Raise Your Game: Play with confidence

PARENT GUIDE K-5th

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

First, watch this week's video at:

hillsideonline.com/kids

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 chariot!"

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."

