

CODNOR'S CHRISTIAN VALUES



Trust

TALK ABOUT TRUST

In school, children will be learning about our core Christian Value of trust including who we should and should not trust in our lives.

Here are some questions to explore that theme you could discuss at home:

Who do you trust?

What qualities make something trustworthy?

How do we know that we can trust God?

Am I trustworthy?



READ ABOUT TRUST

The Story of Daniel in the Lion's Den

A long time ago, in a faraway land called Babylon, there lived a man named Daniel. Daniel loved God with all his heart and always tried to do what was right. He prayed to God every day, and God blessed him with wisdom and strength. One day, the king of Babylon, King Darius, made Daniel one of his most trusted helpers. Daniel was so good at his job that the king wanted to make him the highest ruler in the land. This made some of the other leaders in the kingdom very jealous. They didn't like Daniel, so they started looking for ways to get him into trouble. But no matter how hard they tried, they couldn't find anything wrong with Daniel. He was always honest, fair, and kind. Finally, the jealous leaders came up with a sneaky plan. They went to King Darius and said, "Your Majesty, we think it would be a good idea if everyone in your kingdom could only pray to you for the next thirty days. If anyone prays to anyone else, they should be thrown into the lion's den!"

The king didn't realize they were setting a trap for Daniel, so he agreed to their idea and signed the law. Once the law was signed, it couldn't be changed, even by the king himself. When Daniel heard about the new law, he didn't hide or stop praying. He went straight to his room, opened his windows so that he could see the sky, and prayed to God three times that day, just like he always did. Daniel trusted God more than anything, and he knew that God was always with him, no matter what.

The jealous leaders saw Daniel praying and quickly ran to tell the king. "Daniel has broken the law!" they said. "He prayed to his God instead of to you. He must be punished!" King Darius was very sad because he didn't want to hurt Daniel. But he had already signed the law, and he couldn't change it. So, reluctantly, he ordered that Daniel be thrown into the lion's den. The king said to Daniel, "May your God, whom you serve so faithfully, rescue you." Daniel was thrown into the den with hungry lions. But he wasn't afraid. He trusted God completely. And God sent an angel to protect Daniel, keeping the lions from harming him. The next morning, King Darius rushed to the den and called out, "Daniel, has your God saved you from the lions?" Daniel answered, "Yes, Your Majesty! My God sent an angel to shut the lions' mouths. They haven't hurt me because I have done nothing wrong." The king was overjoyed and ordered that Daniel be lifted out of the den. Then he commanded that the men who had tricked him into making the law be thrown into the lions' den instead. And before they even hit the ground, the lions attacked them because they didn't trust in God like Daniel did. From that day on, King Darius wrote a new law for everyone in his kingdom to honor and respect Daniel's God, because he saw how powerful and loving God was. The Lesson:

Daniel showed us that trusting God is always the right choice, no matter how hard the situation might seem. Even when things look scary or unfair, God is always with us, and He can protect us and help us do what's right. When we trust God, He helps us be brave and strong, just like Daniel!

RESEARCH IT

What is going on in this photograph?

What is the dog doing?

Why is the person holding a stick?

What might this photograph have to do with trust?

Use the internet to research what is happening and how it links to this term's value.



Whenever i am afraid,
i **trust** in *You*.

Psalms 56:3

CREATE IT TOGETHER

Use the handprint below. In each of the fingers, write a different person that you can trust. It could be your family, friends, people at school, people at your hobbies, God or somebody from your own religious beliefs.



BIBLE VERSES

Proverbs 3:5-6 "Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways submit to Him, and He will make your paths straight." This verse reminds us that trusting God with all our hearts leads to guidance and wisdom, even when we don't understand everything.

Jeremiah 17:7-8 "But blessed is the one who trusts in the Lord, whose confidence is in Him. They will be like a tree planted by the water that sends out its roots by the stream. It does not fear when heat comes; its leaves are always green. It has no worries in a year of drought and never fails to bear fruit." Trusting in God brings stability and peace, even in difficult times.

Psalms 56:3 "When I am afraid, I put my trust in You." This short verse teaches us that when we are afraid or uncertain, we can trust God.



PRAY TOGETHER

Dear God,
Thank You for the love You give,
For the strength to trust and truly live.
Help me trust in You each day,
To guide my steps and show the way.

When I feel unsure or small,
Help me remember that You call,
To trust in You with all my heart,
And know You'll never be apart.

Please help me trust my friends and peers,
To share my heart without my fears.
And give me courage, Lord, I pray,
To trust in You in every way.

Thank You, God, for always near,
For Your love that calms each fear.
Help me trust and always see,
That with You, I'm safe and free.

Amen.

