Bible Adventures: Nineteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time

August 12th, 2018

**Welcome**

Welcome, Bible Adventurers! Thanks for coming! Is this anyone’s first time at Bible Adventure? If you are new or if you come every week, at Bible Adventures, we dance and worship to great music, hear God’s Word, and learn all about the great things God has in store for us.

**Opening Prayer**

Adventure Leader will lead kids in spontaneous prayer or use the prayer below.

Let us pray: In the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit. Amen.

“Dear God, sometimes we want to give up when life gets tough. Thank you for caring for us and giving us everything we need so we can choose to keep going. Open our ears and our hearts as we listen to your Word today. Amen.”

In the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit. Amen.

**Worship Song-** “Never Let Go of Me” (3:37)

Song/video is played. Song leaders dance to the song up front.

**Big Idea**- (kids sit)

Awesome job, everyone! Jesus never lets go of us! For our BIG IDEA this week, we are going to learn about how God gives us food for the journey so that we have the strength to persevere. Do you know what it means to persevere? It means to keep doing the right thing, even when it’s difficult! So I am going to say, “The Lord feeds us!” and you are going to yell, as loud as you can, “Persevere!” Ok, let’s give it a shot: “The Lord feeds us!” “Persevere!”

**Bible Story-** (kids remain seated)

Lead Bible Story as directed in the attachment.

**Message-** (kids remain seated)

Play video message: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VYVQuWywqE8

**Talk Time** (kids are seated after they move to their groups)

Direct kids to form two “talk time groups” based on ages. Group 1=3-6 year olds, Group 2= 7-10 year olds.

Discussion Questions (Group 1, 3-6yr olds)

1. What are you like when you are tired or hungry? How do you behave?
2. What if you were really tired or hungry and your parents asked you to go for a long walk. Would you be able to do it?
3. What is the only thing that can make you feel better when you’re hungry or tired (food, sleep).
4. What did God do for Elijah when he was tired and hungry in the desert?
5. How does God feed us so we can **persevere** in our lives today? (Mass, prayer, peace, help of a friend/neighbor/parent)

Discussion Questions (Group 2, 7-10yr olds)

1. What are you like when you are tired or hungry? How do you behave?
2. What if you were really tired or hungry and your parents asked you to go for a long walk. Would you be able to do it?
3. What is the only thing that can make you feel better when you’re hungry or tired (food, sleep).
4. What did God do for Elijah when he was tired and hungry in the desert?
5. What did Elijah have to choose to do, even when the journey got difficult (accept God’s help! Persevere!)
6. Have you ever had to persevere/keep going when something was really hard?
7. How does God feed us so we can **persevere** in our lives today? (Mass, prayer, peace, help of a friend/neighbor/parent)

**Challenge**

Each week, we are going to give you a challenge to complete by next week. I challenge you to pray when you need to persevere because you want to give up. Whether it’s at home, at school, or in your community, don’t give up! Pray to God for the strength and nourishment to keep going.

**Nicene Creed** (kids stand)

Now, we will pray the Nicene Creed together. This is how we remind ourselves each week about all of the things that we believe because we are Catholic.

**Closing Prayer-** (kids remain standing)

Adventure Leader will lead kids in spontaneous prayer or use the prayer below.

Let’s finish our time by praying together:

Let us Pray: In the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Dear Lord, just like Elijah, we are so blessed that you feed us the strength we need to persevere when life is challenging. Please help us to follow the path you have called us to take, and to always look for and accept your help along the way.

We ask this in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit. Amen.

**Closing Song-** “Never Let Go of Me” (3:37)

Bible Adventures: Nineteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time

August 12th, 2018

You will need a **Leader** (adult or teen), **Elijah**, and an **Angel**.

A reading from the Book of Kings.

**Leader**: Elijah walked through the desert for a whole day. Finally, he came to a large bush and sat in its shade. Then he prayed to die.

**Elijah**: Lord, I have had all I can take. Let me die! I’m no better than my ancestors.

**Leader**: After saying this, he lay in the shade of the bush and fell asleep. Suddenly an angel touched Elijah and said…

**Angel**: Get up and eat!

**Leader**: Elijah looked around, and by his head was a jar of water and some bread that had been baked over coals. After eating and drinking, he lay back down. Soon the Lord’s angel came back and touched Elijah again. This time the angel said…

**Angel**: Get up and eat, or else the trip will be too hard for you.

**Leader**: The food gave Elijah strength, and he traveled for forty more days until he reached Mount Sinai, the mountain of God.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.