

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

**First, watch this week's video at:**

[hillsideonline.com/kids](http://hillsideonline.com/kids)

**Talk about:**

How does Jesus matter in your life?

**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**

God So Loved the World  
John 3:16 (NIV)

**Bottom Line**

You can be confident because God loves you.

## Activity

### Never-Ending Story

**What You Need:**

Eight Index cards (or squares of cut paper), writing utensil

**What You Do:**

Ask your child to write down four random objects, one per index card, while you do the same. (If your child is just beginning to spell or read, let them draw pictures instead.) Shuffle the index cards and place all eight cards between the two of you, face down.

Say, "You're going to flip over two index cards. Then, you're going to tell a story that has the two things on your index cards in it—no matter how silly it sounds!"

Take turns flipping over the index cards and telling each other made-up stories. If time allows, shuffle the cards again and play another round.

When time is up, say, "Those stories could have gone on forever, right? Kind of like the story we heard today—a never-ending story!"

## Talk About the Bible Story

How was our Bible story a "never-ending" story? *(Because God loves us forever and Jesus wants to be our friend forever)*

Why did Nicodemus visit Jesus? *(To ask Him questions, learn more)*

Let's read John 3:16 together. *(Read John 3:16.)*

What does it mean to believe in something? *(To put your trust in it, to live like it is true)*

The writer of this verse is telling us about eternal life. Who gets to have eternal life? *(Anyone who believes in Jesus as their Savior)*

What does eternal life mean? *(To be in God's family forever, while in this life, and after this life is over)*

How does it give you confidence to know that God sent Jesus for you?

*Parent: If you're a follower of Jesus, share about how you came to be a believer. If you haven't put your trust in Jesus, make a pact with your child that both of you will look up at least three more verses about what it means to put your faith and trust in Jesus. Then, if you have more questions, be sure to follow up with someone at your church or a friend who follows Jesus.*

## Prayer

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

"God, thank You so much for hearing us when we talk to You. You've given us so many things to be thankful for—a roof over our heads, food in our bellies, and friends and family who care about us. But the biggest gift we've ever been offered is the gift of eternal life.

You tell us that if we put our faith and trust in Jesus, we can have this gift. Thank You for loving us so much that You sent Your one and only Son so that we could be in Your family forever. Amen."