



An adventure in trust

WEEK ONE – SEPTEMBER 2019

Bible Story: *Dream On* • Genesis 28:10–22; Genesis 25:19–34; 27

Bottom Line: *You can trust God no matter what.*

Memory Verse: “Trust in the Lord with all your heart. Do not depend on your own understanding.” – Proverbs 3:5 (NirV)

Life App: *Trust—Putting your confidence in someone you can depend on.*

Basic Truth: *I can trust God no matter what.*

Summary: We start the month with Jacob. We find his story through various passages in Genesis 25, 27, and 28. Jacob might have wondered how God felt about him after swindling his brother’s birthright and blessing out from under him. But in a dream, God reminded Jacob that He loved Jacob and could be trusted. God renewed the covenant that he started with Jacob’s grandfather Abraham. God always keeps his promises.

Bottom Line: *You can trust God no matter what. From being powerful enough to create the universe to being personal enough to love each one of us through Jesus, God has proved that He can be trusted in any and every circumstance. We pray that kids will discover they can trust God with whatever they face in their own life.*

9:00-9:10 | 10:30-10:40 - KIDS ARRIVE

Team Welcomes Kids *(Providing Time for Fun Interactions)*

"Je-sus loves me.

2 lap pats – 2 claps

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Jesus loves [child’s name]"

shout out the name

1. You Know It (Early Arriver Idea)

Move: an activity that increases the oxygen in the brain and taps into the energy in the body

What You Need: N/A

What You Do:

- Welcome kids and spend time engaging in conversation and asking about their past week
- Invite kids to place their offerings in the *For Everyone* box on the wall near the main entrance
- Lead kids in a series of “If you’re happy and you know it” variations.
 - If you’re happy and you know it, clap your hands.
 - If you’re sad and you know it, make a frown.
 - If you’re angry and you know it, stamp your feet.
 - If you’re confused and you know it, shrug your shoulders.
 - If you’re silly and you know it, wiggle, wiggle.
 - (Slower) If you’re tired and you know it, yawn and stretch.
 - (Even more slowly) If you’re peaceful and you know it, breathe in (deep breath in), breathe out (exhale)
- If time allows, invite kids to take turns stating how they feel today and coming up with an action to match.

What You Say:

[Transition] “Let’s go to Large Group, where we’ll hear about something we can do no matter how we feel!”

Lead your group to the Large Group area.

9:10-9:35 | 10:40-11:05 - LARGE GROUP

*Bible Story – INTRO, Story, OUTRO Videos (whatever works best for your few)
Worship SONGS*

9:35-10:05 | 11:05-11:35 - SMALL GROUP

GROUPS

(Creating a Safe Place to Connect)

2. Trust

[Application Activity]

Create: an activity that explores spiritual ideas through the process of drawing, building, and designing

What You Need: Prepared art paper; markers/crayons

What You Do:

- Briefly review Jacob’s dream and the elements of God’s promise:
 - I will give you and your children the land you are lying on. They will be like the dust of the earth that can’t be counted.
 - All nations on earth will be blessed because of you.
 - I am with you. I will watch over you everywhere you go.
 - I will bring you back to this land.

- Unpack the truth that Jacob trusted God’s promise.
- Set out the ladder and markers and encourage kids to draw or write times they can trust God.
 - It might be when they go to school, when they ride the bus, when they’re in their room alone at night, when there’s a thunderstorm, when their brother or sister is being mean to them, or when their mom and dad are fighting.
 - **[Make It Personal] (Draw a child-appropriate time that YOU can trust God, too.)**
 - *NOTE: Be sensitive to difficult or challenging situations kids might draw. If a child portrays anything of concern, calmly ask if they would like to talk more. Don’t hesitate to enlist the help of a church staff member if warranted.*

What You Say:

*“Jacob learned that the One he could always trust was the same One who had promised to make his grandfather Abraham into a great nation. The same One who created the world and EVERYTHING in it. Who did Jacob learn that he could trust? (Pause.) Yes, God! [Bottom Line] **You can trust God no matter what, too.** You can trust God when (name some times the kids wrote or drew). So remember: [Bottom Line] **You can trust God no matter what.**”*

3. Pray and Dismiss

[Prayer Activity]

Reflect: an activity that creates space for personal understanding and application

What You Need: The ladder from the “Trust” activity

What You Do:

- Guide kids to gather around the ladder.
- Lead kids to pray silently, asking God to help them trust Him during the times they drew.
- Close using the conversation below as a guide.

What You Say:

“No matter what, you can ALWAYS trust God. So what are some things you can do to show God that you trust Him? (do what He says, believe His promises, love Him) You know, the things you do to trust God are like the steps on a ladder. The more you trust God, the closer you feel to Him—kind of like climbing a ladder. Let’s pray.

(Lead kids in silent prayer.)

“Dear God, You are good. You are faithful. You are loving. You are kind. And You always, always, always keep your promises. Thank You that we can trust You no matter what. We love You, Lord. Amen.”

As adults arrive to pick up, encourage kids to tell their parent today’s Bottom Line: [Bottom Line] You can trust God no matter what. Also, don’t forget to hand out this month’s content overview to each parent!