



JUNE 2020 • WEEK THREE

PRETEEN PARENT GUIDE

BIBLE STORY

Ananias Helps Paul
Acts 9:10-31

MEMORY VERSE

*Faith is being sure of
what we hope for. It
is being sure of what
we do not see.*
Hebrews 11:1 (NIV)

LIFE APP

Faith
Trusting in what you
can't see because of
what you can see

KEY QUESTION

What are you afraid
of?

BASIC TRUTH

I can trust God no
matter what.

ACTIVITY:

WHAT YOU NEED: Bible, a coin

WHAT YOU DO:

Sit together in a circle and give someone the coin. Explain that you will read verses from today's Bible story found in Acts 9:10-31. When you pause, the person with the coin will toss it in the air and catch it. If the coin lands on TAILS, that person must share something from the verses you just read that was potentially scary or intimidating. If the coin lands on HEADS, he or she must share a way someone showed (or could have shown) faith.

Pass the coin to the next person and continue repeating the coin toss after each of the following sections is read:

Acts 9:10-12
Acts 9:13-14
Acts 9:15-16
Acts 9:17-18
Acts 9:19-21
Acts 9:22
Acts 9:23-25
Acts 9:26-27
Acts 9:28-30
Acts 9:31

Pass the coin around the circle again, but this time, if it lands on HEADS, have that person give a modern-day example of a way people show faith. If it lands on TAILS, have them share an example of fears people their age might have deal with. Do this as interest allows. Or let everyone pass the coin around "popcorn" style, giving it to whoever wants it next.

WHAT YOU SAY:

Remember that even though you can't see Him, you can trust that God is with you all of the time. He can give you the strength you need to do something you're scared to do, like telling the truth, being kind to someone you don't get along with, talking about Jesus, inviting someone to church, or trying something new. Try to talk to God about your fears this week and ask for His help whenever you feel afraid!

BONUS FATHER'S DAY ACTIVITY:

Today is a special day as we celebrate our dads, grandfathers, uncles, and other male leaders in our lives. Follow the link below for a free template and instructions to create a card for those awesome men in your life! Have fun!

<https://www.messylittlemonster.com/2018/06/fathers-day-tie-card-template.html>



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GOSPEL MOMENT

Saul, Ananias, Barnabas, and the others were part of a long line of believers going all the way back to the beginning. God's Story is full of people who had faith and chose to believe in what they COULDN'T see because of what they COULD see.

Remember what it says in our memory verse for this month, Hebrews 11:1 (NIRV). *Faith is being sure of what we hope for. It is being sure of what we do not see.*

You and I can have that same kind of faith. We can be part of that long line of believers, too. When we put our faith in Jesus, we have the help of the Holy Spirit. The Spirit can help us face our fears. Even though we can't see God, we can trust Him and know that He's always with us. He can give us the strength to do something that we're scared to do.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- 1) When could fear be a good thing?
- 2) What is one fear you wish you didn't have? How might God help you have courage?
- 3) If someone is brave or courageous, does that mean they're not afraid? Why or why not?
- 4) How does knowing Jesus help us face our fears?

PRAYER

Dear God, help us to trust You when we feel afraid. Thank You for always being bigger, stronger, closer, and greater than anything we fear.