



12th July - Fruits of the Spirit: FAITHFULNESS

Before we look at the Bible story today have a go at these activities!

Get Chatty

Can you lick your elbow?
Can you read a story with
your eyes shut?
Can you fly?
Can you walk up the walls?

That all sounds impossible doesn't it??

Get Ready

Today's fruit is the faithfulness fruit. The Holy Spirit helps us to have faith in God, to trust him and know that he loves us and takes care of us always.

Sometimes you may feel poorly, or feel sad, or worried? Father God tells us in the Bible that we can trust Him to take care of us. Even when things look really hard or even impossible, we can have faith in Him, we can trust God.

Can you practice saying WOW loudly - you will need that WOW for our story!

Bible Story

Today's Bible story, Moses has a big problem. He has to try and cross a big sea with a big group of people. He needed a big answer.

Story

Moses is on a journey: Moses is on a journey leading lots of people to a new land. Can you walk around your room pretending to be Moses on a journey? You are pretending to hold a big staff or stick that helps you walk and there are lots of people following you, too many to even see them all or count them!

Moses comes to a quick stop: he has come to a big sea. What is he going to do? There is no bridge, there are no tunnels, there is no boat and no aeroplane to help him get all the people across the sea!

Can you stop and pretend to look ahead at the big sea with your binoculars and then look back at all the people who are now getting a bit worried about the problem of the sea.

Moses has faith in God: Moses uses his faithfulness fruit towards God. He trusts God will take care of him and all the people following him. He lifts up his stick as a sign of lifting up his faith and the water moves, there is a path through the water to the other side!

Can you lift up your pretend stick and say to the people... 'Don't be afraid, we can trust God, we can have faith in Him to look after us.'

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The people are amazed: All the people following Moses watch the water move and say a big WOW! They catch Moses faith in God and they are full of faith in God too and follow Moses through along the path through the water.

Can you pretend to walk through the muddy, bottom of the sea, watching the fish in the water as you go past them and waving all the people on to follow you to the other side of the sea. Shout a big wow!

Everyone says thank you. Father God had done a miracle. Moses and all the people dance and worship Father God thanking him for his love and care. That really big problem wasn't a problem for God.

Can you dance around the room, giving a cheer to God as the people did in the story as they gave their thanks to God.

Spotlight

What an amazing story – did you shout a big WOW when the water moved so the people could walk through?

Moses had a choice to either join in the worry with the people: *Thumbs down* or use his faith in God to stand and see a miracle. *Thumbs up!*

We can choose too, we can choose to use our faith and give our worries, fears or sickness to Jesus. We can then receive back hope and trust God is at work. *Give a big thumbs up to this!*

The Holy Spirit helps us use our faith to stand and trust Father God even when things look impossible.

Prayer

Let's pray and come close to Jesus.

Thank you Holy Spirit that you fill me up today. Thank you that you help me be full of faith so I can choose to trust you.

Thank you, Father God, that you take care of me every day. Jesus

Creative Response

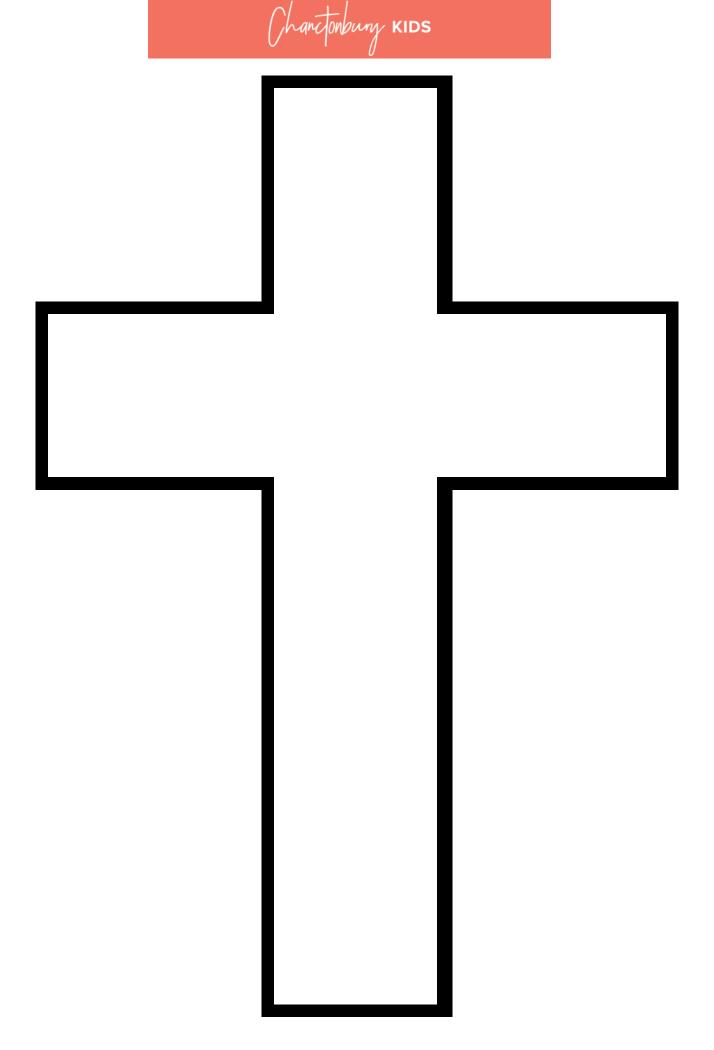
Family prayer:

- Take the printed cross below and write on it anything your family is feeling worried or scared about, anyone who is feeling poorly or anyone who is feeling sad or anxious.
- Then choose a promise from the list (or another one you know) and read it out over each other and your family together.



 As you do this the Holy Spirit will come and lift your faith and lift your eyes to look at Jesus. To help you know more, that you can trust him and he will take care of all your needs.

Staff full of Promises: Use empty toilet rolls and join them together to make a long staff like Moses had. Then stick on or write on the promises from God.



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Deuteronomy 31:8 God is always with me	Isaiah 41:13 God is holding my hand
1 Chronicles 16:34 God is good	Joshua 1:9 I can be strong and brave; God is with me.
Psalm 139 I am wonderfully made by Father God	Isaiah 43:4 I am precious to God, He loves me
Psalm 139 Father god sees me and knows me	Isaiah 43:5 God is with me, He is close to me
Exodus 15:26 Father God heals me	Psalms 5:12 God wraps me up in His love and kindness
Psalms 121:2 God helps me	Psalms 121:6 God watches me and keeps me safe

