



WEEK
THREE
SEPTEMBER 2022

LARGE GROUP

1-5
PLUS

PRELUDE

SOCIAL

STORY

WORSHIP

GROUPS

HOME

TODAY'S BIBLE STORY

Fall Asleep

Jacob's Dream
Genesis 28:10-22

(supporting: Genesis 25:19-34; 27)

TODAY'S BOTTOM LINE

You can trust that God has a plan.

MONTHLY MEMORY VERSE

"Trust in the Lord with all your heart. Do not depend on your own understanding."

Proverbs 3:5, NIV

MONTHLY VIRTUE

Trust—Putting your confidence in someone you can depend on

BASIC TRUTH

I can trust God no matter what.

LARGE GROUP

ENGAGE KIDS' HEARTS THROUGH A DYNAMIC AND INTERACTIVE BIBLE STORY, WORSHIP, AND PRAYER EXPERIENCE IN A LARGE GROUP SETTING.

AUDIO: PLAY HIGH-ENERGY MUSIC AS KIDS ENTER.

SLIDE: THEME

Host enters, wearing the ringmaster costume/jacket (optional).

OPENER

AUDIO: CIRCUS MUSIC

HOST: "Ladies and gentlemen, boys and girls, it's so good to see you here under the big top at the High Wire Circus! All month long, we've been learning about a very important virtue. It's something that takes a lot of bravery and daring. Can someone tell me what it is?"

Call on a kid to share the answer.

"Yes, trust! What IS trust?"

SLIDE: VIRTUE

"Trust is putting your confidence in someone you can depend on.

SLIDE: THEME

"In the circus, I think the people who demonstrate trust the most are the acrobats. They have to trust each other and work as a team as they swing from platform to platform (*do a swinging motion with your arms*) and catch each other in the air.

GAME

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BIBLE STORY

SLIDE: THEME BACKGROUND

SETTING UP THE STORY

STORYTELLER: "I've got a question for you. Raise your hand if you've ever been to the ocean. Isn't it amazing? Who here has been to the mountains and seen the snow? So cool! Who has been to a zoo before? What's your favorite animal there? *(Pause for response.)*

"God made ALL these amazing things, as we read about in the book of Genesis. *(Hold up Bible.)* God made the amazing landscapes of Earth . . . the vast seas . . . and a dazzling number of different animals!

If you have a timeline on the wall, use it here and reference the images.

"Of course, God made people, too: Adam and Eve. When Adam and Eve disobeyed God, sin entered the world. But God still LOVED people. God still had a plan to make things right. God chose a man named Abraham and promised to bless the whole world through his family. After waiting a long, long, long time, Abraham and his wife Sarah had a baby boy named Isaac.

"Today, we'll look at what happened when Isaac grew up and had children of his own. With his wife Rebekah, Isaac had twin sons: Jacob and Esau.

Bible Story Video



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CLOSER

HOST: “That was quite a story! I mean, first Jacob took his brother’s birthright . . . then he tricked his dad into giving him the blessing. It seems surprising that all of that would be part of God’s plan. But God DID have a plan. And in Jacob’s dream, God reminded Jacob that the promise to Abraham would also come through HIS family line.

SLIDE: GOD’S BIG STORY TIMELINE

SLIDE: WEEK 3 TIMELINE IMAGE

“From the very beginning, God planned to send Jesus, our Savior, through the family of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. Jesus was the fulfillment of God’s promise to bless the whole world. Because of Jesus, ALL of us can be forgiven of our sins. We can have a relationship with God that will last forever!

“It helps me so much to know that God has a good plan. It helps me remember that I can always put my trust in God, no matter what might be happening around me.

SLIDE: BOTTOM LINE

“You can trust that God has a plan. Say that with me.”

HOST AND KIDS: “You can trust that God has a plan.”

HOST: “God always had a plan to give us Jesus. And God has a plan for your life, too. It’s important to remember that when things don’t go the way you want in life—like if you have to move away from your friends or someone you love gets really sick—you can trust that God is still working. **[Basic Truth] You can trust God no matter what!** Even when things get really tough, we can trust that God is with us. We can trust that God has a plan to make everything right in the end.

“In Small Group, you’ll get to talk more about how we can trust God’s good plan for our lives. Let’s head that way now!”

Dismiss kids to their small groups.

AUDIO: PLAY HIGH-ENERGY MUSIC AS THE KIDS EXIT.

SLIDE: THEME