Confidence is living like you believe God is with you.

DAY 1

DAY 2

Read Acts 8:36-37

God sent Philip to him, to help the Ethiopian official understand more about Jesus. Because of that, the man chose to follow Jesus with his life!

Do you have people like Philip in your life? Who helps you understand what you're reading in the Bible, answers your questions about faith, prays for you and supports you? They might not have all the answers but they can remind you that God isn't bothered by your questions.

Have you ever stopped to say "Thank you!" to the people who encourage you in your faith? Grab some paper and write a note to someone that's helped your faith to grow. Give them the note the next time you see them!

Read Psalm 145:18

When you think about God, what do you think about?

God isn't bothered by our questions, doubts, and fears. In fact, our questions can bring us closer to God. We can put all our confidence in God because God cares for us.

Write out this verse in your own words on an index card and set it on your bedside table. Read it each night before you close your eyes as a reminder that God is near and is always with you.

DAY 3 DAY 4

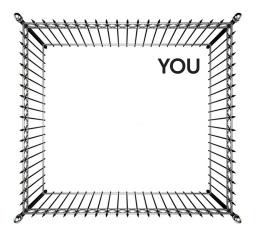
Read Psalm 139:5

Is there a fence around your yard or the park near your home? A fence protects whatever it surrounds. When you think about God, picture a fence that surrounds you, in front, behind and beside.

There is nowhere you can go that God is not right there with you.

You Fence Me In

Starting at the top lefthand corner, write out the words of Psalm 139:5 on the "Fence" below. Spread out the words of the verse so they reach all the way around the fence. Then write "Psalm 139:5 in the center of the fence. Take time to show this verse to the people in your family. Be thankful for the ways God loves and protects you!



God is with you even when you have questions.

Read Acts 17:24-26

If you wanted to tell a friend about God, where would you start?

Use the word bank to fill in the blanks from today's verses.

God made the _____.

God made _____ in it.

God is the _____ of heaven and earth.

God doesn't _____ in temples built by human hands.

God doesn't need _____.

God gives life and breath to all _____.

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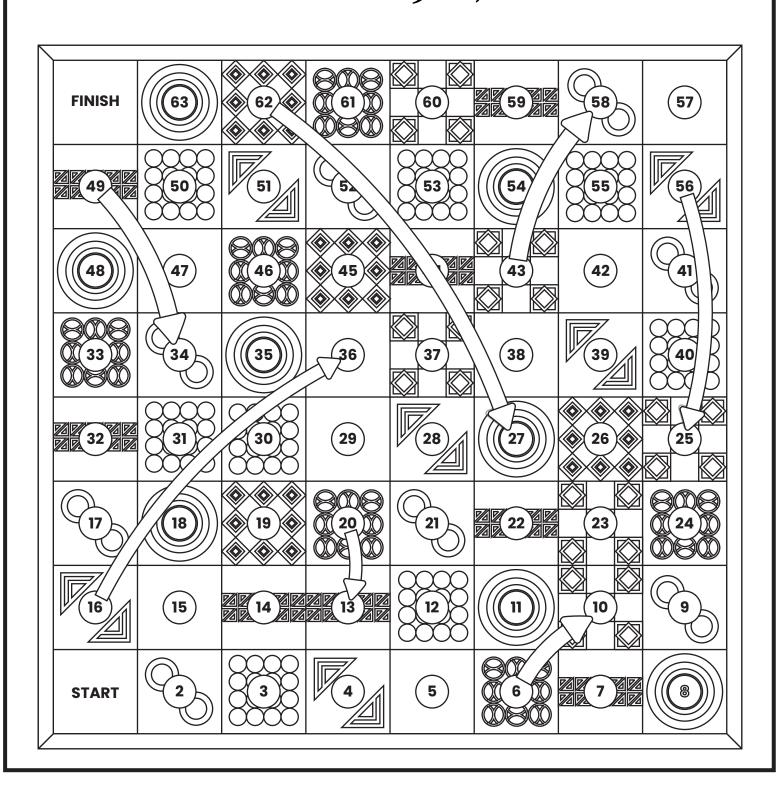
We learn so much about God from these verses!

We all have questions about God. Questions help us learn and grow. But even with our questions, we can still trust God. Remember, God is with you even when you have questions.

Answers: world, everything, Lord, live, anything, people



SO WE SAY WITH CONFIDENCE, "THE LORD IS MY HELPER; I WILL NOT BE AFRAID." HEBREWS 13:6A, NIV



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Find the words hidden vertically, horizontally, backwards & diagonally throughout the puzzle.

GOD
JESUS
LOVE
CARE

SPIRIT
ASCENSION
HOLY
SPIRIT

COMMISSION
PENTECOST
CONFIDENCE
HELPER

Raise Your Game: Play with confidence

PARENT GUIDE Elementary



Use this guide to help your family learn how God can give us confidence.



First, watch this week's video!

Confidence: Living like you believe God is with you

Memory Verse

"So we say with confidence, 'The Lord is my helper; I will not be afraid." Hebrews 13:6a, NIV

Bible Story

Philip and the Man from Ethiopia Acts 8:26-40

Bottom Line

God is with you even when you have questions.

Activity

The Chariot Awaits!

What You Need:

internet access; towel or small blanket; stuffed animal

What You Do:

Invite your child to play a game with you and ask them what they know about chariots? Then, look up what chariots might have looked like in biblical days. Find some images online so your child understands that it was like a covered chair on long sticks with wheels that was pulled by people or a horse or other strong animals.

Ask them to put on their imagination caps and imagine what it would be like to transport someone in a chariot. Guide them to spread out the towel on the floor and put the animal or doll on it, then pick it up, move it, and lay it down without letting the animal or doll fall! Then, together, slowly transport their stuffed animal on its "chariot" around the room.

When you are finished say, "Nice job of transporting [name of item]! It seemed like it would be easy, but we had to work together or the person being transported will get dumped out or at least bumped around. Today we heard a Bible story about someone who was being transported in a charjot!"

Talk About the Bible Story

Who was transported by a chariot in our story today? (A very important Ethiopian official)

What new did Philip share with him? (The Good News of Jesus)

Who do you talk to when you have questions?

Do you have any questions about Jesus right now?

Parent: Share some kid-appropriate questions you've had about God, Jesus, or your faith. For the questions that do have answers, tell your child how you learned more. Maybe through your Bible reading, through a conversation with someone else, an experience, or a song. For the questions that don't have answers, talk about how you are able to be okay with that, because you know God is still with you.



Prayer

Use this prayer as a guide, either after talking about the Bible story or sometime before bed tonight:

"Thank You, God for sending the Holy Spirit to be with each of us, all the time. Help us remember that when we follow Jesus, Your Spirit is always there to help us, even though we can't see it. Help our family to share Jesus with everyone we can so they can live with confidence, too. In Jesus' name we pray, amen."