

Time Travelers

Week #5 (of 6) – Nov 3, 2019

“The Big Picture”

“From Prayer to a Conversation”

NEW SONGS Opening Song link: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=88m9vJYIIV4>

A) ENTRANCE SONG – Worship Leader, Catechist & Dancers

→ **#1 > TECH:** Start **Entrance Song VIDEO** as soon as you hear the kids coming down (approx. 5 minutes into the Mass)

→ **#2 > TECH:** **"Welcome"** IMAGE immediately after song ends.

B) WELCOME – WORSHIP LEADER

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 5 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?

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...**

C) PRAYER - WORSHIP LEADER Leads group in prayer...

- #3 >TECH: Prayer IMAGE (has music) while Worship Leader prays.
 - #4 >TECH: "What's the big idea?" VIDEO right after the song ends.
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D) BIG IDEA – WORSHIP LEADER

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

Awesome job with the worship song! Faith is so big and cool that we have been talking about it all series long. 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.

As you learn about your faith and experience new things, your faith grows. And we hope we are a part of your faith journey every week here in Time Travelers. We want you to enjoy coming to church and learning about God so you can apply what you've learned to your life. What you learn here in Time Travelers, in your small group and from your family is awesome and helps you learn about your faith. But to truly grow, it has to become your own. Faith can't be just something that someone tells you. And when you have your own personal relationship with God, your faith will GROW.

So far in this series, we have talked about using our **prayer time to have a conversation with God** and **praying for others**, but we can also use our prayer time to **listen** to God's plan for our lives because we can learn a lot from God when we listen to Him. He is the ultimate Teacher in your faith. God has given us His Word, the Bible, to guide us. It's our **(B)asic (I)nstructions (B)efore (L)eaving (E)arth**. He teaches us through the pages of Scripture. And since Scripture is inspired by God, and is the most important thing we could ever learn, that makes God the greatest teacher ever! We can use the lessons that God teaches and apply it to our everyday lives. Jesus was a great example of this because He learned from scripture, and then used what He learned too.

You can use scripture during your prayer time by reading from the Bible and listening for God's plan for your life through His Word. You can apply the lessons you learn from the Bible to your own life. It's important to remember that God knows what's best for you much more than you do. And that can be hard sometimes and it sometimes takes your experiences to understand God's plan. I know in my own life there have been times when things I prayed for something and then it didn't happen the way I expected. That's why it's important to spend your time in prayer listening for what God wants for you.

Activity: Let me demonstrate for you how God's plans can be unexpected...

I need three volunteers to help me with my demonstration today. (Pick 3 kids)

These volunteers will help me show **HOW** God answers prayers. So for this demonstration **I am going to PLAY the part of "God."** And I have the ability to answers prayers.

I want each of you to think of a prayer request.

And because I am "God" I am going to be answering your prayer request today. (Prepare three small slips of paper with "yes" written on two of them and "no" on the other one. Pass the "answers" out. Have the yes answers given to the first two kids).

Ok. Volunteer #1, open up the answer to your prayer request. (Wait for response.)

That is so awesome! Your prayer was answered. Here is a prize for you because your prayer was answered today. (Rejoice with him or her as they reveal the "yes" they've received. Award that participant with a fun sized Hershey bar. Do the same with 2nd)

Ok, Volunteer #3, this is so exciting and fun and I can't wait to have you reveal your answer to all of us here in the room. Let's see what answer you received. (As you move excitedly along to the last participant, have them reveal their "no".)

Wow, I'm so sorry that you didn't get what you thought you needed. That really stinks. You see sometimes you want something so badly and you pray for it and then it doesn't happen the way you expect. Let's give our volunteers a huge round of applause for helping me out.

(As the third volunteer goes back, call them back up....)

→ **#6 >TECH: BOTTOM LINE OF THE WEEK** IMAGE right after the activity.

Listen, I know that you were probably pretty disappointed because I answered their requests with yes and you received a no, but sometimes what you think you want or need isn't what God has planned for you. And when this happens in your life it's important to continue to pray and grow in that relationship because God's plan is always much better than what you could have ever dreamed. (Then, bust out a huge KING-SIZED Hershey bar to the delight of your audience.) Sometimes God's plans for us are far better than anything we could have asked Him for and that's why you can trust Him with your life.

Give our volunteer a hand for helping us with this demonstration.

So, this week's bottom line is:

To grow in your faith, you can make your beliefs your own by praying for God's plan for your life.

Part of our faith is getting to know Jesus for who He really is through prayer and reading the Bible. But then we have to decide for ourselves if the stories and the experiences we have had with prayer are true. For some of us, that's an easy decision. For others of us, it may take a little bit of searching. You can search in the Bible. You can ask God to give you wisdom. You can ask people you trust what they believe about Jesus and why. All of that helps to build your faith.

So this week try reading your Bible during your prayer time and listen to God's plan for your life. The stories from the Bible put God's teaching into practice, so that we live the life God desires for us. And the more we open our Bibles and read, the longer those things will stick with us and the better our lives will be.

Let's check into this week's Bible story as we **travel back in time** to hear God's Word and use it to live out the plan God has for each and every one of us...

E) TIME TRAVELING – CATECHIST

→ #7 >TECH: Time Traveling VIDEO

→ #8 >TECH: Bible IMAGE

BIBLE STORY – CATECHIST

You will need 5 volunteers to act out the script.

Naaman (Give Q Card and tell him/her to follow catechist instructions during the reading)

King of Syria (Give Q Card & Letter, will hand the letter to Naaman)

King of Israel (Q Card, tell him/her he will need tear up the letter at catechist prompting)

Elisa (Q Card, stands under Elisa's House sign)

Elisa's Servant (**NO LINES**, stands beside Elisa)

*you will also call upon **2 additional volunteers** as part of the script.

Props will be ready on Sunday: Q Cards, Name tag for Naaman, sword, red sticker dots, letter, Name cards for both Kings, Elisha's house sign (will be taped on the wall), water bottle filled with water.

F) MESSAGE – VIDEO (From Rebuilt)

CATECHIST:

Before the message video, tell the kids that just like Naaman's story, God has great plans for each of us. These plans are so amazing and can very unexpected. And speaking of unexpected, our helpers have a Hershey Kiss for each of you that we will pass out in a few minutes just before we go upstairs, but please don't eat it until **AFTER** mass. (*Maybe pass them out as the kids line up?*)

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

- **Here is the link to the message video:**

https://player.vimeo.com/external/183300464.hd.mp4?s=3fdc8c03957d41b2728450265228df2dcef7829f&profile_id=174&download=1

→ #12 >Tech Booth: **Message** IMAGE - right after the video

G) TALK TIME - CATECHIST

Discussion Questions:

(Leader will ask kids questions to help them apply the message to their lives. Please try limit answers to one child per question.)

1. Would you say you're a person who likes and enjoys surprises, or do you prefer to know what's coming?
2. What does this story teach us about faith? (it can be surprising and different for each person and only your own experience can shape your faith.)
3. Have you or someone you know ever prayed for something and God answered the prayer in a unexpected way?
4. How does knowing that God may answer prayers in a different way than you expect help you grow in your faith?

H) WORSHIP SONG – CHOREOGRAPHER & DANCERS

NEW SONG: 'Awesome God' Link: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3_oCdVcHayA

****** Explain that we are going to Praise God thru song. You can encourage the kids to raise their arms to heaven, sway side to side ect... feel free to do whatever you want.

→ #13 >TECH: Worship Song VIDEO at the catechist cue

“Awesome God”

→ #14 >TECH: 'Challenge of the Week' IMAGE after song.

I) 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.

J) THE APOSTLES' CREED Video

→ #15 >TECH: Play 'Apostle's Creed' VIDEO

→ #16 >TECH: 'We Pray for Others' IMAGE RIGHT AFTER VIDEO

K) Closing Prayer - Catechist

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

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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