

Use this guide to help your family learn about faith.

First, watch
this week's
video!

Faith: Trusting in
what you can't
see because of
what you
can see

Memory Verse

"God's grace has saved you because of your faith in Christ. Your salvation doesn't come from anything you do. It is God's gift."

Ephesians 2:8 NIV

Bible Story

Paul Shipwrecked
Acts 27:1-28:10

Bottom Line

When bad things happen, God is with you.

Activity

Sink or Swim

What You Need:

Sink or tub; water; small items (marbles, pennies, cups, toys)

What You Do:

Fill the sink or tub with enough water to submerge the small items you gathered. Set the small items to the side of the sink or tub.

Invite your child to play a game. Say, "Let's guess whether or not these things will sink or float in the water!"

For each item, you and your child both take a guess on whether it will sink or float. Allow your child to place each item in the water to see if your guesses are correct. When you're finished, say, "Today we heard about a time when a REAL boat sank in a storm. Do you remember what happened to the people on it?" (*They were shipwrecked, but God kept them safe.*)

Talk About the Bible Story

Where was Paul going when he was shipwrecked? (*He was being taken to Rome as a prisoner.*)

During the storm, what did Paul say to the other people on the ship? (*He encouraged them that God would keep them safe.*)

When hard times happen, is God still with us? How can we remember that God is always with us? (*We can pray, read the Bible, talk to others who follow God.*)

Can you think of an example of when you were going through a hard time, but you knew that God was with you?

Parent: Briefly share about a time when God was with you through a tough situation. Maybe a fellow believer encouraged you. Or maybe God gave you peace when your relationship with family got difficult.



Prayer

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

"Dear God, thank You for ALWAYS being with us. When good things happen, You are with us. When bad things happen, You are with us. You are faithful and You are GOOD. We love You so much, Lord. Thank You for loving us more than we could ever imagine! In Jesus' name we pray, amen."