

Trusting God in the Chaos



BIG IDEA

When life feels chaotic, we can trust that God is with us.



LEADER GOAL

Help students understand that everyone experiences difficult seasons, uncertainty, and circumstances that feel out of control. Encourage them to trust God's presence in the middle of life's storms and introduce prayer as an ongoing conversation with God.



BEFORE STUDENTS ARRIVE

- Have Week 5 video ready.
- Review Jeremiah 29:12-13.
- Have Wizard of Oz scripts available.
- Be ready to invite students to share about prayer without pressure.



WELCOME + CONNECT



LEADER SAYS

"Welcome back, everyone! How is everyone doing with reading through The Wizard of Oz script? Is the story becoming more familiar? Have you discovered any scenes or characters that you're especially excited about?"

(Allow students to share.)

"It's great to hear how everyone is getting to know the story. As we continue through The Wizard of Oz, we're also continuing to discover what the Bible teaches us about God and how He walks with us through every season of life."



LIVE SPARK

GOD IS WITH ME IN EVERY STORM

GRAB

A clear “storm-in-a-bottle” - water with glitter or small floating pieces. Make sure the lid is tightly sealed.

IDEA

When everything feels like it is spinning and out of our control, we may not be able to stop every part of the storm - but we do not face it alone.

SPARK

God is with me in every storm.



DO / SAY

[Hold up the bottle and shake it so everything inside begins swirling.]

“Okay... this feels a little like life sometimes.”

[Hold up the swirling bottle.]

“Everything is moving. Everything feels messy. And I would really like to reach in there and put every little piece exactly where I want it.”

[Try turning the bottle slightly, then stop.]

“Can I control everything happening in here?”

[Take a quick response.]

“No. And sometimes life feels like that too. School. Friends. Family. Changes. Worries. Sometimes a lot can start swirling all at once.”

[Set the bottle down. Let it continue moving.]

“Dorothy knows that feeling. The cyclone carries her into something she did not choose and cannot control. And when our lives feel like that, we usually want the storm to stop immediately.”

“But here is something important: God does not wait for everything to become calm before He is with us. He is with us in the middle of it.”

“We can pause. We can pray. We can ask someone we trust for help.”

“Because our Spark this week is: GOD IS WITH ME IN EVERY STORM.”

“So here is something to think about: What can help you remember that you are not alone when life feels out of control? Let’s get started.”

THEN

Move directly into “The Cyclone - Trusting God in the Chaos.”



STORY CONNECTION

THE CYCLONE — TRUSTING GOD IN THE CHAOS

LEADER SAYS

“Can you imagine what it would have been like to be Dorothy during the cyclone? One moment she’s at home, and the next she’s caught in an enormous storm that completely changes her life. That would have been terrifying.”

Most of us probably won't experience a cyclone like Dorothy did, but we all experience storms of a different kind.

Maybe your family is going through a difficult season. Maybe school feels overwhelming. Maybe you've had conflict with a friend. Maybe there have been lots of changes happening all at once.

Sometimes life feels confusing, stressful, or completely out of our control.

When that happens, it's easy to feel afraid, anxious, or alone.

The Bible tells us about a time when Jesus' disciples experienced something very similar.

One day, Jesus and His disciples were crossing a lake in a boat. Jesus had fallen asleep when suddenly a powerful storm swept across the water.



STORY CONNECTION

The wind was strong. The waves crashed into the boat. The disciples became terrified. They woke Jesus and asked, 'Don't You care that we're going to die?'

What do you think Jesus did?

(Allow students to answer.)

"Jesus stood up, spoke to the wind and the waves, and immediately everything became calm.

Then He asked His disciples, 'Why are you afraid?'

That can seem like a surprising question.

Jesus wasn't pretending the storm wasn't real. The storm was real. The fear was real.

But Jesus wanted His disciples to remember that they weren't facing the storm alone.

The same is true for us. We will all experience storms in life. Following Jesus doesn't mean life will always be easy. Sometimes God changes our circumstances. Sometimes He gives us peace, strength, wisdom, and people to help us while we walk through those circumstances. Either way, He promises to be with us.

When life feels overwhelming, we don't have to carry everything by ourselves. We can bring our fears, worries, and questions to God because He cares for us and walks with us through every storm."



DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1

How do you think Dorothy felt during the cyclone? How is that similar to how the disciples felt during the storm?

2

Have you ever experienced a situation that felt out of your control?

3

Why do you think Jesus asked, 'Why are you afraid?'

4

What do you think it means to trust God when life feels uncertain?

5

If you were in the middle of a storm, what would you want to say to God?



SPIRITUAL PRACTICE

PRAYER — TALKING TO GOD

“Over the last few weeks, we've been learning about who God is.

We've learned about God the Father, Jesus the Son, and today we've also talked about the Holy Spirit.

Leader Note: Christians believe there is one God who exists eternally as three distinct persons: the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. They are not three different gods or three versions of God. They are each fully and equally God, living together in perfect love. This is called the Trinity. It's a mystery that Christians have believed throughout history, and while we may not fully understand it, it helps us see that God has always existed in loving relationship.

So, if God loves us and wants a relationship with us, how do we talk with Him?

We pray.

Prayer is simply talking with God and listening to Him.

Just like you talk with a close friend or a trusted family member, God invites us to talk with Him.

Prayer isn't only about asking God for things. We can thank Him. We can tell Him what's making us happy. We can tell Him what's making us worried or afraid. We can ask questions. We can ask for wisdom. We can say sorry when we've made mistakes. Sometimes we can even sit quietly and listen, asking God to help us notice His presence.

God cares about every part of our lives. Nothing is too big for Him. Nothing is too small for Him. Sometimes prayer can feel a little strange, especially if you've never done it before. You might wonder if anyone is listening. The Bible reminds us that God always hears us.

Jeremiah 29:12-13 says: 'You will call to me and come and pray to me, and I will listen to you. You will seek me and find me when you search for me with all your heart.'

Prayer can happen anywhere. You can pray out loud or silently. You can pray by yourself or with other people. There isn't one perfect way to pray.

What matters most is that we're honestly talking with God, knowing that He loves us and hears us.”



STUDENT REFLECTION

PROMPT Why do you think God wants us to bring both the big and small things to Him?



THIS WEEK - YOUR CHALLENGE!

This week, your challenge is to spend a few minutes talking with God each day. It doesn't have to be long. You could thank Him for something good, tell Him about something that's worrying you, ask Him a question, or simply spend a few quiet moments with Him. Keep reading through your script as well, and continue becoming familiar with the story. Remember, prayer is a conversation, and God always listens.



CLOSING PRAYER

Dear God,
Thank You that we can always come to You in prayer. Thank You that You hear us, whether we're celebrating something exciting or walking through something difficult. When life feels chaotic or overwhelming, remind us that You are with us. Help us trust You even when we don't understand everything that's happening around us. Teach us to keep talking with You every day. Help prayer become a natural part of our lives as we grow in our relationship with You.
Thank You for this group, for our leaders, and for the opportunity to keep learning together at K2K.
Amen.

Connection Activities



SUPPLIES

Nada



ACTIVITY 1 | LINE UP CHALLENGE

- Give students different challenges where to organize themselves in a line.
- However, each round, only one student is able to talk, the rest must stay silent and figure out another way to communicate.

Example challenges: line up in order of:

- Birthdays
- Height
- Last name alphabetical order

Optional variations

- time how long it takes to see if they can beat their past rounds
- Allow two people to speak at a time so they have to work together



ACTIVITY 2 | RUBY SLIPPER KEYCHAIN

Supplies:

- Red glitter foam sheets or red cardstock
- Ruby slipper template
- Scissors
- Hole punch
- Key rings or lanyard clips
- Red ribbon or yarn
- Markers
- Gems, sequins, glitter glue (optional for decoration)

Instructions:

1. Give each camper a ruby slipper cutout
2. Decorate the slippers
3. Punch a hole near the heel or top of the slipper.
4. Thread a key ring or ribbon through the hole.
5. Attach it to a backpack, pencil case, or zipper pull as a reminder of God's presence.

Bible Verse Ideas to put on slippers

- Deuteronomy 31:6 – “Be strong and courageous... the Lord your God goes with you; he will never leave you nor forsake you.”
- Romans 15:13 – “May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in Him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.”
- Matthew 28:20 – “Surely I am with you always.”