

Trusting Jesus

Lessons from the Bible

Luke 21:5-19

Object Lesson Props & Optional Materials: Deck of cards, coin, book, bag or gift, stack of items, toy

Lesson – Start with Object Lesson:

Have you ever made a prediction about something? In fact, do you know what it means to make a prediction? *(Allow for response)*

- **A prediction** is sort of like a guess at something that might happen. Sometimes we make guesses that are pretty well based on fact or science. For example, I can predict that if I drink a whole bunch of water, I might have to use the bathroom!
- If I stack up these blocks *(put small stack, or another item that can fall over, in front of kids)*, and then I push the stack, what do you think will happen? *Yes, they'll probably fall over! (Push the stack to demonstrate)*
That's pretty easy to guess.
- **What about this...** if I take this coin, and I flip it, do you think it will land on the heads side or tails? *(Show coin and flip to illustrate. Alternatively, or in addition, pull out a deck of cards and have children predict which card you pull at random.)*
Well, we sort of have a half and half chance of getting it right there....
- Now, how about this: what do you think I have in this bag?? *(Hold up non-clear bag with something inside)*

That might be very challenging to guess if I didn't give you any clues.

Well, look, here it is *(take book out of the bag. Card pull could be used here, as well)*: it's a book! Now, if I randomly open this book to one of the pages, which page do you think it will be? That's hard, too, isn't it? Some things we just don't know...

Read Bible Passage: Luke 21:5-19

“The Temple Will Be Destroyed”

Some of the followers were talking about the Temple and how it was decorated with beautiful stones and gifts offered to God.

But Jesus said, “The time will come when all that you see here will be destroyed. Every stone will be thrown down to the ground. Not one stone will be left on another!”

Some followers asked Jesus, “Teacher, when will these things happen? What will show us that it is time for them to take place?”

Jesus said, “Be careful! Don’t be fooled. Many people will come using my name. They will say, ‘I am the Christ’ and, ‘The right time has come!’ But don’t follow them. When you hear about wars and riots, don’t be afraid. These things must happen first. Then the end will come later.”

Then he said to them, “Nations will fight against other nations. Kingdoms will fight against other kingdoms. There will be great earthquakes, sicknesses, and other terrible things in many places. In some places there will be no food for the people to eat. Fearful events and great signs will come from heaven.

“But before all these things happen, people will arrest you and treat you cruelly. They will judge you in their synagogues and put you in jail. You will be forced to stand before kings and governors. They will do all these things to you because you follow me. But this will give you an opportunity to tell about me. Don’t worry about what you will say. I will give you the wisdom to say things so that none of your enemies will be able to show that you are wrong. Even your parents, brothers, relatives and friends will turn against you. They will kill some of you. All people will hate you because you follow me. But none of these things can really harm you. You will save yourselves by continuing strong in your faith through all these things.

Discussion:

Trust in the Lord with all your Heart

You know, there are a lot of things in life that people try to guess or predict. Some of them can be estimated with knowledge or science, like when a weatherman gives a forecast. But other things are tough to know until they happen.

Sometimes you hear people try to say they know when the world will end. Did you know they have been talking like that even since Bible times?

People in the days of Jesus were talking about the end of the world. And Jesus told them time and again that nobody, but God knows when that will be. We cannot predict it, and it's not ours to know. That may be a little scary...there's much of the future that we do not know. But Jesus gave a special promise, too. He said that our lives will be challenging, and hard things will come up.

However, He also promised to be with us through these times. He said we don't need to worry, because He will take care of us. We don't know what the future holds, but we know that God holds the future. And we don't need to know what is coming next. We might be curious or want to understand, but all we need to focus on is the moment we are in right now. We can focus on one day at a time, or even just on one second at a time!

We know that God is with us in every moment, and we can put our hope and comfort in that fact. There's a lot we are uncertain of. But we have Jesus, and we are certain of His love and help. That's a great promise.

Bible Verse

"Trust in the Lord with all your heart" Proverbs 3:5

End In Prayer:

Dear God,
Thank you for your promises
And for being present in our lives
Thank you that we can put our hope in you
Even when life is scary or uncertain
Help us remember that every day
Thank you for your love
We love you, God!
Thank you for Jesus
In His name, Amen!

Activities:

- Trust God Coloring Page
- Trust in the Lord Coloring Page
- Fear Not Crossword
- Fear Not Word Search

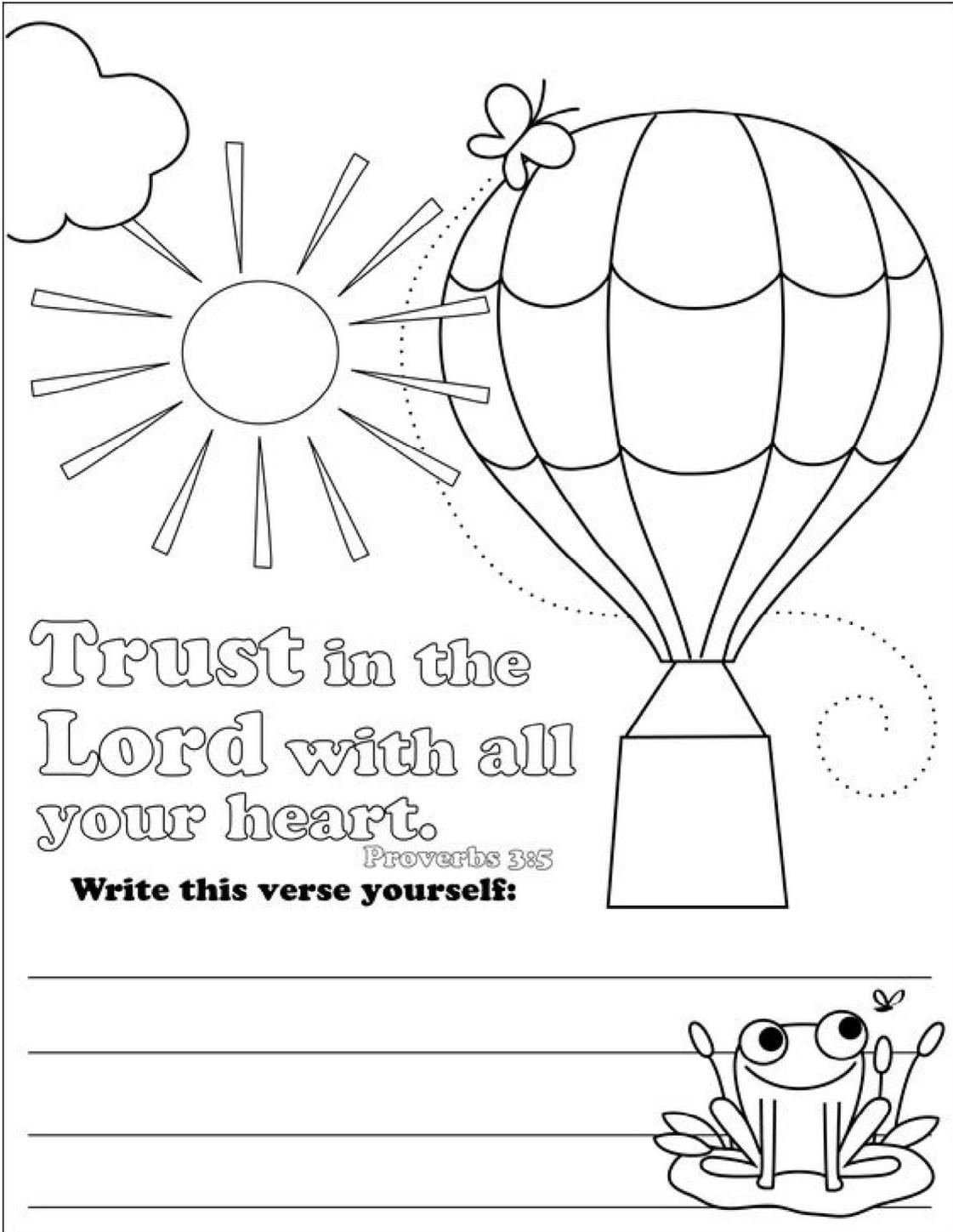
Feel free to take a picture of their art work or share how your activity went!
Post it on our Facebook page or share it on GroupMe. Have a Blessed Day &
Week! Until we can meet again

~ *Teacher Chrissy*

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WHEN
I AM
AFRAID,
I PUT MY
TRUST IN
GOD



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Proverbs 3:5

Write this verse yourself:

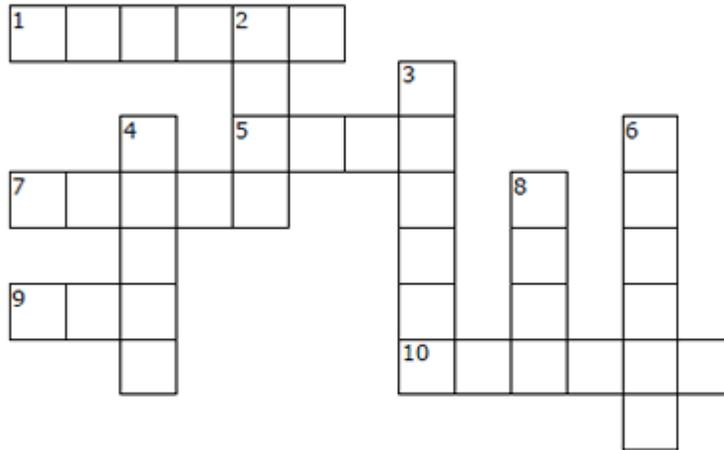


Signs of the End of the Age



Behold, God is my salvation; I will trust and not be afraid; for the LORD JEHOVAH is my strength and my song; He also has become my salvation. Isaiah 12:2

This puzzle is based on Luke 21:5-28 (NIV)



ACROSS

1. A building used for religious ceremonies or worship
5. A feeling of worry caused by something dangerous
7. A piece of rock used in construction of the temple
9. Fighting between two or more countries
10. A country; a large group of people living in one area with their own government

DOWN

2. The period between birth and death
3. A building where people are kept as a punishment
4. To think about problems or unpleasant things that might happen
6. To make good decisions based on knowledge and experience
8. Something that is given without compensation

LIFE	GIFT	FEAR	TEMPLE	WORRY
WAR	NATION	WISDOM	PRISON	STONE

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Word Search

T S R J U D B S T T
H I E L E I E O R D
W G I E T S A H A L
L N Y L O C U U R Y
H S E P A I T S R R
T E X M Y P I R T R
N O U E P L F L S O
G I F T S E U I B W
S R A W H S L F K T
K I N G D O M E S E

BEAUTIFUL
JESUS
SIGNS
WORRY

DISCIPLES
KINGDOM
TEMPLE

GIFTS
LIFE
WARS

**After you find all the hidden words. Start on the top row, going left to right and circle the first 28 letters that were not used in a word. Then fill in the blanks above until you find the hidden message.