

Small Talk

JULY 2011

Memory Verse:

"Trust the Lord with all your heart."
Proverbs 3:5, NCV

Key Question:

Can you believe what God says?

Basic Truth:

God loves me.

Bottom Line:

God does what He says He will do.

BIBLE STORY SUMMARIES:

WEEK 1

Genesis 6:8-22; 7:1-24

God tells Noah and his family to build an ark because He is going to destroy the world with water.

WEEK 2

Genesis 8:1-9:17

God keeps His promise to Noah. Noah, his family and the animals on the ark are all saved from the flood. God makes a rainbow as a sign of His promise to never flood the world again.

WEEK 3

Judges 7:1-8

God tells Gideon which men in his army can stay and fight and which ones have to leave. Gideon is left with a very small army.

WEEK 4

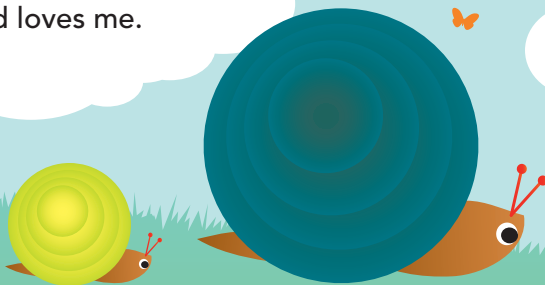
Judges 7:9-22

God helps Gideon win the battle with a small army. Their only weapons are horns, torches and jars.

WEEK 5

2 Kings 5:1-14

Naaman goes to see the prophet Elisha to get his leprosy healed. He has to dip in the water and trust that God will heal him.



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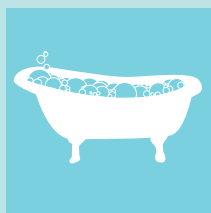
PLAY TIME

Grab as many stuffed animals as you can and take them to your couch. Turn your couch into Noah's ark with a little pretend hammering and sawing. Now it's time to load all of the animals onto the ark. It looks like rain! Climb aboard the ark with your child and watch the rain while you care for all the animals. When the rain stops and the water dries up, you, your child and all of the animals can safely get off the ark and walk on dry land. If you look up, you just might see a rainbow.



CAR TIME

Each time you get out of the car, hold hands and march around the car like Gideon while saying the Bible verse for this month. "Trust the Lord with all your heart," Proverbs 3:5.



BATH TIME

This is the perfect month to put some boats in the tub. As you bathe your child, talk about how Noah's ark floated on the water just like the toy boats float in the bathtub. God used the ark to keep Noah, his family and the animals safe—just like He promised. Tell your child he can believe what God says just like Noah, because God does what He says He will do.



CUDDLE TIME

Cuddle up with your child and pray with him. "God, thank You for always doing what You say You will do. Help us to always believe what You say. And God, thank You for giving me [child's name]. I'm so glad he's mine. Amen."

IMAGINE THE END:

"Trusting the Lord with all his heart—now that is an end worth fighting for. What parent wouldn't feel more peace about sending their child off to middle school, the high school prom or a college dorm knowing that he trusts the Lord with 100 percent of his heart? It may take years before you see the results of your investments, but nothing will be more rewarding than seeing your elementary, teenage and eventually adult child totally trusting in the God that made him and loves him."

MAKE IT PERSONAL:

"I have a question for you. Do you truly believe God does what He says He will do? I mean do you really believe every word God says? Most of us would say yes, but do our daily choices reflect that belief? We have opportunities every day to tell our children that we believe what God says in our finances, marriage, friendships, work ethic—as well as the words we choose to say or not say. Today is a great day to begin living your life as an example to your child that says, I believe that God does what He says He will do."

