

# FAITH

TRUSTING IN WHAT YOU CAN'T SEE  
BECAUSE OF WHAT YOU CAN SEE

Parent Cue • Preteen • Week of July 19th

Use this guide to help your family learn how we can have faith in God.

First, watch this week's video. Then follow up with the activity below!

## MEMORY VERSE

"God's grace has saved you because of your faith in Christ. Your salvation doesn't come from anything you do. It is God's gift."

Ephesians 2:8, NIV

## LIFE APP

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## BIBLE STORY

Paul Shipwrecked  
(Acts 27:1-28:10)

## KEY QUESTION

When has something good come out of something bad?

## ACTIVITY: Left, Right, Left

**WHAT YOU NEED:** Water bottle (or clear glass half-filled with water), white paper, marker or pen

**WHAT YOU DO:** Tear the sheet of paper in half. On one of those halves, ask your kid to draw an arrow pointing left. On the other, ask your kid to draw an arrow pointing right.

Have your kid sit on one side of the bottle of water. Then, hold the arrow right behind the bottle, moving it from one side to the other and back again. (As you move the sheet of paper behind the water, the arrow will appear to be pointing the other direction. You may have to tell your kid to move around slightly until the angle is just right.)

Do the same thing with the other sheet of paper that has the arrow pointing the opposite direction.

Say, "Do you know what's happening? It's called refraction, and it happens because light bends when it passes through things like water or plastic. Think about the arrows. Things aren't always what they seem. Changing your perspective—or the way you look at something—can change your feelings and opinions about it."

Take turns being the one who watches and the one who moves the arrow.

**Talk about the Bible story:**

- o **In our story today, what were some of Paul's problems?** (He was a prisoner on a ship; they ran out of food; the ship wrecked in a storm; they got stranded; Paul got bit by a snake)
- o **What gave Paul the confidence and peace he needed to persevere through his problems?** (His faith in God)
- o **What are some problems that you have right now?**
- o **Does knowing Jesus mean our problems hurt less or go away completely?** (Having faith in God doesn't mean we won't get upset, angry, hurt, or left out. Following Jesus doesn't mean we won't have problems. But when we have hard times, we can know that God keeps His promises. And if God promises to take care of us, He will – even when it doesn't feel like He is in the moment. When we know Jesus, it changes the way we see our problems.)

## ADDITIONAL RESOURCE

If your kid has additional questions about faith or wants to talk about what it means to start a relationship with Jesus, we have a resource called **The Salvation Conversation Guide** for free download. Whether or not you have a faith of your own, you can use this guide to walk your kid through what it means to be in God's family forever.



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## PRAYER

Use this prayer as a guide, either after talking about the Bible Story or sometime before bed tonight:

"God, Paul had so many problems and yet he still had faith in You. Help us to be like Paul. Help us to see our problems differently. When we're sad, or hurt, or our problems seem really big, remind us to talk to You about them. We ask You to help us through them and we have faith that You will answer our prayers. Amen."