

>>> COMMUNITY KIDS <<< GOD CAN ALWAYS BE TRUSTED

Jeremiah 31



FAMILY DISCUSSION STARTERS:

- **Mornings:** Jeremiah said God would give His people the power to obey. Ask God for His power and help to obey His commands today. *Why does God give His children the power to obey? How is that honoring to Him?*
- **Evenings:** Make a list of opposite emotions: sad/happy, nervous/calm, angry/joyful. Take time to thank Jesus for being the One who brings the good from the bad! He is the One who brings new life and changes the hearts of everyone who trusts in Him.

>>> MAIN IDEAS:

CHRIST CONNECTION

THIS IS THE BIG IDEA OF HOW THIS WEEK'S BIBLE STORY POINTS TO JESUS:

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BIG PICTURE QUESTION:

Can God be trusted?

Yes. God cannot lie or ever be wrong, so we can trust whatever He has said.

>>> CONTINUE THE STORY AT HOME

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Dear Families,

Have you ever seen one of those TV shows where people buy an old, run-down house and make it look totally new again? It's always fascinating to see how they can take something that everyone believed was ruined and make it into something beautiful and special. But that is nothing compared to the work God does to bring dead hearts to life!

The prophet Jeremiah warned the people of Judah about the consequences that would come because they were disobedient and had broken the covenant with God. But along with those words of bad news, Jeremiah also shared a message of good news. **He told the people about a day when God would forgive sin and change people's hearts. He said that God would turn their mourning into joy and bring happiness out of their grief. Jesus made these words come true!**

God forgives our sin through His Son, Jesus. He changes us and gives us power through His Spirit to obey His commands. Jesus did not come to get rid of the law; through His sinless life, Jesus fulfilled the requirements of the old covenant. When we trust in Jesus, we are credited with His righteousness and our changed hearts enable us to want to follow in Christ's footsteps and obey God as well.

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Pray: *Jesus, You gave Your life on the cross so that all who trust in You could have new life. You are the fulfillment of the promise spoken through Jeremiah. You are the One who turns mourning to joy and brings happiness to our grief. Help us to know You and trust in You as our King! Amen.*

FAMILY ACTIVITIES<<<

For Fun: Plan a trip to a flea market or secondhand store. Work as a family to select an item that you think you can "flip" into something new and better. It could be a new coat of paint on a lamp or a complete repurpose of an old coffee table. Over the next few weeks, work on the renovation project and **discuss how Jesus gives the ultimate restoration and renovation by giving us new hearts when we believe in Him!**

To Serve: Put together care packages to be given away at a local shelter. Include items like socks, toothbrush, hand warmers, and granola bars. Write a note for each package to provide encouragement and hope for the recipient. **Talk with kids about how God promised to be a comfort to His people and how His people can be a comfort to others.**



UNIT MEMORY VERSE:

The person who trusts in
the Lord, whose confidence
indeed is the Lord, is
blessed.
-Jeremiah 17:7