



WEEK TWO

JESUS IS WITH ME

Trust Jesus

KEY VERSE:

"Immediately Jesus spoke to them. 'Have courage! It is I. Don't be afraid.'"
—*Matthew 14:27(NIV)*

**KINGDOM QUEST MAY BE OVER,
BUT THE ADVENTURE CONTINUES.**

A NOTE FOR PARENTS

Dear Parents,

If your child is anything like mine were growing up, there are probably things they worry about that you don't even know about.

Friendships.

School.

Being left out.

Making mistakes.

Trying something new.

The truth is, everyone faces fear—including adults.

This week your family will read about Peter, David, Noah, Esther, and even Jesus. Each of them faced situations that would have been scary. Yet they trusted God anyway.

One of the most important lessons we can teach our children is that courage is not the absence of fear.

Courage is doing the right thing even when you're afraid.

As you go through these devotions, look for opportunities to share some of your own fears and how God has helped you trust Him through them. Kids are encouraged when they discover that faith isn't pretending we're never afraid. Faith is learning to trust God when we are.

And don't forget: sometimes the best conversations happen after the devotion is over.

In the car. At bedtime. On the way to practice.

Keep the conversation going.

Praying for your family,



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FAMILY CHALLENGE

This Week's Challenge:

Have each family member share one thing that makes them nervous or afraid. Then pray for one another.

Adventure Tip:

Everyone gets afraid sometimes. The goal isn't to pretend fear doesn't exist. The goal is to trust God together when fear shows up.

WEEK THEME

- Everybody gets afraid sometimes.
- Maybe you're afraid of failing.
- Maybe you're worried about what others think.
- Maybe you're nervous about something happening at school or at home.
- The good news is that God never asks us to be fearless.
- He asks us to trust Him.
- Courage is doing the right thing, even when you're afraid.

DAY ONE

PETER STEPS OUT OF THE BOAT

Story Passage:

Matthew 14:22-33

Key Verse:

"Immediately Jesus spoke to them. 'Have courage! It is I. Don't be afraid.'"
—Matthew 14:27(NIRV)

Imagine being in Peter's shoes.

The wind was blowing. The waves were crashing. The boat was rocking.

Then Jesus said something amazing: "Come."

Peter had a choice.

He could stay where he felt safe.

Or he could trust Jesus and step out of the boat.

Peter wasn't brave because the storm disappeared.

The storm was still there.

Peter showed courage because he trusted Jesus even though he was afraid.

Sometimes life feels like a storm too.

Maybe you're worried about school.

Maybe you're nervous about making friends.

Maybe something at home is making you anxious.

The good news is that Jesus is with you in every storm.

Because Jesus is with you, you can trust Him.

Think About it

- What do you think Peter was feeling when he stepped out of the boat?
- What is something that feels scary in your life right now?
- How does knowing Jesus is with you help you?

Try It

When you feel worried today, stop and pray, "Jesus, help me trust You."

Talk to God

Jesus, thank You for being with me when life feels scary. Help me trust You no matter what happens. Amen.

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DAVID FACES GOLIATH

Story Passage:

1 Samuel 17:32-50

Key Verse:

"You come against me with a sword, spear, and javelin,
but I come against you in the name of the Lord of Armies."
—1 Samuel 17:45(NirV)

Goliath was over nine feet tall. He was a trained warrior.

Everyone in Israel was afraid of him.

Everyone except David.

That doesn't mean David wasn't nervous.

It means David trusted God more than he feared Goliath.

David knew something important:

The battle wasn't really about how strong David was.

It was about how strong God is.

Sometimes we face giants too.

A giant test.

A giant problem.

A giant fear.

A giant challenge.

Whatever giant you're facing, remember that God is bigger.

Think About it

- What giant are you facing right now?
- Why was David able to trust God?
- How is God bigger than your problems?

Try It

Write down one challenge you're facing and ask God to help you trust Him with it.

Talk to God

God, thank You that You are bigger than every challenge I face. Help me trust You today. Amen.

DAY THREE

NOAH BUILDS THE ARK

Story Passage:

Genesis 6:9-22

Key Verse:

“And Noah did this. He did everything that God had commanded him.”
—*Genesis 6:22(NIRV)*

Can you imagine building a giant boat when there wasn't even a storm?

People probably laughed at Noah.

They may have thought he was crazy.

They may have wondered why he kept working on such a huge project.

But Noah obeyed God anyway.

Sometimes doing the right thing can make you feel different from everyone else.

Maybe your friends are making bad choices.

Maybe everyone else thinks something is okay even though God says it isn't.

Maybe you're tempted to go along with the crowd.

Noah reminds us that obeying God is always worth it—even when others don't understand.

Courage is doing the right thing even when you're afraid.

Think About it

- Why do you think Noah kept obeying God?
- Have you ever felt different because you wanted to do the right thing?
- Why is it important to obey God even when it's hard?

Try It

Choose one way to obey God today, even if nobody else does.

Talk to God

God, help me obey You even when it's hard and even when others don't understand. Amen.

DAY FOUR

ESTHER SPEAKS UP

Story Passage:

Esther 4:1-17

Key Verse:

“Who knows, perhaps you have come to your royal position for such a time as this.”
—*Esther 4:14(NIRV)*

Queen Esther faced a difficult choice.

She could stay quiet and stay safe.

Or she could speak up and help save God’s people.

Esther knew she was taking a risk.

She was afraid.

But she trusted God and chose to do the right thing anyway.

That’s courage.

Courage isn’t the absence of fear.

Courage is doing the right thing even when you’re afraid.

Maybe you know someone who feels left out.

Maybe you need to tell the truth about something.

Maybe you need to stand up for what’s right.

God can help you be courageous just like Esther.

Think About it

- What made Esther courageous?
- Is there a situation where you need to do the right thing even though it’s hard?
- How can God help you be brave?

Try It

Look for one opportunity this week to encourage or stand up for someone else.

Talk to God

God, help me be courageous like Esther. Give me the strength to do what is right. Amen.

DAY FIVE

JESUS PRAYS IN THE GARDEN

Story Passage:

Luke 22:39-46

Key Verse:

"Father, if You are willing, take this cup away from Me—nevertheless, not My will, but Yours be done."—*Luke 22:42(NIV)*

The night before Jesus died on the cross, He went to a garden to pray.

Jesus knew what was about to happen.

He knew He would suffer.

He knew He would be arrested.

He knew He would die on the cross.

Jesus was deeply troubled, yet He prayed:

"Not My will, but Yours be done."

Jesus trusted His Father even when He faced something very difficult.

That means Jesus understands what it feels like to be afraid.

When you're worried, Jesus understands.

When you're sad, Jesus understands.

When you're facing something hard, Jesus understands.

And because He understands, you can bring every fear and every worry to Him.

Next week we're going to learn why Jesus was willing to go through all of that—and why it changed everything for us.

Think About it

- What does this story teach you about Jesus?
- How does it help you to know that Jesus understands what you're feeling?
- What is one fear or worry you can give to Jesus today?

Try It

Tell Jesus about one fear or worry you have right now.

Talk to God

Jesus, thank You for understanding what it feels like to face hard things. Help me trust You with my fears and worries. Amen.

CONTINUE THE ADVENTURE

Adventure Progress

- WEEK ONE:** Follow Jesus
- WEEK TWO:** Trust Jesus
- WEEK THREE:** Believe in Jesus
- WEEK FOUR:** Live for Jesus

NEXT WEEK

JESUS IS ALIVE

Believe in Jesus

We'll discover why Jesus was willing to die for us, why He came back to life, and why that changes everything.



Helping Kids Follow Jesus and Lead Others to Do the Same