

Jesus and the fig tree

Hello Mom and Dad

“Have faith in God” Mark 11:22. These were the words Jesus charged to His disciples who had just witnessed a turn of events from a statement He had previously spoken. You may be currently experiencing the effects of the lockdown or unrelated challenges in your family. May you hear Jesus saying the same to you, “Have faith in God”. God is on your side. He has the power to change every disagreeable condition to align to His perfect will for you as you ask Him.

This week we are leading our children to walk boldly by faith. The passage where Jesus addressed the fig tree displays important lessons on faith that every child can grasp. We believe that each of our children are called to walk by faith and speak the same to the glory of God. When we live by faith, we can ask God for big things and He will do it

Our lesson objectives for this week:

- To have faith in God
- To ask God for things according to His will

Thanksgiving is the door through which we enter the presence of God. “Enter his gates with thanksgiving; go into His courts with praise. Give thanks to him and praise his name.” (Psalm100:4) We encourage you to thank the Lord out loud for His goodness and faithfulness as you start your time together. We have put together a selection of songs you may use as you launch into the lesson.

Have faith in God.
We are cheering you on!

With love,
3CKids Team



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What to prepare:

- Read Mark 11:12-14
- Read Mark 11:20-24
- Plain paper and colours/crayons

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:

Mark 11:24



"I tell you, you can pray for anything, and if you believe that you've received it, it will be yours."

Declaration for the week:

***When I pray and believe,
I will have what I pray for.***



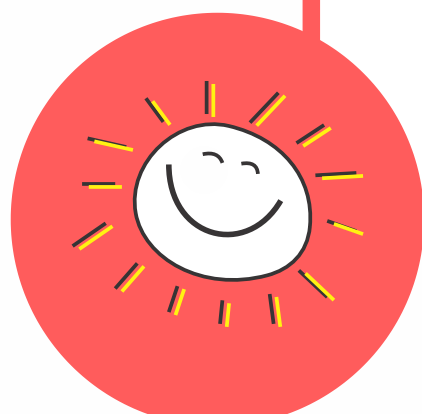
Activity Sheet

The activities are added to aid with general knowledge and

- Activity – Crossword
- Activity – Match the fruit
- Activity – Asking sheet
- Activity – Colouring

Fitness Fun

Use a timer to complete each of the movements on the sheet within forty-five seconds. Your heart rate will shoot up and you will feel exhilarated.



Lesson Time

Opening Activity: Let each child sit and draw a picture of their favourite fruit and colour it. As they are drawing, ask each to say what they love about it. When every child is done. Show them a picture of a fig (Pic 1) and ask if they know the name of the fruit.

Say: This fruit is a fig. I have some interesting facts on figs

- Figs are among the oldest fruits in the world
- They are very sweet and have a sticky texture
- Figs are actually flowers turned inside out. Inside the fruit are the beginning of hundreds of little flowers.
- Figs get ripe and slightly dry on a tree before they get picked
- Figs ripen quickly and must be stored in the fridge
- Figs are also delicious when roasted or served with goat cheese – or as a jam.
- The leaves of a fig tree are thick and quite scratchy

Say: Today are going to look at what happened when Jesus spoke to the fig tree. Jesus wants us to have faith in God and believe that what we ask for in prayer, will happen.

Pray with me: Father God, thank You for this day. Teach me Your word today that I may grow in faith and ask You for big things for this world. I want to bring glory to Your name. In Jesus' name. Amen

Repeat the declaration: When I pray and believe, I will have what I pray for.

Lesson: Read the scriptures Mark 11:12-14; Mark 11:20-24

Say: Have you seen what a fig tree looks like (show Pic 2) – it looks strong, leafy, shady and very green almost every season. Trees have roots and get their food from the ground – so when a tree looks good like this one (show Pic 2) it means the roots are also healthy and good. When Jesus could not find any fruit on the fig tree, He spoke a word that changed how the fig tree looked completely. The fig tree withered (show Pic 3). This means everything changed about the tree even from the roots. This is a very big difference from what the tree could have looked like before (show Pic 3).

Say: The words that Jesus spoke carried power. When we pray and speak God's word in faith, God can change a situation to look completely different to what it looked like before. God is the only one who can make things happen that are not possible for human beings. Jesus was teaching his disciples that with faith (in God) they can do what human beings cannot do. We can ask God for anything impossible and He will do it.

Say: Does this mean we can ask for anything... and God will give it to us? (no answer required) We can ask God for anything only when it is God's will. We must ask for big things that are in God's will for us or the people we are praying for and God will do it for us.

Ask: Now, what is God's will for us?

Say: The will of God is for us to be so full of the love of God that we show others how much He loves them too. That means God will give us anything that will helps us show other people that He is good and that He loves them.

God will give us wisdom so we can see when someone needs help.

God will give us peace so we can stop quarrelling or fighting for things with other people.

God will give us joy so we can help those who are sad.

God will help us with our school work so we can help others who struggle.

God will help us with our sports so others can learn from us.

God will take care of the things we need so we can help and give to other people.

God will give us what we need so people can know Him through our lives.



Say: When we ask God for anything that is His will, He will answer our prayers. God does not hold back in giving us what we ask for. We can boldly ask God for what we need and when we believe, God will answer us and meet our needs.

Repeat the declaration: When I pray and believe, I will have what I pray for.

Application:

Say: What things have you been scared/shy to ask God for? Let us pray that God will show you His will and then start asking God boldly for the things you want.

Pray after me: "Father God, thank You for loving me always. Please forgive me where I have not fully believed that You want to give me good things so I can show others that You are good. Please teach me Your will for my life. Thank You that I can ask for big things and just like Jesus, I will see things change completely. In Jesus name, Amen."

Write three things you are trusting God for on your asking sheet

Repeat the declaration: When I pray and believe, I will have what I pray for.

Declarations of the blood of Jesus

When we speak about what the blood of Jesus has done for us, we are changed to be just like Him so we can love all people the way He loves them. Let us declare the blood of Jesus has done for us.

- 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.

Repeat the declaration: When I pray and believe, I will have what I pray for.

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.

