

When your child is afraid of failure or rejection



This is one of those fears that tends to plague us at various stages of our lives. Sometimes your child might be afraid of a test, not being accepted by friends or messing up at a recital. It is important to let your child know that you love him no matter what. And more importantly, that God loves him no matter what.

Texts to keep in mind

Psalm 121:2-3

Proverbs 3:5-6

Isaiah 40:27-31

Matthew 10:19

Hymns and songs

While singing or listening to any songs with your child will be helpful, here are a few that are particularly relevant.

"I'd Rather Have Jesus"

"What a Friend We Have in Jesus"

"All the Way"

"My Hope Is Built"

From the Bible

2 Kings 6:8-23 tells the wonderful story from the life of Elisha. Surrounded by an army of horses and chariots, failure seemed certain. But through faith, God opened Elisha's eyes and the eyes of his servant and they were able to see God's army of angels surrounding them,. Read the story to find out what happened..

Find out about it

Why is your child afraid of being rejected or of failing? If there are things you can do to boost her confidence, like helping her study for a test, take the time to do so. Find out why your child is afraid, and point her to Jesus—His opinion is the one that really matters.

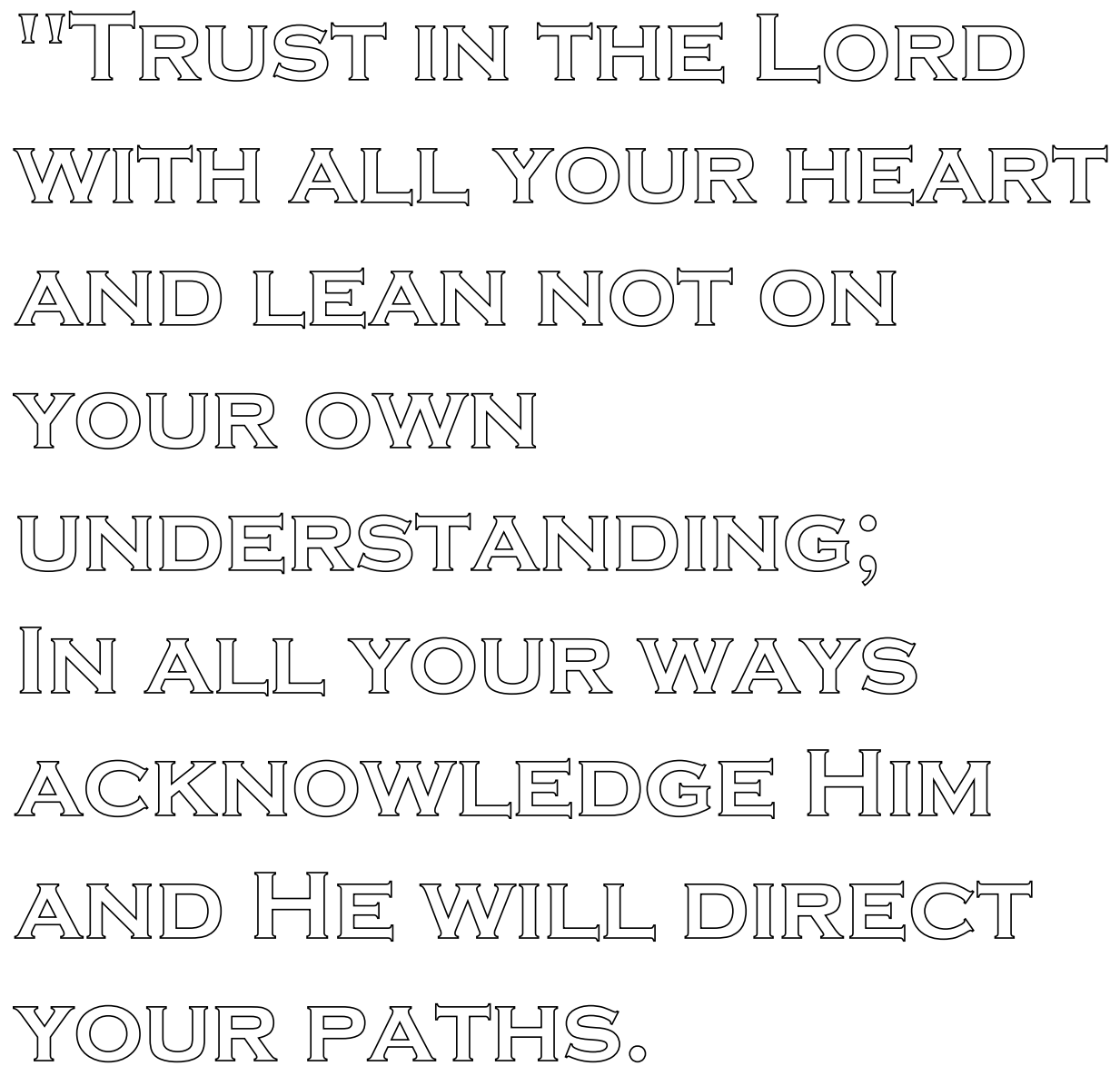
As for me and my house...



...we will serve the Lord.

The next few pages contain some activities for you and your children to do. Here is what you will find:

- A Bible verse that can be colored
- A text that needs to be illustrated
- A couple of mazes (to help your children see that God can bring them home no matter how lost they feel)



"TRUST IN THE LORD
WITH ALL YOUR HEART
AND LEAN NOT ON
YOUR OWN
UNDERSTANDING;
IN ALL YOUR WAYS
ACKNOWLEDGE HIM
AND HE WILL DIRECT
YOUR PATHS.

~ PROVERBS 3:5-6

Sometimes it can be scary to know what to say or how to say it. What if we say the wrong thing? What if people get mad at us? God says we don't have to worry about such things. Draw a picture of God giving you the right words when you might not know what to say.

“Do not worry about what to say or how to say it. At that time you will be given what to say, ” ~ Matthew 10:19

Cut out these glasses and write a Bible verse on them. Whenever you are afraid of failure or rejection, you can look at these glasses as a reminder to ask God to open your eyes of faith so that you can see His provision. And remember, "If God is for us, who can be against us?" Romans 8:31

