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Title: Zip Line

Theme: Trust a zip line and have a fun ride; trust in Jesus and have eternal life.

Object: Video taken from longest run on Camp Winnekeag’s zip line.

Text: Hebrews 11:6 (NIV) 6 And without faith it is impossible to please God.

That means faith must be really important, right?

So what is faith? What does it mean to have faith in God?

To have faith in God means that we trust in Him.

That’s the motto of our country “In God we trust.”

It’s stamped on all our coins!

So when we have faith in God, we trust in God: we believe that He is the God described in the Bible.

We went to Camp Winnekeag last week!

How many had a good time at Camp Winnekeag? (What did you like about Camp Winnekeag?)

One of my favorite activities at Camp Winnekeag is the zip line.

A zip line is a cable made out of wires and is very strong. {Show size.]

These cables are strung between trees on the campground and you can ride the cable from one tree to another.

It’s really fun! Would you like to see a video of me riding the zip line? [Show video.]

Now to get on the zip line, you have to first put on a harness.

The harness has a loop that attaches to your trolley, and the trolley has wheels in it that ride on the cable.

You also have a Smart Snap that is always attached either to the cable or to the tree so there is no danger that you will fall off and get killed.

When you get all your equipment on, you climb up this big tall ladder to a platform on a giant pine tree about 50 feet in the air.

Now you have to jump off that platform and zip along the cable to another tree on the other side of the parking lot.

To jump off that platform, you need faith.

You need to trust in your equipment.

You need to trust that the cable will not break and that it will not come off the tree.

You need to trust that your harness will not break and that you’ll stay attached to your trolley and your Smart Snap.

If you trust your equipment, you can jump off the platform, yell Geronimo!, and have a fun ride.

If you don’t trust your equipment, you’re going to be afraid to jump off the platform.

God wants us to have faith in Him and trust in Him.

That’s why He has given us the Bible.

The Bible tells us how great God is: He created this universe, He sent Jesus to die for our sins, and He wants us to be in heaven with Him forever.

Let’s trust the equipment [hold up Bible] that God has given us!

When we believe the Bible and everything it tells us about God, we will not be afraid to jump off the platform.

We are not too heavy for Jesus.

He will carry us safely to our heavenly home.

 How many want to have faith in God today?