

Having a child-like faith in God

Samuel: The Battle to See - June 8, 2025

#### What is child-like faith?

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One Vision: Seeing as God Sees

## Adults helped Samuel start serving the Lord as a child

But Samuel ministered before the LORD, even as a child, wearing a linen ephod. 1 Samuel 2:18 NKJV

Moreover his mother used to make him a little robe and bring *it* to him year by year when she came up with her husband to offer the yearly sacrifice. *1 Samuel 2:19 NKJV* 

Then I will raise up for Myself a faithful priest who shall do according to what is in My heart and in My mind. I will build him a sure house, and he shall walk before My anointed forever. 1 Samuel 2:35 NKJV

Adults helped Samuel learn to hear God's voice

that the LORD called Samuel. And he answered, "Here I am!" 1 Samuel 3:4 NKJV

So he ran to Eli and said, "Here I am, for you called me." And he said, "I did not call; lie down again." And he went and lay down. 1 Samuel 3:5 NKJV

Then the LORD called yet again, "Samuel!" So Samuel arose and went to Eli, and said, "Here I am, for you called me." He answered, "I did not call, my son; lie down again." 1 Samuel 3:6 NKJV

(Now Samuel did not yet know the LORD, nor was the word of the LORD yet revealed to him.) 1 Samuel 3:7 NKJV

And the LORD called Samuel again the third time. So he arose and went to Eli, and said, "Here I am, for you did call me." Then Eli perceived that the LORD had called the boy. 1 Samuel 3:8 NKJV

Therefore Eli said to Samuel, "Go, lie down; and it shall be, if He calls you, that you must say, 'Speak, LORD, for Your servant hears.' " So Samuel went and lay down in his place. 1 Samuel 3:9 NKJV

Now the LORD came and stood and called as at other times, "Samuel! Samuel!" And Samuel answered, "Speak, for Your servant hears." 1 Samuel 3:10 NKJV

## Samuel continued to grow spiritually as a child

So Samuel grew, and the LORD was with him and let none of his words fall to the ground. 1 Samuel 3:19 NKJV

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## Child-like faith is having an attentive ear (1 Samuel 3:1-9)

My sheep hear My voice, and I know them, and they follow Me. John 10:27 NKJV

## Child-like faith is having an obedient will (1 Samuel 3:10-14)

But why do you call Me 'Lord, Lord,' and not do the things which I say? Luke 6:46 NKJV

# Child-like faith is having a humble heart (1 Samuel 3:15-21)

For whoever exalts himself will be humbled, and he who humbles himself will be exalted. *Luke 14:11 NKJV* 

# This week's OWNit365 New Testament Plus Plan:

June 8 - 1 Cor 11, Family Focus - 1 Cor 11:23-33

June 9 - Exod 32, Family Focus - Exod 32:1-8

June 10 - Reflection & Prayer

June 11– 1 Cor 12, Family Focus – 1 Cor 12:12-27

June 12 - 1 Cor 13, Family Focus - 1 Cor 13

June 13 - 1 Cor 14, Family Focus - 1 Cor 14:12-17

June 14 - 1 Cor 15, Family Focus - 1 Cor 15:12-19

# GOD MADE ANIMALS

In this series, we focus in on Day 5 and 6 of creation, the days where God made the animals! We learn that God made every animal no matter where they may live on the earth.

Memory Verse: God made the animals. Genesis 1:25 (adapted for toddlers)

Parent Connect: Today we learned God made farm animals! Talk about places you have seen farm animals? Petting Zoo? Deanna Rose Farmstead? On a drive through the countryside? Sing 'Old McDonald Had a Farm' and list out your favorite farm animals!

# REVIEW AND OVERCOMERS

In this series we will review some epic stories from the New Testament. Then we will learn about some awesome overcomers in the Bible!

Memory Verse: "If God is for us who can be against us?" Romans 8:31b

Heart of the Lesson: Joseph | Genesis 37-50

Parent Connect: Today we learned about Joseph, and how God helped him overcome the many obstacles that were in his life. Make an obstacle course with your kid this week and talk about how we can't do it alone and God helps us overcome hard things.

# THE STORY KEEPERS THE ROMAN UNDERGROUND CHURCH

"The Story Keepers" is an animated Christian series set in ancient Rome, where a baker and his wife risk everything to protect persecuted Christians and preserve the stories of Jesus. The show blends historical setting with biblical teachings, portraying the bravery of early Christians facing Roman oppression.

Memory Verse: "Instead, we will speak the truth in love, growing in every way more and more like Christ, who is the head of his body, the church." Ephesians 4:15

Heart of the Lesson: Jesus is worthy of our lives! | Matthew 3

Parent Connect: The Underground Church in Rome was very risky. People risked their lives to gather together and learn about Jesus. Set up a "secret meeting" for you and your kid where they have to know a password and location in order to hear a story about Jesus to mimic the underground Christians from our video series.

**G56** 

# QUICK PICS OF G56



As we welcome our new 5th graders to G56 we want to pause and help them know what to expect in G56 as well as recast the vision behind why we do what we do in G56 to the 6th graders. We will discuss and practice the different elements of G56 including worship, Bible memorization, small groups, prayer and outreach through quick pics of G56.

Memory Verse: "1 Timothy 4:12 Don't let anyone think less of you because you are young. Be an example to all believers in what you say, in the way you live, in your love, your faith, and your purity."

Heart of the Lesson: Quick Pic: GROW through Bible Reading and Bible Memorization Psalms 119:11

Parent Connect: This week in G56 we talked about the importance of Bible Reading and Bible Memorization. In G56 with each series we have a memory verse for the students to learn. Consider either writing the verse of this series 1 Timothy 4:12 or a verse you want to learn as a family on your student's bathroom mirror or write it on a 3x5 card or sticky note and stick it in their lunch along with a note.