



Parent Guide

Week of October 25



Memory Verse:

Trust in the Lord with
all your heart and lean
not on your own
understanding;
in all your ways follow
Him, and
He will make your
paths straight.
Proverbs 3:5-6

Bible Lesson: Remember the Proverbs aren't just for reading they are God's wisdom, recorded by Solomon for us to put into practice and live by. This is how we know what it means to walk in God's ways, "Trust in the LORD with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make your paths straight." Proverbs 3:5-6.

Today we are going to open our Bibles to look at two examples of people who trusted in the Lord. (Even when it didn't seem to make sense.) Open your Bible to **2 Chronicles 20:1-30**. Jehoshaphat was a king who lived a long time after Solomon. He trusted in the Lord with all his heart . . . but it wasn't always easy.

Jehoshaphat was faced with three attacking armies, but he sought the Lord's help. A prophet of the Lord came to him and said, "Do not be afraid because of this great army. **For the battle is not yours, but God's.**" Jehoshaphat sent people before the army, praising God. Trusting in the Lord is always the best thing you can do! Jehoshaphat's army came up over a hill, and there was the terrible army, lying dead on the ground. They had fought among themselves. By trusting in God with his whole heart and leaning on God's wisdom instead of his own understanding, Jehoshaphat had victory in a way that would have been impossible without God—no matter how large his army was.

Now let's go to, **1 Kings 17:7-16** and read about a poor widow. God asked her to supply the prophet Elijah with food during a famine. (Remember a famine is a time where people cannot get enough food for a very long time.) Well, this widow had barely enough flour and oil to make one last loaf of bread for her and her son and after that, they would have no food. Well, this widow did it. She learned firsthand what it means to **trust in the Lord with your whole heart** . . . "and lean not on your own understanding." God showed how loving He is! Because this widow was obedient to feed Elijah, the prophet of God, her flour and oil never ran out! God gave her and her son enough to eat throughout the whole famine.

Remember Solomon? He asked God for wisdom and in his day, people of all nations came to listen to his wisdom. The wisdom was not his own it was from God. God gave him wisdom and great insight, and a breadth of understanding as measureless as the sand on the seashore. All of God's wisdom is important, and it is so important that you are studying God's Word! But the most important thing is to not only study the wisdom of God, but live your life based on it! What are some situations in your life which you might need wisdom? What are some ways God might help you have wisdom? When God gives you a wise way to handle a situation, will you be able to trust and obey Him just like Jehoshaphat and the widow? Practice this week reading the Proverbs, thinking about God's Word and praying for opportunities to practice trusting Him!

Worry and Trust Don't Mix Paintings: (Materials: paper, cups, cooking oil, water, paint brushes, & food coloring)
Mix oil, water and food coloring into different cups. Use paintbrushes to create colorful paintings. The water represents trusting God. The oil represents worry. Can we trust God and worry at the same time? Add water and oil together - do they mix? No! Trusting God means that we remember that He is in control and knows everything. We do not need to be afraid because God is taking care of us. God wants us to trust in Him whenever we are tempted to worry because He cares for us. He is in control and knows about everything that has happened in the past, is happening now in the present, and ever will happen in the future.