

PARENT CORNER

weekly

TODAY: JULY 20-21

Bible Story: Clip My Hair (Samson) *Judges 13–16*

Big Idea: I can be confident because God always keeps His promises

Memory Verse: “Being confident of this, that He who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus.” *Philippians 1:6 (NIV)*

Life App: Confidence—Learning to see yourself the way God sees you

Bible Story Summary:

Read and meditate on Judges 13-16

In Judges 13-16, the Israelites had been in bondage from the Philistines for 40 years. But God had a plan to rescue them through a man named Samson. God told Samson’s mother, before he was born, that he would be set apart to deliver the Israelites from the Philistines. Unfortunately, Samson disobeyed God a lot. He made some very unwise choices. Samson’s life had a lot of ups and downs as he tried to live from his own strength, but ultimately God allowed him to carry out the plan for his life, just as God said he would.

We can be confident because God always keeps His promises. We can look at the mess of the world and think God’s plans cannot be accomplished. But God always keeps His word, and we can live with confidence when we live believing that God will do what He says.

Bed Time



Is there something in your life that seems impossible? Are you facing something big that can make you feel helpless? Here’s an awesome thing to remember: God always keeps His promises! You can live with confidence knowing that God can take away that obstacle in front of you or maybe carry you right through it. Pray that God will keep His promises to you, so you can live in confidence with Him.

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WEEK 3

God TIME

DAY 1

READ “Here is what I am commanding you to do. Be strong and brave. Do not be afraid. Do not lose hope. I am the Lord your God. I will be with you everywhere you go.” *Joshua 1:9 (NirV)*

Think about the strongest person you know. Is it Superman or the Hulk? Or your dad? Or Samson from our Bible story on Sunday?

There is someone who is stronger than your dad, Superman, Hulk, and Samson all put together! Can you guess who it is? God! He’s so strong that He created a mountain simply by speaking. He put all the stars and planets into place. He can hold back an ocean and calm a raging storm.

So, when you’re faced with a situation where you really need courage, just remember that the God of the universe is with you wherever you go. He promises to always be with you. You can put your confidence in Him because God is strong, and He keeps His promises.

KNOW that you can be confident because God keeps His promises

DAY 2

READ “So we can say boldly, “The Lord helps me. I will not be afraid. What can mere human beings do to me?” *Hebrews 13:6 (NirV)*

Which one of the following statements is true about you?

1. I LOVE bugs. Bugs are super cool.
2. I’m SCARED of bugs. When I see one, I don’t want to go anywhere near it.

Bugs. You might love them, or you might be scared of them. Either way, who’s bigger—you or the bug? That’s easy—you’re way bigger than a bug. If you had to, you could definitely defeat a bug because you’re a whole lot bigger.

Why should you put your confidence in God? Because nothing is stronger or faster or smarter or bigger than Him. Just like you would look down at a bug and say, “I’m way bigger than that bug!” God looks at our problems and says, “I’m way bigger than that!”

Go outside and find a bug. (You don’t have to touch it, if you don’t want to.) Think about how big God is compared to you. Nothing is more powerful or stronger than God!

LOOK for ways to trust God this week and put your confidence in Him

DAY 3

READ "Being confident of this, that He who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus." *Philippians 1:6 (NIV)*

This is the memory verse for the month of July! This month we are learning about confidence. Having true confidence means you can see yourself the way that God sees you.

When it comes to confidence, we base it on what we do well or what a teacher or parent might say about us. But true confidence should be built on something that lasts forever. We think that's found in understanding how God sees us.

Take some time to find a fun "summer" way to work on memorizing this verse. Maybe you spell it out in sand or dirt. You could ask your parents if you can get a watermelon and write the verse on it. Or maybe you can put on your swimsuit and say the verse as you run through the sprinkler.

What "summer" thing did you do to memorize the verse? _____

PRACTICE the memory verse as a reminder that you can be confident because God always keeps His promises

HEY PARENTS SIGN HERE!

Have a parent sign your completed GodTime.

Parent signature

Date

Return for 5 Bible Bucks!

parent CUE:

Want to know what your child is learning at church? Download a free app called **Parent Cue**. This app is put out by The reThink Group who writes the curriculum we use in UpTown as a guide to what our kids learn.

Parent Cue has parenting articles, blogs, and ways you can live out your faith at home. Week by week you will be given cues so you can make the most of your time with your kids for God.



DAY 4

READ "Lord, teach me your ways. Lead me along a straight path. There are many people who treat me badly." *Psalms 27:11 (NIV)*

All month long, we've been talking about putting our CONFIDENCE in God. You don't have to be afraid of anything because He is your strength. He is always with us. God always keeps His promises, and we can live with confidence when we believe that God will do what He says.

What are you scared of right now? Pray about that situation to God. Know that God is with you and loves you. Pray that God will give you confidence this week because He always keeps His promises.

"Dear God, Thank you for always being with me. Thank you for loving me. I know that you are good and that you always keep your promises. Help me have confidence this week with the things that scare me because I know that You always keep Your promises. In Jesus' name, Amen!"

PRAY that God gives you confidence because He always keeps His promises

at a GLANCE



Bibles-N-Bucks Shopping

July 27-28	4th Grade
August 3-4	3rd Grade
August 10-11	2nd Grade
August 17-18	1st Grade
August 24-25	Kindergarten



Child's Name: _____