



First Christian Church Sunday School Lesson

TRUST IN THE LORD

LORD,

Thank you for being a God who keeps your promises. We can put our trust in You. The way you love and care for us is more than we can imagine. We come before you now with open hearts to learn your Word and strengthen our faith. Please help us learn to be more like you Jesus.

In the mighty Name of Jesus we pray, Amen.

PRAISE AND WORSHIP

Trusting My Life - Answers in Genesis, VBS

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Standing on the Promises - Answers in Genesis, Operation Arctic VBS

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Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus - Casting Crowns

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SCRIPTURES:

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

The LORD is good,
a refuge in times of trouble.

He cares for those who trust in Him.

Nahum 1:7

The Lord is my strength and my shield;
my heart trusts in Him, and I am helped.

Psalms 28:7

LESSON

Who do you put your Trust in?

What do you think of when you say the word "Trust"?

Every day you "trust" in many things. When you open the refrigerator, you trust it to be cold inside and that someone has put food in it for you to eat. When you get in the car, you trust it will not fall apart as you travel 67 miles an hour down the road. When you get dropped off for dance or sports practice, you trust that your mom, dad or grandparent will pick you up when it is over.

Have you ever had to wait awhile for someone to pick you up from an event? You know how your mind starts to worry...you start to wonder, will they remember to come pick me up today? You know your parents or grandparents have always picked you up before. You know they love you and care for you, but at that moment you start to worry and your trust in them starts to get a little shaky. But eventually, they come to get you and take you home. Then you remember that you can always trust in them.

I want you to think about this for a minute. Why do you trust your parents, grandparents or the person who cares for you?

Do you trust them because you conducted a personal interview and ran a thorough background check on them before you accepted them to be trustworthy care providers?

Did you ask your neighbors or a bunch of your friends if your parents and grandparents are nice people who you can trust? NO!

The reason you trust them is because of what they have done for you in the past.

When you were a baby and you cried from hunger, they feed you. When you were learning to walk, they held your hand so you would remain steady until you could stand on your own. When you tried to eat bugs or cat food, they told you that probably wasn't a good idea.

You trust your parents and grandparents to take care of you because they have been doing it for a long time. They have consistently shown you love and care since you were created. You trust in them because they have proven that they are "trustworthy" over time. Their love for you is consistent.

“Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and do not lean on your own understanding.”

Proverbs 3:5

The Bible tells us to “Trust” in the LORD. How do you know if you can really “Trust” in God? You might wonder, does God really love me and will He always take care of me?



Will God keep His Promises?

Is God Trustworthy?

If you believe that God’s Word is true, then start there. The Bible is full of reasons why you can trust God. God’s Word tells you about the promises God has made in the past. By reading the Bible, you can see how God has consistently kept His promises. God’s word will help you see how God loves and cares for His people.

For example, read the account of Moses and the Israelites, learn why David put his trust in the LORD as you read the Psalms, or read Daniel and remember how Daniel trusted God as he was thrown into the lion’s den. Don’t forget the accounts of Ruth and Boaz, Paul’s wild shipwreck adventures, and Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego’s crazy adventure as they were cast into the fiery furnace. The Bible confirms over and over how God always does what He says He will do. For thousands of years, God has stayed true to His word. God always keeps His promises. That is one reason why you can put your Trust in God. God consistently, without wavering, or faltering keeps the promises He makes.



Can you Trust God with your Whole Heart?

Another reason you "trust" your parents is that you believe your parents or grandparents truly love you and want what is best for you.

Do you believe that God loves you? Do you trust that God's love is real and true? Do you trust that God is always doing what is best for you?

How great is the love the Father has lavished on us, that we should be called children of God! And this is what we are!

1 John 3:1

This is love: not that we loved God, but that He loved us and sent His Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins.

1 John 4:10

You have probably heard someone at church say, "Jesus Loves You!" If you have accepted Jesus as your Lord and Savior, then you are beginning to understand how much God loves you. During Sunday School, you have listened to accounts in the Bible of how much God loves His people. You can already see how God cares for you through the family and friends He has given you. You may feel God's love as you pray and draw close to Him. I hope you know that God loves you more than you can even imagine.

But, if you have any doubt about how much God loves you, don't worry. Just keep reading His Word and talking to other people who know God's Love. Like all relationships, your relationship with God takes time to develop and grow. As you spend time talking to God through prayer, reading His word and experiencing how God works in your own personal life, you will come to understand how deeply God loves you and your trust in Him will grow even stronger.

Can you Trust God to Lead your Life?

“Trust in the LORD with all your heart and lean on your own understanding; in all your ways submit to him, and He will make your paths straight.

Proverbs 3:5-6



The second part of this verse tells us to “trust” God to direct our path or to help us with the decisions we make in life.

As you learn to trust God with every part of your life, here are some things to remember. The more you trust God with the little decisions you make each day, the easier it will be to trust God with the big things that will come up later in your life.

God will help you.

The Lord is my strength and my shield; my heart trusts in Him, and I am helped.

Psalm 28:7

God will be with you wherever you go.

“Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged, for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go.”

Joshua 1:9

God will never leave you.

“Don’t love money; be satisfied with what you have. For God has said, I will never fail you. I will never abandon you.” So we can say with confidence, “The Lord is my helper, so I will have no fear. What can mere people do to me?”

Hebrews 13:5-6

God will guide you. He will “hold your hand”.

The LORD directs the steps of the godly. He delights in every detail of their lives. Though they stumble, they will never fall, for the LORD holds them by the hand.

Psalm 37:23-24

God will cause things to work out for your good.

And we know that God causes all things to work together for good to those who love God, to those who are called according to His purpose.

Romans 8:28

God asks you to “trust” Him with your entire life. To do that you must trust in God’s promises. You must trust in the promises written in God’s Word. You must remember who God **really** is and recognize His leadership and Sovereignty in your life. Trusting God means that you remember God is in control and knows everything about you. You don’t need to be afraid because God is taking care of you.

God’s promises in Scripture tell you that he makes your pathways straight. There is power when you trust God. Notice that God’s Word doesn’t say there won’t be rocks, snakes, and roadblocks in your pathway of life, but God promises you that when you call on Him and obey his will for your life, He will never fail you or leave you. As you read these Bible verses, may you gain trust in the God who loves you and watches over you.

Face To Face @ the Table

Choose one night during the week to talk "Face to Face" about a given topic or question. Turn off your electrical devices, phones, tablets or whatever devices could interrupt your time together. Join together around the table for a meal or just uninterrupted time together. Here are two questions you might ask your family and two questions you might discuss together.

ASK:

- Is it easy or hard for you to trust God?
- What does it look like when you trust God in your everyday life? How do you do that?

DISCUSS TOGETHER:

- Share some examples of when you trusted God in your own life. What did you do? How did things work out for you?

ASK:

- What does it mean that God will "make your paths straight?"

DISCUSS TOGETHER:

- Give two examples of someone who is following God's plan and describe how their pathway of life is straight.
- Give one example of someone who is not following God's plan and describe how their pathway of life is different or challenging.

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THE POWER OF PRAYER

My Prayer Journey (Part 4)

**Trust in God.
We can only
see a little bit
down the road
but God can
see around
every curve.**

A Quick Recap: One of the prayers we asked about each day was to be able to move into town and out of the trailer park. Here is how it happened. It was so cool. We went on a second honeymoon, my wife Tanna and I took the girls to Vancouver B.C. On the way back, on the ferry, a driver got his foot stuck on the pedal and he rammed into the back of our car. At that moment, I grabbed my wife and the girls and said: "God is going to do something miraculous. We finally got home to Tillamook as the car was drivable. When we turned it in for insurance purposes, we got a check for \$1588 dollars. We decided not to pay off any bills, because God was going to use it in a special way. At the time, I was making \$9,000 a year. Next week I will tell you how God answered our prayers. God is good. Yeah.

Fourth Installment:

It would have been easy to spend the \$1588 dollars on bills. Every family has some and yet, I had the feeling that God was going to move in a direction that we would be able to move into a real house. Here is what happened. The mills began to close because of the Spotted Owl issue. Hundreds of families moved from town and our school shrunk to 440 some students. Parents that had bought houses in the late Seventies were stuck with heavy home payments and no jobs in the woods or mills.

This would be the depression of the early eighties. I had tenure, so my job was safe. I began to teach in areas I was more qualified to teach in. What had happened was a teacher was fired and the job that opened was in Government. I applied for that and got it and in the early Eighties, they added Economics because it was now the Reagan Administration. There was lots of emphasis on Economics and jobs. So I am now teaching Government and Economics full time. These were difficult times related to foreign affairs and how we were doing in our affairs with Russia.

We talked a lot about Russia, Communism, and Nikita Krushchev. He was the one that said he would bury the United States. Ronald Reagan began to build up our local defenses and we had quite a bit of Civil Defense locations in Tillamook. We have tunnels under the town for ways to get to other businesses without being seen. I knew about Civil Defense because I had taught in Paisley, Oregon, south of Bend and North of Lakeview. It had places in the area of Lake County that were designated as locations to go to in case a war was declared between the U.S. and Russia. When we were little kids we practiced laying on the school floor and not looking out the window at the nuclear blast.

We talked about this every day in class. There was even a movie called THE DAY AFTER where it showed the effects of a nuclear blast. Pretty exciting material, even to the degree that I got a phone call from a mom who said that her son was crying when he came home from school. "Mom, do I have to sign up for the draft?" That day was his birthday and he was scared to death. It was a difficult time. There were lots of people moving and lots of open houses that did not sell. Ironically, this was perfect for us. God would direct us to a location of 1816 Ninth Street. We looked at it and learned that if two people bid the same thing for a house and one was a veteran, the veteran would get the bid. I am not a veteran. When I went up for the draft in 1968, I weighed 385 pounds. Out of four hundred at the draft clinic only two of us were rejected. Me and a guy who had lost his arm and it was attached again. Everyone else was accepted.

I went to visit with Doug Edwards and asked his advice of what I should bid for this house. It was listed at \$32,000. When I visited his in-laws Chet and Mina Loop, I told them I would bid \$33,000. Chet looked at me and said: "That is too much." I then said, "How about \$32,001?" His reply was "What if someone else bids the same?" I told him that was a good way of thinking, so I bid officially \$32,002. We waited two weeks and found out that our bid was accepted. There had been one other bid for \$32,001 and that person was a veteran. WE HAVE A HOUSE! Even better, the equity down payment was exactly \$1588 dollars. Only God could do that. Woo Hoo! In December of 1983 we moved in. Praise the Lord.

In the early Eighties, there was a television show called Room 222. It was a classic example of what an open campus could operate like. The problem is that Tillamook High School had tried the open campus and it failed. Students were to go to classes much like colleges where you go on Monday, Wednesday and Friday or for Tuesday and Thursday. My understanding is that in the late Sixties and the first part of the Seventies, even the teachers were not making it back to class. Kids would not show up also. So the school was in for a big change. The issue was that not all the teachers fell into the

right pattern. The TV show had a teacher who said, "If you fail, it is not your fault, it is the teacher's fault." One of the teachers had bean bags for kids to lie around in, food and snacks all to make a family atmosphere. Here is where God really made a difference in my life. Remember, I never had a college class in Journalism or Sociology and the administration suggested that I go back to summer school to get the classes I needed. Ironically, here is what happened.

In the profession of education, there is a tendency to not fire a teacher, but to pass them off to another school district, regardless of how good or bad they are. Well, the person teaching Government was the instructor that would not give up the bean bags. He was fired. Hard to believe. Who would fill the position of teaching Government? I was given an opportunity to make a case for teaching that subject and I made a presentation in front of the whole staff. I was accepted. That summer I went back to the University of Oregon to get my Master's degree in Political Science and Masters of Teaching. Not only did I keep my job, I got a two thousand dollar raise. Wow, I was making \$10,000 a year. Since that time until I retired from the high school, I never saw a single teacher fired, they were just moved on. God opened the right job at the right time. Wow, does He ever answer prayers. Remember, I was teaching Journalism and Sociology having never taken a class in either subject. Now I am teaching the right material at the right time. GOVERNMENT and it was now a one year required course. Woo Hoo! Thank you, Jesus.

CLOSING PRAYER

God,

Thank you for the Bible which teaches me about Your promises. Thank you for showing me about all of the promises you have already kept. Thank you for promising to love and care for me in the very best way. I want to trust in Your ability and not my own. I know You can do anything. Father, help me trust in You and be obedient even when it is hard. I want to have faith in Your ability to fulfill Your promises for me. You are powerful, righteous and true.

In Jesus' name, Amen.





Check Out the Additional Attachments or Links:

- Enjoy coloring the [Proverbs 3:5-6 Coloring Sheet](#) as you remember God's promises.
- Here is another beautiful verse to color – [Joshua 1:9 Coloring Sheet](#)