

# Teen Scene



## 2nd Quarter Online Activities

### Lesson 1 – Our Faith Can Heal Others

How important is faith in your friendships? (Taken from page 7)

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During today's story, we discuss the story of the paralyzed man. His friends did whatever it took to get their friend to see Jesus, including making a hole through a roof. They lowered their friend down in front of Jesus so he could receive the healing he needed. Jesus told him his sins were forgiven, and later in the Scripture Jesus told the man to pick up his mat and walk. The man went away praising Jesus!

**Think about this:** We all have people we call friends. We all would like to think our friends would help us out in a bind, but in this situation, would they? This situation in today's time is technically breaking and entering, but it was an emergency. They were trying to get their friend to Jesus for healing, and they did everything they could, including breaking in through a roof. Talk about loyalty. Is this something your friends would do for you? How far would you go to bring your friends to Jesus? We hope not as far as breaking into someone's home, but we hope that you would push to bring them to Jesus' feet.

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### Lesson 2 – Words of Healing

Are you comfortable asking for help when you need it? (Taken from page 10)

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When Jesus arrived in Capernaum, a centurion approached Him. The centurion had a servant he cared for, so he sent a message requesting Jesus come to his house and heal him. But he later had a change of heart. The centurion realized how powerful Jesus was, and knew He could heal from anywhere. Jesus commended the centurion for his faith and said He would be healed. Jesus' healing was immediate, and the servant was healed.

**Think about this:** The centurion was a man of power. He was used to giving orders, so when he sent a message to Jesus, he expected Him to come. But then he had a moment of clarity. Jesus didn't have to come to him. He knew Jesus was greater than him. He humbly acknowledged Jesus' power and asked for help instead. Has there ever been a time in your life when you have been humbled?

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### Lesson 3 – Expressing Love and Faith

Have you ever been forgiven for a mistake you've made? (Taken from page 14)

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This lesson shows the woman anointing Jesus's dirty feet with her tears and expensive alabaster oil. Even though she had many sins, and felt she was not worthy enough to even be near Him, she was on a mission to get to the man called Jesus. Jesus accepted her gesture of love and forgiveness and commended her for her act of humility. She was an example of true faith and devotion. Verse 48 says, "Your sins are forgiven." How happy do you think she had been?

**Think about this:** We have all sinned. We have all made mistakes and have probably been disciplined by our parents. Were you forgiven for those mistakes? What happened? The Lord teaches us forgiveness. We should always forgive even when it's difficult to do. Forgiveness is an important part of our faith. We should never be ashamed of our mistakes and should instead strive to be better and to learn from them. We should always strive to be kind and understanding towards others, and to forgive them just as the Lord has forgiven us.

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### Lesson 4 – Bread Crumbs for the Woman

What can you do to extend your spiritual learning to include the community? (Taken from page 20)

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We all learn something new every day. We learn in school, we learn from our parents, we learn from church, we also learn from books, from the internet, and from our friends. Learning is an important part of life and is essential for growth and development. But how can we extend our spiritual learning? One thing we can do is read our Bible. Another thing we can do is attend Sunday school. We can also go to church to hear sermons and pray for guidance and spiritual understanding.

**Think about this:** There are so many ways we can extend and build our spiritual learning. In the same way as in school, we just have to be open to learning and receiving information. We can listen to our pastor's sermon, listen to our Sunday school teachers, pray, or meditate. Finally, we can just take the time to reflect on our lives and our own spiritual journey.

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### Lesson 5 – Boasting or Faith?

How do you feel when someone boasts about their own greatness? (Taken from page 23)

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What does it mean to boast about something? Boasting is making claims about your accomplishments to get attention. It is often done to make yourself feel better or to make others feel bad. It is a form of bragging and can have negative consequences. Now there is a difference between listing accomplishments and boasting. If you do it to make someone feel less than or to make yourself feel better, you're boasting. Have you ever made exaggerated claims about yourself to make someone else feel bad or make yourself feel better?

**Think about this:** Boasting or bragging is a bad thing to do. Not only does it make people look at you in a different light, it goes against being Christ-like. Jesus didn't go around boasting about Himself. He let His works speak for itself. We can learn a lesson from this and avoid bragging. We should instead focus on being humble and grateful for what God has done for us. We should also strive to be more like Jesus by letting our actions speak louder than our words.

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### Lesson 6 – God Blessed Abraham

Do you look to God for strength when facing your daily challenges? (Taken from page 27)

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We all go through challenges in life. Who do you turn to when facing those challenges? Do you turn to friends, family, or a close relative? Those are great, but we should also get in the habit of turning to Jesus in difficult times. Jesus can provide comfort and peace during our struggles. He understands our pain and can offer us words of encouragement. Ultimately, He is the best source of help and comfort when life gets tough.

**Think about this:** How can God give us strength during our challenges? In today's lesson Abraham had great faith in God and God never let him down. The Bible says God will never leave us nor forsake us. The Bible says the Lord is the Prince of Peace and has peace that surpasses all understanding. When we truly have a relationship with Him, God will always be with us giving us the strength to take on our challenges. He will provide us with the peace and strength to persevere and overcome. He will guide us through every difficulty we face.

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### Lesson 7 – Christ Sets Us Right with God

How has having hope in God's love helped you navigate tough times or challenges? (Taken from page 31)

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Having hope in God's love can give you the strength to keep going even when life gets difficult. It can help you to remember that you are never alone, and that God is always with you, no matter what. It can also give you a sense of purpose and direction, which can enable you to stay focused on your goals and never give up.

**Think about this:** Having hope in God's love will give you the courage to face life's difficulties. It will also give you the strength to persevere when things seem overwhelming. It will also give you the assurance that you are never alone and that He will always be there for you. This hope will be a source of comfort and peace for you in times of distress. It will also give you the courage to take risks and try new things. Finally, it will inspire you to trust in God's love.

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### Lesson 8 – Confessing Our Faith

Who are you comfortable ministering to? And how can you expand that demographic? (Taken from page 35)

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Are you embarrassed to talk about Jesus to your friends at school, but have no problem talking about Him to your friends at church? Why is that? Why is it so easy to minister and be a witness for Christ around certain people but not around others? This may be because your friends at church are more open to discussing faith, while your friends at school may not be. It could also be because you are more comfortable discussing faith with people who are like you. Lastly, it could be due to the fear of judgment or rejection from your peers.

**Think about this:** We should never be afraid to talk about the Lord. Luke 9:26 says, “Whoever is ashamed of me and my words, the Son of Man will be ashamed of them when he comes in his glory and in the glory of the Father and of the holy angels.” We should take a stance of courage and confidence when discussing the Lord and His teachings. We should never be ashamed of our faith or afraid to talk about it. We should strive to be a light in the darkness and make Him proud.



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### Lesson 9 – Hope in Good Times and Bad

Do you trust that your faithfulness in Christ is directly related to ultimate hope in the face of hardship? (Taken from page 39)

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In times of difficulty, it is important to remember the words of Jesus Christ, who promised that if we trust in Him, He will always be with us. This gives us hope that no matter how difficult our circumstances may be, God will never leave us or forsake us.

**Think about this:** We can rely on God's strength and courage to face any challenge. He will never give us more than we can handle, and He will never leave us alone. When life gets too hard, just remember to trust in Him. And finally, we can know and understand that faithfulness in Christ will be our rock and our redeemer. He will be our source of comfort, strength, and courage.

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### Lesson 10 – God-Inspired Boldness

What practices can you implement to help you be bolder in your faith?  
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In today's lesson Paul writes letters to the church of Corinth guiding them and offering them wisdom. Paul wants the reader to feel emboldened by the hope that comes from our faith in Jesus. We can be bold in our faith by reading and studying the Bible, praying regularly, and attending church.

**Think about this:** Talking to other believers and engaging in meaningful conversations can help you gain courage and confidence. Finally, acting in line with your faith can also help you become bolder in your faith.

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### Lesson 11 – Sharing Hope with Others

Have you ever felt called to show compassion to someone who is different than you? (Taken from page 46)

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What does the word compassion mean to you? We see Jesus showing compassion to people in the Bible all the time. There were so many people who were different than Him, but He never shunned them or disrespected them. He always showed them love and welcomed them with open arms. Is that difficult for you to do? Why or why not?

**Think about this:** There are many different ways we can show compassion to others. We can sit with them in the cafeteria at lunch, we can say hi to them passing them in the hallways, invite them to church or Sunday school, and sometimes a simple hello can go a long way. We can also show compassion through actions such as offering them help or advice, or simply being a friend. We can also show compassion by listening to others, understanding their feelings, and being a source of comfort and support.

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### Lesson 12 – A Promise We Can Count On

How do you actively seek and maintain hope in your faith journey? (Taken from page 50)

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Hope can be cultivated through prayer, reading the Bible, and talking to God. Additionally, engaging in conversations with people of faith and attending church or other spiritual gatherings can help to create a sense of hope. Also, setting small goals can help to create a sense of anticipation and excitement for the future.

**Think about this:** Do you have an agenda planner for school where you keep track of assignments? Try keeping a prayer journal or a worry journal. Write down things that worry you, and pray over them. Once you've prayed, turn the page, and don't think about it again because you've prayed over it and given it to God. This can be a tool to help you on your faith journey.

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### Lesson 13 – Loved into a Bold Hope

Reflect for a moment on your personal relationship with God. (Taken from page 54)

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With any relationship (friendship, spiritual or romantic), without communication it won't grow. And without growth, it can become stale, and once it becomes stale it's almost like you don't know the person anymore. The more that happens, the more the distant the two of you grow until it feels awkward. Which is why it is important to never let your relationship with God lack communication. Always talk to God. He loves to hear from you.

**Think about this:** Consider how you have grown and changed since you first came to know Him. Reflect on the ways in which He has blessed you and how you have been a light to others. Acknowledge how He has been faithful and loyal in your life.