

4Ws for Week 44, 29 Oct – 4 Nov 2018

WELCOME (15minutes)

Choose one of the following icebreakers:

(If you have first-time guests, begin with a round of introduction and warmly welcome the new visitors.)

1. **Face-to-face**

Form two groups. Each group sits with their backs to one another. At the count of 3, the first member of each group will stand up and face each other. The standing member of Group A will describe the standing member of Group B. The remaining Group A members will guess the name of the Group B member who is standing. Then the standing member of Group B will describe the standing member of Group A for group B to guess who this member is. This is repeated for the other members of the groups. The group with the most number of correct guesses is the winner.

2. **Where do you stand?**

Everyone stands in a straight line in the centre of the room. The facilitator will read a few phrases and members will move to the right for “Yes/Likes”, and to the left side for “No/Dislikes”. Sample phrases are:

- reading
- play badminton
- winter / cold temperature
- rock music
- chocolate
- durian
- strawberry
- rather be short (<150mm) than tall (>190mm)
- rather be rich than pretty/handsome
- rather wake up early than sleep late

Other than hobbies, food and lifestyles, leader can also ask deeper questions as well — use your imagination and have fun!

Transition to Worship:

There are many things about us that others do not know of, until revealed to them. But we praise You that You know everything about us, not only what are our likes and dislikes, but also our deepest thoughts and the secret things in our lives. We praise You for being the all-knowing God. Now as we come before You, we want to let our praise for You ring out loud.

WORSHIP (20 minutes)

You may use the following suggested worship songs:

- 1) Let the Praises Ring (E)
- 2) Forever Reign (E)
- 3) Great Are You Lord (D)
- 4) Worthy of It All (E)

Do give some time to wait upon the Lord for the ministry of the Holy Spirit. Encourage the release of the gifts of the Holy Spirit - words, visions, tongues and interpretation of tongues - to minister to the people who are present.

Transition to Word:

Lord, You are indeed worthy of it all; You are worthy not only to be praised but also to be obeyed. As we interact with your Scriptures, may Your Spirit lead us into obedience of Your Word. In Jesus' Name. Amen.

WORD (45minutes)

Memory verse of the week: 2 Chronicles 6:4 New International Version - UK (NIVUK)

⁴Then he said: 'Praise be to the LORD, the God of Israel, who with his hands has fulfilled what he promised with his mouth to my father David.

Sermon Title: His Story
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Introduction

Every believer is called to tell God's Story. God's Story is one which gives assurance of eternal security to every child of God. This Story can be told by every believer because

A) Our lives tell His Story.

B) His Story is our Hope.

Because His Story is our Hope, we can then share it with faith and confidence.

Discovery and Understanding Questions:

Q1. In what ways do our lives tell His Story?

Hebrews 12:2 (NKJV)

looking unto Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith...

Ephesians 2:10 (NKJV)

10 For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand that we should walk in them.

Jeremiah 29:11 (NIVUK)

11 For I know the plans I have for you,' declares the Lord, 'plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.

A1. God is the one who works faith in us and He perfects it in our lives. He created us to do His good works and works in our lives so that the things that happen in our lives become the foundation for testimonies of what He has done in our lives, and these experiences of our lives contribute to us telling His Story.

Q2. What is the assurance we have, as we seek to tell His Story and use our lives to tell His Story?

Philippians 1:6 (NIVUK)

6 being confident of this, that he who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus.

Romans 8:28 (NIVUK)

28 And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose.

A2. God is working in our lives so that the stories of our lives will contribute to His Story.

Application Questions:

Q1. Ponder over your life. Think of a few stories of your life that can be used to tell His Story. [Remember everyone has a story to tell.] Some of these stories can be used for the testimonies for your coming Christmas Harvest Party.

Q2. “You don’t have to write your own story. You just need to right it.” What are the areas of your life that need to be “righted” so that you can more effectively tell His Story?

Family Altar Time (F.A.T.)

(Cell Leader: Encourage your members to be faithful in keeping the weekly F.A.T. and refer them to this segment of the 4Ws for suggestions for their F.A.T. A possible time for the F.A.T. is after a meal together, say during the weekend.)

Use the second icebreaker in the WELCOME segment above or any other icebreaker as you deem to be appropriate, and select worship songs that are meaningful to your family. If they are old enough, ask your children to select the songs and lead worship, and take this opportunity to teach them skills in waiting on God, praying, and leading with a servant’s heart and as a willing vessel for God.

After worship, you may wish to:

1. Discuss last Sunday’s Family Bible Study in the Living Life journal, or
2. Review your children’s take-home materials from GKidz, or
3. Review and discuss this week’s memory verse, or
4. Familiarize yourself with the **Introduction** and the **Discovery and Understanding Questions** of the **WORD** segment above before you lead in the following discussion.

Ask everyone to read aloud together Hebrews 12:1-2 and Acts 1:8.

Hebrews 12:2 tells us that Jesus is the “author” of our faith. In Acts 1:8, Jesus commanded His disciples to be His witnesses. We too are to be His witnesses. As His witnesses, we tell others about Jesus’ story which He has been writing in our lives. We testify about what we have experienced of Jesus, of His reality, His love, His power, His wisdom, His works...etc. in our lives.

Question: What are a few key highlights of Jesus’ story that He has written in your life?

[Share your own story first. Then let your family members share. If they have problems in remembering prompt them on how they came to believe in Jesus and what difference it has made to their lives, or some noteworthy answered prayers or encounters with God.]

Question: Why is it important to share your story of what Jesus has done in and to your life with others?

[Doing so will glorify God and give hope and stir faith in others and even lead them to Jesus. Explain the impact of the Samaritan woman’s testimony on her fellow Samaritans in John 4:39-41 and share any similar impact/outcomes you have witnessed as you shared your own testimony to others.]

Question: Who can you share some highlights of your story with? When will there be an opportunity to share your story with them?

[Record down these names and possible opportunities for prayer later.]

Discuss the possibility of organising a Christmas party for them (those mentioned in the last question) or for your relatives or neighbours or your children's classmates, as a platform for sharing your stories or for inviting to FCBC's Christmas services. End by praying for the ones mentioned in the last question and for opportunities to share your stories with them and for any Christmas party plans you may have.

Transition to Works:

All of us have a story to tell. The coming Christmas harvest party will be the occasion for us to invite our friends so they can hear His story, and our stories. List 3 persons you want to invite to your Christmas party and start praying for them from now on in your private devotion times and in the CG gatherings.

WORKS (15minutes)

1. 3x3 Prayer

Ask the Holy Spirit to reveal the strongholds that bind the people. Ask Him to set divine appointments for us to minister His power over them (words of knowledge, healing, helps, etc.). Pray for one another for boldness, courage and obedience to follow through.

2. Inviting Friends to our Services

Continue to encourage one another to invite pre-believing friends to our weekend Services. Make time to listen to 'The Voice of God' for prophetic utterances that speak to our pre-believing friends' circumstances as a prelude to inviting them. In addition, take some time to discuss, plan an activity and pray toward achieving the goal you have set as a cell.

3. Consolidation of New Converts

Consolidate those who have accepted Christ - contact them via phone calls; meet up with them over a meal; make house visits; introduce them to members of the cell and invite them to fellowship with the faith community during cell meetings and celebration Services. Make them feel belonged.

Introduce them to **LifeClass**. **LifeClass** is an exciting package of equipping that guides new believers through the foundations of their faith and leads them into a life-transforming encounter with Jesus. It does this through nine weeks of personal study, combined with fun and interactive classroom sessions of Bible teaching and an Encounter Weekend. It replaces the former Pre-Encounter Class, Encounter Weekend and Post Encounter. Please check out the Equipping page at our website or Mobile App. Visit <https://fcbc.org.sg/equipping/event-listing> for more details.

4. Christmas Harvest Party

Start thinking and planning for the party – day/date, time, venue, tentative programme and activities you want to include, etc. You can find the Christmas Harvest Manual at this link - https://www.fcbc.org.sg/sites/default/files/christmas_party_2018_manual_english.pdf

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