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SERIES: FAMOUS LAST WORDS

The Famous Last Words of Paul

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Props: Create a banner saying "FAMOUS LAST WORDS" and hang it in the room. Cut out large talk bubbles with the words "Blessed," "Forgiven," "Fight," and "It is finished" and place them around the banner.

Slide: Welcome

(Start kid's countdown once all classes are present.)

Hey kids! Welcome to Kid's Church. I'm so glad you could be here today.

Slide: Series Intro

We're continuing in our series called Famous Last Words! We're talking about some awesome people from the Bible and the last things they said before they went to Heaven. First we talked about Moses. What kind of life did Moses have? (allow kids to answer) Right, a rollercoaster life, which means he had some good AND bad stuff happen to him. In fact, there was a lot of bad. But how did Moses respond? (allow kids to answer) You got it, he was positive. We can choose to be positive, too, even when we feel like complaining or pouting. Last week we talked about Stephen. What happened to Stephen? (allow kids to answer) Right, he was killed for preaching about Jesus. Instead of yelling out mean things to his attackers, what did he do instead? (allow kids to answer) You got it, he asked God to forgive them! We can be like Stephen and choose to forgive others, too, even when it hurts.

Today we're going to talk about another awesome person from the Bible. His name is Paul. Some of you may have heard of Paul because he wrote a bunch of letters in the New Testament of the Bible. In fact, his last words were written in a letter to a young guy named Timothy and they are some pretty encouraging words!

We'll talk about that more in a few minutes. But first, let's stand and sing.

Song

Live It Out

Good job! I think God loves hearing all your voices praising him! Now let's say our Big Idea together.

Slide: Big Idea

All together:

Be ready to fight for your faith. (Repeat)

Video

Play lesson video.

Slide: Recap

So, what did we learn from the video today? Let's review...

- We should keep our eyes on _____ (Jesus).
- Who fights alongside us? (God fights for you)
- True or False: We don't need anyone to help us. (F)

That is definitely false! In fact, Paul tells us that we should find a "band of brothers" that can help us fight for our faith. Paul had people in his life who helped him fight through the tough times he faced and he told Timothy to do the same thing. Your friends, parents, and teachers can all help you keep your eyes on the end goal: living for Jesus and looking forward to heaven.

And they aren't the only ones helping you, God is too! When your friends make fun of you for following Jesus, remember that God is with you and can help you do anything. You are not alone! He will help you to stay strong and keep fighting for your faith.

That reminds me of our memory verse. Let's all stand and say it together.

Slide: Memory Verse

"Fight (right fist up) the good fight (left fist up) of faith (prayer hands). Take hold (clasp hands) of the eternal life (point up) to which you were called (hand cup mouth)..." 1 Timothy 6:12
(Repeat)

When Paul says fight, he doesn't mean a fist fight. He means that we should stay strong in what we know about Jesus and how we live for Jesus. When Paul says to take hold of the eternal life to which you were called, he means to live with the confidence that we will get to live in heaven some day. So, whenever being a Christian gets hard, remember that God is with you and can help you do anything. Keep fighting!

Now let's all stand and sing one last song together.

Song

We Won't Be Quiet

Okay, let's all say the Big Idea together one last time!

Slide: Big Idea

Be ready to fight for your faith. (Repeat)

Slide: Let's Pray

Pray and dismiss.