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**Day 1**

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| **Faith Fact**  I can trust God to lead me.  **Faith Verse**  Psalm 34:19 (NLT)  The righteous person faces many troubles, but the Lord comes to the rescue each time.  **Question of the Day: How should we respond when God tells us something?** |

**Read about It**

**Read:** John 4:43–50

This government official in our Bible reading had probably heard about Jesus’ power to work in impossible situations. The man was so worried that his son would die that he had traveled to a nearby town to ask Jesus to come. He believed that Jesus could heal his son. After the man begged Jesus to come home with him and heal his son, Jesus told him to go home because his son would live! When Jesus spoke to him about his son, everything changed. The official didn’t question Jesus or hesitate. Verse 50 says, “The man believed what Jesus said and started home.”

We know that Jesus has power to do the impossible. That means, even in our hardest problems, He has all power. God wants us to have the kind of faith this man did. When God says something, we believe Him, and we do what He says. We don’t have to question Him or wait to obey. We can trust what God tells us and trust in His power.

**Talk about It**

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| **Question 1.** What did the government official ask Jesus to do?  **Answer 1.** He begged Jesus to come to his home and heal his son. (John 4:47) |
| **Question 2.** What did Jesus say to the man about his son?  **Answer 2.** Jesus said that the man’s son would live. (John 4:50) |
| **Question 3.** What did the man do after Jesus told him this?  **Answer 3.** The man believed what Jesus said and left for home. (John 4:50) |
| **Question 4.** Why do you think it’s sometimes hard for us to obey the directions God gives us?  **Answer 4.** Answers will vary. |
| **Question 5.** How should we respond when God tells us something?  **Answer 5.** We should respond in faith and obey like the government official did. |

**Pray about It**

Dear God, thank You that You have power over every situation. Help me trust Your words to me and walk confidently in what You tell me to do. Amen.

**Day 2**

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| **Faith Fact**  I can trust God to lead me.  **Faith Verse**  Psalm 34:19 (NLT)  The righteous person faces many troubles, but the Lord comes to the rescue each time.  **Question of the Day: What happens when you trust God to lead you?** |

**Read about It**

**Read:** John 4:51–54

Imagine that you want to cook something, so you look in a cookbook to find the recipe you want to make. You know that if you don’t follow the directions, the food may not come out quite right, and it could taste pretty bad. But because you trusted the recipe and followed the directions, the food comes out of the oven looking fantastic and tasting amazing. You get to eat it, and the rest of your family gets to enjoy it too!

As you follow God’s directions and trust Him to lead you, even in difficult times, not only your life can be changed. The lives of those around you may also be changed. Because the father in this Bible story believed what Jesus said and followed His directions, his son was healed. Even more, his entire household chose to believe in Jesus. God’s directions are for you, but He sees the big picture. When you trust and follow Him, your life will be changed, and you will influence the people around you too!

**Talk about It**

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| **Question 1.** From these Bible verses, what news did the man receive on his way home?  **Answer 1.** That his son was alive and well (John 4:51) |
| **Question 2.** Who else was changed by the man’s decision to trust Jesus?  **Answer 2.** His son was healed, and the father and his entire household believed in Jesus. (John 4:53) |
| **Question 3.** Are you going through something difficult right now? If so, can we talk about it?  **Answer 3.** Answers will vary. |
| **Question 4.** How could others be affected by your decision to trust God’s leading?  **Answer 4.** Answers will vary. |
| **Question 5.** What happens when you trust God to lead you?  **Answer 5.** Your life is changed, and you can influence those around you. |

**Pray about It**

Dear God, I want to trust every direction You give me. I know that You are with me. Help me to be able to talk about Your power with my family and friends as I trust You. Amen.

**Day 3**

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| **Faith Fact**  I can trust God to lead me.  **Faith Verse**  Psalm 34:19 (NLT)  The righteous person faces many troubles, but the Lord comes to the rescue each time.  **Question of the Day: How well does God know us?** |

**Read about It**

**Read:** Psalm 139:1–10

Who in your life knows you really, really well? Maybe you have a best friend who knows you well enough to finish your sentences. Or maybe your parents or guardians understand how you think so well that they’ve stopped you from doing something before you even started. It’s amazing how well other people can know us.

That idea becomes even more powerful when we realize that God is always with us. The author of this psalm, King David, understood how God is always with us. Even though you may not be able to see Him, we can trust God’s presence is always there through the Holy Spirit. God knows us far better than anyone else could. God is not only always with us and knows everything about us, but He’s always there to help exactly how we need.

**Talk about It**

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| **Question 1.** According to this psalm, where can we go to escape from God’s presence?  **Answer 1.** Nowhere (Psalm 139:7) |
| **Question 2.** How does knowing that God’s presence is always with us make you feel about your difficult problems?  **Answer 2.** Answers will vary. |
| **Question 3.** What two things do these verses say God’s hand has provided?  **Answer 3.** Blessing and guidance (Psalm 139:5, 10) |
| **Question 4.** Why is it sometimes hard for us to trust that God is with us?  **Answer 4.** Answers will vary. |
| **Question 5.** How well does God know us?  **Answer 5.** He knows everything we do and even think. (Psalm 139:3–4) |

**Pray about It**

Dear God, I know that You are with me and leading me. You know me better than anyone else does. Help me to trust You in everything I do. Amen.

**Day 4**

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| **Faith Fact**  I can trust God to lead me.  **Faith Verse**  Psalm 34:19 (NLT)  The righteous person faces many troubles, but the Lord comes to the rescue each time.  **Question of the Day: How is being a Christian like a race** |

**Read about It**

**Read:** 1 Corinthians 9:24–27

When planning a race like a marathon, people go out before the race to mark out the path all the runners will travel. These people make sure that the path is carefully marked out for the runners. The runners receive a map of the course, but they may not know exactly what will be on each part of the trail. Athletes must trust the path that was created for them and follow it. If they decide to turn a different way or go off the path, they could hurt themselves or even be disqualified from the race.

Our life as a Christian is a lot like a race. The path is already marked out for us because God has decided the right and wrong way for people to live. He knows every twist and turn that will come, and He knows how to lead us so we can complete the race. If we don’t trust Him and decide to go our own way, we could harm ourself and be separated from God. But if we run with purpose, we trust God’s leading and take steps that lead to His finish line. If we finish the race, we will receive the final prize of eternal life with Him.

**Talk about It**

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| **Question 1.** According to these Bible verses, why should we run to win?  **Answer 1.** We run in order to receive the eternal prize. (1 Corinthians 9:25) |
| **Question 2.** First Corinthians 9:26 talks about running “with purpose in every step.” What do you think that means for our life?  **Answer 2.** It means that we trust God’s leading and take the steps that lead us to His finish line. |
| **Question 3.** What are some ways to ask for God’s help to lead you?  **Answer 3.** Answers may vary. |
| **Question 4.** How do you feel knowing that God has good plans and an eternal prize for your life?  **Answer 4.** Answers may vary. |
| **Question 5.** How is living a Christian life like a race?  **Answer 5.** Answers may vary. |

**Pray about It**

Dear God, thank You that You have a plan for every twist and turn in life that I’ll face. Help me to trust Your leading and keep looking forward to what You have for me. Amen.

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