Dear Families,

Welcome to the TRUST box! We have prepared this with the hope that it will help your family learn more about God and the stories of the Bible- but also to grow in trusting God. You will have all the supplies you need to do lessons for six weeks. (Be on the lookout for the THANKFUL box sign-up soon!)

We have included enough supplies for 3 children. You may have 3 early childhood kiddos in your family, if not, please share with a friend or neighbor! We have purposely made the box plain white so that your family can decorate it. Please go crazy with colors, markers, stickers and be sure to post a picture on social media so that we can enjoy! Tag us on Instagram @fellowshiprogers.family so we can see your art! You can also find copies of all the content by accessing the QR code on the lesson guides with your phone or go to the website at https://www.fellowshipnwa.org/page/951?Item=852.

Let us walk you through the box contents and give you some ideas for how to bring the stories to life!

There is a lesson overview for every story. It lists three sections...Bible Activities, Worship Together, and Pray together. You don't need to do all of this on a Sunday. You can stretch this out over a few days each week. The **Bible Activities** section refers to the following:

- 1. Bible Story Video you will find one for every lesson on the family resources web page.
- 2. Puppet Show Video the Bible story told by one of our Preschool Place puppets.
- 3. Popsicle Stick Puppets Activity we have included the supplies to make puppets so that your children can retell the story with their own puppets. Your child can color each of the week's characters and attach a craft stick. Use these again and again to retell the story throughout the week.





4. Craft Page - each story has a craft. You will find the supplies needed to go with each one. Enjoy! We would love to see your work!















- 5. Coloring Page we have included coloring pages that go with each story. On the back you will also find the story.
- 6. Read the Bible Story together You may read the story from the lesson plan or in the "Read with Me" Bible. This version is a retelling that will be easy for your youngest kids to understand. You can get this Bible online. We recommend having one handy while you have little ones at home. You can also play the video of one of the Early Childhood Team members reading the story. Over the course of the week, you might also play the puppet show video of the story. Children learn through repetition, so this is a great chance for them to hear the story again and again during the week.
- 7. Share the Bible story with a friend Break out those puppets you made and share the story with a friend! If you can't be together in person, share with your family or friends over Zoom!
- 8. Table Talk Questions These are some general questions to use again and again. Take a little time at the dinner table to give everyone a chance to answer these questions. Remember that your children are still young. Table Talk may last 2 or 3 minutes but it's still a "win."

The **Worship Together** section has three parts:

- 1. Song-There are two songs related to this box. One is for the two stories related to Noah and the other is for the stories related to Abraham. You can find the two song videos on the family resources web page. Enjoy! You might play the videos as your "clean-up" song. "Father Abraham" is very active and would be a great song to get the wiggles out.
- 2. Memory Verse- Our memory verse for this box is Proverbs 3:5...Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding. We have included a refrigerator magnet to help you keep this verse in a prominent place. When doing scripture memory repetition is the key! You will be able to find a video of the Bible verse with sign language on the family resource web page. We have also included the signs in your box. Please post your videos and tag us on Instagram at @fellowshiprogers.family. We would LOVE to see you and your kiddos memorizing God's Word!

*TIPS - We suggest breaking the verse down into bite size pieces to memorize. Then add a new part each week or every few days.

Say the verse before each meal, before bed, when you wake up, when you get in the car, etc. Repeating the verse will help you to memorize it.

Discuss what it means to trust in the Lord and not lean on your own understanding. We want our children to not just memorize but also internalize the Scripture.

3. Pray together - Pray with your child. You get the opportunity to show them how to talk with God. Keep it short (they have short little attention spans), use words they can understand, and remember to ask God to help you trust in Him.

The **Family Fun Activities** section has two suggested activities for each set of stories. Two for Noah and two for Abraham. These are meant to give you a little extra fun in helping the stories come to life. When you are telling the story of Noah, build a blanket fort for your "ark". We added some animal crackers to your box as a special treat! When telling the story of Abraham, why not do so in a tent to remind you of Abraham's journey? Put glow in the dark stars on the ceiling of your child's bedroom to remind them of God's promise to Abraham. Get creative. Please post your pictures on social media and tag us! We would love to see how you are doing.

Please contact us at *ecrogers@fellowshipnwa.org* if you have questions. We would also love to be praying for you and your family.

We love you,