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KIDS

ELEMENTARY



WEEK TWO

JUDGES 6-8

Gideon

SAY
THIS

God can use you
no matter what.

DO
THIS



MEAL TIME

Q & A for kids: What physical feat can you do better than anyone else you know?

Q & A for parents: If you were all-powerful like God for a day, what would you do?

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

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CONFIDENCE—Living like you believe what God says is true

FINDING CONFIDENCE IN PARENTING

By Holly Crawshaw

There are a lot of things I'm confident about.

I'm confident that my 5-year-old hates sleep. I'm confident that my kitchen will remain a mess until the year 2050. I'm confident that I'll never ever like sushi. And I'm confident that I will always choose the slowest line when checking out at the grocery store.

These things I would bet my life on.

But when it comes to deeper things . . . less concrete things . . . faith-based things . . . I've gotta be honest. Sometimes my confidence falters.

It falters when I fail to trust my kids in God's hands.

It falters when I feel unappreciated.

It falters when I let anxiety win.

It falters when I judge other people.

It falters when I let my to-do list become more important than my relationships.

Philippians 1:6 says, *God began a good work in you. And I am sure that he carry it on until it is completed . . .* (NIV).

If I believe what the Bible says, I can be sure or confident that God will never let me down. Ever. I can be confident that God is always with me, even when I feel completely forgotten. I can be confident that I am good, even when I feel like a failure. I can be confident

that He is working in me, and in my family, even when I can't see any proof.

Another way to define confidence is this: living like you believe what God says is true.

Wow. What would my life look like if I really lived like what God says is true?

I would have less fear. I would have less regret. I would have less hurt.

I would have more joy. I would have more boldness. I would have more.

Confidence is not an emotion. It's not something we feel. It's a choice. It's living like what God says is true, *even when it doesn't feel true in the moment*. That's what we want your kids to know this month, and what we want you to also remember, as a parent.

What area of your life do you need to show more confidence? Where are you choosing to distrust a God who has never broken a promise—not since before time began?

Let's begin to live our lives like what God says is true, one decision at a time.

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READ PROVERBS 3:26

DAY 1

This week, we learned about a guy named Gideon who knew a thing or two about fear. When the angel told Gideon that God had chosen him to lead an army, he was sure God had the wrong guy. But the angel wasn't wrong. God chose to use the least important person from the weakest family to defeat those Midianites!

Throughout your life, you'll probably face lots of situations that make you fearful or uncertain. But the good news is that you can have confidence that God is on your side. Because God can use you no matter what.

Grab a piece of paper and trace around your foot. Inside your footprint, write out the words of this verse in bold letters and add it to your Wall of Confidence.*

THANK God for the promise that He will be with you, always!

* This week, we're continuing to build a "Wall of Confidence." If you haven't gotten a chance to start yet, 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 PHILIPPIANS 1:6

DAY 2

"I can't believe I did that."

"I'm so lame."

"Man, I wish I could have a do-over."

Ever have thoughts like these? It's easy to get down on yourself when you make a mistake or hurt someone else. But guess what? NO one is perfect! Everybody messes up sometimes. That doesn't mean you should give up or believe the lie that you will always make those same mistakes.

Following God is a process. God begins His "good work" in you when you put your trust in Jesus. As you grow in your relationship with God, He will help you to become more like Him. You won't get it right all the time. But this verse promises that He will finish that good work He's started in you.

Think about the last time you did something that you wish you hadn't. Can you think of one or two words to describe the situation? Write them on the back of a sticky note. On the front side, write the verse reference for today (Philippians 1:6). Before you place the note on the wall, tell God you're sorry and ask Him to help you make a different choice next time.

ASK God to continue His good work in you as you follow Him.

READ 2 TIMOTHY 1:7

DAY 3

Do you know that the word “timid” means? Timid means nervous or shy. What things make you nervous? This verse tells us that God hasn’t given us a spirit of anxiousness or nervousness. He’s given us power, and love, and self-discipline! You don’t have to be anxious or timid when God is on your side. He promises to use you no matter how you might be feeling.

Write out this verse on a piece of paper four times using creativity so each time you write it will look different. Writing it and rewriting it should help you memorize it! Post the page on your wall. Now, here’s the challenge. Each time you walk by the wall this week, say the words of this verse to yourself. The next time you start to feel anxious or nervous, say this verse OUT LOUD as reminder that God can replace that fear with power and love!

LISTEN to the truth from God’s word and have confidence in Him.

READ PSALM 9:10

DAY 4

Can you name three friends in your life that you can trust? Of the three people you thought of, has anyone of them ever let you down? Maybe they made a promise they couldn’t keep or said something hurtful.

God isn’t like that. You can put your trust in Him because He is the same, always. When He makes a promise, He keeps it. And He will never forsake or abandon you. His love for you isn’t dependent on what you do. It’s dependent on who He is. You can be confident and put your trust in God, always.

Write out this verse in your own words on a piece of paper or sticky note and place it on your wall. Then stand back and take a look at everything you’ve added to your “Wall of Confidence” so far. Feeling confident yet?

KNOW that you can put your trust in God because He will never abandon you.

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