Week 3: Trusting God's Wisdom

Dear Families,

This week in **TFA Kids**, your child learned that we can trust God's wisdom instead of our own. We connected this lesson to the Winter Olympics and talked about how figure skaters don't just guess what to do on the ice — they listen carefully to their coach.

In Daniel 5, King Belshazzar saw mysterious writing appear on the wall. None of his wise men could explain it because they relied on their own understanding. But Daniel trusted God, and God gave him the wisdom to interpret the message correctly.

Just like a skater trusts their coach to help them stay steady on the ice, we can trust God to guide us through life — especially when things feel confusing or uncertain.

FAITH FACT for this week: I will trust God's wisdom instead of my own.

Say this together throughout the week! When your child feels unsure, frustrated, or confused, remind them: *"Who can we trust?"* — God!

BIBLE STORY: Daniel 5:22–31

Talk about how King Belshazzar ignored God and relied on his own wisdom. Then compare that to Daniel, who trusted God for understanding. Because Daniel depended on God, he was able to interpret the writing on the wall correctly.

Help your child see the contrast:

- Belshazzar trusted himself.
- Daniel trusted God.
- One fell.
- One stood firm.

MEMORY VERSE

"He rescues and he saves; he performs signs and wonders in the heavens and on the earth. He has rescued Daniel from the power of the lions." Daniel 6:27 (NIV)

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FAMILY DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

Use these during a meal or at bedtime:

1. Why couldn't the king's wise men explain the writing on the wall?
2. Why was Daniel able to understand the message?
3. What does it mean to "lean on your own understanding"?
4. Can you think of a time when you had to trust someone else's instructions (like a teacher, coach, or parent)?
5. What is one area this week where you can choose to trust God instead of yourself?

FAMILY ACTIVITY

Choose one or more activities to do together this week:

- Watch a short clip of figure skating and talk about how much practice and coaching it takes.
- Try learning a simple new skill together (a dance move, recipe, or game) and talk about how instructions help.
- Read Proverbs 3:5–6 together and write it on a sticky note to put somewhere visible.
- Share one situation where each family member needs God's wisdom right now and pray about it together.

After your activity, say together: **"I will trust God's wisdom instead of my own!"**

PRAYER TO PRAY TOGETHER

"God, thank You for being wiser than we are. When we feel confused or unsure, help us trust You instead of relying only on ourselves. Teach our family to listen to You and follow Your ways. Amen."

FAMILY CHALLENGE

Ask your child to name one situation this week where they will choose to trust God's wisdom instead of their own. Write it here: _____

Thank you for partnering with us as we help kids grow to be more like Jesus! As always, we are here for you. If you ever need anything, PLEASE reach out.

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