

Ms My Story

Trust requires relationship. It's no different with God. As we walk through the story of Abraham, Sarah, and Isaac, we see how important it is to trust God and stick closely to him no matter what's going on around us. Trusting God takes on different forms in our lives—at school, at home, and everywhere else we go—but it is rooted in relationship with him.

Week 3: Ridiculous

Big Idea: We can trust God even when it seems ridiculous.

Supplies: Bibles, old photo of leader looking ridiculous in some way when you were younger

HANGOUT

1. DISCUSS:
 - a. What's the most ridiculous thing that ever happened to you? [e.g., bird pooped on your head; you ripped your jeans in front of the whole school]
 - b. Has anyone ever asked you to do something ridiculous? What was it? Did you do it? Did you care how you looked?
2. Show the students the photo of you looking ridiculous. If there is a story that accompanies it, share it too. Be sure that it's age-appropriate!

HEAR

3. DISCUSS: Was there anything from the God Story teaching that stood out to you? What about the Life Story?
4. SAY: In Genesis 17, God told 99-year-old Abraham that he was going to have a son with his 90-year-old wife. Few words better describe that situation than "ridiculous." Abraham found it so absurd that he laughed.
5. DISCUSS:
 - a. Have you ever had an experience with God that seemed laughable?
 - b. In what ways do you actually place your trust in God? What does it look like in your everyday life?
 - c. Are you willing to look ridiculous in order to serve God?
6. Look up Psalm 25:1-7 and read it together.
7. DISCUSS:
 - a. Which verse, word, or idea stands out to you from this passage?
 - b. Do you ever feel as if you can't trust God? Why or why not?
 - c. Why do you think the writer of this Psalm knew he could trust in God?
 - d. If you were to write a Psalm or prayer to God about the things you want to trust him with—but perhaps feel weird about—what would they be? [e.g., trusting God with your relationships, with your sexuality, with your future, etc.]

HUDDLE

8. SAY: Sometimes the things that God asks of us will make us look or seem ridiculous to others.
DISCUSS:
 - a. What kinds of things do you fear God might ask you to do that will seem ridiculous to others? What kinds of things has God already asked you to do that seemed ridiculous to someone else?
 - b. Do you worry more about what other people think than what God thinks? Why?
9. Pray as a small group about the things you discussed during your time together and about the things that are going on in one another's lives. Encourage students to pray for other students. The only way for them to learn is to start doing it!