



Materials Needed:
Bible or Bible App,
Post-It Notes or Paper

	SCRIPTURE	SPECIAL WORDS
	JOSHUA 5:13-6:20 Battle of Jericho	I CAN TRUST (LAY BOTH HANDS ON YOUR HEART) GOD'S WORD (PALMS TOGETHER AND OPEN LIKE A BOOK) IS TRUE (THUMBS UP)
READ THIS	Have you ever heard fairy tales, such as The Three Little Pigs? Are those fairy tales real? Of course not! But do you know what is real? The Bible! The Bible is God's Word, and God's Word is true! This week, you will learn how God's people, the Israelites, trusted in His words and were willing to do whatever He asked them to do. Even when they had to face a huge city with strong walls, they knew they didn't need to be afraid because God would be with them! God told them that He would help them win the battle!	
MEMORIZE THIS	"Be strong (<i>one muscle arm</i>) and courageous. (<i>other muscle arm</i>) Do not be afraid (<i>cross and uncross pointer fingers a couple times</i>) or terrified because of them, (<i>hide your face behind your hands</i>) for the Lord your God (<i>point up</i>) goes with you; (<i>march in place</i>) He will never (<i>move hands across body like a referee</i>) leave you nor forsake you." (<i>push both palms straight out like pushing away</i>) Deuteronomy 31:6 (NIV)	
IN ACTION	This week, have a family member read stories from God's Word to you. Reading His Word shows God how much you love Him and want to learn about Him. Your friendship with God will grow and you will learn to trust Him even more! His true words can help comfort us when we feel afraid.	

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MORNING MOMENTS



Read: Joshua 5:13-6:5, Romans 10:17
After the Israelites crossed the Jordan River into the special land God promised, they had to go to battle with the other people already living there! God did not want the Israelites living with people who did not worship Him! The Israelites came to the town of Jericho first, which had strong walls and seemed impossible to defeat! The commander of God's army was sent by God to give Joshua, the Israelite leader, a message. In the message, God gave the Israelites directions for winning the battle! Joshua trusted God's words, and we can too!

CREATIVE CONNECTION



God sent the commander of His army to deliver a special message to Joshua. Did you know that God gives us messages too? The Bible is His message to us! That's why reading the Bible is so important! God wants us to spend time reading His Word, the Bible, every day. Learn and sing, "There Are Promises", with your child (<https://tinyurl.com/therearepromises>). The more we read God's Word the more we grow to trust Him, even when we are afraid.

TABLE TIDBITS



Write some common Bible events on Post-It Notes or paper pieces (For example: Daniel and the Lion's Den, David and Goliath, Jonah and the Whale, etc.). Have each participant choose an event. Then, take turns giving clues about their Bible event without mentioning the character in the story's name. Other participants will try to guess what character is being described. Afterwards, have your child talk about their favorite Bible story.

CUDDLE CLOSE



Pull your child close beside you and say, "Remember, God's Word is true." As you tuck them into bed, sing, "The B-I-B-L-E" <https://tinyurl.com/thebible-yancy>. Then pray together, pausing after each phrase, to let your child repeat after you:
Dear God, Thank You for giving me Your Word, the Bible. Help me to trust in what You say. Thank you for loving me. In Jesus' name, Amen.

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Bible or Bible App

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MORNING MOMENTS

Read: Joshua 1:1-9

God made Joshua the leader over the Israelites after Moses, the leader before him, grew old and died. God promised that He would stay with Joshua no matter what. He promised Joshua success in everything he did, as long as Joshua obeyed the instructions God gave His people! God told Joshua to study and think about the instructions He gave the people every day and every night! God also wants us to keep His Word in our hearts and minds all the time!



CREATIVE CONNECTION

God's Word is true. We want to memorize it so we can have it with us always. Then, when you feel afraid, you can say God's true words out loud and ask God for His peace. Play a game to help you learn this week's verse, Deuteronomy 31:6. Say the verse, phrase by phrase, allowing your child to repeat after you. Have some fun and say the verse again and again using different voices each time. Voice Ideas: Squeaky, Loud, Whisper, Monster, Robot, Goofy, Etc.



TABLE TIDBITS

Have your child choose a favorite meal or snack for you to prepare this week. When you eat your favorite food, do you shove it in your mouth and swallow it really fast? Or do you chew it slowly so you can enjoy how good every bite tastes? As your child enjoys their favorite food, remind them that eating a favorite food is a lot like how we should learn God's Word. We don't want to just read it really fast and forget about it! We want to read it slowly and think about it over and over so that we can remember it!



CUDDLE CLOSE

Pull your child close beside you and say, "Remember, God's Word is true." As you tuck them into bed, sing, "The B-I-B-L-E, That's the Book for Me" <https://tinyurl.com/thebible-yancy>. Then pray together, pausing after each phrase, to let your child repeat after you: *Dear God, Thank You that the Bible is true. Help me to remember Your words. Thank You for giving me the Bible. In Jesus' name, Amen.*

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Bible or Bible App,
Stuffed Animal, Paper

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MORNING MOMENTS

Read: Joshua 1:16-18, Luke 11:28

Joshua reminded the Israelites that God gave them this special land to live in, but they couldn't make it their home until they had defeated the other people living there. The Israelites told Joshua that they would do whatever he told them to do and go wherever he sent them, even when they felt afraid. The Israelites were brave because God promised He would be with them no matter what! God says in His Word, the Bible, that He will always be with us too! When we trust God's Word, we can be brave and do big things too!



CREATIVE CONNECTION

Have your child stand near a wall. Allow your child to decide how far away from the wall they think they can jump, and then place a favorite stuffed animal at that spot. Have your child stand at the wall and leap to their stuffed animal. If they make it, have them move their stuffed animal farther from the wall. Talk about how trusting in God is like being brave and taking a giant leap. Explain that sometimes God asks us to do things that take a bigger leap of faith, than we really think we can make. But we can be brave and trust God's Word!



TABLE TIDBITS

Make a "Bravery Board" with your family. Hang a paper on the wall and write the words Bravery Board on the top. Each time a member in your family shows bravery (such as trying something new or obeying even when it is hard), write their name on a sticky note or strip of paper along with the date and what they did, and tape it to the board. This will remind us that we can be brave because we can trust God's Word.



CUDDLE CLOSE

Pull your child close beside you and say, "Remember, God's Word is true." As you tuck them into bed, sing, "The B-I-B-L-E, That's the Book for Me" <https://tinyurl.com/thebible-yancy>. Then pray together, pausing after each phrase, to let your child repeat after you: *Dear God, Thank You for always being with me. Help me to be brave even when I feel afraid. Thank You for being bigger than my fears! In Jesus' name, Amen.*

Materials Needed:
Bible or Bible App,
Chalk

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MORNING MOMENTS

Read: Ephesians 6:17, Hebrews 4:12, Zephaniah 3:17
Have your child find the following items: an umbrella (or hat), a shoe, and sunglasses. Talk about how each item protects us (an umbrella protects us from rain, shoes protect our feet from stepping on sharp objects, etc.). Did you know that God's Word can protect us too? The Bible is God's Word, and it is true! When we feel afraid, we can remember His promise to be with us no matter what and to help us. We can be brave because God's Word reminds us that He is bigger and more powerful than our fears!



CREATIVE CONNECTION

God's Word is like armor that can protect us when we are afraid. Have your child lay down outside and trace them with chalk! Go through each piece of the armor of God and have them "dress up" their outline with items from around the house! Let them use their imagination and talk through what each item means...belt of truth, breastplate of righteousness, shoes of peace, shield of faith, helmet of salvation, and sword of the spirit! Tell them that just like they dressed up their outline, WE can put on the armor of God each day as well!



TABLE TIDBITS

Gather some snack foods and make an Armor of God snack! Here are some ideas: Triangle-shaped cracker/chip as a helmet, round cracker/cookie as a head, square cracker/food for the breastplate of righteousness, pretzel stick or carrot for the belt of truth, grapes or other oval-shaped snack for the feet, potato chip for the shield, carrot/celery for the sword. Let your child put each part of the armor together and talk about what each one means!



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Materials Needed:
Bible or Bible App, Tape,
Flashlight

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MORNING MOMENTS

Read: Psalm 119:105
Have your child turn a lamp in your house on and off. A lamp makes light so that we can see in the dark! Without lamps, we would trip and fall because we wouldn't be able to see what is in front of us! The Bible says that God's Word is a lamp too. God's Word shows us how we can make good choices that honor God. God's Word also teaches us what we should do when we feel sad, angry, nervous, or afraid. We will often make poor choices if we don't listen to what the Bible, God's Word, tells us to do!



CREATIVE CONNECTION

Create a maze in your house using tape on the floor to mark the pathway. Then turn off the lights in the house. Give your child a flashlight to move through the maze. Talk about how God's Word lights the way when life is darkened by our sins, fears, and uncertainties. God's Word shows us how to stay on the path of doing the right thing.



TABLE TIDBITS

No matter how we feel, we can always turn to God's promises. God promises that He loves us (John 3:16), that He will not leave us (Deut. 31:6), that He will give us peace (Phil. 4:6-7), that He cares about us (1 Peter 5:7), and so much more! Draw a happy face, sad face, angry face, and scared face on a piece of paper. Talk with your child about each feeling and what we can do when we feel that way (Pray, read God's Word, listen to worship music, etc.)



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