



SMALL GROUP:

Write one situation where it might be hard for you to trust God or ask "Why?":

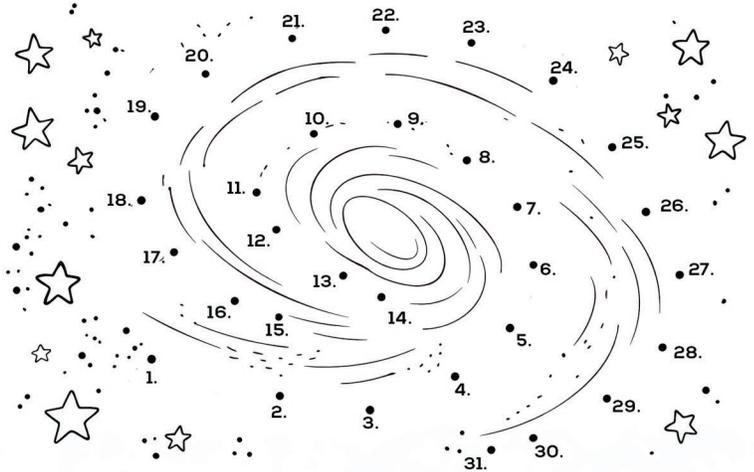
In that situation, how could remembering how big God is help you trust Him?

****REMEMBER TO GO TO THE BACKSIDE FOR YOUR PRAYER RESPONSE AFTER COMPLETING THE DAY'S ACTIVITY.****

Day 1 READ: Isaiah 40:26.

Scientists believe our galaxy alone contains over 100 billion stars. And there are billions of galaxies in the universe. The amazing truth is that God knows every single star by name. The God who created galaxies is the same God who created you

Activity: Tonight, go outside and look at the stars. Spend one minute just looking at the sky and thinking about how big God's creation is. Then complete the Milky Way dot-to-dot activity.



Day 2 READ: Job 38:4-7.

When Job was suffering, he wanted answers from God. But when God finally spoke, He did something surprising. Instead of answering Job's questions, God asked Job questions. God asked about things Job could never control: **the creation of the earth, the morning sunrise, the stars in the sky.** God was reminding Job of something important: God understands the universe in ways humans never could.

Why do you think God asked Job questions instead of explaining everything?

Day 3 READ: Job 40:3-5.

After hearing God's questions, Job realized something. God is far greater than he had imagined. Job said: "I am unworthy—how can I reply to you? I put my hand over my mouth." Job didn't get all the answers he wanted. But he realized that God could be trusted.

Activity: Write the memory verse. **Job 1:21:** _____

Then share it with someone. I shared my memory verse with: _____

Reflection: Why do you think Job chose to worship God instead of blaming Him?

Day 4 Trusting God - READ: 2 Corinthians 4:16-18. Fill in the blanks:

That is why we never _____ up.

Though our bodies are dying, our spirits are being _____ every day.

For our present troubles are small and won't last very _____.

Yet they produce for us a glory that vastly outweighs them and will last _____!

So we don't look at the _____ we can see now.

Rather, we fix our gaze on things that cannot be _____.

For the things we see now will soon be _____,

but the things we cannot see will last _____.

Why do you think Paul tells us to focus on things we cannot see? _____

Paul reminds us that sometimes life on earth is difficult. But the things we see now are temporary, while the things God is doing last forever. Just like Job, we will not always understand why things happen. But we can remember something important: God sees the whole story. God understands things that we cannot. And because God is wise, powerful, and good, we can trust Him.

PRAYER RESPONSE

Day 1 What is one thing about the universe that amazed you from this week's lesson?

Pray: "God, thank You for creating a universe so big and amazing. Help me remember how great You are."

Day 2 When I don't understand, I can remember: **God is** _____.

Day 3 Write a prayer of worship to God:

Day 4 Recall your answer from our small group time on Sunday. What is one situation where it might be difficult for you to trust God? Fill in the blanks below with your response. In the second blank, write down an attribute of God that has stood out to you this week. (powerful, all-knowing, big, caring, etc)

Pray: "God, when I don't understand _____, help me remember that what I see now is **temporary**, and that You are _____"