

Leader's Guide for
THE GOSPEL FOR YOUNG PEOPLE
The Gospel With a Smile: Faith

OPENING PRAYER

Jesus, we believe in you. Help us to concentrate now on you and the Spirit which is present right now in this place... God is here. Thank you, God. Amen.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- Who do you know that is a person of faith?
- What was your favorite part of the video? Why?
- Can you recall one fact about the Bible given in the video?
- Tell about a time when you were a person of faith.
- What really scares you? How could you respond in faith?
- Are you a person of faith? How do you express it?
- Could you tell another Bible story about faith that is not told here?
- Could you tell a story from your own life or one you read in a book or the newspaper or saw on TV in which the main character was a person of faith?

CLOSING PRAYER

Jesus, thank you for your example of faith. Help us to feel your presence everywhere we go. Amen.

Teacher Tip: Ask the children to ask an adult who is important to them to share what faith means to them. Report back the responses in the next class.

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The Gospel With a Smile: Hope

OPENING PRAYER

Jesus, you give us hope. You tell us that with you anything is possible. Help us to listen to one another now and help us to hear a message of life and hope. Amen.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- Who do you know that is a person of hope?
- What was your favorite part of the video? Why?
- Can you recall one fact about the Bible given in the video?
- Tell about a time when you were a person of hope.
- Are you a person of hope? How do you express it?
- Did you ever feel hopeless? What did you do?
- Could you tell another Bible story about hope not told here?
- Could you tell a story from your own life or one you read in a book or the newspaper or saw on TV in which the main character was a person of hope?

CLOSING PRAYER

Jesus, you are the light of the world. Give us your light when we feel hopeless. Fill us with enthusiasm for life. Amen.

Teacher Tip: Invite someone from your parish to play the parts of Abraham and Sarah. Let the children ask them questions about how it felt to hope for something which was not happening and what it took to really believe.

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The Gospel With a Smile: Charity

OPENING PRAYER

Jesus, you have loved us so much. Help us to love you by loving others. Help us to be generous, and let that generosity begin right now in this room. Amen.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- Who do you know that is a person of charity?
- What was your favorite part of the video? Why?
- Can you recall one fact about the Bible given in the video?
- Tell about a time when you were a person of charity.
- What really makes you angry? How do you respond in charity?
- Do you think you are a person of charity? How do you express it?
- Could you tell another Bible story about charity that was not told here?
- Could you tell a story you read in a book or in the newspaper or saw on TV in which the main character was a person of charity?

CLOSING PRAYER

Jesus, thank you for giving us so much. We promise to be generous with what we have. We promise to live as people of charity. Amen.

Teacher Tip: Invite the class to do a charitable deed this week. Make it realistic. Examples: Put some of your own money into a collection for the poor. Ask your parents or grandparents if you can help them around the house. If the kids in school are making fun of or putting someone down, don't join in.

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