

Parent Guide

Week of April 5

Toddler

Memory Verse:

Do not worry.
Philippians 4:6

Philippians 4:6-7

Bible Time: Read **Do Not Worry** in the Jesus Storybook Bible, Matthew 6. Remind your toddlers that wherever you go, God is with YOU!

Time to sing **I've Got Peace Like a River**

Find a scarf or use paper streamers. Invite your kids to hold the scarves or streamers as if they are in the water and to dance to the music as they sing about peace, love, and joy.

I've got peace like a river,
I've got peace like a river,
I've got peace like a river in my soul.
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Verses:

I've got love like an ocean . . .
I've got joy like a fountain . . .
I've got peace, love, and joy like a river . . .

Craft Time: Never Worry Necklaces

You will need:

- Yarn
- Cheerios or Froot loops
- Construction paper circle
- Crayons and stickers
- Black marker



Decorate circle and write: TRUST, LOVE, or PRAY in the center, punch hole. Help child to thread cereal onto yarn along with circle. While child is wearing their new necklace remind them of Philippians 4:6, **Do Not Worry!**

Extras: Today is Palm Sunday. Read **Palm Sunday** in the Jesus Storybook Bible, Matthew 21 & John 12. Have a musical parade (no instruments needed: use kitchen spoons, pots and pans) and sing:

Ho-Ho-Ho-Ho-Sanna

Ho, Ho, Ho, Ho, Sa-a-nna
Ha, Ha, Ha, He-lu-uiah
He, He, He, He, Sa-aved Me
I've got the joy of the Lord!

Dear God, please help our hearts so that we can trust you with everything! Amen

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Preschool

Memory Verse:

Do not worry about anything; instead, pray about everything.

Philippians 4:6

Bible Time:

Read Philippians 4:6-7 or watch: [Do Not Worry Be Thankful](#)
Don't worry about anything; instead, pray about everything. Tell God what you need, and thank him for all he has done. Then you will experience God's peace, which exceeds anything we can understand. His peace will guard your hearts and minds as you live in Christ Jesus. NLT

Worship:

(If you do not have a version of these songs then you can find them on YouTube)
Here I am to Worship
Lean on You (Hillsong Kids)
Trust in the LORD (Hillsong Kids)

Before Lesson Ask:

What types of things scare you or make you worried?
Who do you turn to when you are afraid?
Do you trust that God can take care of you?

Read:

Matthew 6:25-34
Lesson: Worrying is something we all do, but we need to learn how to fight worry and trust in God! God loves you very much and He promises to take care of His children. This doesn't mean that bad things won't happen, but it does mean that if bad things happen God will be beside you the whole time. God is able to take care of us and we can trust Him.

Application: God makes sure that the birds are fed and that the flowers are clothed and God cares about you even more! This story explains that instead of worrying about the things of this world we can focus our attention on Jesus and His kingdom. Do not be afraid because God loves you, but if you are ever afraid you can pray that God will comfort you.

Questions:

How does it make you feel knowing that God cares more about you than the birds and the flowers?
What should we focus on instead of being scared? (Answer: God's Kingdom)
How do we focus on God's Kingdom? (Answer: We could care for the poor)

Activity: Give each child several blank sheets of paper and ask them to write down their fears. Once all of their fears have been written down get them to crumple them up and throw them in the trash, saying, "today I choose to trust Jesus with my fears."

Extras:

Today is Palm Sunday. Watch: [Palm Sunday Kids](#)
Throughout the week take 2" strips of paper to make a praise chain. Write one word of praise on each strip, staple the strips into loops to make praise chains. Add to the chain each day of the week. Make the chains about 8- to 10-feet long. On Easter Sunday, gather together and hold the praise chains in a way that surrounds your family. Explain that the chains are comprised of praise for Jesus, then lead your family in a prayer that says, "He is risen!" as a refrain. Go around the circle and give each person a chance to say, "He is risen!" then raise the praise chains high in the air.

Dear God, please help our hearts so that we can trust you with everything!
Amen

Philippians 4:6-7

Parent Guide

Week of March 29

Elementary

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Philippians 4:6

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Download these fun Palm Sunday Activity Sheets: [PalmSundayActivitySheets](#)

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