



WEEK 4: BE FEARLESS!

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LEGENDARY

WEEK 4: Be Fearless!

Bible Verse: Ephesians 6:18-20

Bottom Line: Conquer your fear and share your faith.

SUPPLIES

- Copies of Week 4 - Coloring/Take Home Sheet

- FOR OPENING GAME
 - Even number of Lego Blocks/Wooden blocks of various sizes (as much as needed to build something creative)
 - Floor space
 - The soundtrack “Welcome to Bloxburg” from the Roblox game
 - Music player

- For ILLUSTRATION
 - Construction paper
 - Scissors
 - Stapler and staples
 - Masking tape
 - Chair

LEADER NOTES

Welcome to the final week of the Legendary series.

During the last three weeks, kids have learned where their strength comes from and the truth that the devil is the real enemy.

They’ve learned to suit up in the armor of God, and they know what each part of the armor is and its importance. They understand the importance of standing firm in their faith.

While they can stand in their faith even when they are afraid, this week, kids will learn to conquer those fears and share their faith openly.

They'll gain confidence by looking into some of the struggles the Apostle Paul went through when he was sharing the Gospel, bringing them even closer to achieving legendary status themselves.

Prayer: Lord, it isn't easy to serve you when we are afraid. Please help me to be fearless in my service to you, so I can model that fearlessness for the students you've entrusted to me. Help me to remember that you are in control and that I am yours. There is no better place to be than where you put me. Amen.

WELCOME

Say: Welcome! I'm so glad you're here! We made it!

This is our final week of the Legendary series, and you guys have really learned a lot these last few weeks.

You're well on your way to becoming even more legendary than the coolest heroes in any of your favorite video games, and I am super proud of each and every one of you.

This 4-week series was intended to teach each of you how to be legendary in your faith just like the heroes you've read about in the Bible for your entire life, and you guys have worked so hard.

WHO knows where our strength comes from? Your strength comes from God.

You know who the enemy is and all about the armor of God.

You know how important it is to stand firm in your faith.

This week, you are going to learn how to be fearless in sharing your faith.

You'll learn how to conquer your fears and calmly do whatever God has called you to do.

Before we get started, let's talk about a few things we want to remember that will help our time together to be awesome!

OPENING GAME: Building Something Better

GAME PREP

Give plenty of space for the game.

Place all the Lego blocks on a table

Put a piece of masking tape on the floor to form a starting line and another piece at the finish line. Leave room behind the starting line for students to line up and room after the finish line for students to put their legos.

Divide the kids into two/four teams and line each team up at the starting line. Cue up “Welcome to Bloxburg” on Youtube (Talita uploaded)

HOW TO PLAY THE GAME

Say: Have you ever played one of those building games where you can create anything you can imagine?

It’s fun, isn’t it?

Today’s game is going to let you create something out of these blocks, and it can be whatever you want it to be.

You can build a house or a car or anything that your team can imagine, be creative. It’s up to you, but just like in those building games, it isn’t going to be easy. First, you have to get your blocks from the starting line to the finish line.

When the music starts, the first player in line will grab 5 pieces and race through back to the finish line.

As soon as that player puts the lego in place, the next player will grab a box and follow. Once every player has made it to the finish line, quickly build your design.

Once the time is up you will present your creations!

Are you ready?

Cue music so students can begin.

After the game, have the kids return to their seats for the lesson.

LESSON

Say: That game was fun to watch and you guys are great builders!

I love the way you handled the challenge and didn't let it stop you from building something amazing.

The folks at Minecraft and Roblox would be impressed with your skills.

Building anything new isn't easy, especially if you have to build it under difficult conditions.

Did you know that sharing the Gospel with someone who doesn't know Jesus is kind of like building something new?

It really is, I'll explain.

When we share the Gospel, we are laying the foundation of that person's faith. The foundation is the first step in building anything.

Construction workers lay the foundation before they put up any walls.

The ground has to be prepped and the concrete poured.

It's a lot of work, but the building will be pretty flimsy without it.

When we share the Gospel with someone, we are teaching them the very basic steps to having a relationship with Jesus.

You can't live for God without accepting Jesus as your savior, and you can't accept Jesus as your savior until you know who he is and why you need a savior, right?

Someone has to share the truth with you first.

You guys want to share the Gospel with others and help them start to build their faith, don't you?

I know I want to share the Gospel, but can I confess something to you

guys? It can be scary to share the Gospel.

Have you ever been afraid to tell people about Jesus?

It's a common problem.

Fear is an obstacle that keeps us from doing the thing God wants us to do-share Him with the world.

God doesn't want us to be afraid.

Remember what we've already learned.

Our strength comes from God.

He's given us armor to help us stand against our enemy the devil.

Well, guess what class?

The devil uses fear as a tool to keep us from sharing the good news with lost people. We've already learned how to stand against him, haven't we?

Now, I'm going to teach you how to stand without being afraid.

Right after the Bible passage that teaches us about the armor of God, we learn exactly what we need to do to conquer our fears.

The Bible tells us to pray in the Spirit at all times and to stay alert.

That means we should be constantly watching for those attacks, like fear, so we can face them head on.

We are also supposed to pray for other believers so they won't be afraid either.

By praying and watching and knowing others are praying for us, we will always be ready, and the devil won't be able to make us too afraid to share the Gospel with others.

Exciting, isn't it?

You don't have to be afraid.

You can pray through the fear and rest in the knowledge that other believers are praying for you then you can just go out and share the Gospel.

You can help others build a relationship with Jesus, and fear won't stop you any more

than those pesky obstacles were able to stop you from building during our game.

Let's read a Bible verse that will lay the foundation for our lesson.

BIBLE VERSE

This week our Bible verse is Ephesians 6:18-20.

Pray in the Spirit at all times and on every occasion.

Stay alert and be persistent in your prayers for all believers everywhere. And pray for me, too.

Ask God to give me the right words so I can boldly explain God's mysterious plan that the Good News is for Jews and Gentiles alike.

I am in chains now, still preaching this message as God's ambassador.

So pray that I will keep on speaking boldly for him, as I should.

BOTTOM LINE

Our bottom line is: Conquer your fears and share your faith.

ILLUSTRATION

Before class, cut construction paper into strips and make two paper chains, stapling the strips of paper together so they are secure.

I need three volunteers.

One of you is going to be the prisoner and the other two will be the guards. Prisoner, sit in this chair for us.

Guards, I need one of you to stand on each side of our prisoner.

Pull out the two paper chains and hold them up.

Did you guys know that the Apostle Paul wrote the verses we have been studying these last few weeks?

He wrote a lot of the New Testament.

They were letters to the churches he helped to build by sharing the

Gospel. The Apostle Paul really faced some obstacles.

He was put in prison many times for sharing his faith, but he did it anyway. When he wrote this passage, he was in prison.

Using the masking tape and two strips of construction paper, attach one paper chain to each ankle, leaving the other ends of each chain unattached.

He wrote those letters with chains on his ankles.

That was a real obstacle.

I'm sure it wasn't comfortable.

Using two more strips of construction paper and tape, attach the ends of the paper chains to the ankles of the guards.

He was chained to guards to keep him from getting away.

Guards, can you give our prisoner your meanest looks?

Good job, guys.

Can you imagine how hard it would be to spend all day every day chained to not one, but two guards?

Now, that's a scary thought, but Paul didn't let the chains stop him from writing the message you guys have been studying.

He knew the secret.

He prayed constantly for himself and other believers and got them to pray for him while he was at it.

He asked God for boldness, so he could keep sharing the good news. Being bold means being fearless before danger.

If someone has boldness, they are fearless even in the face of things that would usually be classified as scary.

Pray. Pray all the time.

Ask God for boldness.

That's how you get the courage you need to share the Gospel.

You can do it.

Remove paper chains from volunteers.

To the volunteers... Thanks for your help! You can go ahead and return to your seats.

PRAYER

I want to end our time together by praying God will make each of you courageous and bold when you share the Gospel.

We are going to ask God to continue making you even more legendary long after this class is over, and I'm excited about all the things you'll accomplish for God.

Let's pray together.

Close in prayer.

Next, divide kids into groups of 5-6 people, with an adult leader, or an older student leader, in each group.

Give each kid a take-home coloring sheet before the end of your time together.

SMALL GROUPS: Go Kids

SUPPLIES

SAY: Today, we talked about being courageous in sharing our faith.

We learned we don't have to be afraid.

If we pray constantly for ourselves and others and keep our eyes open for the devil's attacks, we can be fearless.

What is the best way to deal with our fears?

Why is it important to share the Gospel with people who don't know Jesus?

What kinds of obstacles did the Apostle Paul face when he was sharing the Gospel? What kinds of obstacles do we face?

What does it mean to be bold?

After each question, allow kids to respond with a few answers.

SMALL GROUPS: Older children

SAY: Today, we talked about being fearless.

We learned we can be fearless by praying in the Spirit constantly.

We know we are to pray for ourselves and for others.

We learned it is important to watch for the devil's attacks, so we are ready to fight them off and share the Gospel courageously.

Why is fear a problem when sharing the Gospel?

Has fear ever kept you from telling someone about Jesus? What did you do about it? Why is it important to pray for ourselves and for other believers?

If you were in the Apostle Paul's position, what would you have done? Would you have kept trying to share the Gospel?

Think about the fears you have when sharing the Gospel.

Think about what the Apostle Paul was going through when he wrote these verses. How do your fears compare to his reality?

After each question, allow kids to respond with a few answers.