



WEEK
TWO
SEPTEMBER 2022

SMALL GROUP
PRETEEN

PRELUDE

SOCIAL

STORY

WORSHIP

GROUPS

HOME

CREATING A SAFE PLACE TO CONNECT
25 MINUTES

MADE TO CONNECT

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



DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

[TALK ABOUT GOD | BIBLE STORY REVIEW]

WHAT YOU NEED: No supplies needed

WHAT YOU DO:

Ask:

- How can doing the right thing, especially when it is hard, be a way we can show others we trust God?
- When we have been treated unfairly or unkindly, does getting even show we trust God? Why or why not?
- Even when things don't go your way, why can you still put our confidence in God and depend on Him?
- How can believing Jesus as your Savior show you trust God?
- Is there something that isn't going your way right now and you need to trust God with it?

TODAY'S BIBLE STORY

Liquid

Isaac's Wells

Genesis 26:1-22; 26-31

TODAY'S KEY QUESTION

How do you react when things don't go your way?

TODAY'S BOTTOM LINE

Trust God no matter what.

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

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an activity that encourages learning through following guidelines and/or working as a group



VERSE TO TAKE WITH YOU

[HEAR FROM GOD | MEMORY VERSE ACTIVITY]

WHAT YOU NEED: Craft sticks, rubber bands, buckets, ping pong balls, spoons, "Catapult Diagram" Activity Page, three sets of "Reference Cards," pencils, Bibles

WHAT YOU DO:

- Guide kids as they make a popsicle stick catapult.
- Let the kids do as much of the craft themselves as they can.
- Use the "Catapult Diagram" Activity Page for a visual reference.
 - Stack seven craft sticks together and tie a rubber band around each end to hold them together.
 - Stack two craft sticks and place a rubber band at one end to hold them together.
 - Place a spoon on top of the two craft sticks and use a rubber band to tie the spoon to the top craft stick.
 - Pull the two craft sticks slightly apart and slide the stack of seven craft sticks between the two craft sticks.
 - The stack of seven craft sticks and the two craft sticks should form a "t."
- While kids are working on their catapults, set up a row of three buckets.
- Place a set of "Reference Cards" in each bucket, making sure each bucket has the same verse reference.
- Give each kid a ping pong ball.
- Challenge kids to use their new catapult to launch their ping pong ball into the buckets.
- When their ball lands in a bucket, they can retrieve a card from that bucket.
- After each kid has collected at least one "Reference Card," gather them together.
- Hand out Bibles and pencils and ask kids to look up the verses referenced on the cards.
- Encourage kids to write the verse on the back of the corresponding reference card.

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Finding verses with 4th-5th graders: Ask kids to tell you if the book of the Bible they're looking for is in the Old Testament or New Testament. If it's in the Old, instruct kids to flip slowly, starting at the front of the Bible and heading toward the back, until they find the book they're looking for. If it's in the New, instruct kids to start flipping from the back, going forward to find the book they're looking for. Once they find the book, explain that the big numbers on the page are the chapter numbers. First, have them find the chapter they're looking for. Then explain that the small numbers are verse numbers. Tell kids to find the verse within the chapter they've already found.

- Discuss the verses. The verses are listed below with potential discussion questions:



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(VERSE TO TAKE WITH YOU, CONTINUED)

- Proverbs 3:5: Trusting God no matter what takes training. What are some things you can do to train yourself to trust God especially when things don't go the way you expected or the way you want them to go?
- John 3:16: God gave us Jesus so we can have a relationship with God now and forever. Why is this an important truth to remember when building our trust in God?
- Psalm 139:14: God is the creator of everything: the sun, the moon, day and night and you. How does knowing God is the Creator of everything help you to trust, especially when things don't go your way?
- Psalm 139:14: God's works are wonderful. Why is it important to remember what God has done? Can you think of a time things turned out better than you imagined? Does remembering what God has done in the past help you to trust God now?
- Ask: Which verse means the most to you and why?
- Encourage to take their "Reference Cards" home and to pick a verse to memorize this week.



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MADE TO REFLECT

an activity that creates space
for personal processing
and application



MAKE IT PERSONAL WITH PRAYER [PRAY TO GOD | PRAYER ACTIVITY]

WHAT YOU NEED: No supplies needed

WHAT YOU DO:

- Gather kids in a circle.
- Encourage kids to complete the sentence: I can trust

God because (*fill in the blank*). For example:

- I can trust because God is faithful.
 - I can trust because God does what He says He will.
 - I can trust because God knows everything.
- Close in prayer.

WHAT YOU SAY:

"God, we know we can trust You no matter what! We know Your ways are perfect, but there are times we just want things to go our way. God, guide us to do the right thing, to follow Your way. Help us to trust You when things don't go our way. We know You are always with us. Amen!"

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