



January 19

I am Secure

Kindergarten - 5th grade

Leader Notes

Bible Passage: Moses and The Red Sea- Exodus 13-14

Bottom Line: God is trustworthy when I doubt.

Leader Context: We are teaching the story of Moses and the Israelites crossing the Red Sea in Exodus 13-14. When the Israelites faced the enormous Red Sea in front of them and angry Egyptians behind them, they doubted God could rescue them. But God showed up, reminding them they could always trust Him. (Read Exodus 14:29-31.) Kids will learn today that, even when they doubt, God is trustworthy. Even when they feel insecure, kids can know they are secure in God.

THE WIN FOR SUNDAY GROUPS: Give kids a first look at The Bible, Jesus, and our need for a Savior by embracing their physical needs or engaging their interests. Use The Code when necessary to help redirect kids and build relationships.

Games and Music (10 minutes)

What You Need: Instruction Page, Game Sets, Roku Game Instruction Page, Construction paper (3 per group), Masking or painter's tape (1 per group)

What You Do:

- Play worship songs and other songs available on Roku during the Social Game or while kids are playing.
- Using the supplies and game instruction page, choose one game to play with the kids today.
- As you are playing, use this as a time to call each kid by name and learn their names well.

Say: That was a fun game to get us ready to watch our Bible video. Let's sit and listen to our story today."

Social

Bible Story Video (10 minutes)

Bible Story Recap- Say This

Wow! In a moment when the Israelites were scared, they felt unsure and doubted God and His plan. But God is trustworthy, and people can be secure in Him! God pushed the sea back with a strong wind, and the Israelites were able to walk through the sea on dry land. God provided for His people and showed everyone that He is strong and trustworthy.

We face hard times in our life too. We may start to doubt if God is really with us and if we are secure in Him. When we don't know what to do or where to turn, we can always turn to God. There may be times when we feel insecure, unsure, and doubt what comes next, but we can trust God. We are secure in Him, and He never leaves us on our own. God loves us, and He can do things we would never expect. Say, "God is trustworthy when I doubt!" (God is trustworthy when I doubt!)

It's been great learning from the Bible and seeing that God is trustworthy when we doubt. Say, "**God is trustworthy when I doubt!**" (**God is trustworthy when I doubt!**) Even when we struggle with doubt, we can remember that God is trustworthy, and we are secure in Him. Let's pray and thank God for this awesome truth in 3-2-1!

Videos

God, thank You so much for the truth found in Your Word today. Thank You for loving us so much and sending Jesus to bring us back to You. Help us to remember the truth that if we ever face doubt in our life, You are trustworthy, and we can turn to You. Amen.

Gospel Connection- Say This

Using the 4 Circles Gospel Art in your group space talk about how the story today relates to the circles.

(Circle three) God loves us so much that He sent His one and only Son, Jesus, to make a way for us to have a relationship with God.

(Circle one) When God created everything, He made everything perfect. He made people to trust and follow Him because He is perfect and trustworthy. Unfortunately, sin entered the world, bringing brokenness and doubt. *Sin* is when we choose to do what we think is best rather than follow what God says is best. Sin can lead to us doubting God.

(Circle two) This brokenness affects everyone and everything. Worst of all, it affects our relationship with God. Instead of trusting God completely, we doubt, and we don't believe God is who He says He is or that He will do what is best. We even think we can do something better than God or that our way of doing something is better than God's way. In our Bible story, God rescued His people from the Egyptian army. He rescues us too from something way bigger than a human army!

(Circle three) God sent Jesus to rescue us from sin and the punishment we deserve. When we believe and trust in Jesus, God restores our relationship with Him. He makes us new and gives us a new identity—child of God. When we trust in Jesus, we can be secure in Him and know that God is always trustworthy.

(Circle one) But that doesn't mean everything is perfect and new again. We will still have doubts sometimes. We will still sin and ask God to forgive us. While we still live in this broken world, we will still experience the effects of brokenness.

(circle four) But one day, Jesus will come back and make everything new again. That means no more brokenness, no more sadness, no more doubts.

God's amazing love is strong enough to keep us secure even when we doubt. Ask, "Why?" (*Why?*) Because God is trustworthy. That means we can always trust Him and know that we are secure in Him. Say, "God is trustworthy when I doubt!" (*God is trustworthy when I doubt!*) Say, "I am secure!" (*I am secure!*)

Leader Tip: Reinforce to kids that doubt is *not* a sin; rather, doubt is a result of sin in our world. When we doubt, we can turn to God for security, answers, and truth. Be intentional about creating a safe space for kids still on the fence about faith to question, wrestle, and work through their doubts. Check out this resource for more information:

<https://kidsministry.lifeway.com/2022/06/13/calling-all-doubters-why-christians-should-welcome-skeptics/>

Trustworthy Portrait — (20 Minutes)

Kids will make a self-portrait with a border to remind them that God is trustworthy.

Big Goal: Create a reminder that God is trustworthy.

Leader Prep: Set out supplies.

1. Use markers to draw a self-portrait of you looking worried or filled with doubt.
2. Draw another portrait on top of the first one with a white crayon, looking peaceful and happy.
3. Write *God is trustworthy when I doubt* with marker around the border of the paper.
4. Color over the paper with crayons.

Supplies: Trustworthy Portrait (1 per group), Pencils (1 per group), White crayon (1 per child), Markers (several), “Trustworthy Portrait Example” printable (1 per group; optional)

What To Do: For this craft, we are going to do a “Trustworthy Portrait”! I’m going to give you all a piece of paper, and we are going to draw a portrait of ourselves right in the middle of the paper. In this portrait, I want you to draw yourself worried or filled with doubt. After you finish, you’re going to take a white crayon and draw right over that portrait of yourself looking peaceful and happy. We’ll write *God is trustworthy when I doubt* around the border of the paper. Then let’s use our crayons to color over the whole paper. If you’re ready to be an artist, let me hear you say, “Let’s color!” (*Let’s color!*)

Leader Tip: Connect relationally with your kids by encouraging them as they are doing their self-portraits. Some kids may struggle with doing the self-portrait but encourage them that they are doing a great job and that their artwork looks great!

Loud And Clear: I love seeing your portraits. God made each of you special and unique. Look to a neighbor, and say, “God made you!” (*God made you!*) God made every one of you just like you are. He knows everything about you, even when you have doubts or questions. But today we have been learning that God is trustworthy when we doubt. This means that no matter what is going on around us, we can remember who God is. He is trustworthy. Even when we doubt and have questions, we can remember that our trust is in God, not our circumstances. There are going to be times when we have doubts, whether it’s about God, something that’s happening in our lives, or something else. But we can be secure in our knowledge that God is trustworthy, meaning we can count on Him no matter what, and He keeps His promises.

Discussion Questions:

- What makes someone trustworthy, knowing you can count on them no matter what? What might people do to make you stop trusting them? (*Allow kids to answer, and share your answer.*)
- The Bible tells us when we trust in Jesus, we are secure. God is trustworthy, meaning He keeps His promise. Let’s open our Bibles to **Exodus 14:29-31** and read about it together. (*Invite kids to open their Bibles. Read the passage aloud, or invite a kid who volunteers to read the passage aloud. Be sure to have Bibles available for kids who need one. Help kids find the passage so everyone can follow along together.*) It was hard for the Israelites to trust God. Even after God rescued them from Egypt, the first sign of trouble made them doubt God. What could have helped them trust God in that moment? (*Allow kids to answer, and share your own answer.*)

Discussion Questions- cont:

- How can you remind yourself that God is trustworthy? What can you do to remember that He keeps His promises? *(Answers may include make reminders around our house that say God is trustworthy; memorize Bible verses about how God is trustworthy; and write down things that God does for us; like God loves me, He provides for me, He keeps me secure; and so forth.)*
- If a friend asks, "Who can I trust when I don't know what to do?" how could today's Bible story and what we learned answer that question? *(Allow kids to answer, and share your own answer.)*
- The Bible tells us that God is trustworthy, meaning we can count on Him no matter what. Being locked in on God and His promises helps us remember that He can be trusted! What is something encouraging you will remember from today? Is there anything you have questions about? *(Allow kids to answer, and share your own answer.)* Let's pray and talk to God. *(Lead the group in prayer. Consider using the following prayer prompt.)*

God, thank You that we can be secure in You. Help us to remember this incredible Bible story where You kept Your promise to Your people. Help us to remember that You are trustworthy, and that whenever we have doubts, we can bring those doubts to You and ask You to help us trust in You. Amen

Trusting in Jesus and having a relationship with Him is the ultimate source of security in our lives. Because Jesus died on the cross, God is with us when we believe and trust in Him. He restores our relationship with Him, and we are secure.

Going Home

Pass out the coloring pages for kids to take home. Greet families as they arrive and tell them something about their child you saw today. Say goodbye and call everyone by name.