Be Kind
2. Be Safe
3. Have Fun

LARGE GROUP GAME

RESCUE REVIVER

(No Supplies)

“This month, we’re talking about something really important: **confidence!**”

“Usually, we talk about being confident when we’re really good at something. Maybe you were confident about a test because you studied hard. Or maybe you and your teammates were confident about your soccer game because you know you can work well together. Or maybe you were confident that you could beat a level on your video game because you’ve played it SO much that you really know what you’re doing!”

“It’s good to feel that kind of confidence. But TRUE confidence comes from an even bigger reason than that. True confidence is this.

(SLIDE: VIRTUE) It’s living like you believe God is with you!

(SLIDE: THEME)

When you have THAT kind of confidence, you can ‘raise your game’ in a big way!

Speaking of games, let’s play one!

“I’m excited for today because we’re kicking things off by doing something that happens in video games all the time—but we’re trying it out in real life.

“Everyone knows that when you lose in a video game it’s not always the end of the game. Maybe you get revived or there’s a medic who heals you.

“With that in mind, let’s play a game! I call it Rescue Reviver!”

(SLIDE: RESCUE REVIVER)

“So today, let’s have one chaser and one reviver. Oh, and this is a game for everyone in the room! Who wants to volunteer?”

Choose two volunteers and assign one to be the Chaser and one to be the Reviver.

If you have a lot of kids in your large group space, consider choosing 2-3 Chasers and Revivers.

If you have kids with mobility limitation, consider having them raise or lower their arms.

“The rules are simple! Everyone is going to spread out around the room—pick a spot and stay there. The Chaser will start on one end of the room, and the Reviver on the other. Those of you on the Reviver side will sit, and those of you on the Chaser’s side will stand. We’ll put 60 seconds on the clock, and on my ‘go,’ the Chaser and the Reviver will start tapping people on the shoulder. If you’re sitting, and you’re tapped by the Reviver, you stand up. If you’re standing, and the Chaser taps your shoulder, you sit.

“The Chaser and the Reviver can move ANYWHERE in the room—even to each other’s side! At the end of 60 seconds, if there are more standing than sitting, the Reviver wins. If there are more sitting than standing, the Chaser wins! Get it? Ready? Here we go!

(VIDEO: 1 MINUTE COUNTDOWN)

Great job! That was a ton of fun. Ok let’s all stand up and get ready to worship God!

WORSHIP

(VIDEO: GOD IS FOR US, RIVER)

BIBLE STORY

(Bible)

We are continuing to learn about God’s Big Story

(SLIDE: TIMELINE)

We talked about how Jesus died on the cross, then He came back to life! Jesus appeared to many of His friends and followers, then He returned to heaven to be with God. But before Jesus left, He told His friends to spread the word about Him throughout the whole world! He told them to wait for the gift of the Holy Spirit, a Helper Who would always be with them.

“Today, we get to look at what happened next...

(VIDEO: BIBLE STORY - 4 MIN)

It’s pretty cool how Jesus’ followers got to see the Holy Spirit at work in such a big way!

The Holy Spirit made it possible for the people who had gathered in Jerusalem to understand what the believers had to say. Each of these people could understand what the believers were saying in their own language! The Holy Spirit was with Peter, too, as he shared about Jesus. And THOUSANDS of people put their faith in Jesus as their Savior. Amazing!

“When we believe in Jesus and choose to follow Him, we can have the Holy Spirit to help us, too.

“Remember . . .

(SLIDE: BOTTOM LINE) God sent the Holy Spirit to help you.

“The Holy Spirit – who is God - helps us live the way Jesus taught us to live—by loving God and loving others. The Holy Spirit helps us show things like love, joy, peace, patience, and kindness to others. We can live with confidence each day because we know that God’s Spirit is with us!

Any time we talk about the Holy Spirit in KidCity – we always remind ourselves of this Basic Truth...

(SLIDE: BASIC TRUTH) I am made for a purpose so the Holy Spirit will help me do big things now.

Learning about how God wants those in a relationship with Him to grow and to share God’s love with others is a BIG thing. When you have decided to make Jesus your Lord and Savior, the Holy Spirit come and lives in your heart and changes you from the inside out. Suddenly, you have a heart that wants to follow God more than yourself. It’s amazing! It’s GOOD NEWS – too good to keep to ourselves.

Before we go to small groups, let’s read our monthly verse and remember how incredible God is.

(SLIDE: MEMORY VERSE) *“So we say with confidence, ‘The Lord is my helper; I will not be afraid.’ (Hebrews 13:6a, NIV)*

“I love that! And it’s so true—God IS our Helper. The Holy Spirit is with us, always.

“Let’s pray.

PRAYER

Dear God, thank you for the gift of the Holy Spirit. Your Spirit helped the believers in Jerusalem as they shared the good news about Jesus. Your Spirit is with us, too, when we believe and put our trust in you. Thank you for reminding us that we don’t ever have to be alone, because Your Holy Spirit is with us. We love you, and we pray these things in Jesus’ name. Amen.

DISMISS TO SMALL GROUPS

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SOAK UP THE HOLY SPIRIT

(Sponges – 2-4 per group, Shallow Pan or Bin, Water, Tablecloth)

What You Do:

- Once you’ve laid out your tablecloth, pass out the dry sponges to a couple of kids. Encourage the rest to watch
- Pour just enough water in the dish to cover the bottom.
- Tell the kids to put their sponge in the water and watch what happens to the water and the sponge. It should completely soak up the water.
- Say, “**What You Say**” below.
- If time allows, let kids squeeze their sponges out and then refill their pan with another shallow layer of water and put their sponges in to soak up water again.

What You Say:

“Did you see what happened? The sponges soaked up the water! The sponge is like each of us, and the water is like the Holy Spirit. When we choose to follow Jesus, God sends the Holy Spirit to be with us. He (the Holy Spirit) comes and starts to change us from the inside out – just like the water made the dry sponge soft. The Holy Spirit is always with us! **[Bottom Line] God sent the Holy Spirit to help you.** What can the Holy Spirit help us do?” *(Be patient with each other, be kind when we don’t feel like it, be confident to share God’s love, etc.)*

[Make it Personal] (Share about a time in your life when you knew the Holy Spirit was there to help you. This can be difficult to put into words, but kids love to hear stories of how God has worked in your life. Think of times when the Holy Spirit prompted you to do something, say something, or share something. It’s a great time to let the kids hear a real-life story of how [Bottom Line] God sent the Holy Spirit to help you.)

FREEZE CHARADES

(“Story Cards” and “Freeze Charades Leader” Activity Pages – 1 set per group, Bin or Bag)

What You Do:

- Place the “Story Cards” in the bin or bag.
 - *K/1st* - First review the cards together.
- Direct a kid pick one scene but not share it with the group.
- Instruct the kid to act-out the scene silently in front of the group when you say, “Go!”
- Direct the kid to stop and hold their last position when you say, “Freeze!”

- Challenge the rest of the kids to guess which scene from today’s Bible story they’re acting out.
- Continue until all cards have been played or repeat, based on time and interest.
 - If a kid seems stuck on how to act-out a scene or is a little shy, feel free to whisper an idea in their ear to boost their confidence. Use the “Freeze Charades Leader” Activity Page if needed.

What You Say:

“God calls us to some big things—bigger than us! God asks you to be a friend who is a good influence on others. God asks you to make wise choices. God asks you to do the right thing, even when it’s hard. But here’s the best part: God doesn’t expect you to do this alone. You can be confident in doing the things God asks you to do, because **[Bottom Line] God sent the Holy Spirit to help you.**”

[Make It Personal] (Share about a kid-friendly situation when you had to do something really big. Maybe you had to trust God with a big decision even when you didn’t know how it would turn out or you had to choose to be a good influence during a tough peer pressure situation. Talk about how the Holy Spirit helped you!)

DISCUSSION

Ask the following questions and lead the group to discuss:

- When have you needed help?
- When you need help, from whom do you typically seek help first?
- How do you know when the Holy Spirit is guiding you?
- Do you ever hesitate to rely on God for help? Why or why not?
- How can believing the Holy Spirit is here to help you, build your confidence?

PRAY AND DISMISS

(K/1st & 2nd/3rd Devotional, Crayons or Markers)

What You Say:

“Thank you, Lord, for sending the Holy Spirit to be with each of us. Please help us all be confident, even when we’re afraid, frightened, or just nervous. Through your Spirit, we know that you are with us, and you will help us confidently face whatever challenge is ahead of us. In Jesus’ name we pray, amen!”

Pass out the Devotional to each kid. If there’s spare time, the kids can start looking over it.