

Faith is trusting in what you can't see because of what you can see.

DAY 1

Read Acts 16:25-26

Paul and Silas were thrown into jail for doing the right thing. But instead of complaining and getting upset, what were Paul and Silas doing? They were singing and praising God! They had joy in the middle of a very scary situation.

We all face tough situations. Sometimes those situations are because of the choice we've made and sometimes those situations just happen to us. The good news is, God loves us and is with us no matter what. When you choose to trust God, God can help you find joy.

DAY 2

Read Isaiah 41:10

Have you ever lost something really important? When you lose something like that, you search everywhere until you find it.

Even when it's hard to find, even when we have to search for it, we need to look for joy! And God promises that when we search for it, we will find it! God will fill us with peace and joy and hope, no matter what's happening around us.

Joy Search

Write out today's verse on an index card and hide it somewhere in your home. After dinner, challenge your family to go on a "joy" search to find the card you've hidden. Set a timer for 5 minutes as they search. If they don't find the card before the timer runs out, give clues (like saying "cold" when they're way off or "hot" when they're super close) to help them find it! Then, read today's verse out loud and talk about how God can help you find joy no matter what's happening.



DAY 3

Read Psalm 16:11

Would you rather walk in the dark alone or with someone else? It's far less scary to make your way along a dark path when you have someone else by your side!

Guess what? When you put your trust in God, God will show you where to go. God promises to be with you forever.



The Path of Life

Write out the words of today's verse on index cards, two or three words per card. Lay out the cards in verse order to make a path along the floor. Repeat the words of the verse as you hop from card to card! Then stop and pray, thanking God for guiding you along the path of life that leads to joy!



DAY 4

Read James 1:2-3

Today's verse has some good news and bad news. The bad news is that we will face trouble sometimes. The good news is, the more you choose to do the right thing, the stronger your faith can grow. The more wise choices you make, choices that protect you and the people around you, the more joy you'll have.

What is the bad news?



What is the good news?



What does God promise will happen if we choose to follow him when our faith is tested?



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