



3rd - 5th

February 6-7, 2016

DATE

Super Bowl Weekend

LESSON TITLE

Joshua; Joshua 1:9

WHERE TO FIND IT

We can trust God.

MAIN POINT

schedule

Please follow this adapted schedule:

- **Connect Time (15 minutes):**
Start 5 minutes after service starts
- **Large Group Part 1 (10 minutes):** Begin 25 minutes after service start time
- **Group Activity (15 minutes):** In the Large Group script section
- **Large Group Part 2 (15 minutes)**
- **Small Group (10 minutes)**
- **Extra Activities** (keep kids engaged until parents arrive)

tips

Be sure to start Connect Time 5 minutes after the service start time. And if it doesn't happen because the beginning of service is hectic, cut Connect Time short. Whatever happens, start the first Large Group video at 25 minutes after the start time.

check-in/out

As kids leave, make sure they get part of the wall so they remember to trust God this week.

large group heads up

Today is all about Joshua and trusting God. Read Joshua 1-6 before the weekend and ask God to help you talk about Joshua and trust with kids.



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.*

BACKWARDS TRUST WALK

- Put kids in pairs.
- Line them up against one wall in the room.
- Pull some **chairs** and **various objects** into the middle of the room to create an obstacle course.
 - ****Make this as simple or difficult as you prefer for your group.***
- Then have one partner in each pair turn around to directly face the wall.
- The forward (non-wall)-facing kid has to *verbally* (no touching!) help his/her partner walk backwards to the opposite wall without running into any of the obstacles, bumping into other kids or turning around and walking forwards. If they do any of those things, the pair must start over.
- Once all pairs have made it, start over (but rearrange the objects in the middle) so that both partners experience what it's like to walk backwards.

TALK ABOUT IT

- How did it feel to not know where you were going?
- Did trusting your friend make it easier? How?

Before you go to Large Group, you can also remind kids of the expectations for Large Group behavior: (1) be kind, (2) listen when somebody speaks, and (3) follow the leader's instructions.



instructions

Goal: Kids will (1) recognize that Joshua trusted God, (2) understand why we can trust God, and (3) identify one way they will trust God this week.

Why? There are so many places in the Bible where God shows us that he wants our trust.

Tip: At the end, keep kids engaged in the “extra time” activities until their parents arrive.

small group

SMALL GROUPS

1. (**image of giant walls**) When did Joshua trust God? (when he wasn't scared off by the big scary giants; when he faced the huge wall full of people ready to fight)
2. (**image of Red Sea**) How did Joshua trust God? (he remembered what God had done, like made a path right through the middle of the Red Sea, showed them where to go with a pillar of fire at night and a cloud during the day, gave them water from rocks and sent food like rain every morning, promised to bring them to Canaan; he also obeyed, which showed his trust)
3. (**hold up verse card**) Why did Joshua trust God? (because God promised to be with him and he knew God is more powerful than anything)
4. When is it hard to trust God? Why can we trust no matter how difficult it is?

MAKE IT PERSONAL

- Give each kid a piece of paper from the wall **puzzle pack** (key included)
- On it, have them write/draw one hard thing they're facing. It might be something they worry about or something difficult they know they'll have to do.
- Then put the puzzle together. Have kids construct it on the floor or tape it to the wall, whichever is best for your group.

****Pray with kids, asking for delivery. You can even say together, "I trust you, God!"***

Then tear the wall down. Have fun with this!

REMEMBER TO TRUST

Kids can take their torn pieces if they want. Also, give them a **wall image page** with the verse on it. Let kids color it or write/draw the way they want to trust God. Encourage them to hang it up somewhere in their house and trust God this week!

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Extra Time? Do another obstacle course. Or play a group game of Simon Says or Musical Chairs!

special notes

It'll probably be easier to do the mid-Large Group game in small groups than in one whole group. Split into small groups after Video 1.

presenter tips

No one person will have to lead the whole group. But choose one adult to introduce both videos briefly (script provided below) and to tell groups when to be back for Video 2 (no later than 50 minutes after the service start time).

script

***Click to play intro music**

START 25 MINUTES AFTER SERVICE BEGINS

**Choose one adult to come onto the presentation area and briefly announce the video:*

This weekend, we have a special video host who's going to talk to us about trusting God.

Video: Large Group Video 1 (about 10 min.)

Now let's split into small groups and play a game. We'll come back (no later than 50 minutes after the service start time—earlier if you want). When it's time to return, I'll (flicker the lights, play the intro music, etc. Choose an easy way to notify groups that it's time to return.)

BACK-TO-BACK DRAWINGS

**You can play as a whole group or as small groups, whichever works best for your room.*

- Have kids pair up again - but with a new partner.
- Choose one partner to be the artist and the other to be the leader
- Give artists **a blank piece of paper** and a **marker**
- Have all leaders sit in a line on the floor next to each other
- All artists sit in a line on the floor so that they are back-to-back with their partner
- Without the artists seeing what you're handing out, give each leader **a piece of paper with an image** on it. They should not tell their partner what the image is.
- The leader has to tell the artist what to draw **WITHOUT** saying the name of the image on the sheet. (ie. Kids can say, "Draw a square. Put a triangle on top" NOT "Draw a house.")
 - *If your group is struggling, feel free to modify it. Try letting them say the name of the image and describing how to draw it.*



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- After one round, see who did the best, and switch so that the leader is now the artist.

TALK ABOUT IT

- Was it hard to do something without really seeing how it was going to end up? Why?
- In real life, do you always know what God has coming next?
- What can you do to trust God in those situations?

NO LATER THAN 50 MINUTES AFTER THE SERVICE START TIME, RETURN TO THE LARGE GROUP AREA:

***Click to play intro music again**

Our host for today is back! She's going to tell us more about Joshua's story.

Large Group Video Part 2 (about 20 minutes)

**Dismiss kids to small groups.*



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PREP needs



connect time supplies

Obstacle course – use supplies already in rooms

small group supplies

Per kid

Wall image (similar to a coloring sheet)

Per group

Markers

1 Bible

1 Jericho puzzle pack

painters tape

2 images: (1) Giant walls and (2) Red Sea (printed on

8.5x11 in color)

verse card

large group supplies

Bible

1 blank sheet of paper

Simple image sheet (reused, need enough for ½ kids
at largest service)

markers

a/v needs

1. Song slide: for when kids enter the room (All that You Need instrumental; mp3 only; can be downloaded on website)
2. Video: Large Group Video Part 1
3. Song slide again: for when kids enter the room (All that You Need instrumental; mp3 only; can be downloaded on website)
4. Video: Large Group Video Part 2

connect questions

How did Joshua trust God?

How can we trust God?

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