

Raise Your Game: Play with confidence



Use this guide to help your family learn
how God can give us confidence.

First, watch
this week's
video!

Confidence:
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

Bible Story

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

Bottom Line

God is with you
even when you
have questions.

Activity

The Chariot Awaits!

What You Need:

internet access; towel or small
blanket; stuffed animal

What You Do:

Invite your child to play a game with
you and ask them what they know
about chariots? Then, look up what
chariots might have looked like in
biblical days. Find some images
online so your child understands
that it was like a covered chair on
long sticks with wheels that was
pulled by people or a horse or other
strong animals.

Ask them to put on their imagination
caps and imagine what it would
be like to transport someone in a
chariot. Guide them to spread out the
towel on the floor and put the animal
or doll on it, then pick it up, move it,
and lay it down without letting the
animal or doll fall! Then, together,
slowly transport their stuffed animal
on its "chariot" around the room.

When you are finished say, "Nice job
of transporting [name of item]! It
seemed like it would be easy, but we
had to work together or the person
being transported will get dumped
out or at least bumped around.
Today we heard a Bible story about
someone who was being transported
in a chariot!"

Talk About the Bible Story

Who was transported by a chariot in our story today?
(A very important Ethiopian official)

What new did Philip share with him? (*The Good News
of Jesus*)

Who do you talk to when you have questions?

Do you have any questions about Jesus right now?

*Parent: Share some kid-appropriate questions you've
had about God, Jesus, or your faith. For the questions
that do have answers, tell your child how you learned
more. Maybe through your Bible reading, through a
conversation with someone else, an experience, or a
song. For the questions that don't have answers, talk
about how you are able to be okay with that, because
you know God is still with you.*



Prayer

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

"Thank You, God for sending the Holy Spirit to be with
each of us, all the time. Help us remember that when
we follow Jesus, Your Spirit is always there to help us,
even though we can't see it. Help our family to share
Jesus with everyone we can so they can live with
confidence, too. In Jesus' name we pray, amen."

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Key Question

What questions
do you have?

Activity

I've Got Questions

What You Need:

timer

What You Do:

Explain to your child that you will be reading them a question, and they have 30 seconds to answer the question. Say, "Even if you aren't sure you are correct, give me a believable answer!" (More than likely, they won't know the actual answer, so they will need to make up a believable answer that they can try to convince you is correct.)

Ask each question and hear out their answer. If they are incorrect, tell them the right answer!

- Why does the skin on your fingers get wrinkly when you've been in the water for a long time? (*Signals from the brain cause tiny blood vessels underneath the skin to constrict, which causes the upper layer of skin to wrinkle.*)
- Why do we hiccup? (*They are caused by involuntary contractions of the diaphragm, which is a muscle that separates your chest from your abdomen. This muscle plays a major role in breathing, so when it contracts, it causes your vocal cords to briefly close, making the sound of a hiccup.*)
- Why do seashells sound like the ocean? (*The shape of a seashell allows them to capture and reflect ambient noise, which amplifies certain frequencies. In other words, it's really just an echo of quieter sounds around you that you're hearing.*)
- Why are school buses yellow? (*In 1939, transportation officials from all states agreed on a number of safety standards for school buses. They chose yellow because it is a highly visible color, regardless of the time of day.*)

Talk About the Bible Story

What questions did the man in our story today have? (*He had questions about the scripture he was reading; he had questions about Jesus*)

What new did Philip share with him? (*The Good News of Jesus*)

Who do you talk to when you have questions?

Is it okay to question things we have always been taught?

What questions do you have? (*Adults: don't be intimidated by this question. Be aware of the potential open door for tricky discussion and be mindful of questions that should be answered with a temporary response of, "Let's figure out a time to discuss that individually." Also, remember this: you are not expected to have ALL the answers! Some things you might not know, and some questions actually don't have definitive answers. It's okay to tell your kid exactly that.*)

Prayer

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

"Thank You that You are always with us. Thank You for the gift of Your Holy Spirit. Thank You that You don't mind if we have questions about You. You want us to ask our questions so that we can better understand You. Help us to give answers to others who have questions about You. We love you. Amen!"