Elementary

PRESS PLAY: GET IN THE MIX



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

First, watch this week's video at:

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Talk about:

When have you needed a plan?

Confidence:

learning to see yourself the way God sees you.

Memory Verse

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

Bible Story

Israel Captures Jericho Joshua 5:13-6:20 (NIrV)

Bottom Line

God's plan is the best plan.

Activity

Horns Off!

What You Need:

Two sheets of paper, tape, and items to decorate the paper (markers, colored pencils, stickers, glitter and glue, etc.)

What You Do:

Ask your child, "What do you remember about trumpets from our story today?" (The Israelite priests blew trumpets when they marched around Jericho and the walls fell down!) Then tell your child that you get to make trumpets of your own.

Let your child decorate one side of the paper.

Encourage them to be as elaborate as they want to be. They can even write the monthly memory verse, or simply use colors and/or stickers to make their trumpet. Make one for yourself, too!

When you're finished decorating, take your sheets of paper and roll them up in a horn shape. (You can do this by making sure one end is a little wider as you roll, making the roll a little looser on that end.) Tape your horn so that it keeps its shape.

While you're working, talk about the Bible story. Say, "God's plan was for the Israelites to march around Jericho, blow trumpets, and shout. Even though His plan might not have made sense to Joshua, Joshua and the Israelites obeyed. They had confidence that God's plan was the best plan."

Talk About the Bible Story

If you had been Joshua or one of the Israelites, what would you have thought about God's plan to march around the city wall and blow trumpets?

What are some things that God has done for you?

How can it help you to have confidence in God's plan if you remember what God has done in the past?

Parent: Share about a time in your life when God's plan was the best plan—even though you may not have understood it at first.



Prayer

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

"God, You know everything! And we know that Your ways are perfect. You had a plan to send Jesus so that we could be with You now and forever—and that's the best plan EVER! Help us to remember all that You've done for us, and to remember that we can trust You no matter what. When we feel uncertain or afraid, give us the confidence to trust Your plan for our lives. Amen!"