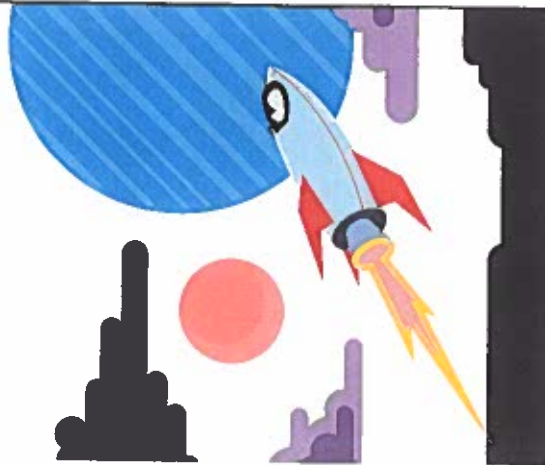


Raise Your Game: Play with confidence

Confidence is living like you believe God is with you.



MEMORY VERSE

"So we say with confidence,
"The Lord is my helper;
I will not be afraid."
Hebrews 13:6a, NIV



Weekly Cues



Bible Story

Philip and the Man from Ethiopia
Acts 8:26-40

What questions do you have?

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ENGAGE IN EVERYDAY MOMENTS TOGETHER



Morning Time

As your kid starts their day, keep things as positive as possible—let them leave the house or start their day knowing you believe in them and love them.



Meal Time

At a meal, have everyone at the table answer the question: "What questions do you have about faith?"



Drive Time

While on the go, ask your kid: "What are some things that you have always wondered about, things you don't understand?"



Bed Time

Pray for each other: "God, thank You that we can always come to You with our questions. Help us to trust in You for the things we don't understand, and to remember all the things about You that we know to be true."



PARENT CUE

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Day 2

Read Acts 8:26-40

As you read Acts 8:26-40, look for the Ethiopian man's words. Underline each time he asks a question.

You should have three questions. Write them down here:

- 1) _____
(I am lost.)
- 2) _____
(Who is the Savior?)
- 3) _____
(I believe.)

Now notice the phrases that are underneath each question you wrote. The man went from feeling lost to believing that Jesus is the Savior!

Not only is God with you even when you have questions, you can learn so much about God when you ask questions!



Day 4

What questions do you have?

When the Ethiopian man had questions, God sent Philip to help him understand.

Who has God put in your life to help you find answers to your questions? Reach out to that person and ask for a few minutes of their time. Bring along the questions that you prayed about yesterday.

Ask them if they know any of the answers to the questions you have, but even if they don't have the answers, God is still with you!

Day 3

When it comes to God and Jesus and faith, what questions do you have?

Grab a sheet of paper and write down 4 of them.

Now incorporate them into this prayer, asking God directly all of your questions!

"Dear God, thank You that You aren't angered by my questions, and You never leave me, no matter how many questions I ask. Sometimes I struggle to understand _____

_____ or _____.

And I've always wondered _____ And I honestly don't understand _____

_____ But I know I can trust You, and I know You are with me even when I have questions. Please help me to understand and to grow in my knowledge of You every day. In

Jesus' Name, I pray. Amen."

Day 5

What is one thing that you haven't done because you didn't have the confidence?

Write down something you wish you had the confidence to do:

Now think back on everything you've learned about confidence this month:

- Share God's love with others.
- God sent the Holy Spirit to help you.
- God is with you no matter what.
- God is with you even when you have questions.

Notice that confidence doesn't have anything to do with you, with your talents, with the way you look, with how funny or smart you are, or even with how much money you have.

Confidence comes down to knowing God loves you and is always with you.

Look back at that one thing you need confidence to do. Make a plan for how you will do it. When you live like you believe God is with you, you can walk boldly into new adventures and friendships!

NARRATOR 1: Philip's Story



1. New believers in Jesus began leaving Jerusalem and branching out to Judea and Samaria in order to tell others about Him.
2. God was doing amazing things through the believers there in Samaria, including a man named Philip.
3. He sent an angel to tell Philip to leave Samaria and go to the desert.
4. This seemed weird to Philip. He probably questioned why God would send him away from a place where He was doing such incredible work. It didn't make sense.
5. Philip decided to obey God and head to the desert.
6. Philip was walking down a lonely road in the desert when he suddenly spotted a chariot in the distance.
7. The Holy Spirit told Philip that he should go to that chariot and stay close to it.
8. As Philip approached the chariot, he heard the man riding it muttering some words he was familiar with that were spoken by the prophet, Isaiah. He decided to say something.
9. *"Excuse me!"* Philip shouted to the man on the chariot, *"Do you understand what you're reading?"*
10. Philip accepted the man's invitation to board the chariot. He began explaining the Scripture that the man had been muttering about. Philip explained that Isaiah was talking about a Savior who would come. He shared the whole story of Jesus, and how He already came to live, give up His life for us, and was raised back to life.
11. Suddenly, Philip saw water in the distance. It couldn't be! They were in the desert, after all!
12. Philip and the official stopped the chariot and went right to the water. Philip baptized the official and celebrated with him in his new understanding and decision to follow Jesus.

What to Do:

Print one set of pages for each group.

"Twin Timeline" Activity Page

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NARRATOR 2: The Official's Story



1. There was a Queen in Ethiopia, and one of her officials was a man who was her treasurer.
2. The official believed in God, even though he was not Jewish.
3. He journeyed to Jerusalem to worship God there.
4. Even though he had spent time focusing on worshipping God, he still had so many questions. He felt like he was missing a big piece of the story.
5. After being in Jerusalem, he started his journey home by traveling through the desert.
6. As he was riding on his chariot, he pondered some questions he had about the Scriptures, written by Isaiah the prophet.
7. *"He was led like a sheep to be killed... he did not open his mouth..."* muttered the official. He was so confused, and he wished he had someone to help him figure it out.
8. Suddenly, he heard a voice. *"Excuse me!"* a man shouted from the road, *"Do you understand what you're reading?"*
9. The official invited Philip to join him on the chariot.
10. The official listened intently as Philip explained everything. He was amazed at what he heard and took to heart every single word. He felt grateful that everything finally began to make sense.
11. In the midst of all the excitement of everything the official had just learned, he spotted a pool of water in the distance. *"God has lined everything up for me!"* thought the official. *"What should stop me from getting baptized in this very moment?"*
12. The official was baptized by Philip. He felt so grateful for his new understanding of who Jesus was and made a decision to follow Him.

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Question: Who is God?

- **Psalm 147:4-5**
 - **Psalm 18:30**
 - **Isaiah 55:8-9**
 - **Numbers 23:19**
 - **Isaiah 40:8**
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Question: What is prayer and what is it for?

- **1 Thessalonians 5:16-18**
- **Matthew 6:9-13**
- **Matthew 26:38-41**
- **1 John 5:14**
- **Psalm 4:1**

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Question: What is Heaven like?

- Revelation 4:2-3
 - Revelation 22:5
 - John 14:2
 - Hebrews 12:22-23
 - Revelation 7:9
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Question: If God created us, who created God?

- Colossians 1:15-17
- Psalm 90:2
- John 1:1-4
- Revelation 1:8
- Psalm 33:6-9

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