



# FAITH LIKE A CHILD

## Family Devotional/Adult & Teen Discussion Guide

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**1. PRIMARY STATEMENT:** In this life we're all coming out of a hardship, in the middle of one, or about to go through one. When we were kids we didn't have a care in the world because we knew our parents would take care of us. Like a child has trust in their parents, God wants us to know Him well enough that we have child like faith in Him.

### 2. BIBLE VERSE:

Proverbs 3:5 [NIV]

*"Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding;"*

We all know that we need to trust in the Lord but putting that into practice is hard. We are hardwired to try to take care of things ourselves or try to fix the issue on our own. Jesus wants us to give it to Him.

Take a moment to discuss a time that you trusted in God to take care of a situation and a time that you didn't.

Q. What was the difference between the two situations?

Q. Do you feel that you grew closer to God more in one than the other?



### 3. DISCUSSION:

Luke 18:15-17 [ESV]

*"Now they were bringing even infants to him that he might touch them. And when the disciples saw it, they rebuked them. But Jesus called them to him, saying, 'Let the children come to me, and do not hinder them, for to such belongs the kingdom of God. Truly, I say to you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God like a child shall not enter it.'"*

The disciples were too concerned about what position they would have in Jesus' Kingdom and missed His teachings.

Q. Have you ever placed your circumstances at a higher priority than your relationship with Jesus?

Sometimes we think that we can handle our situation better than God, when all He is really asking is for us to give it to Him.



### 4. PRAYER FOCUS

Pray that all of us, no matter how young or old, will know that God is always there, taking care of us, no matter what situation we are in. Ask the Holy Spirit to help you trust God more and more so that we will worry less and less!



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**1. POWER VERSE:** **Luke 18:17 (ESV)** *“Truly, I say to you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God like a child shall not enter it.”*

**What’s Up: “I will trust in God and stay strong in Him!”**

This week, we celebrated “Family Sunday” and learn together with our family in big church. Most of the time we learn things from people who are older than us, but there are times that the kids can teach the adults some things about faith in God.

## 2. READ:

**Luke 18:15–17 (NIRV)** *“People were also bringing babies to Jesus. They wanted him to place his hands on the babies. When the disciples saw this, they told the people to stop. But Jesus asked the children to come to him. ‘Let the little children come to me,’ he said. ‘Don’t keep them away. God’s kingdom belongs to people like them. What I’m about to tell you is true. Anyone who will not receive God’s kingdom like a little child will never enter it.’”*

**Q. Why do you think the parents wanted Jesus to touch their babies?**

The disciples became upset that people were bringing children to Jesus. Why do you think the disciples thought that the parents shouldn’t bother Jesus?

Jesus told the disciples to let the kids come to Him. He enjoyed having them near Him.

**Q. What do you think it would have been like to meet Jesus while he was walking with His disciples? What are some things that you would have said to Him?**

## 3. CHALLENGE:

Sometimes adults have a harder time trusting God than kids do.

**Q. Why do you think that is?**

As we grow older, we often start to worry more and more about things like money, our health, our relationships, and important decisions.

We often spend more time worrying, than praying and trusting God.

**Q. What are some steps we can take to keep our faith strong?**



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