

<u>Trust - content ideas for primary school collective worship</u>

Definition from a Christian viewpoint: Trust is the basis of all stable relationships, including a person's relationship with God. It is rooted in truth, and will grow through consistent experiences of reliability and integrity. God's commitment to humanity is seen in his willingness to trust ordinary people with carrying our his purposes through history. Trusting God means being wholeheartedly confident in Him and His character. It means knowing He will do what He says He will do, and that He'll never act contrary to His character as disclosed in Scripture.

Can we trust God in difficult times? watch this

Questions – What does it mean to have trust in one another? What does it mean to trust God? How can we mend a relationship when trust has been broken? What are the consequences when we let someone down? Does trust need to be earnt?

Key Bible Character - Mary mother of Jesus. Mary knew the value of trust despite being so young. She trusted God when the angel announced to her that she was to have a baby. She trusted God to make a long journey when pregnant. She trusted God to help her escape from Herod. She knew the most important thing God asks is that people trust and love him.

Key Bible verse: Trust in the LORD with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways submit to him, and he will make your paths straight.

Proverbs 3:5-6 5

Bible stories and verses linked to trust	Bible chapter and verse	Key Christian message
1 Noah and the flood	Genesis 6-9	Noah trusted God. When he heard God's warning about the future, Noah believed him even though there was then no sign of a flood.
The Lion Storyteller Bible- A special promise p. 12	<u>watch</u>	

2	David and Goliath Lion Storyteller Bible – David the Giant Killer p. 54	1 Samuel Chapter 17 watch	David is confident in God's power and trusts that God will see him through life's struggles. When he offers to do battle with Goliath, he displays confidence in God: "The Lord who rescued me from the claws of the lion and the bear will rescue me from this Philistine!" (1 Sam 17:37). David has a true and genuine faith.
3	Deborah	Judges 4	Deborah seemed to be able to do it all. She was a leader, a judge, a prophetess, a wife, and a mother. And along with that, she courageously led her people into battle. How did she do it all? Because she had a strong belief in God and trusted.
4	The parable of the mustard seed	Matt 13:31-32	Like a mustard seed, even a small amount of faith can grow into something strong and magnificent.
5	Abraham and Sarah The Lion Storyteller Bible- God's friend p. 16	watch this	When Christians read this story in the Bible, it encourages them to trust God and obey him like Abraham did. Abraham had to trust God, although it wasn't easy, and God did what he had promised.
6	Zechariah and Elizabeth	Luke 1:5-24 click here	Zechariah and Elizabeth trusted God for a long, long time even when they desperately wanted a baby and yet had none. We know they trusted God because they continued to serve God, and God described them as righteous. They could have given up on God altogether, but decided to keep serving him. How do you handle adversity? It can be easy to lose faith and quickly turn to self-pity and unbelief.
7	Storm on the lake	Mark 4:35-41 watch this	When we are frightened Jesus thinks we should trust him.
8	The parting of the Red Sea	Exodus 13-14 watch this	Moses trusted God and the Israelites trusted Moses. God has proven himself as being trustworthy so we can trust him in our everyday lives.
9	Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego	Daniel 3 click here	When the whole kingdom was worshipping a golden idol, they stood their ground with faith that God would take care of them no matter the result. They remained calm and confident.

10	Jacob and Esau	Genesis 25:27-33 and Genesis 27:1-40 watch this	Jacob was used to dealing with his problems by running away from them. But now he had a choice to make. Would he continue running, or trust that God would pull through for him despite his many mistakes? He chose to turn to God, but this decision wasn't an easy one. But eventually he did choose to trust him.
11	Naaman and the servant girl	2 Kings 5:1-14 video	The servant girl trusted Naaman and his wife. Naaman trusted Elisha. Friendship is created through trust.