



3rd – 5th

August 23-24, 2014

DATE

Know God's Word

LESSON TITLE

Proverbs 3:5-6
Adventure Bible (p. 702)

WHERE TO FIND IT

Trust in God and let Him lead you, even when it doesn't make sense.

MAIN POINT

schedule

Connect Time (15 minutes): Five minutes after the service begins, split kids into groups and begin their activity.

Large Group (30 minutes): Begin 20 minutes after the service starts. Model what it looks like to be engaged in large group.

Small Group (15 minutes): Keep kids in small groups until parents arrive. If you *all* have extra time at the end, you can review the video and songs together.

tips

Today kids will be trying to memorize **Proverbs 3:5-6: Trust in the LORD with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways submit to him, and he will make your paths straight.**

check-in/out

large group heads up

We'll be watching a clip from *Monsters University*. It's a montage of Mike and Sully getting thrown out of school and taking a unique route to become scarers. Runtime is 1:31:38-1:34:23. Even though they didn't understand why they had to take this path, it all turned out for the best!



connect time

Goal: Connect Time is all about engaging kids in an activity that allows them to connect with each other right away while simultaneously piquing their curiosity for Large Group and preparing their minds for what they're going to hear.

TRUST YOUR PARTNER

- Put **chairs** in random places in the large group area, creating a simple “obstacle course” that kids will have to navigate through.
- Tell kids to find a partner and then hand out **blindfolds** to each pair.
- Tell kids that they will each take a turn wearing the blindfold. The kid with the blindfold has to get from one end of the room to the other end without hitting a chair!
- The partner who is not blindfolded will help them across the room by telling them if there is a chair coming, which direction to go, guiding them with their hand, etc.
- Blindfolded kids cannot peek! Remind kids to be careful (no running with blindfolds on, etc).
- Tell kids to sit down somewhere with their partner after they have both had a turn.
- **Then let kids share about the best/worst parts of their week!**

Before you head into Large Group, remind them about your expectations for their behavior: (1) be kind, (2) listen when somebody speaks, and (3) follow the leader's instructions.



instructions

Goal: Kids will **(1)** understand that we can trust God to lead us, even when it doesn't make sense **(2)** memorize Proverbs 3:5-6 as part of our verse memorization series and **(3)** think about ways in their own lives that they can lean on God.

Why: Memorizing scripture is an important way for us to know God better and live our lives the way He wants us to.

Tip: Tell kids about a time when you had to trust God even when you didn't know how it would turn out; it will help kids relate to and care more about what you're teaching.

small group

REVIEW AND DIG DEEPER

***Pass around a bean bag to the person who's speaking. Each group member should be prepared to hold the bean bag and answer questions.**

1. Have you ever experienced a time in your life when you didn't know what to do or say?
2. Have you ever had a tough time deciding between what you want to do, and what God wants you to do?
3. What does it mean to not lean on your own understanding? Why should we lean on God's understanding instead of our own?
4. Have you ever trusted God when you didn't know what to do? What was that like?
5. What is something in your life that you could submit, or give over, to God?

APPLICATION ACTIVITY

1. Hand out a piece of **paper** and a **marker** to each kid. Tell them to write down one thing that they could trust God to take care of (a problem with a friend, something they're afraid of, a game they're nervous about, etc)
2. Give **glue sticks** and a variety of **collage materials** to the group (small pieces of multi colored paper, pieces of foil, doilies, etc). Tell kids to cover up the thing they just wrote down with the art materials.
3. Say that this is showing how we don't have to worry or fear our problems any more when we let God take over; he can "cover up" anything we are worried about, and show us a better path, even when it doesn't make sense!
4. As kids work, you can talk about a personal problem you've had that you were worried about, but that you were able to give up to God and trust him to take care of.

***Pray with kids, thanking God that we can always trust him!**

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If you have extra time:

- Get kids in a circle (sitting or standing) and give the beanbag to a kid.
- Tell them to say the first word of our memory verse (“Trust”) and then pass it to someone else, who then says the next word in the verse (“in”).
- Pass the beanbag around until each kid has had a turn and the verse is finished. Encourage kids to pass the bag to someone they know hasn’t gone yet, etc.

LARGE group



special notes

The focus is memorization, so we'll be repeating the same verse many times today. Be as energetic and excited as you can be, so that the repetition stays fun!

presenter tips

During the interactive parts of large group today, feel free to pump kids up and motivate them by going out to where they're sitting and interacting with them there!

script

**Play intro music*

Hey everybody, good to see you here! We're so glad to have you in Kids' Club! Let's go ahead and have a seat. Before we get started, I want you to **turn to the person next to you, and tell them one thing you felt while you were blindfolded.** Go ahead and do that now. (Give kids a few minutes to talk.)

All right, who would like to tell me about what you felt while you were being led across a dangerous room while blindfolded?! (Let a few different kids answer.) Wow, I totally understand! I'm willing to bet a lot of you felt strange, silly, or unsure of yourself! Would someone like to tell me **WHY** you felt unsure? (Let a kid respond.) Yep, because you were blindfolded, you had no idea where to go or how fast to move! In fact, you had to completely rely on your partner to help you across the room.

Can someone tell me what would happen if you decided not to let your partner help you and just do it by yourself? (Let a kid respond.) I'm pretty sure it would be a disaster! You'd run into things and probably trip and hurt yourself! Instead, you all **TRUSTED** your friend to help you.

WRITING ON OUR HEARTS

Today, we are going to learn about a really special verse from the Bible. In fact, we're not just going to learn about it, but we're going to write it on our hearts! Now that's kind of a funny phrase; does anyone know what that means? (Let a kid respond.)

In the Bible, God says we should write his words on the tablet—or notebook—of our heart. Basically, he wants us to know his words so well, that we could say them without even having to look them up! Instead of just writing them on paper, he wants us to write it on our hearts so we have it everywhere we go. It's like when you're out on a football field, and you have to know what plays to do to win the game. Do you have time to pull out a notebook and look up your



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notes? No way! You have to memorize it so that you know it without even looking! Sometimes we do this just for fun, like when we know a song and can sing it in the shower.

GUESS THE MISSING WORDS

Okay, here's the verse (Proverbs 3:5-6 will show up on the slide, however initially some of the words are missing). It looks like we've got some words missing from this verse! Well, let's go ahead and say it out loud, but when you see a blank line, we'll just say "blank" for now. (Have kids say the verse with you, but say the word "blank" for each missing word)

Slide 1: Proverbs 3:5-6: " _____ in the Lord with all your _____ and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways submit to him, and he will make your paths _____."

Well it looks like we need to figure out these missing words before we start memorizing the verse! Here's what we'll do. I'm going to give you a clue, and you'll try to guess the word! (If kids are having trouble figuring out the word, feel free to try and explain it further without saying the actual word.) Here's the first clue: *This word is the opposite of a lie, and it rhymes with must!* (Let kids figure out "trust".) Awesome, great job guys! Let's say the verse together again with our new word. (Say the verse with kids again, but still with 2 blank spaces left.)

Slide 2: Proverbs 3:5-6: "Trust in the Lord with all your _____ and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways submit to him, and he will make your paths _____."

Okay, time for the next word! The second clue is this: *It's an organ that pumps blood throughout your body!* (Again, you can help them out as needed. Allow kids to come up with the word "heart"). Fantastic job! Heart is the right answer! Let's look at it again on our screen, and say it together (lead kids in repeating it again with the newest word added in)

Slide 3: Proverbs 3:5-6: "Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways submit to him, and he will make your paths _____."

Okay, we're almost there! The last clue is this: This is a type of line that is not wiggly or zig zaggy! (Let kids guess until they get the word "straight") Awesome!! You all got it! Straight is our last word! Now that our verse is completed, let's say it one last time, but with all the words!

Slide 4: Proverbs 3:5-6: "Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways submit to him, and he will make your paths straight."

MIKE AND SULLY GET KICKED OUT OF SCHOOL

Now that we've figured out what our verse is, we are going to watch a movie clip from the movie *Monsters University*! In the video, Mike and Sully are monsters who have just gotten kicked out of Monsters University, the only place they can go to become professional scarers. But I want you to watch what they do, because even though they don't know what's going to happen, and their future seems totally ruined, they trust that it's going to be okay. See if you can figure out what they do.



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Video: MU Trust God (1:31:38-1:34:23)

Wow! Mike and Sully completely turned their situation around, didn't they? It would be understandable if they were discouraged. But what did they do? (Let kids respond.) Yeah, they didn't give up because they trusted that even though it didn't make sense at the time, they could still find a way to become scarers!

TRUST IN THE LORD

Has anyone ever played Rock Band? Or pretended to be in a band? Well that's what we're going to do as we break down the verse a bit (**click to show verse again**). It's got 4 parts to it, and the first is "trust in the lord with all your heart". Let's all say that together, TRUST IN THE LORD WITH ALL YOUR HEART! Great! Now I want you to pretend you've got an awesome electric guitar in your arms, okay? Everybody got one? Now go ahead and strum it really hard and sing out TRUST IN THE LORD WITH ALL YOUR HEART over and over again! (demonstrate this with enthusiasm, jump up and down, rock back and forth, anything to pretend like you're playing a rock song! Say the phrase a few times with kids!)

LEAN NOT ON YOUR OWN UNDERSTANDING

Now for the next part. It says, LEAN NOT ON YOUR OWN UNDERSTANDING! That's an interesting phrase to use... what do you think it means? (Let a kid answer.) Awesome! Basically, it means that we shouldn't just listen to our own ideas and make our own plans, because we just don't know everything like God does! Now, to really get this in our head, let's pull out our drumsticks and get ready for the craziest drum solo ever! We're going to yell out LEAN NOT ON YOUR OWN UNDERSTANDING a few times as we play the drums. Ready, go!

IN ALL YOUR WAYS SUBMIT TO HIM

The next part is IN ALL YOUR WAYS SUBMIT TO HIM! Does someone want to tell me what you think that means? (Let a kid answer.) Yes! We should give up our own plans and let God lead us! For this part, we're going to get down on our knees, then stand back up, as we sing out these words. Ready? Go! (Get down on your knees and stand back up while singing/yelling out IN ALL YOUR WAYS SUBMIT TO HIM! a few times.)

HE WILL MAKE YOUR PATHS STRAIGHT

Okay! One last part! This is it: HE WILL MAKE YOUR PATHS STRAIGHT. For this part, you get to pick whatever instrument you want! A guitar, singing into a microphone, a tuba, the piano, whatever! Just make sure you sing out/yell HE WILL MAKE YOUR PATHS STRAIGHT as you play! Ready? Play! (Play along with kids and even have them come up on stage!)

So we just learned the four parts to this verse, and now we're going to put them all together one last time before we pray. Yell it out with me! TRUST IN THE LORD WITH ALL YOUR HEART AND LEAN NOT ON YOUR OWN UNDERSTANDING; IN ALL YOUR WAYS SUBMIT TO HIM AND HE WILL MAKE YOUR PATHS STRAIGHT. Awesome job everybody!



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You all did awesome today; I know sometimes we don't always like to repeat things over and over, but it's one of the best ways to ingrain something in your head!

WORSHIP

And did you guys know there's a REAL song about this? So stand up! Let's use the motions we just learned to ROCK OUT to this song! It says "acknowledge" God, instead of "submit" to God, but it means the same thing!

Music Video: Proverbs 3:5-6

Great job! Now sit down. (Let kids sit.) We're going to pray now, and before I start, we'll have a few seconds of quiet time. While it's quiet, I want you to talk to God and ask him to help you lean on Him, even when things don't make sense in the moment. You might even want to listen for Him to tell you something as well.

PRAY

(Pause for a minute before praying) God, thank you for every kid here today. Please help us when we don't know what to do, and help us open our hearts to You so that you can give us the best life possible! Even when we don't know how things are going to work out, I pray that You calm us and give us peace. Amen!

PREP needs



connect time supplies

Blindfolds (1 per pair of kids)
Chairs (or other obstacles that can be found in the room)

small group supplies

Per kid
1 piece of construction paper

Collage materials (pieces of multi colored paper, foil, doilies, etc)
Beanbag

Per group
Markers
Glue sticks

large group supplies

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a/v needs

1. Intro song embedded into Kids' Club logo slide: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CyT6cfAzlq8>
2. SLIDE: Slide 1: Proverbs 3:5-6: "_____ in the Lord with all your _____ and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways submit to him, and he will make your paths _____."
3. SLIDE: Slide 2: Proverbs 3:5-6: "Trust in the Lord with all your _____ and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways submit to him, and he will make your paths _____."
4. SLIDE: Slide 3: Proverbs 3:5-6: "Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways submit to him, and he will make your paths _____."
5. SLIDE: Slide 4: Proverbs 3:5-6: "Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways submit to him, and he will make your paths straight."
6. Video Clip: Monsters University: 1:31:38-1:34:23
7. SLIDE: Proverbs 3:5-6: "Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways submit to him, and he will make your paths straight."
8. Video: Proverbs 3:5-6 song: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FUR1ufexry0>

connect questions

What does Proverbs 3:5-6 say?
How can we trust God?

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