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Trust the Creator

Bible Study Aims:

Club members will:

- **know** realize that God the Creator is powerful and loving.
- **feel** feel able to trust God with a personal situation.
- **do** use a stone to make themselves a reminder to trust God.

Scripture

Psalm 33:6-9, 20-22; *background Scripture*: Psalm 33

Scripture Memory

Psalm 33:6 (or 6a)

Supplies Needed:

Welcome & Singing

club theme song, attendance chart, songbooks and music

Bible Study & Bible Award

markers; for each member: small stone with a flat surface for writing on; *optional*: dictionaries

Scripture Memory

for each member: Memory Verse Sticker; *optional*: pictures of things God made

Skill Award

supplies for the option you choose

Games

paint color samples (from hardware store) in a wide variety of nature colors

Goodbye

stones from Bible Study, club verse; *for each member*: Award Chart

Teaching Tip:

Children thrive in safe places with dependable, trustworthy adults.

- Review club guidelines together. Be sure club members understand the reasons for them and how following them helps ensure a good, safe time for everyone.
- Be consistent in showing kids love and respect, in following through on consequences for misbehavior, and in doing what you tell kids you will do.

Welcome & Singing

12-15 minutes

Plan Ahead

Choose songs relating to the meeting topic (see ideas below).

- Sing your club theme song.
- Welcome guests.
- Take attendance and offering.
- Make announcements.
- Review previous memory verses.
- Sing songs. *Topics*: Creation; God's love; trusting God.
- Take prayer requests. Pray.

J—jonquil, juniper

U—universe

Y—yak, yucca, yellow jacket

(This activity completes part of Bible Award Step 1.)

- **We've named a lot of things! How did they all get here? Where did they come from?**

Q—quail, quartz

X—xenon (a gas)

Bible Study & Bible Award

15-20 minutes



Plan Ahead

Read Psalm 33.

Read Bible Award Step 1 (handbook p. 4).

Gather supplies.

On the board, write the letters A-Z.

Focus

How many things in nature do you think we could name if we put our heads together? 50? 150? More? Let's see if we can name something for each letter of the alphabet. Station one or two older club members at the board to check off letters as they're

used. (*Option*: Your younger kids may not be able to come up with items for specific letters. Let them name anything they want.) For difficult letters, suggest the items below, or let interested club members do research at home and report back at the next meeting.

Study

Have club members find Bible Award Step 1 in their handbooks. **Let's see what these verses say about where everything in nature came from.** Have club members follow along as you or older club members take turns reading Psalm 33:6-9.

- **Who made the world? (God.) What does this tell you about him—what do you think he must be like to be able to make the whole world? (He must be very powerful, creative, etc.)** (This discussion completes Bible Award Step 1.)

This psalm tells us more about what he's like, too. Have club members follow along as you or an older club member reads verse 22.

- **What kind of love is "unfailing love"?**
- **God loves you with a love that will never fail. What's it like to know that? Show us or tell us.**

Have club members follow along as you or older club members take turns reading verses 20-21.

- **How might God help and protect us—the people he created?**
- **Tell us about a time when God helped you or someone you know.** Be ready to share something yourself.

- Think to yourself. God made the whole world. And he loves you and helps you and protects you. Does he sound like someone you could trust?

The psalm writer talks about trusting God. God wants you to trust him, because he loves you. We can trust him. People may let us down—but God never does! Reread Psalm 33:20-22, emphasizing the words *hope* and *trust*.

- What are things kids your age could trust God about? If needed, suggest ideas to get club members started.

Apply

God is powerful and loving. He loves you and wants to help and protect you. And he wants you to get to know him better and trust him more and more.

- Think to yourself. What is one way you would like to trust God this week? Allow time.

Hand out stones and markers. Here's something God created. Write an alphabet letter or symbol to stand for what you want to trust God for. Or just draw a check mark to show that you want to trust him.

Let's talk to God now about the things we thought of. Allow time for silent prayer.

Put your stone in your pocket. Every time you feel it later today, remember how much you can trust our powerful God who made the whole world and loves you.

Close in prayer, thanking God for being trustworthy, for loving and protecting us, and for making a beautiful world for us to enjoy.

Enrichment Idea

Let club members decorate a shoe box to turn it into a club prayer request box. Keep it in the club room next to some paper and pencils, and encourage club members to add requests. Pray for the requests together to help club members build their trust in God.

Scripture Memory

5-10 minutes

Plan Ahead

Memorize Psalm 33:6 (or 6a).
Gather supplies.

Read Psalm 33:6 (or 6a) aloud, and review its meaning.

God just said the word and he made the whole universe and everything in it! Let's show what that might have sounded like.

Repeat the following memory

technique until everyone has had a turn to speak and is remembering the verse. *Option:* For younger children, hold up pictures of things God made to give them ideas of what to call out.

All: (say the first phrase of the verse)

Child you point to: "God said, "Let there be (trees)!"

All: (say the second phrase of the verse)

Child you point to: "God said, 'Let there be (bears)!"

All: (say the reference)

Hand out Memory Verse Stickers, and have club members put them above the appropriate verse at the end of the Bible Award in the handbook.

Skill Award Experiments

15-25 minutes



Plan Ahead

Read the Experiments Skill Award (p. 54).
Choose an option from Step 1 and gather supplies.

Today we're going to start the Experiments Skill Award. Help kids do the option you chose.

Games

10-15 minutes

Plan Ahead

Gather supplies.

Nature Colors

Take club members outside to try to find nature items that match as many of the color samples as possible.

Option: Scatter nature items indoors ahead of time.

Goodbye

5-10 minutes

- On each child's Award Chart (see inside back cover), check off Bible Award and Skill Award Steps done today.
- Recite your theme verse.
- *Pray:* Have club members hold their stones from Bible Story. **We can trust God with everything, including problems or worries or fears. What are some things you would like us to pray about?** Let children make requests. Let volunteers pray for the requests, or pray yourself.

Skit Hit: Trust God!

Plan Ahead

Choose a good reader for the main role. Let other children plan how to portray things God made. They can use costumes or just creative movements. Add more nature items to the skit, as desired.

Club members position themselves around the stage area.

WORRIED KID: *Enters and walks around.* What am I going to do? My best friend's mad at me, and my dog's sick, and I'm worried about the test tomorrow. Maybe if I sit under this tree and think, I can figure something out.

TREE: God's powerful enough to make me. Trust God!

WORRIED KID: I'm so worried. I wish I were like that bird—birds don't have any worries, do they?

BIRD: God's powerful enough to make me. Trust God!

WORRIED KID: What if I flunk the test? Hi, chipmunk. Do chipmunks have tests?

CHIPMUNK: God's powerful enough to make me. Trust God!

WORRIED KID: And what am I gonna tell my friend? I wish someone would help me. *Lies back.* It's relaxing looking at the clouds and the sun, though.

CLOUD: God's powerful enough to make me. Trust God!

WORRIED KID: God, looking at all the stuff you made reminds me of you. You're always with me, aren't you—and you love me. Please help me trust you with my worries. Thank you!