

TRUSTING GOD

Memory Verse

Proverbs 3:5-6

Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways acknowledge Him, and He shall direct your path.

Central Thought

I can love God by trusting Him for everything.

Bible Story

Genesis 6-9 Noah Builds An Ark

OBJECT LESSON

What do you trust?

Materials: objects that would support a child's weight safely if leaned, sat, or stood on (i.e., chair, stool, wall, table, etc.); objects that would not support a child's weight if leaned, sat, or stood on (i.e., sheet of paper, twig, yard stick, etc.)

1. Present the sturdiest object to a child.
2. Ask child:
 - Do you trust the object to support you? Why or Why not?
 - If you trust it, will you test it by leaning, sitting, or standing on it?
3. Allow child to test the object.
4. Repeat #1-3, using the more sturdy objects to the flimsier, less trustworthy objects.

We trust a lot of different things. We trust them because we know they won't let us down. Sometimes we put our trust in things even when it doesn't make sense to the people around us.

OPENING GAME

Trust Walk

Materials: objects to hide, blindfold

1. Hide objects in the room
2. Blindfold 1 child and give directions (# of steps to left/right/straight) to find object.
3. Repeat with other children.

Each of you had to trust me to lead you to find each object. God wants us to trust Him to always lead us the right way. Just like you couldn't see where you were going, sometimes we won't be able to see where God is leading us, or it may not make sense, but God wants us to trust Him to always lead us the right way.

MINISTRY OF THE WORD

I. Trusting God

A. When we love someone, we also trust them.

1. Think about someone you love.
2. Do you believe what they say?
3. Do they keep their promises to you?

B. God is the only One that is perfect and will ALWAYS keep His promises.

1. If we can trust the people in our life, we should definitely trust God.
2. We show God that we love Him, when we trust Him.
3. A rainbow is God's sign to us that He will keep all of His promises to us.

C. Ways to Show God We Trust Him:

1. Prayer
 - a. Say "Thank You" BEFORE we receive it.
 - b. Shows God that we trust He will answer our prayers.
2. Obedience
 - a. To parents, teachers, etc.
 - b. Shows God that we trust He will bless us for being obedient.

II. Word Connection

Proverbs 3:5-6

Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways acknowledge Him, and He shall direct your path.

- A. Just as God wants us to love Him with everything we have, He wants us to trust Him the same way.
- B. Even when things do not make sense, He wants us to trust Him. (*Give examples*)
- C. He wants us to trust that He knows what is best for us and He has placed people, i.e., parents, teachers, etc. in our life to lead us in the right direction.

III. Personal Application

A. Choose 2-3 things your parents or teachers ask you to do that you don't like to do.

B. Before you do those 2-3 things, pray:

Dear God, I want to show you that I love you. I trust that by being obedient to my parents and/or teachers that you will bless me. I trust you will help me if it's too hard. I thank you for your help and your blessings. In Jesus Name, Amen.