Family Faith Guide

The Chronicles - Week 4

When Crisis Comes

2 Chronicles 20:1–30



KEY SCRIPTURE

"We do not know what to do, but our eyes are on you." — 2 Chronicles 20:12 (ESV)

Big Idea

When you don't know what to do, turn your eyes toward God, trust His Word, and move forward in faith.

Seek God First • 2 Chronicles 20:1–13

- Jehoshaphat was afraid, but he set his face to seek the Lord.
- He called Judah to fast and pray, recalling God's power and faithfulness.
- Prayer should be our first response—not our last resort.
- Seeking God does not replace planning, wise counsel, or responsibility.

Listen for His Direction • 2 Chronicles 20:14–19

- Through Jahaziel, God assured Judah that the battle belonged to Him.
- God guides His people through Scripture, prayer, wise counsel, and His Spirit.
- Test prophetic words carefully against Scripture (1 Cor. 14:29; 1 Thess. 5:19–21).

Move Forward in Faith • 2 Chronicles 20:20–30

- Judah put singers before the army, praising God before the outcome was visible.
- Their worship declared confidence in God, not in military strength.
- Faith takes the next obedient step without pretending danger is unreal.

Worship Reorients the Heart

- Fear, money, success, or others' approval can begin to rule our decisions.
- Worship turns our attention from what we fear to who God is.
- Praise is an expression of trust, not a formula to obtain our preferred outcome.

Jesus Is Our Sure Hope

- Sometimes God delivers us from the fire; sometimes He sustains us in it.
- At the cross, Jesus bore our sin; through His resurrection, He defeated death.
- Our ultimate hope rests in Christ, not in a particular earthly outcome.

Talk About It

- What situation feels bigger than your resources or ability right now?
- When trouble comes, do you seek God first or after exhausting your plans?
- How do we test spiritual impressions and advice against God's Word?
- What faithful step can you take before you know the outcome?

Family Challenge

Read 2 Chronicles 20:1–30 together this week. Each person names one burden, prays the words of verse 12, and chooses one responsible step of faith. Close by thanking God for His faithfulness.

Prayer

Father, when we do not know what to do, keep our eyes on You. Remind us of Your power, teach us to trust Your Word, and help us follow Your direction with courage. Anchor our hope in the risen Jesus, whatever comes. Amen.

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The Chronicles - Week 4 (Kids)

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Key Scripture

"When you don't know what to do, turn your eyes toward God, trust His Word, and move forward in faith."

2 Chronicles 20:1–30

Big Idea

When you don't know what to do, turn to God, trust His Word, and move forward in faith.

What's Happening in the Story?

- King Jehoshaphat gets scary news — a huge army is coming to attack Judah!
- He is afraid, but he turns to God right away.
- He calls the people to fast and pray, and they all seek the Lord together.
- God speaks through a prophet and gives a plan.
- The people trust God, and He gives them an amazing victory!



Three Things We Can Learn

1. **Turn to God First.**
   Jehoshaphat didn't wait — he prayed and called the people to seek the Lord.
2. **Listen for God's Direction.**
   God spoke through a prophet and gave a plan.
3. **Move Forward in Faith.**
   The people trusted God and obeyed, and God gave them the victory!



How This Applies to Me

- I can pray first when I have a problem.
- I can remember what God has done in the past.
- I can trust that God is still in control, even when things look scary.
- I can take the next step of obedience, even if I don't have all the answers.

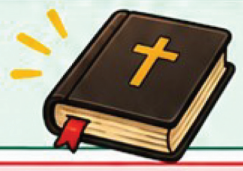
Talk About It

- When have you felt afraid or didn't know what to do?
- What is something you can pray about this week?
- How can remembering what God has done in the past help you trust Him now?
- What is one step of faith you might need to take?



Family Challenge

This week, when something is hard or confusing, stop and pray together as a family. Read 2 Chronicles 20:1–30 and talk about how you can trust God in your situation.



Prayer

Dear God, when we don't know what to do, help us turn to You first. Thank You for being in control, for giving us Your Word, and for helping us take the next step in faith. Please give us courage to trust You no matter what. In Jesus' name, amen.