

Big Answer: JESUS HAD AMAZING FAITH AND SO CAN I.

Memory Verse: 22 "Have faith in God," Jesus said. 23 "What I'm about to tell you is true. Suppose one of you says to this mountain, 'Go and throw yourself into the sea.' You must not doubt in your heart. You must believe that what you say will happen. Then it will be done for you. Mark 11:22-23

1. Ask, Show, Tell (Ice Breaker Time, Discussion & Object Lesson)

Supplies: Lesson Pictures

Ask: Did anyone say that prayer of accepting Jesus for the first time today? *If they answer yes, send them to Kevin to receive more information on their next steps. Be sure to celebrate before sending them.

Show: Pictures that should remind them of the lesson today. Tell the kids beforehand, "I am going to show you some pictures and I would like you to tell me about today's lesson. The pictures should help you remember what Kevin talked about."

Tell: After the kids get a chance to tell you about the lesson. Recap it once more using the pictures.

1: Full balloon with Halo: Jesus is full of amazing faith. He is, after all, God. So this is natural for him.

2. Deflated balloon coming to Earth: Jesus gave up being God to come to us in human form. He had to start all over again as a baby.

3. Full balloon in front of a church: As he grew up he read the bible and spent time with God. His faith grew into an amazing faith.

4. Balloon with a question mark: So how did he get his disciples to have amazing faith, by having them spend time reading God's Word (the bible) and speaking God's Word. This gave them amazing faith, and it can give you amazing faith as well.

Prayer

Dear God, thank you for loving us so much. We know how amazing you want us to be, and we want to be filled with amazing faith. Please help us to find times to spend time in your word, and to bring us closer to you.

3. I CAN have amazing faith (Craft)

Supplies: Notecard that says "Amazing Faith", slips of paper that have bible verses on them, clear tape, and balloons

Show the kids one balloon, and talk to them about their faith. Tell them that the balloon, just like their faith, can be amazing. **Ask:** "Is it amazing right now? Deflated? Empty?" **Answer:** "No" **Ask:** "Is there a way that we can make this balloon amazing? Answer: "Yes, by blowing air into it, and filling it up" Tell the kids: "God works with us in a similar way. He breathes life into us and his word (hold up a bible). Using the bible can fill us up to be amazing just like this balloon. Today we will be creating a reminder balloon. This balloon will have passages from the bible that will help you remember to have amazing faith."

*Give each kid a balloon that has already been blown up. Have them first tape the card that says "Amazing Faith", and they can then spend time taping other verses to their balloons. After the balloons are done, read some of their balloon passages out loud to the group. Ask them how the verses make them feel, and talk to them about what they mean. Keep reminding them that God loves them so much he gave his only Son to save us. His Son had amazing faith, and so can we.

