

Blast Off for Elementary & Preteen

Week 3: At Home

BIG IDEA

We can share God's story.

BIBLE

Peter and John Share the Gospel: Acts 4:1-20; (1 John 3:18)

BIBLE STORY | Peter and John Share the Gospel

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** *Read or act out the Bible story from Acts 4:1-20 together.*
- Peter and John were just two regular, ordinary people, but when they met Jesus, their lives changed forever. They couldn't stop telling others about who Jesus was and what Jesus had done for them.
 - **Have you ever heard news that was so great that you couldn't wait to tell someone about it?**
 - **Have you ever seen something so amazing that you just had to tell someone about what you'd seen?**
- That's how Peter and John felt! **They had seen the amazing things Jesus had done, and wanted everyone to know about it.** So Peter and John traveled from city to city, telling people about Jesus and performing miracles with God's power.
- Even when powerful people tried to make Peter and John stop talking about Jesus, they wouldn't. Instead, they said, "We can't help it! We have to talk about what we've seen God do!"

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- This story can teach us something really important about **how we can launch our faith in God to new heights.**
- **We can share God's story!** Repeat that with me. **We can share God's story.**

STORY | Share your story of faith.

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** *Tell a story from your own life (or ask a volunteer to share a story) about how you met and started following Jesus. Be sure to share your faith story on an age-appropriate level, and include at least one way that Jesus changed your life for the better.*
- Just like Peter and John, now that I've met Jesus and seen God change me, **I can't help but tell other people my story of faith.**
- No matter how old you are, or how much you know about God, **you have a story to share**

done for you.

QUESTION | What is God's story?

- No matter how young, small, quiet, or new we are to knowing about Jesus, we are all allowed to talk about Him with others. When we talk with others about Jesus, we don't need to know everything there is to know about God — we just need to share God's story. **So what is God's story?**
- **INSTRUCTIONS:** *Ask a few kids to share their answers with everyone. When several kids have answered, list a few big ideas from God's story, like . . .*
 - *God loves us.*
 - *God came to earth as a man named Jesus.*
 - *Jesus died to save us.*
 - *Because of Jesus, we can be close to God forever.*

BIBLE | | John 3:18

- We've talked a lot about our words today, but our words aren't the only way we can share God's story with others. Our words are important, but so are our actions.
- **INSTRUCTIONS:** *Read the passage together.*
- People wanted to hear what Peter and John had to say because their actions backed up their words. They were brave! They performed miracles! They cared for people! They showed the love of Jesus not just with their words, but with their actions too.

RESPONSE | My Life Movie Posters

- Think about this: if you were making a movie about your faith story, what would the movie be like?
 - Would Jesus be a superhero, or knight in shining armor, or brave warrior who protects you from a scary monster? And would you then tell everyone about the amazing person who saved your life?
 - Or maybe you love sci-fi movies, so you'd be a space explorer trapped in an alien prison, until Jesus sets you free, and then you travel the universe together setting other people free!
 - Or maybe you would want a happy, feel-good movie, so your movie poster would be filled with all of the people and good things God has given you.
- Whatever you want to draw is up to you, but make sure your movie tells God's story as well as your story. For the next few minutes, let's use our creativity to draw a movie poster of our stories of faith so far!
- **INSTRUCTIONS:** *Give every kid an 11" x 17" sheet of paper and some markers or crayons, and let them draw their movie posters. As you wrap up, ask a few kids to share their creations and how their movie posters share God's story. You could do this at home with a regular sheet of paper.*
- Isn't it amazing how different all of our stories are? That's exactly how God intended it! God's story never changes, but the way God's story changes our lives is always special and unique.
- When we share our stories with others, it helps our faith grow and it helps others learn more about our God who changes lives!

others about who Jesus is, we get to see God "launch" our faith (and other people's faith too) to even greater heights!

PRAYER

- Dear God, thank you so much for giving us the most wonderful story of love to share with others. Help us to be brave by telling others about you! Amen.

MEMORY VERSE | Psalm 119:105 (NIV)

- Let's practice this month's memory verse together!
- **"Your word is a lamp for my feet, a light on my path."**