



WEEK
ONE
SEPTEMBER 2022

SMALL GROUP
K-3

PRELUDE

SOCIAL

STORY

WORSHIP

GROUPS

HOME

PROVIDING TIME FOR FUN INTERACTION
15 MINUTES

MADE TO CONNECT

an activity that invites kids to share and collaborate with others while growing their understanding



Before kids arrive, take a few moments to pray for them. Ask God to be with those who are in periods of waiting, whether it be for a parent to find a new job, news about a family member, or just for things to get better with friends at school. Thank God for being a God we can trust at all times and especially while we're waiting. Pray that your few would grow in their patient trust of God.

TODAY'S BIBLE STORY

Unforgetful You

Abraham and Isaac
Genesis 15:1-6; 18:1-15; 21:1-7

EARLY ARRIVER

WHAT YOU NEED: Offering container, twisting balloons, and balloon pump, (optional) smartphone or tablet

WHAT YOU DO:

- Greet kids by name as they arrive.
- Invite kids who brought an offering to put it in the offering container.
- If this is your first week with a new group of kids or you're new in your role, take some time to chat with the kids individually and as a group.
- Ask questions to get to know them better.
 - What's your favorite food?
 - What's your favorite sport?
 - What's your favorite school lunch?
 - Who is your favorite YouTuber?
- Set out the long balloons and pumps.
- Invite the kids to pump up some balloons and try their hand at balloon animal-making.
- As an option, watch a YouTube™ tutorial on a phone or tablet to see how to make a particular balloon animal.

TODAY'S BOTTOM LINE

Trust God even when you have to wait.

MONTHLY MEMORY VERSE

"Trust in the Lord with all your heart. Do not depend on your own understanding."
Proverbs 3:5, NIV

MONTHLY VIRTUE

Trust—Putting your confidence in someone you can depend on

BASIC TRUTH

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25 MINUTES

MADE TO IMAGINE

an activity that promotes empathy and facilitates concrete application through role-play and reenactment



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[TALK ABOUT GOD | BIBLE STORY REVIEW]

WHAT YOU NEED: "Well, Well, Well" Activity Page

WHAT YOU DO:

- Read the summary of today's Bible story on the "Well, Well, Well" Activity Page, inviting kids to do the actions

described in parentheses.

WHAT YOU SAY:

"Trusting God shows up in a lot of different ways. Sometimes, it means keeping peace by letting others have their way, even when it doesn't seem fair. When Isaac trusted God and didn't put up a fight over the wells, he did something that wasn't easy to do—and not just one time, but over and over and over again. He chose peace and walked away from a fight. We all know how hard that can be—especially when we really want our way.

"Trust can show up in other ways, too, like when you try really hard at soccer or playing the piano, but you always seem to make a mistake. You can trust God that all your hard work matters, and God will help you stick with it. Or maybe your family has to move, and you're nervous about your new school and whether you'll find new friends. You can show trust by remembering that you are loved by God and you will be okay, even if it takes a while to find new friends. Ask God to help you not fight to get your way or worry about hard things. There are a lot of reasons why you can trust God. One of the best is because God sent Jesus to give His life for you and me. Putting your faith in Jesus shows that you believe you can **trust God no matter what.**"

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Liquid

Isaac's Wells
Genesis 26:1-22, 26-31

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



BALANCING ACT

[HEAR FROM GOD | MEMORY VERSE ACTIVITY]

WHAT YOU NEED: Bibles and balloon

WHAT YOU DO:

- Make sure each kid has a Bible.
- Together, look up Proverbs 3:5 and read it out loud,

using the navigation tips below.

Finding verses with 2nd and 3rd graders: Guide kids to open their Bibles to the front and find the table of contents. (Hold up a Bible opened to the table of contents to show the kids what the page looks like.) When the kids find the table of contents, lead them to find "Proverbs" in the list under "Old Testament." When the kids find Proverbs, lead them to look at the page number beside the word. Explain that the number tells them on what page they can find Proverbs. Help the kids find the page. When they find Proverbs, explain that the big numbers on the page are the chapter numbers. Help them find chapter 3. Explain that the small numbers are verse numbers. Help them find verse 5 in chapter 3.

- Instruct the kids to stand in a circle.
- Direct the kids to keep two to three feet apart from the kids next to them.
- Give one of the kids a balloon.
- Direct the kid with the balloon to gently toss the balloon in the air, say the first word of the memory verse (Trust), and tap the balloon to the kid on their right who then says next word in the verse.
- Instruct the kids to continue to tap the balloon to the right until the verse is recited.
- If the balloon falls on the floor, direct the kids to start over.
- Introduce a different sequence with each new game, like:
 - tossing it to the left
 - tossing it to every other kid
 - tossing it someone random

WHAT YOU SAY:

"There are so many reasons to trust God with all your heart. One of the best reasons is that God sent Jesus to give His life for you and me. In this verse, King Solomon assured us that it is wise to trust God over relying on our own understanding. Putting your faith in Jesus shows that you trust God. This means trusting God all the time, in all our situations, and in all areas of our lives. You can trust God when life doesn't seem to make sense. You can trust God when you feel all alone. You can trust God to always be with you. You can **trust God no matter what.**"

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an activity that creates space
for personal processing
and application



PRAY AND DISMISS [PRAY TO GOD | PRAYER ACTIVITY]

WHAT YOU NEED: Hula hoops

WHAT YOU DO:

- Sit in a circle and place the hula hoop in the middle.
- Invite kids to take turns standing in the hoop as you lead the group in the following prayer.
- If you have kids who are willing to pray aloud, encourage them to lead the others in this simple prayer.

WHAT YOU SAY:

"Dear God, help [kid's name] to **trust God no matter what.**"

As adults arrive to pick up, prompt kids to high-five a friend or friends and say, "Trust God no matter what!"

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