

CHAMPS



CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

AUGUST 15/16

CASTING OUT FEAR

Theme:

We are going to explore the reality that even mighty and powerful men of God in the Bible had to regularly be reminded by Him to be “strong and courageous.”

Purpose

Casting out fear part 1

Thought to memorize:

“Perfect love drives out fear” 1 John 4:18

LEARNING ACTIVITIES:

Invite a child to give the opening prayer.

LESSON:

How many of you are human here? Well if you are human (and I do believe all of you are), you are going to struggle with being afraid. You could be afraid of the dark, being alone, clowns, bugs, or the fear of something happening to someone you love. When I was younger, I used to be afraid of _____. Share a story in which you were fearful as a child. What are some other things people may be afraid of? (Invite student responses.)

God knew that we would be people who struggle with fear. He knew that in our world darkened by sin, there would be many things to be afraid of. If you search the Bible, the word “Fear” is mentioned 326 times. Over and over again, God says, “Do not be afraid.”

God promises that He is with us ALWAYS! Isaiah 41:10 encourages us ‘Do not fear, for I am with you; Do not anxiously look about you, for I am your God I will strengthen you, surely I will help you, Surely I will uphold you with My righteous right hand. God tells us not to be afraid of being alone, of being too weak, of not being heard, and not to be afraid for our physical necessities. And these admonishments continue throughout the Bible covering the many different aspects of the spirit of fear.

Trusting God is refusing to give into fear. It is a turning to God even in the scariest times and trusting in Him to make things right. This trust comes from knowing God and knowing that He is a good God who only wants to give His children good things.

The next time we are afraid what are we going to do? WE are going to trust God! We know he loves us more than anything in the world and he will not allow anything bad to happen to us! Can I get an AMEN?!

PRAYER TIME:

God I thank you for each and every child in this room, I thank you for the spirit of courage you are pouring out on each of them. I rebuke every lie and fear that wants to arise at them to hinder what you have called them to do. I pray God that this week you show them ways your love will never let them fall or fail. You are with them always and will never allow anything bad to happen to them because of how precious they are. I speak again the spirit of fear and tell it that it has no room in their lives. In Jesus name Amen.

OUTSIDE ACTIVITY:

Grab the helium filled balloon have children stand in line and when it is their turn ask them to tell you their fear. Write that fear on the balloon. When all students have told you their fears tell them when we let go of this balloon, we will let go of these fears and trust that God is always be with us and protecting us. Count to three and let those fears fly away!