

WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO TRUST GOD?

CONFIDENCE

LIVING LIKE YOU BELIEVE
WHAT GOD SAYS IS TRUE

DAY 4

Trust . . .

- It isn't just letting someone guide you while you're wearing a blindfold.
- It isn't just falling backward and letting someone catch you.
- It isn't just waiting around and remembering that God has a bigger plan (although He absolutely does!).

Trust is active, it's something you do. Like standing up for what's right—even if you're the only one or talking to Him when you feel sad, frustrated, or angry—instead of doing something you might regret.

Trusting God means living each day for Him and remembering that He's with you through thick and thin.

So how can you trust God with your actions? What choices can you make that show that you trust Him? What are some situations right now where you might feel nervous or uncertain? How can you live confidently because of God's Spirit living inside you?

Fill in the blanks below. Show God that you trust Him by the way you live!

TODAY, I CAN TRUST GOD BY _____
THIS WEEK, I CAN TRUST GOD BY _____
THIS MONTH, I CAN TRUST GOD BY _____

DAY 1

Read Daniel 3

There was something extreme about Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego—and it wasn't just their names! These three guys had extreme confidence. They lived like they believed what God said was true.

When you read their story, you can see how they put their lives on the line for what they believed. Sure, it would have been a LOT easier for them to "go with the flow" and worship the king's statue. But they knew that wasn't right. They knew that only God deserves our worship. They were so sure of it that not even a fiery furnace could change their minds.

Somehow they were brave enough to stand up to the king. Check out what they said in Daniel 3:17-18.

So how did they get such extreme confidence? Where did it come from? **IT'S SIMPLE. THEY TRUSTED GOD. THEY BELIEVED WITH ALL THEIR HEARTS THAT GOD WAS WITH THEM.**

Why is it so hard for us to do the same thing? Well, there are lots of reasons. We get discouraged. We get scared. We worry about what might happen. We might even feel like we're all alone.

But we're not! The same God that was with Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego is with US. We can trust Him and make choices that honor Him. In any situation, we can remember that He's in control—and He's right there by our side.

LIVE
FOR GOD

WEEK 1

HEAR
FROM GOD

PRETEEN



DAY 2

When we talk to God, a lot of times we tell Him about things that are happening right now or we might talk about something that we hope will happen in the future.

But what about the in between?

Did you know that God is working IN you? Did you know that you're growing in confidence each day that you follow Him?

It's like our Memory Verse says: *He who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion. (Philippians 1:6, NIV)*

In a way, all of us are "under construction." We're a work in progress. We're trusting God to shape us and sharpen us so that we become more like Jesus.

Write down three ways where you think God is working on you right now. Is He helping you to be more honest? More patient? Stronger in your faith?

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

Take some time to tell God that you trust Him. Thank Him that He's always with you. Ask Him to help you grow more and more like Jesus every day.

PRAY
TO GOD



DAY 3

You can probably think of some times when you trusted God and it clearly "paid off."

- Maybe you prayed for someone who was sick, and they got better.
- Maybe you were patient in a tough situation, and God eventually worked things out for you.
- Maybe you trusted God during a confusing time and now you can look back and make sense of what happened.

Sometimes that's not so easy to see, though. Sometimes things don't go the way you expect, even if you trust God or make the wise choice or just do the right thing.

Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego told the king that they wouldn't worship his statue, even if they knew that God wouldn't save them. For them, doing the right thing was "worth it"—no matter what!

That's what trust looks like. It's believing that God is with you and choosing to live the way He wants you to—regardless of what actually happens.

So that brings up a really good question. Is it still "worth it" to follow God, even if things don't work out the way you planned? (Ask your mom, dad, or another adult who follows God and take some time to think about it for yourself, too.)

TALK
ABOUT GOD