



BIG IDEA

True story—Jesus is always with us

BIBLE

Acts 1:3–11; John 14:1–7

ABOUT THIS WEEK

At the end of some adventure stories, the leader leaves, and the team wonders how they'll go on. This week, we'll see how Jesus' followers felt the same way when he left for heaven, but he promised that his presence would stay with them through the Holy Spirit. His promise wasn't just for them—it's for us too, because **true story—Jesus is always with us.**

REFLECTION | All The Story Feels

- INSTRUCTIONS:** Choose a few instrumental tracks from your favorite movie soundtrack. Have kids listen for a minute before reflecting and sharing.
- Listen to the music and tell us some of the feelings it makes you feel.**
- A great adventure story makes you feel a lot of things. Feelings help us connect with the characters, understand their journey, and think about how their story relates to ours.
- The people in today's Bible story probably felt a lot, too.
 - How do you think it felt to see Jesus go up to heaven, knowing they couldn't follow him?**
 - Have you ever felt alone? Looking back now, how can you see Jesus was always with you?**
 - How do you feel knowing Jesus is always with you? Why?**
- Today we learned that Jesus and the Holy Spirit are always with you. So, when you feel sad, lonely, angry, or discouraged, you can ask the Holy Spirit to comfort you. He'll remind you of the truth—**Jesus is always with you!**

MEMORY VERSE

"For I am not ashamed of the gospel, because it is the power of God that brings salvation to everyone who believes."
— Romans 1:16a (NIV)



K-5TH GRADE AT HOME

WEEK 2 – MAY 10TH



BIG IDEA

True story—God helps us be righteous.

BIBLE

Acts 4:32–5:10; 1 Peter 3:13–22

ABOUT THIS WEEK

A true adventure hero stays honest and does the right thing for the right reasons. This week, we'll see how Ananias and Sapphira tried to make themselves look good by hiding the truth, but their dishonesty led to serious consequences. The good news is that God doesn't expect us to be perfect, but when we choose truth, **true story—God helps us be righteous.**

ACTIVITY | Righteous Hero

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** *Sit down with your kid and draw together. Using paper and coloring utensils, draw each other as a hero. Don't show each other your creation until the very end. Make sure to add clothes, gear, and accessories that would help them live righteously.*
- Our lives can sometimes be as wild as a great adventure story. But with every plot twist, God is helping us to do what is right. Your story might not be as epic as some books. But if you choose righteousness, you know you're on the right path. And whenever you feel like you might be getting lost, turn to God! True story—God helps us be righteous.
 - **What might being righteous look like in your everyday life?**
 - **If God helps us be righteous, how can we help others be righteous, too (without being judgmental)?**
 - **What is one way you can remind yourself today that God helps us be righteous?**

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K-5TH GRADE AT HOME

WEEK 3 – MAY 17TH



BIG IDEA

True story—God hears us when we pray.

BIBLE

Acts 12:1–17; Ephesians 1:15–23

ABOUT THIS WEEK

A quest is filled with dangers and obstacles—sometimes, a warrior gets trapped with no way out. This week, we'll hear how Peter was locked up in jail, heavily guarded, and escape seemed impossible. But when the church prayed for him, God sent an angel to set him free, proving that true story—**God hears us when we pray.**

RESPONSE | My True Story Book

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** *Gather blank paper, staplers, and writing or decorating supplies. You will also need envelopes, small pieces of paper, and glue. Kids will make storybooks by folding two pieces of paper in half. They will staple along the fold to form a spine. Have kids write the Big Idea on the cover. Use the prompts below for the right pages.*
- Each page of your True Story book tells about your journey with God!
 - **On the cover,** write the Big Idea: **True story—God hears us when we pray.** Feel free to get creative!
 - **On page 2,** draw an ear. Around it, write or draw different things or people you want to pray for. God hears you pray for all of these!
 - **On page 3,** glue an envelope with the flap facing up. You can write your prayers on small pieces of paper and add them to the envelope! Let's write some now.
 - **On page 4,** turn the page sideways and draw a winding path. Each time God hears and answers a prayer, draw a heart, star, or checkmark on the path. Check back occasionally and say thank you for all those prayers God heard and answered!
- With every turn of the page in your life, God is listening. What's even more amazing is that God wants to answer your prayers. It may look different from what you expected, but don't get discouraged. Keep praying, hoping, and trusting in the **true story—God hears us when we pray.**
- **End your time with your kids in prayer for one another!**

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BIG IDEA

True story—The Holy Spirit gives us power.

BIBLE

Acts 2:1–12, 16:16–40

ABOUT THIS WEEK

Daring adventures always have moments where the main character faces challenges and has to find strength beyond their own. This week, we'll see how Paul and Silas faced grueling times but stayed strong, joyful, and full of faith. Instead of relying on themselves, they leaned on God because **true story—the Holy Spirit gives us power.**

OBJECT LESSON | Earthquake!

- ❑ **INSTRUCTIONS:** *Conduct a mini earthquake drill to connect it with today's Bible story and Big Idea. Blow a whistle or sound an alarm to signal the start. Countdown from ten to signal the end of the drill. For younger kids (K-2nd grade), consider using Barbies, action figures or toys to act out the earthquake. For older kids (3rd-5th grade), practice your earthquake drill everywhere using a code word or sound at the store, at a restaurant, or even at a friend's house – this might take some courage (from both kids and parents!).*
- ❑ Okay, imagine we're living and suddenly, an earthquake rumbles! **Do you know what to do?** Let's find out together—*earthquake!*
 - **Everyone drop to the ground as low as you can.**
 - **If you can, get under a table.**
 - **Use your arms and hands to protect your head and neck.**
- ❑ Earthquakes can happen with very little warning and can cause serious damage. The earthquake in today's Bible story was so powerful that it shook all the prison doors open!
- ❑ But God is more powerful than an earthquake. God's power chased an evil spirit out of a woman. It caused the earthquake and stopped the prisoners from escaping. The Holy Spirit helped a jailer and his family believe in Jesus. **What is one way the Holy Spirit can help you today?**
- ❑ God promised the Holy Spirit would live in everyone who follows God. You have that power with you wherever you go! **True story—the Holy Spirit gives us power.**

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BIG IDEA

True story—God helps us share the good news.

BIBLE

Acts 27:13–44; Matthew 28:16–20

ABOUT THIS WEEK

Every adventure has unexpected setbacks and obstacles that make the journey harder than expected. This week, we'll see how Paul faced a terrifying shipwreck as a prisoner on his way to Rome but never stopped trusting God and sharing the good news with those around him. His story reminds us that no matter what challenges we face, true story—God helps us share the good news.

POLL | Would You Rather: Shipwreck Edition

- INSTRUCTIONS:** *In the car, at dinner, or just sitting around your living room, ask your kids these would you rather questions and have them share their why.*
- Would you rather...**
 - Face one great white shark or 100 piranhas as you swim to shore?**
 - Eat only bananas or coconuts for a year?**
 - Have a talking parrot or a monkey that doesn't talk for company?**
 - Sleep on the beach by the shore or inside a cave on the island?**
 - Be stranded alone with all the supplies you need or with friends but no supplies?**
 - Discover a treasure chest filled with gold or a refrigerator filled with food?**
 - Be stuck with ten different books or one favorite book?**
 - Build a boat or a plane to escape?**
 - Be rescued by pirates or mermaids?**
- These aren't easy choices, but they help us imagine the hard decisions like in today's story. In the story, the people on a sinking ship have a choice. They can try to save themselves or listen to Paul, and God will rescue them.
- Read Matthew 28:19. What mission did Jesus give his disciples? How did he promise to help them?** To go and tell everyone about Jesus. Jesus promised to always be with them.
- What is the good news of Jesus? What might stop you from sharing the good news?**
- How can you share the good news of Jesus with someone today?**

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