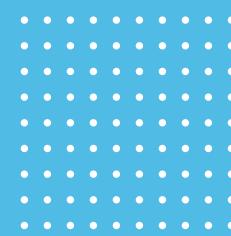
# **CONTINUING** THE CONVERSATION

# ELEMENTARY

### **JANUARY 2025**



## WEEK 1

We are starting off January and 2025 with the theme *Locked In*, where kids will learn they are secure in God. We will teach kids that God is strong when we are weak, He is our peace when we are anxious, He is trustworthy when we doubt, and He is faithful when we are confused.

This week, we are teaching that God is strong when we are weak. In Joshua 1–2 and 6, a man named Joshua was tasked with the seemingly impossible job of leading God's people to take over the city of Jericho. Though Joshua and God's people seemed weak in comparison, God showed that He would give them victory through His strength. And He did! Joshua and God's people marched around Jericho, and the wall miraculously fell down! God is our strength when we are weak, and we are secure in Him.



#### SESSION 1: GOD IS STRONG WHEN I AM WEAK

**READ:** Joshua 1:1-9; 6

HIGHLIGHT: Joshua 1:9

**REFLECT:** What can help you stand strong and courageous in God when you feel weak or tired or ready to give up?

A. Reading the Bible regularly

**B.** Praying and asking God for help

C. Talking with other Christians and asking for wisdom

**PRAY:** God, You are strong when I am weak. Help me to turn to You and trust that You will be with me.

**CONNECT**: What are lies we can believe which the enemy uses to keep us from being strong and courageous?





Our Bible story this week will teach kids that God is our peace when we are anxious. In 2 Kings 4:1-7, a prophet named Elisha was approached by a widow who was worried and anxious about a large debt her family owed. God performed a miracle by multiplying the widow's oil, enabling her to sell it and pay off her debt. Whenever we are anxious, we can turn to God and remember that we are secure in Him, which leads to peace.



#### SESSION 2: GOD IS MY PEACE WHEN I AM ANXIOUS

**READ:** 2 Kings 4:1-7

HIGHLIGHT: 2 Kings 4:2-4

**REFLECT**: What truth about God gives you peace when you are anxious?

- A. God is always with me.
- **B.** God provides what I truly need.
- **C.** God sees me and loves me.
- **PRAY:** God, You know the things in life that cause me to worry and be anxious. Help me turn to You, trusting in Your peace and presence.

**CONNECT**: When have you felt like you needed God's help? How did He help you?



## WEEK 3

This month your kids are learning about how they are secure in God. Our Bible story this week comes from Exodus 13–14, where kids will learn that God is trustworthy when they doubt. God's people, the Israelites, were freed from slavery in Egypt only to find themselves being chased by their captors. When they reached the Red Sea, they doubted they would be able to escape the Egyptian army. But God showed He was trustworthy to take care of them when He divided the sea and enabled them to walk on dry land to safety. We can know that, even when we doubt because things seem difficult or impossible, God is trustworthy.



#### SESSION 3: GOD IS TRUSTWORTHY WHEN I DOUBT

**READ**: Exodus 14

HIGHLIGHT: Exodus 14:29-31

**REFLECT**: What areas in your life can you give to God?

- A. Friendships
- B. Protection
- C. Fears
- **PRAY:** God, You are powerful enough to rescue the Israelites and lead them across the Red Sea, and You are powerful enough in my life too. Help me to trust You when I doubt.
- **CONNECT:** Where in your life do you want to see God's victory? What could help you trust Him as you wait?



## WEEK 4

This week, our Bible story will teach kids that God is faithful when they are confused. In 2 Kings 6:8-23, a prophet named Elisha, and his servant found themselves in a city surrounded by an army that was seeking to capture them. The servant was confused and worried, but Elisha prayed that the servant's eyes would be opened to see how God was faithfully taking care of them. Then, the servant saw that the hills around the army were filled with God's own heavenly army! While kids won't find themselves in that exact situation, they can know that God is with them. When life feels confusing and uncertain, kids can know and trust that God is faithful, and they are secure in Him.



**READ:** 2 Kings 6:8-23

HIGHLIGHT: 2 Kings 6:16-17

**REFLECT**: Where in your life can you trust God more?

- A. I can trust that God is in control, even when things seem out of control.
- **B.** I can trust that God is good, even when my circumstances aren't good.
- **C.** I can trust that God is right, even when others say He's wrong.
- **PRAY:** Thank You God that, even when my life is confusing, I can trust You and know You are faithful. Help me to trust You no matter what.

**CONNECT**: How do you combat lies with the truth of God?





•••

•

. . . . . . . . . . .

. . . . . .

•••

.

-

• • • •

• • •

. . . .

•






### STAY CONNECTED

Parenting is hard. We want to partner with you. To meet other parents, get hot topic help, find ideas on how to build a faith in your kids that spans generations and have a safe place to ask questions, follow us on social media. Also, check out our website for upcoming events and important announcements at missionhills.org/kids

### MHC KIDS SOCIAL MEDIA

- facebook.com/mhckids
- Instagram.com/mhckids
- youtube.com/missionhillsco

### FAMILY RESOURCES

For additional parenting resources from the Mission Hills Kids team, check out missionhills.org/families/kids-resources

