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# Raise Your Game: Play with confidence

PARENT GUIDE Preteen

Use this guide to help your family learn how God can give us confidence.

First, watch this week's video!

Confidence: Living like you believe God is with you

#### **Memory Verse**

"So we say with confidence, 'The Lord is my helper; I will not be afraid." Hebrews 13:6a, NIV

#### **Bible Story**

Great Commission and Ascension Matthew 28:16-20; Luke 24:50-53; Acts 1:1-11

#### **Key Question**

How can you share God's love?

## Activity

#### World Records

#### What You Need:

Internet access

#### What You Do:

Together with your kid, do an internet search for World Records. Try to keep them in the realm of whatever your child is interested in, such as a sport or instrument they play or a video game they love. (You could search for things like "longest journey in the game Minecraft" or "farthest baseball hit by someone with a physical impairment." When you are finished say, "In the story we heard today, what incredible, event record-breaking took place?" (Jesus defeated death!)

## Talk About the Bible Story

What happened after Jesus came back to life? (Jesus gave people the challenge of telling the entire world about Him.)

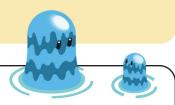
What did Jesus want the disciples to go and tell? (*That He is God's son; that He loves us so much that He died for us*)

Is it easy to share God's love with people we love and like?

Why is it sometimes difficult to share God's love with people we don't get along with, or with people who are different from us?

How can you share God's love? (Encourage your kid to think of outside-the-box ways they can share God's love. Remind them that this does not always have to be big or awkward or even risky. Sometimes the simplest ways speak the loudest!)

Parent: This would be a great opportunity to share a time in your life when you shared God's love with someone else and what the outcome was. If you're having trouble thinking of a time you shared God's love, you could also share about a time when God's love was shared with you.



### Prayer

Use this prayer as a guide, either after talking about the Bible story or sometime before bed tonight:

"Thank you for the amazing thing you did when You raised Jesus from the dead! Today's story reminds us that You want us to share Your love with everyone! Sometimes it feels scary or risky. We've all missed an opportunity to show love to someone because we were nervous. Help us to have confidence as we remember that You are with us. Thank You, God, for placing these people in our life. Help us to trust You. Amen."

