



CLIMB Parent Resources

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Our Bible story this week comes
from Acts 6:1 - 7:60.

Trust Me Craft

What You Need: Paper plates, scissors, jumbo craft sticks, liquid glue, markers, decorative materials

What You Do:

- **Tell your kid(s) you're going to tell them how to make a craft, but you're not going to tell them what it is. They'll just have to trust you!**
 - However, we're telling YOU that they'll be making a handheld fan.
- **Cut the paper plate in half and give each kid a half a plate.**
- **Instruct kids to use the markers and decorative materials to decorate both sides of their plate. They can decorate it however they wish.**
 - However, if they're drawing a scene of some kind, let them know that the straight edge of the plate is the bottom.
- **Give each kid two craft sticks.**
- **Tell kids to use the markers to color the craft sticks.**
- **Show kids how to hold the craft sticks so they form a very wide U (it should be about a 120-degree angle) with the bottoms of the sticks overlapping just a bit.**
 - Don't tell your kid(s), but this is the handle of the fan.
- **Dab some glue where the sticks overlap, and tell kids to press hard on the sticks so they'll stick together.**
- **Then dab some glue to the top of each stick, and place the straight edge of the plate onto those ends. Tell kids to press tightly on both sides so they'll stick together.**
- **Ask kids what they just made!**

Discussion suggestion after the craft:

“You just made a handheld fan! You had NO idea what you were making until we were finished, did you? But I did! I knew the end of the craft—the end of the story. GOD knows the end of each of our stories and the end of the story of the entire world! Isn't that amazing? When things get tough or life gets frustrating because we just don't know what's going to happen, we can trust that God knows. We can **keep going because God knows the end of the story!”**

Verse Unwrapped (Memory Verse Review)

What You Need: Winter gloves, wrapped candy (Starbursts work great!)

What You Do:

- Review Galatians 6:9.
- Sit in a circle.
- Give everyone a piece of candy, but tell them to not eat it yet!
- Take turns going around the circle attempting to open the candy while wearing the gloves.
- As the first person tries to open the candy, the rest of the family should slowly say the verse.
- If they unwrap their candy successfully, they can eat it.
- If they can't unwrap the candy before the entire verse gets said, they have to wait until the end of the game!
- Continue taking turns passing around the gloves and reciting the memory verse as everyone attempts to open their candy. (Or give your kid(s) multiple turns.)
- You will most likely not be able to open the candy while wearing the gloves, so the goal is to show determination and to have the family say the verse several times together.
- Once you are finished with the game, enjoy your candy!

Discussion suggestion for after the game:

“Nothing helps me stay determined like my favorite candy! Working THAT hard to get to that candy was impressive. You didn't know if or when you'd actually be able to get to your candy, but you did a great job showing determination. After all the times we said our verse just now, you should definitely have it memorized at this point!

“A lot of times, we don't know what's going to happen. Someone in our family is sick, we're struggling with math at school, or we're just having a hard time getting along with our siblings. We can always **keep going because God knows the end of the story.** We can trust Him to help us stay determined because He knows what's going to happen.”



Family Discussion

Remind your kid(s) that they didn't know what they were making during the "Trust Me Craft", but YOU knew (if you did that activity as a family).

Have everyone think about something in their lives that they don't know the end of the story to. Share as a family.

- o Maybe their grandma is very sick.
- o Maybe their birthday is coming up, and they don't know if they'll get what they asked for.
- o Maybe they don't know what school will look like in the fall.
- o Maybe their cat ran away.
- o Maybe they haven't been able to see their best friend lately because everyone has been staying at home.

There are a lot of things in our lives that we don't know the end of the story to. Some of those are very serious things, like somebody being very sick. And some of them are more fun things, like not knowing what you'll get for your birthday. But no matter what the story is, God knows the end of it! And we can trust that He will always do what's best because He loves us. We can **keep going because God knows the end of the story.**

Pray as a family

God, even though we don't have the full picture of every life event, we are grateful to serve a God who always has a plan. No matter what is happening, we can be comforted knowing that You have a plan, and You know the end of the story. When we're scared or frustrated, remind us that we can **keep going because You know the end of the story.**

