

Dear Parent(s),

At the beginning of the year, I felt the Lord speaking to me about a boldness that was going to come out of this generation of kids. I was so moved I spent the first couple of weeks reading about the boldness of the followers of Jesus in the book of Acts. And, we even wrote our 2020 Summer VBS completely from the book of Acts. As I was preparing this lesson I was once again reminded of this verse in Acts talking about boldness.

“The council members were astonished as they witnessed **the bold courage** of Peter and John, especially when they discovered that they were just ordinary men who had never had religious training.”

Acts 4:13 (TPT)

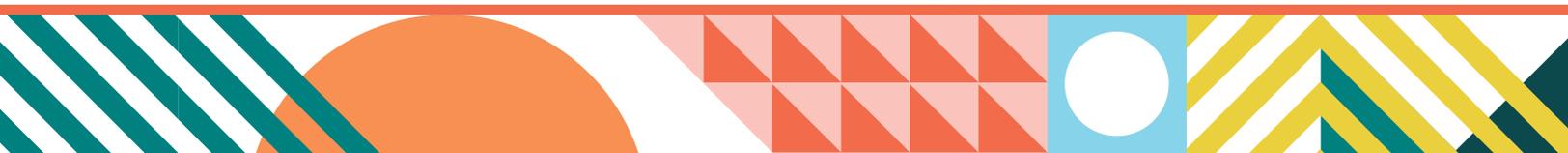
So now that you have a new job as a teacher and a referee at times, and your home is also serving as a school and recreation center what does boldness look like for you and your household?

Maybe it looks like praying bold prayers. Taking bold action. Making bold declarations. Maybe it looks like boldly giving all your anxiety to Jesus? I encourage you to jump into this lesson and discover how the long-suffering women boldly reached out to Jesus and how Jairus's daughter was raised from the dead as he boldly asked and believed Jesus. We also see from the life of Paul in our Preschool lesson how Paul still boldly followed Jesus while he was a prisoner.

I am declaring over you as parents this week that you will be filled, led and guided by the Holy Spirit and that your household will experience new levels of boldness that turn the world upside down for Jesus.

Let's live boldly this week!

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ELEMENTARY LESSON

Wake Up, Little Girl

Bible Story: Jairus' Daughter

 **Mark 5:21-43**

Memory Verse

"I call on you, O God, for you will answer me; give ear to me and hear my prayer."

 **Psalm 17:6**

Big Idea

I can ask God for what I need and be confident in His love and help.

Family Questions

1. What did Jarius want Jesus to do? (Heal his sick girl.)
2. How did Jesus know He had healed the sick woman? (Felt power leave His body.)
3. What did Jesus say to Jarius when his friends told him his daughter was dead? (Don't be afraid. Believe.)
4. What are some ways God might answer our prayers? (He might say "Yes," "No," "Wait a while" or even "I have something better.") God can also answer our prayers by reminding us that He really loves us!
5. What are some things kids your age can talk to God about? (Coronavirus. Bully at school. Good things that happen. Fears. Needs that you have.)

Wrap Up

Jairus and the woman must have been so glad that they had believed in Jesus and asked Him for help, even when it seemed as if Jesus was too busy or there was no hope! Sometimes when we have problems or even BIG worries, we might stop believing that Jesus can help us. We might even forget to ask for His help! But our Memory Verse for today reminds us that when we call on God it means we pray to Him. He answers! We can be confident that He will give us what we need. He doesn't always answer in the way we expect - sometimes He might say "No" or "Later" or "Here's something better!" Even though we can't see Him, we can be sure that He will respond to our prayers. He will answer us and take care of our needs!

Reflection

A desperate father and a long-suffering woman both came to Jesus because of their belief in Him. And even in the crowd of people who were seeking Jesus' attention, Jesus did not turn away from or ignore these believing people. Jesus' actions in healing the woman and then in bringing Jairus's daughter back to life are amazing pictures of the healing Jesus offers each of us—if we will only believe and pray to Him, the Savior sent by God.

Write out some things that make you anxious. Ask God how he wants to respond to the things that make you anxious.

PRESCHOOL LESSON

Bible Story: Journey's For Jesus

Throughout the week read about Paul's journeys in Acts 27 & 28 to your child. Challenge your child to retell the story.

Watch the following video together:

▶ **Journeys For Jesus—Paul's Journey and Trials**

Memory Verse

"Go into all the world and preach the Good News to everyone." **Mark 16:15**

Family Questions

1. Who was the Bible story about and what happened in the story?
2. What was the Preschool Big Idea?
Answer: Jesus is God's good news.
3. Who should I share Jesus with?
Answer: Share Jesus with everyone.
4. What did the picture passes mean?
 - ▶ Map—Paul traveled all over the world to share the good news with everyone.
 - ▶ Park—We can share Jesus with our family and friends anytime, anywhere!
 - ▶ Green Light—Jesus told everyone to Go and tell others His true story.

Explore God's Big Story:

God used Paul's time in prison to inspire Paul to write some of the books of the Bible. God can use hard times we go through in our lives today to fulfill His plan for us.

Prayer

Dear God, It is amazing to know that nothing can stop the plan You have for my life. When I feel stuck or worried, help me to remember that You are always in control. Amen.

Family Activities

FAMILY DECLARATIONS

Help your student to look up the following scriptures and highlight them in their Bible. Read the verses out loud and make the declarations together. As a family work on crafting some BOLD declarations that you can make in this season.

My prayers make a difference!
James 5:13-15

I can bring supernatural healing to others! *Acts 28:8-9*

I am bold as a lion! *Proverbs 28:1*

PROPHETIC ACTIVATION

Items Needed

One balloon for every member of the family.

Prophecy is listening to God and saying what we hear Him saying. Prophetic words are words of strengthening, encouragement and comfort. (1 Corinthians 14:3)

The object of the activity is to say phrases that strengthen, bring encouragement and comfort to each family member. For every prophetic phrase the person receives they put one breath of air into their balloon. The goal is to do this for each family member, and to have everyone fully inflate their balloons. The balloons can be used for a fun family game after they are filled.