

Press Play Remix Day 2 - We can have confidence because we belong

Bible Story: The Calling of the Disciples • *Luke 5:1-11, 27-32*

Bottom Line: I can have confidence because I belong.

Memory Verse: “My command is this: Love each other as I have loved you.” *John 15:12*

Life App: Confidence—Learning to see yourself the way God sees you.

Basic Truth: I can trust God no matter what.

Games: Follow Me Obstacle Course & Scavenger Hunt

Crafts: “Is this You?” Activity & Friendship Bracelets & “The So & So Show!”

Story: The Calling of the Disciples & “Speed Race” with Theme Verse (John 15:12)

Game: Follow Me Obstacle Course

What You Need: cones, chairs, hula hoops, throw pillows or hand towels, a table or tunnel, or similar items to set up an obstacle

Before the Activity: Use items you’ve selected to create an obstacle course.

Ideas:

- o Line up three cones or chairs for children weave around.
- o Lay 3 or 4 hula hoops on the floor for kids to hop in and out of.
- o Lay pillows or towels on the floor for children to jump over.
- o Place a table or tunnel at the end for children to crawl under/through.

During the Activity:

- Demonstrate each obstacle first for all the children, then allow them to run through the course one at a time.

What You Say: “Friends, do you see all these crazy obstacles? We will take turns running through the course. I’ll show you how! Watch this, friends, so you can follow me!” (*Give specific directives as you demonstrate like: “First you weave in and out of the chairs like this. Then you hop, hop, hop through the hula hoops.”*) Did you know that Jesus wants us to follow Him? It’s true! Jesus wants to be our friend forever. He loves you so much. **Who loves you?**

[Bottom Line] Jesus loves me!”

Game: Scavenger Hunt

What You Need: Remind the kids of Luke 5 - Story-related objects (see [Object Page](#))

What You Do:

- Hide the objects/cards related to the story
- Tell the kids they get to go on a scavenger hunt to look for one object related to the story.
- Ask kids to share what they found and how they think the object is associated with today’s Bible story.

What You Say: “All of you did a great job ‘looking’ for the objects related to today’s story! Jesus could have hung out with only the rich or religious people—He was Jesus! He could have been friends with anyone! But He went out of his way to ‘look’ for and hang out with people everyone thought of as sinners or ordinary people, like the fishermen and tax collectors. Jesus made them feel like they had a place to belong. Jesus was letting everyone know that He is for everyone who wants to know Him. He wants to welcome everyone into His family and give them a place to belong. That’s great news! **We can have confidence because we belong.**”

Craft Activity: “Is this You?” Activity Page [List on Page 3](#) & Press Play [SONGS!](#)

What You Do:

- Encourage the kids to dance using their best dance moves when you “press play.”
- When the music stops, instruct the kids to freeze in place while you read a statement.
- Tell the kids that if what you read applies to them, they should remain frozen.
- If what you read doesn’t apply, direct them to unfreeze and come stand next to you.
- When you “press play” again, the frozen kids should start dancing until the music stops.
- Continue freeze dancing until all the statements are read.

What You Say: “It was interesting to discover what some of you have in common and what some of you don’t. How did it make you feel to share something in common with other kids in our group? When you have something in common with others it tends to make you feel like you belong, doesn’t it? It makes you feel like an insider. How did it make you feel not to have the same experiences or likes? In our game, at some point you were standing on the outside.

“Each of us at some point has felt like an outsider. We felt like we just don’t fit in. That can make you feel sad, lonely, insecure, and even scared. The amazing thing about being a follower of Jesus is that you never have to wonder if you belong. You belong to a family called the family of God. **[Bottom Line]** **“We can have confidence because we belong.”**

Craft Activity: Friendship Bracelets

What You Do:

- Have each child get a handful of beads of the same color
- Have them share beads with each other and help children tie knots to make a rainbow of colors - and help them tie their bracelets on their hands

What You Say: “These bracelets can serve as reminders that we belong to God’s family, the church! And all of the colors remind you of all the other friends you have in God’s family, too!”

Story: The Calling of the Disciples & “Speed Race” with Theme Verse (John 15:12)

One great way to work on a memory verse is to make a puzzle out of it! Use this [SHEET](#) of the theme verse and cut the sheet into different cards for your child to put together to be the verse.

Discussion Questions

- Where are some places in your life that you belong? (church, family, sports team, class at school, etc)
- How do you feel when you’re where you belong? Who or what makes you feel like you belong?
- How does your group of friends belong together? What do you have in common together? What is a common goal you have outside the group?
- How do kids decide who belongs together in the cafeteria or playground at your school?
- Jesus welcomes everyone--What are some ways you can welcome others, even if they aren’t exactly like you? (*I can invite them to play with me. I can sit with them. I can be nice to them.*)
- When Jesus put together His first “band” of disciples, He needed a lot of different personalities and types of people. Who remembers the jobs of some of His disciples?

(fishermen, tax collector). There were others too. (Look up and read aloud Mark 3:16-19 in your Bibles. This portion of Scripture names the disciples chosen by Jesus.)

- Jesus' disciples were all different from each other. There was a guy who worked with the Romans, and a guy who fought against the Romans. There were fishermen and farmers, a rich guy and some poor ones. There were some quiet guys and some guys loud enough that Jesus nicknamed them "Sons of Thunder." Jesus knew that all of them belonged. He made a place where they could all have confidence that He had chosen them, that He loved them, and that they had an important job to do.
- Is there anywhere you feel like that? Is there a person in your life who gives you that kind of confidence?

PRAYER: "Dear God, thank You for showing us that we belong with You by sending Jesus. Thank You that Jesus kept showing us that we belong by loving us and inviting us to follow Him. Please help us to make sure everyone knows that they can belong with You too. Please give us confidence to share the Good News of Your great love with people who need it. We love You and we ask these things in Jesus' name. Amen."

BONUS: Travel Time - next time you are in the car, have this discussion:

- If you could belong to any group in any movie, story, or TV show, what would it be? Why?
- What would be a cool name for our group's band?