

The Canaanite woman

Hello Mom and Dad

The President, Honourable Cyril Ramaphosa has announced a move to Level 1 of Lockdown which sees an opening of our borders and several relaxed restrictions. With all that has occurred these past six months, the good and the bad, it is important that we step into our future full of unwavering faith. Going forward we need to keep our eyes fiercely fixed on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith (Hebrews 12:2)

The story detailing the faith of a Canaanite woman who had an encounter with Jesus, is a reminder to each of us that we too can grow to great faith.

Our lesson objectives for this week:

- God has called each of us to live by faith
- When we have great faith, we can change the world

As is fitting, we encourage you to start your time together in thanksgiving and praise. Be intentional to remember the faithfulness and goodness of God in this season. If you have the conveniences, use the selected songs to enter the presence of God through praise and worship. God is with you as you gather in His name.

Keep going from faith to faith, strength to strength and from glory to glory in the Lord. We are cheering you on!

With love, 3CKids Team



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What to prepare:

- Read Matthew 15:21-28
- A small item to toss (example: ball or small toy car)

Praise and Worship:

Copy these links and paste it into your browser to play the songs of the week:

- https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=twFAZfU_x4 (Send Your Rain)
- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7Wxi-F9R7Io> (First)
- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=shzOEbCWWS0&t=21s> (I will go)

Memory verse:

2 Corinthians 4:13

"And since we have the same spirit of faith, according to what is written, 'I believed and therefore I spoke,' we also believe and therefore we speak"

Declaration for the week:

*I have great faith -
I will change the world*

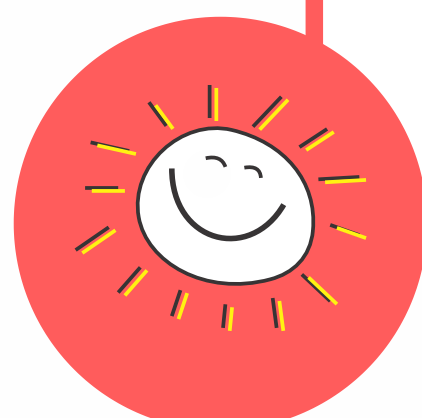
Activity Sheets

The activities are added to aid with general knowledge

- Activity - Crossword
- Activity - Fastest line
- Activity - VJ prayer journal
- Activity - Colour sheet

Fitness Fun

Who knew skipping could be so fun!
Follow the log and have some fun while getting in some exercise.



Lesson Time

Opening Activity: Everyone sit in a circle and gently toss a small item (like a ball, inflatable globe, or roll a small car, etc.) to each other. The one who catches the item says a word starting with the letter 'F'. If there is only one child, an adult can play too until you have exhausted your options or until someone says 'Faith'.

Say: Today we are going to read about a woman who had great faith (use arms to show great)
Ask: How many of you would like to have great faith? (use arms to show great)

Pray with me: Father God, thank You for this day. Thank You that I can to have great faith so I can do great things for You in this world. Thank You for Your love. In Jesus' name. Amen

Repeat the declaration: I have great faith - I will change the world!

Lesson

Say: Today's lesson is about a mom who really wanted her daughter to be healed. She was a Canaanite woman, which means she came from Canaan, a different country with different people. Canaanites were old enemies of the Jewish people. Most Jewish people, like Jesus' disciples, would not have liked this woman because she was a Canaanite.

Ask: Is it good to dislike someone because they come from a different country and are different from you? (get a response)

Say: This Canaanite woman was serious about her daughter being healed. She spoke loudly even though Jesus did not answer her and other people thought she was being strange. She did not care who was listening to her and she was not ashamed. This mom knew she did not deserve to have Jesus help her because she was a Canaanite. But she was desperate – she believed Jesus was the only one who could help her daughter. So, she kept asking Jesus.

Say: Remember boys and girls that just like this woman, none of us deserve to have Jesus help us. God does not have to do anything for us. But He helps us because He is good.

Say: Jesus was so amazed at how this mom kept on asking him without giving up. He said to her, "Woman, you have great faith!"

Ask: Why did Jesus say she had great faith? Because she believed in Him and did not doubt.

Say: Anyone can have faith in Jesus, no matter where they are from or what the people in their country look like. We too must choose, like this Canaanite woman, to have faith in Jesus. Sometimes people may laugh at us. Sometimes people may not understand and they may even tell us to stop trusting God. But we must believe God's word more than anything or anyone else.

Say: When we believe God, we will speak the right words and help other people better. When we believe God is the healer, we can pray for other people and believe they will get healed. When we believe that Jesus is the real hero that can save everyone, we will tell other people about Him and they too will be saved. When we believe God, we can change the world.

Repeat the declaration: I have great faith - I will change the world!



Ask: How do we grow to have great faith?

- We need to read the word of God every day and believe what God says in His word.
- We need to spend time with people who love God and do His word
- We need to speak about what God has done for us
- We need to do what God's word says – helping others and telling them about God's love.

Repeat the declaration: I have great faith - I will change the world!

Application:

Ask: Do you want us to pray for you to have great faith?

Pray after me: "Father God, thank you for showing me that I can have great faith just like the Canaanite woman. Please forgive me where I have doubted Your word and listened to the wrong people. Thank You that Your blood removes the doubt and fills me with faith. I will grow to great faith as I spend time in Your word, spend time with other people who loved the word and do what Your word says. In Jesus name, Amen."

- Think of three people you can pray for to know God this week – pray for them every day.

Repeat the declaration: I have great faith - I will change the world!

Say the declarations of the blood of Jesus together:

- By the blood of Jesus, I have been redeemed from the power of the enemy.
- By the blood of Jesus, all my sins are forgiven.
- Because I spend time with other Christians, the blood of Jesus cleanses me from sin.
- By the blood of Jesus, I am justified, and God sees me as if I have never sinned.
- By the blood of Jesus, I am sanctified and set apart for God's holy purpose.

Devotion plans:

The devotions are aimed to help each child spend daily quiet time with the Lord through His word. If you have the means, assist each child to create a special place and help allocate a special time for their devotion. Younger children: we encourage you to spend a few minutes a day reading the scripture to your child and helping them say the declaration.

Older children: help the children to read the daily scripture, reflect on what the Lord is saying to them and then write their own declaration for the day.

