

“The Big Picture”

“From Prayer to a Conversation”

Entrance Song – Worship Leader, Catechist & Dancers

" Endless Praise"

#1 > Tech: Start **Entrance Song** VIDEO 5 minutes into the Mass.

KIDS STAND

Song/Video is played while kids are entering. Catechists & everyone is dancing...

Welcome – Worship Leader

#2 > Tech Booth: "**Welcome**" IMAGE immediately after song ends.

Crowd Minister: choose 3 older kids now to go up and read the Prayers of the Faithful after the questions at the end of Time Travellers. Also, for **9:30 Mass only**, please choose 3 Gift Bearers.

Hi Kids! Welcome to Time Travelers. We are so glad you joined us for week 4 of our series, "The Big Picture." In this series, we look closely at our faith. Because faith is more than going to church and receiving the sacraments. But what is it? And how do I participate in it? We are going to find out.

Before we get started... Let's meet some of our ministers who live out their faith by serving here in Time Travelers. (Introduce yourself and the ministers.)

Do we have any one here for the first time today? (Worship Leader acknowledges any kids who have come for the first time.)

If you are new or you come every week, we are always glad you are here and we can't wait to get started as we dance and worship to great music, travel back in time to hear God's Word and learn all about all the great things God has in store for us. ***Let us pray...***

Prayer - Worship Leader Leads group in prayer...

#3 >Tech: **Prayer** IMAGE (has music) while Worship Leader prays.

Big Idea – Worship Leader

#4 >Tech: "**What's the big idea?**" VIDEO right after opening song ends.

#5 >Tech: "**What's the Big Idea**" IMAGE after the Big Ideas Video.

- Here is the link to the Directors Instruction video:

https://player.vimeo.com/external/349676232.hd.mp4?s=06edcc0c2a009e65fdf8584a9070ba3fe8a9de44&profile_id=174&download=1

KIDS SIT

In our series, The Big Picture we are talking all about our Faith!! Faith is trusting that Jesus can change us because of what He did for us. Your whole life will change, when you trust Jesus and decide to follow Him. By trusting in Him, you allow Jesus to be a part of your life and he wants YOU to share your life with Him.

Jesus wants to be near to you. But what does it mean to be near something? It means you can reach out and touch it. It means you can feel it and know that it is there. Near is being close by to something. Our faith tells us God is always near to us. All you have to do is ask God to come to you and He will! What a wonderful and powerful promise from God to us. God is always near to us.

We serve a God that we can talk to any time we want! If we're happy, we can pray and thank God for the good things He has blessed us with. If we are sad, we can pray to God and ask Him for help. But it's more than just having the freedom to talk to God. He wants us to talk to Him. God loves us very much and He wants us to pray to Him about everything.

We should pray every day no matter where we are or what we're doing. I think it's awesome that we have the privilege of talking with God about anything. We know that there will be times in our lives when we face difficult situations. We may feel sad, scared, confused, angry, helpless and hopeless. When we face these obstacles in life, it's important to ask for God's help so that we can make it through.

ACTIVITY:

I have set up some obstacles to help us understand that we can pray to God to help us through the obstacles and problems of life. Many times, life might seem like an obstacle course where we face problem after problem. Today, you will try to make it through an obstacle course without knowing what obstacle to do next. To help us get through life's obstacles, we need to pray to God.

To complete the obstacles in this activity, **you will have to ask me to help you through.** I need 3 volunteers to help us with our demonstration today. (Choose 3 volunteers.)

Volunteers, each of you will have to complete some of the obstacles, but you won't know how many, or in what order to do them. I will help you through this obstacle course by telling you what to do next. **You will have to ask me, "Help me through."**

Let's practice. Everyone say, "Help me through." (Help me through.)

Before you start, and after you complete each obstacle, you will say, "Help me through." I might have you do the same obstacle over and over, or a new one each time. When you are finished, I will say, "You are through. Well done."

Are you ready to begin?

(Volunteers will go one at a time. Give each volunteer an obstacle to complete, but don't give them their next obstacle until they say, "Help Me Through." Each volunteer should complete 3 – 4 obstacles.)

#6 >Tech: "**Bottom Line of the Week**"... immediately after the game.

Great job, volunteers!...

Great job, volunteers! No matter the obstacle you were able to make it through. Now let me ask you (to volunteers) a few questions. When I sent you through the obstacles, did you know what obstacles you would face, or in which order you would have to do them? (No.) How did you know what to do next? (We asked you.) Did you ask me just once, or did you keep coming back? (We kept coming back.) The only way for you to make it through this obstacle course was to keep coming back to me to help you through.

In our lives, we will face many different obstacles. The only way for us to make it through the obstacles of life is to keep going to God in prayer. Jesus modeled prayer for us throughout the New Testament. When Jesus was in a difficult situation, He prayed to God repeatedly, and we should follow His example. When we pray to God, we can express our frustrations, ask for what we want, and ask God to help us. But, just like Jesus, we need to be willing to do what God wants, and not what we want.

When we face obstacles and problems in life, we can ask God to help us through. We should follow the example of Jesus and pray over and over, asking God for what we need and doing what God tells us to do.

I know that it can be hard some times to pray. I can be guilty of that as well. I know that personally I sometimes forget to pray or I give up too easily sometimes. I'll pray for something I want or need and if the answer doesn't come right away, I give up or move on to something else. But that's not the way God wants us to live. To live the way God wants, we should pray every day. Now that can be really challenging.

That reminds me of this week's bottom line:

To grow in our faith, we need to pray and have a conversation with God.

We can talk to God about anything, anywhere, and at any time! And that's what prayer is, talking to God. We can pray when we have problems or when we're worried about something. We can pray when we're scared. And we can pray about good things, too. We all have things to be thankful to God about. We know that we can pray anywhere, at any time, and about anything.

Let's check out today's Bible story as we travel back in time and meet a prophet who talks to God and asks lots of questions. Here we go!

Time Traveling - Catechist

#7 >Tech: Time Traveling VIDEO

#8 >Tech: Bible IMAGE

Bible Story –Catechist (acted out by one of the catechists)

Note: Please choose 2 older volunteers. One to be Habakkuk and one to be God. There will be large Q Cards ready for them to read and a stool for Habakkuk to stand on. There will also be an image on the screen of crowds fighting.

Their reading parts are highlighted in orange.

Habakkuk 1:2-3; 2:2-4

God hears every word we say and knows every thought in our minds. If we want to be closer to God all we have to do is get closer to Him. Even in the Old Testament God was near. In fact, in those days God actually talked to people. Those people were called prophets.

Today we are going to meet a prophet named Habakkuk. Habakkuk wrote his small, three-chapter book in the time right before God's people were captured by the Babylonians. Most prophets wrote to the people, but Habakkuk's chapters were written with God and Habakkuk speaking to each other. Habakkuk would ask a question or wonder out loud at something and God would answer. He felt comfortable speaking to the LORD God and asking questions.

Let's listen in on their conversation as we hear

A reading from the first book of Habakkuk..... *(no 3 crosses)*

#9 >Tech: **“1st Crowd Fighting” IMAGE**

(Have “Habakkuk” stand on a stool.)

Habakkuk stood on the watchtower and saw all the bad things that were happening in the city. He was very sad and troubled because all around him he saw terrible fighting.

(“Habakkuk” should be cued to react to what is being said - looking sadly at the image on the screen of people fighting.)

So Habakkuk decided he needed to tell God how he was feeling and see if God could give him the answers he was searching for.

Let’s listen in on their conversation. (Cue “Habakkuk” to read the line.)

How long O Lord must I call for help? But you do not listen! Violence is everywhere! I cry but you do not come to save. Must I forever see these evil deeds? Why must I watch all this misery? Whenever I look, I see destruction and violence. I am surrounded by people who love to argue and fight.

#10 >Tech: **“2nd Crowd Fighting” IMAGE**

Sometimes we see all the bad things that people do and we get sad and confused. But like Habakkuk, we need to trust God and listen for his answer. God heard Habakkuk’s complaint and answered him. It wasn’t the exact answer Habakkuk was looking for, but God had it all planned out.

Let's see how God answered him: (Cue "God" to read his lines.)

Write my answer plainly on tablets so that a runner can carry the correct message to others. This vision is for a future time. It describes the end and it will be fulfilled. If it seems slow in coming, wait patiently for it will surely take place. It will not be delayed.

First God tells Habakkuk to write down His message clearly so that all will understand His answer. It was important for the prophet to share God's message with others so they would know God's Will. Then God tells him that this message is for a future time. God encourages Habakkuk to be patient. He reassures Habakkuk that His plan and purpose will be accomplished, in time. God also encourages Habakkuk to rest in faith. Though Habakkuk might not understand God's strategy, he knew that God was working and in control. He knew that one day God's plan would be fulfilled. And it would be amazing!

Habakkuk trusted God to take care of him and his people. We can trust that God will take care of us too. He is near to us and will hear our cries and our questions. And God will answer us, just like he answered Habakkuk.

The Word of the Lord.

Kids: Thanks Be to God.

Message – Video (From Rebuilt)

KIDS SIT

#11>Tech Booth: Play **Message (Rebuilt)** VIDEO

- Here is the link to the message video:
- https://player.vimeo.com/external/183300465.hd.mp4?s=58c1138d8af07867348ca46302f08626f9958ed8&profile_id=174&download=1

#12 >Tech Booth: **Message** IMAGE

Talk Time - Catechist

KIDS SIT

Discussion Questions:

(Leader will ask kids questions to help them apply the message to their lives. Leader should ask questions to the crowd, and when possible, have the Crowd Minister use the handheld mic to get kids answer the questions in the crowd. Try asking the question, giving kids a chance to talk about it with their neighbor, and then letting them answer in the Mic.)

Crowd Minister: Make sure the handheld Mic is being used if the audience is answering from their seats. Only 1 or 2 answers per question.

1. God was near to Habakkuk. He heard his questions and he answered them! How do we ask God questions today? (through prayer)
2. Habakkuk got his answer by hearing God's voice. How do we get our answers?
3. If you could ask God a question, what would it be?

Crowd Minister: Make sure the handheld Mic is being used if the audience is answering from their seats. Only 1 or 2 answers per question.

Catechists cont...

Worship Song – Choreographer & Dancers

#13 >Tech: **Worship Song** VIDEO

"This is Amazing Grace"

#14 >Tech: **'Challenge of the Week'** IMAGE

Challenge – Catechist

Spend some time with God, praying for what you need and want. Then sit back and be amazed at how God answers your prayers.

The Apostles' Creed Video

#15 >Tech: Play **'Apostle's Creed'** VIDEO

#16 >Tech: **'We Pray for Others'** IMAGE

Closing Prayer - Catechist

Crowd Minister, send up the 3 Prayers of the Faithful readers.

KIDS SIT

We will be Praying for others by using Prayers of the Faithful format.

We will have cards available for older kids to come of up on stage to read. Our Crowd ministers will choose them for you.

Catechists: If time is running out, please read them yourself.

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