



January 26

I am Secure

Kindergarten - 5th grade

Leader Notes

Bible Passage: Elisha and the Army- 2 Kings 6:8-23

Bottom Line: God is faithful when I am confused.

Leader Context: In today's Bible story from 2 Kings, the prophet Elisha was in a challenging situation when an army—seeking to capture him—surrounded the city where he and his servant were staying. Elisha's servant was afraid and confused, wondering how they would make it out. But Elisha knew the truth about their security in God. (Read 2 Kings 6:16-17.) This Bible story will help kids know that God is always faithful. Even when life feels confusing or unsure, kids can trust that 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, Paper (1 per child), Markers or crayons (several), Construction paper (1 per child; optional), Dry erase board and marker (1 per group; optional), Classroom objects (several; optional), "What Am I?" printable (several), 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."

Bible Story Video (10 minutes)

Bible Story Recap- Say This

Elisha and his servant were stuck in a tough situation—literally! An entire army surrounded them with orders to capture them. Elisha and his servant responded in two different ways. Elisha's servant was confused and unsure, but Elisha trusted God and knew He was faithful. Sometimes we are going to face times, trials, and experiences that are confusing. It can be hard for us to remember that God is faithful and that He can be trusted. God is so much bigger than us, and He sees things we don't see. God is faithful to be with us and help us, even when we feel confused or don't know what to do. How do we remember this truth? We remember stories like these! We remember the time when God provided for Elisha and his servant. We remember the times God's taken care of us, and we trust that God is faithful, even when we are confused. Say, "God is faithful when I am confused!" (God is faithful when I am confused!) It can be hard not to know the full picture, but we can be like Elisha, who was confident in God.

We can be secure in God! If we are ever confused or questioning things around us, we can turn to God trust Him. He is loyal, dependable, and everything He says is true. Let's talk to God and pray in 3-2-1.

God, thank You for being here for us. Thank You for giving us Your Word so that when life gets confusing or we find ourselves questioning things, we know where to find the answer. Help us to trust that You are faithful and good. Amen.

Social

Videos

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 one) God is trustworthy because He is God! He created the whole universe—that means everything and everyone! God always knows the big picture. Say, “Always!” (*Always!*) God created people to know Him, love Him, trust Him, and know they are secure in Him.

(Circle two) But people—including all of us here—choose to sin. We choose to do what we think is best rather than follow what God says is best, and the Bible calls this *sin*. Sin breaks our relationship with God. So instead of trusting God completely like He made us to, we doubt, we get confused, and we question if God really is faithful and if He will really do what He says He will do. Our broken world and the brokenness inside us can leave us feeling confused. When we’re confused, we might feel stuck, or we might try and figure things out by ourselves. No matter how hard we try, we cannot fix things on our own. However, God doesn’t leave us broken, confused, and alone.

(Circle three) God promised He would rescue us from sin, and He did—through Jesus! God had a plan to save His people from the beginning. God sent His Son, Jesus, to take the punishment for our sin by dying on a cross. Jesus didn’t stay dead, but He rose again three days later. When we trust and follow Jesus, we can be secure in Him. We might still feel confused sometimes, but we can count on Him and know He is faithful.

(Circle four) As you learn and grow you will understand this in new and different ways. This is what new life in Christ looks like. The Holy Spirit will guide you and help you.

Elisha had a relationship with God and trusted Him, even when things were confusing. We can have a relationship with God when we admit our sin to Jesus, ask for His forgiveness, and follow Him. When we do, we can trust God no matter what and know that He is faithful. Say, “God is faithful when I am confused!” (*God is faithful when I am confused!*) If you have questions about what it means to follow Jesus and be in a relationship with Him, talk with me or your Campus Leader.

Leader Tip: Help kids understand that confusion is *not* a sin; rather, confusion is a result of sin in our world and ourselves. As kids struggle with confusion, be a compassionate listener. Allow them to share from the heart and kindly point them to the truth of God and the Bible without carrying the burden of “making them” believe. Remember that confusion isn’t a sign of faithlessness but an opportunity to help kids grow secure in their relationship with God.

Marker Scene — 20 Minutes

Big Goal: Create a fun reminder of how God is faithful.

Leader Prep: Set out supplies. Write **God is faithful when I am confused** on the dry erase board.

1. Draw two dots of one color in the center of the paper.
2. Place 20–30 dots of a different color around the two dots in the middle, completely surrounding them.
3. Fill in the remainder of the page with different color dots around the second set of dots.
4. Add faces on the dots.
5. Write **God is faithful when I am confused** on top of the paper.

Supplies: Marker Scene (1 per child), Markers (several), Pencils (1 per child), “Marker Scene Example” printable (1 per group; optional), Dry erase board and marker (1 per group)

What To Do: In this craft, we’re going to use dots to retell one of the coolest parts of our Bible story from today. I’m going to hand you a piece of paper and pass around markers. You’ll need to pick three colors of markers. After you get your three colors, use the first color to put two dots in the middle of the paper. After that, use the second color to put 20–30 dots around the 2 middle dots. After that, take the third color and guess what? Add a whole bunch of *more* dots around those! Fill in the rest of your paper around the dots with your third color. Can anyone guess what these three colors of dots might represent? (*Elisha and his servant, the enemy army, and God’s army.*) That’s right! They represent the people and armies from our Bible story today. We’re going to take our pencils and draw faces on the dots to make them look like people now. Finally, write **God is faithful when I am confused** on the bottom.

Keep It Going: Allow kids to retell the Bible story with their pictures, working together with a friend to cover and reveal dots as they talk.

Loud And Clear: I love how fun this craft looks! It’s a great reminder that God is faithful even when we are confused. Elisha and his servant were in a scary situation before God showed them how they were surrounded and protected by God’s own army! Look to a neighbor, and say, **“God is faithful when I am confused!” (God is faithful when I am confused!)**

Discussion Questions:

- What are some things that kids can find confusing? (*Allow kids to answer, and share your own answer.*)
- The Bible tells us that God is faithful when we are confused. Let’s open our Bibles to **2 Kings 6:16-17** 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.*) How can this Bible story help us when we are confused or afraid? (*Talk about how Elisha and his servant had different responses when the army surrounded them. The servant was afraid and confused, and Elisha was confident in God. We have two options when we face times when we are afraid or confused: try to figure things out on our own or turn to and trust that God is faithful.*)

Discussion Questions- cont:

- How can knowing that God is faithful help us when things don't make sense or when we find ourselves confused? *(Allow kids to answer, and share your own answer.)*
- If you have a friend that has questions or is going through something difficult, what can you tell them about God? *(Allow kids to answer, and share your own answer.)*
- The Bible tells us that God is faithful when we are confused, and we can be secure in Him! Being locked into what God is doing in our lives can help us when we face difficult or confusing situations. 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 for today. Thank You for the truth that we found in our Bible story today, that You are faithful even when we are confused. Help us remember that You are faithful even when we can't see it. Amen.

What an incredible truth that we are secure in God when we trust in Him. Elisha faced quite a challenge, but he knew that God would be faithful and take care of him. We can trust that God is faithful when we are confused.

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.