

## 4Ws for Week 50, 11-17 Dec 2023

### WELCOME (15 minutes)

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

Suggested icebreakers:

#### 1. Bible Quiz on Faith (Online)

[https://youtu.be/00GDm\\_f0GD0?si=hUpMmq9CV\\_sJa6km](https://youtu.be/00GDm_f0GD0?si=hUpMmq9CV_sJa6km)

Get a score card to keep record who get the correct answers. Click the link and play the quiz.

#### 2. "Name That Carol"

Create a list of lyrics from various Christmas carols, offering only 3-4 words from each song. Members who successfully name all or most of the songs within a specified time win.

Some examples:

- 1) 'Tis the season to be jolly, Fa la la la la la la la! (Deck the halls).
- 2) Let ev'ry heart prepare him room. And heaven and nature sing (Joy to the World).
- 3) Let your heart be light. From now on our troubles will be out of sight (Have Yourself a Merry Little Christmas).
- 4) Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel; Born is the King of Israel (The First Noel).
- 5) On a one-horse open sleigh O'er the fields we go, Laughing all the way (Jingle Bells)
- 6) Fall on your knees Oh hear the angel voices Oh night divine Oh night when Christ was born (O Holy Night)
- 7) Holy infant so tender and mild; Sleep in heavenly peace (Silent Night).
- 8) Peace on earth, and mercy mild, God and sinners reconciled (Hark the Herald Angels Sing).
- 9) Good tidings to you, and all of your kin. Good tidings for Christmas, And a Happy New Year. (We Wish You a Merry Christmas).
- 10) It's the most wonderful time of the year. With the kids jingle belling and everyone telling you "Be of good cheer" (It's the most wonderful time of the year).

### WORSHIP (20 minutes)

*(Encourage members to allow the Holy Spirit to minister through them by sharing words, visions, tongues and interpretations of tongues.)*

**Suggested worship songs:**

- 1) Forever - Chris Tomlin
- 2) I Stand In Awe - Hillsong

### WORD (45 minutes)

**Preacher:** SP Daniel Khong

**Scripture Passage:** 1 Corinthians 13:13 and Matthew 1:18-25

**Sermon Title:** The Gift of Faith

#### Introduction

Regardless of belief, we live daily by faith—placing trust in objects or someone. Stepping into an elevator, our confidence is in its safety, often affirmed by a certificate displayed inside that states 'Certified Checked by Company XXX'. Boarding an airplane or coach, our lives rely on trust in the hiring company and the assigned pilot or driver. In essence, our entire lives are governed by faith. For believers, the object of our faith is God.

There are 2 reasons why God is the object of our faith:

1. God Doesn't Forget His Promises
2. God Delivers On His Promises

### **Discovery and Understanding Questions:**

**Q1. How does the story of the miraculous birth of Jesus demonstrate that God should be the object of our faith?**

**A1.** Jesus' miraculous birth in Matthew 1:18-25, fulfilled prophecies from Isaiah 7:14 (700 years prior) and Genesis 3:15 (over 2,000 years before Christ). This highlights that our faith should be placed in God, as He not only remembers promises faithfully but also consistently fulfills and delivers what He promised.

**Q2. What does Hebrews 11:13 mean when it says the heroes of faith died without seeing the promise? Wasn't their faith in vain?**

**A2.** Hebrews 11:13 explains that the heroes of faith died still holding onto their faith, even though they didn't see the promised things; they welcomed them from a distance. Essentially, they maintained their faith until death because they envisioned the promise's future fulfilment. This suggests that the realization of some of God's promises might extend beyond our lifetime, reaching future generations. Therefore, we should not be disheartened and give up on our faith. Instead, we should live and die in faith, trusting that God's promises will be fulfilled, even if we don't witness them though in our lifetime.

### **Application Questions**

*Break into smaller groups, share, pray and minister to one another.*

**Q1. Share your faith experience about how God made you wait for an answered prayer.**

**Q2. Share the unfulfilled prayers that uphold your faith in God's promises.**

### **WORKS (15 minutes)**

Focus on *edification, equipping and evangelism*.

1. **Build on the momentum of COL** - continue to pray for your pre-believing friends and family; connect with them with the view to inviting them to your CG/services and your CG Christmas Celebrations.
2. **Invite to your cell group** those who raised their hands during the salvation altar call. Encourage them to fill in the econsol form ([fcbc.org.sg/connectwithus](http://fcbc.org.sg/connectwithus); [fcbc.org.sg/zh/connectwithus](http://fcbc.org.sg/zh/connectwithus)).
3. **Check in with those who did not respond** during the altar call. Continue to invite them to our other outreach programmes.
4. **Use the remaining two weeks of GKidz outreach programmes** to invite pre-believing families with children

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