

POINT ➡ **WE CAN TRUST GOD.**

Have children form a circle and sit on the floor. Open your Bible to Genesis 7, and show kids the words.

SAY: The Bible tells us about a man named Noah who trusted God. Noah was a good man. God told Noah that a big flood was coming, but he would save Noah's family.

God told Noah to build an ark. Noah obeyed God and built the ark, just as he was told. Noah trusted that God would save his family. Then God brought the animals to the ark. Noah, his family, and all the animals got on board the ark together. God shut the door before the big storm came.

Let's listen carefully to find out what God did for everyone on the ark. Play ● "Noah's Ark" (track 14) on the **CD**.

ASK: What do you think of big storms?

What did God do to take care of Noah, his family, and the animals during the big storm?

How has God helped you when you felt scared?

SAY: ➡ WE CAN TRUST GOD to protect us even when we're scared! The Bible doesn't say if Noah felt scared, but it sure seemed like a scary situation! God took care of Noah, and we know he'll take care of us, too.



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Have the children form a circle and sit down. Open your Bible to Proverbs 3, and show kids the words.

SAY: We've been learning that ➡ **WE CAN TRUST GOD.** Our Key Verse from the Bible says, "Trust in the Lord with all your heart." Let's say that together. Lead the children in repeating the Key Verse after you.

Let's use actions to help us remember our Key Verse from the Bible.

Trust in *(each child leans on the person to the right)*
the Lord *(point up)*
with all *(hands stretched wide to the sides)*
your heart. *(make a heart shape with both thumbs and index fingers, and place over your heart)*

SAY: When we trust someone, we believe that person. We trust our moms or dads to give us dinner each night. We trust people at church to help us learn about the Bible.

ASK: Tell about some people that you trust. What have those people done to show you can trust them?

What has God done to show you can trust him?

SAY: God does all kinds of things to show we can trust him. One of the things he did was take care of Noah and his family on the ark! ➡ **WE CAN TRUST GOD** because he shows that he's trustworthy. In fact, he's more trustworthy than any person!

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ASK: **When you go on a long trip,
what do you take with you?**

Pass out paper and *Color Switchers
Markers*. SAY: **Choose one of the
things you said you take with you
on a trip, and draw a picture of
it. We'll put all your pictures in a
suitcase.**

While children are drawing, fold a
piece of paper in half to become the
suitcase where the children will place
their drawings.

SAY: **Let's pretend we're going for
a ride on the ark. We'll all take
turns holding the suitcase as we
rock back and forth.** Have kids pass
the suitcase around and place the
drawings inside as you lead them in
rocking.

ASK: **What are some things you
know God will provide, so
you wouldn't need to pack
them for a trip?**

SAY: ➡ **WE CAN TRUST GOD** to
give us many things. He gives us a
home, a family, a church, food, and
water. He watches over us! God
wants us to trust him.

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Make a square or a boat shape on the floor with tape. Have all the children sit in the “ark.”

SAY: Noah and his family could have been scared in the stormy weather, but they trusted God to take care of them.

Let’s pretend we’re on the ark in the stormy water. Play ● “Storm Sounds” (track 15) on the **CD**. Rock back and forth and have children rock with you as if waves were rocking the boat. Stop when the **CD** segment ends.

ASK: What does a storm sound like?

SAY: Let’s make our own storm sounds! Show children how to make storm sounds using the following motions. Have them transition smoothly from one motion to another so it sounds as if the storm is escalating. Then go through the steps in reverse order, as if the storm is going away.

- Rub your hands together to make a soft swishing sound.
- Clap hands very quietly, and then gradually get louder and faster.
- Pat hands on legs rapidly.
- Stomp feet on ground.

ASK: What helps you not be afraid when it’s stormy?

What has God done to calm your fears the way our storm calmed down?

SAY: ➡ WE CAN TRUST GOD to take care of us even when it’s stormy. Remember that just like Noah’s flood, all storms eventually pass. But God is always there!

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Lead kids in the following rhythm while clapping hands, letting children take turns filling in animals or storm elements as described below. Have children echo the lines after you say them.

**Goin' on an ark ride
I'm not afraid!
God's with me all the way!
He made the rain.
He made the storm.
He'll keep me safe!
What's that?**

Let children fill in an animal name or storm element, and then make sounds to mimic that animal or storm element. For example, kids may say, "It's an elephant" or "It's the lightning." Have kids help you make up an action that represents the animal or storm element, and do that motion as you repeat the rhyme. Repeat until everyone has had a chance to name an animal or storm element.

ASK: What's something you're afraid of?

What does God do to keep you safe from that scary thing?

SAY: ➡ WE CAN TRUST GOD, even when we're afraid. If Noah could trust God even when the whole world was flooded, we know ➡ WE CAN TRUST GOD no matter what happens in our lives.