



WEEK THREE

ACTS 28:11-31

Paul tells the people in Rome that they can believe everything Jesus says because Jesus tells the truth.



REMEMBER THIS:

"These are written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God."

JOHN 20:31, NLV



SAY THIS:

Who can believe in Jesus?
I CAN BELIVE IN JESUS.



DO THIS:



Cuddle with your child this month and pray, "Dear God, I ask that You help [child's name] value truth. I ask that you help [him/her] believe that Jesus is always telling the truth, and that means we can always trust what He says. Thank You for sending Jesus to be our friend forever. You are the best, God, and we love You very much. In Jesus' name, amen."

BASIC TRUTH:

JESUS WANTS TO BE MY FRIEND FOREVER.

BE OKAY WITH SAYING, "I DON'T KNOW"

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As parents, we all know how much kids love to ask questions, many of which start with the word, "Why." These questions may start out simple: "Why is the sky blue?" or "Why can't I have another piece of cake?"

But when it comes to developing a child's faith, soon enough, these questions will progress to something more challenging. Questions like "Why do bad things happen?" or "Why does it feel like God doesn't care?"

We can't avoid questions. They are part of the human experience. Like it or not, that means questions will also be part of a growing personal faith. We can't ignore them or sweep them under a rug, hoping they'll disappear. At the same time, we can't string pithy phrases together and assume we're helping someone answer their deepest faith questions.

After all . . .

Not all questions have simple answers. Not all questions HAVE answers. No single human knows all there is to know about God and how God works.

While there is much we can discover about God, often the best answer for some questions is, "I don't know." This can be difficult parents, because we have this idea that leading kids means having all the answers to be able to help them with their questions or doubts.

When a hard question comes up, what if we were honest and said, "I don't know"? I read recently about the power of that phrase. Throughout history, saying "I don't know" and admitting ignorance has been the catalyst for discovery. Because people asked questions, humans learned, explored, and made progress that propelled history and faith forward—a process that continues still.

What if we could turn our shared ignorance into shared discovery? What if we said, "I don't know, but let's try and find out together." Or "People have all sorts of opinions about this, let's see which seem most wise to follow."

Taking the time to help our kids explore their faith is one of the most important things we can do for them. And while in the process of discovery, we may not find the answers we wanted or we may find that a question can't be answered yet, but we may also discover bigger ideas about God that help us trust Him even more.

So when your kids start asking tough questions about faith, be ready with answers, but also be okay with saying, "I don't know."



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