

SUMMER FRIENDSHIP GATHERINGS

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OBJECT LESSON, DAY 1 – The One Who Sees

- The theme for this summer is, “**UNSHAKABLE!**”
- **Object Lesson – Day 1:** In this object lesson we will demonstrate how God gives us faith to trust Him, even when we don't know how things will turn out.

Supplies:

- 1 Quart size plastic Ziplock bag filled with water
- 3-4 sharp pencils or kabob skewers
- A bowl and towel on hand for the bag after the demonstration.
- If you would like to see the object lesson in action, please follow the link to view. <https://youtu.be/RmXpgqxr4VM>

Object Lesson Script

- We are going to talk about having faith. The kind of faith Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego had.
- (Show the group the bag of water)
- We learned in our story today that they had faith or trusted that God would save them from the fire. But even if He didn't, they still had faith that God would be with them in the fire. They trusted God completely and were not bow down to the Kings golden idol.

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- **(Ask for a volunteer to come up and sit in a chair. Hold the bag of water over their head.)** I am going to hold this bag of water over your head and then I am going to poke a hole in the bag with the pencil. Do you trust me? Do you have faith that I will not let you get wet? **(wait for their response)**
- It's hard to trust someone when they are holding a bag of water over your head isn't it? This bag of water could represent the fiery furnace that the three young men were thrown into. They had faith in God and trusted Him completely. They knew He with them.
- It seems impossible, doesn't it? It may work or it may not work and you'll get really wet. Do you still trust me?
- **(Push the pencil with quick force through the bag of water. The pressure of the water should cause a seal around the pencil.)**
- **(Leader can poke more pencils or skewers in the bag.)** Wow! It worked! How about if I poke another pencil through the bag will you still trust me? **(wait for their response)**. And another. It makes no sense, yet here we are with a bag full of water and many holes, yet you didn't get wet.
- Sometimes in life we can feel like we are getting poked with holes. Friends move away, people get sick, our pets die. It hurts.
- But we can trust God in all of our circumstances.
- **(Ask the volunteer if they were nervous.)** Trusting God can be scary but we can ask God to strengthen our faith in Him when hard things happen.

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- Sometimes we can't see how things are going to work out. Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego didn't know for sure if God would save them from the fire, but they trusted Him anyway. They knew that God loved them and would always be with them no matter what.
- God loves us and will always be with us no matter what. This is what faith is. Not being able to see but trusting in the One who does see. We may not be able to see God with our eyes, but we are sure He is always with us – loving and protecting us through hard things we may go through.

PP 12> (Show the PowerPoint Bible verse.) Do you remember our memory verse for today? Let's say it together. ***Hebrews 11:1 Faith is being sure of what we hope for. It is being sure of what we do not see.***