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KIDS

ELEMENTARY



WEEK THREE

JUDGES 13-16

Samson

SAY
THIS

God is stronger
than anyone.

DO
THIS



DRIVE TIME

While in the car, start a conversation that goes something like this, "God can use you no matter what. Do remember the note I wrote you that said all the wonderful things I see in you? What do you think you would want to do with those gifts one day?"

REMEMBER THIS

"I remain confident of this: I will see the goodness of the Lord in the land of the living."
Psalm 27:13, NIV

LIFE
APP

CONFIDENCE—Living like you believe what God says is true

WHAT I'VE LEARNED ABOUT BEING A DAD

By Geoff Surratt

Father's Day always reminds me of my first day as a father. It was a glorious moment, my wife glowing, the angels singing, my perfect little child, cooing and cradled in my arms. Except that is not at all how it happened. After an intense labor, the doctor handed me a screaming bundle of kicking arms and legs, an unfamiliar creature with a striking resemblance to Yoda. I loved the idea of a son, but I had no idea what to do with the squirming baby I was awkwardly holding and silently wondered if I could get my money back.

Though it has been a challenging ride, now that my kids are grown, I wouldn't trade being a father for anything. Here are a few things I've learned along the way:

The best you can do is the best you can do.

God chose you to parent your children. He knows you are goofy, clueless, and immature (maybe that's just me), but He chose you anyway. You can't be the perfect parent, or live up to the unrealistic expectations of others, all you can do is the best you can do. So do your best, and don't worry about what anyone else is doing.

You deserve less blame, or credit, for how your children turn out.

Unless you really go out of your way to

mess them up, there's nothing you can do that will guarantee how your kids will turn out. I have a friend who raised four boys all born within six years. They were raised in the same environment by the same parents; three of them turned out great, and one of them is a knucklehead. Kids will ultimately make their own choices despite how they are brought up.

Relax, laugh, and enjoy the ride.

One Sunday, my son and his cousin got into the church secretary's whiteout and used it to paint all over her desk, keyboard, and computer monitor. When we came in, it looked like a paint bomb had gone off. At times like that, you just have to laugh. Yes, I'm probably a terrible parent, but the world will not end because of it.

So this Father's Day, don't worry so much about all the ways you fall short as a dad, or mom. Spend a little time being thankful that of all the potential parents in the world, God chose you. You are exactly who they need.

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READ JOSHUA 1:9

DAY 1

Think about the **STRONGEST** person you know. Is it Superman or the Hulk? Or your dad? Or Samson from our Bible story on Sunday?

There is someone who is stronger than your dad, Superman, Hulk, and Samson all put together! Can you guess who it is? God! He's so strong that he can create a mountain simply by speaking. He flung all the stars and planets into place. He can hold back an ocean and calm a raging storm.

So, when you're faced with a situation where you really need courage, just remember that the God of the universe is with you wherever you go. You can put your confidence in Him because God is stronger than anyone.

Write out the words of today's verse on a piece of paper and put your name within the verse where you see the word "you" below and add it to your "Wall of Confidence*."

THANK God that you can be strong and courageous because He will be with you wherever you go!

* This week, we're continuing to build a "Wall of Confidence." If you haven't gotten a chance to start yet or you missed a week—it's not too late! Check out the 252Studio.tv parent's page for directions for what you missed (<http://studio252.tv/parents/this-month>).

READ ROMANS 8:31

DAY 2

Have you ever been the last one picked for the team? Or have you ever been a part of a team that had more losses than wins at the end of the season? It's hard to keep playing when you're unsuccessful on the field. In life, we can feel that way too. Maybe we feel like everyone else is smarter, or faster, or better. Maybe we think that no matter how hard we try, we'll never win.

But there is **GOOD** news. When you follow God and trust in Him, you are on the winning side. No one is stronger than God and **NOTHING** can defeat Him. With God, you win!

Draw a simple picture of your favorite team's jersey. Underneath it write, "God's side is the winning side!" and the reference for today's verse (Romans 8:31). Then, you guessed it, add it to your Wall of Confidence.

ASK God to remind you this week that when you follow Him, you're on the winning side!

READ HEBREWS 13:6

DAY 3

Which one of the following statements is true about you?

1. I love bugs. Bug are super cool.
2. I'm SCARED of bugs. When I see one, I don't want to go anywhere near it.

Bugs. You might love them. You might be scared of them. Either way, who's bigger—you or the bug? That's easy, you're WAY bigger than a bug. If you had to, you could definitely defeat a bug because you're just a whole lot bigger.

Why can you put your confidence in God? Because NOTHING is stronger or faster or smarter or bigger than Him. Just like you would look down at a bug and say, "I'm way bigger than that bug!," God looks at our problems and says, "I'm WAY bigger than that!" I'm bigger than that bully. I'm bigger than your fear of failure. I'm bigger than that scary dream you had last night.

So, the next time you see a bug, think about how BIG God is compared to you. Nothing is more powerful or stronger than God.

Draw a picture of your favorite (or least favorite) bug. Write the words of this verse along the bug's back and post it to your "Wall of Confidence!"

LOOK for ways to trust God this week and put your confidence in Him.

READ PSALM 27:1

DAY 4

When you were younger, were you afraid of the dark? Maybe you just knew there was a big scary monster in your room. So you called your mom and dad in to show them. What did they do? They turned on the light! Then you saw that the "big scary monster" was really just your ball cap hanging from your bedpost. The dark can make everyday things look scary. But turning on the light helps you see what's really there.

All month long, we've been talking about putting our CONFIDENCE in God. He will help you see what's real and what's not because God is light! You don't have to be afraid of ANYTHING because He is your strength.

At your next family meal, make a list of all the things you're scared of (make sure everyone shares!). Read this verse aloud and talk about how God is our light so we don't have to be afraid. When you're finished, write "Psalm 27:1" in BIG BOLD letters right over the list and add it to your wall!

KNOW that God is your light and salvation so you don't have to be afraid.

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