



WEEK TWO

JUDGES 6-8

Gideon

**SAY
THIS**

**God can use you
no matter what.**

**DO
THIS**



MEAL TIME

Q & A for kids: What physical feat can you do better than anyone else you know?

Q & A for parents: If you were all-powerful like God for a day, what would you do?

REMEMBER THIS

**"I remain confident of this: I will see the goodness
of the Lord in the land of the living."**

Psalm 27:13, NIV

**LIFE
APP**

CONFIDENCE—Living like you believe
what God says is true

FINDING CONFIDENCE IN PARENTING

By Holly Crawshaw

There are a lot of things I'm confident about.

I'm confident that my 5-year-old hates sleep. I'm confident that my kitchen will remain a mess until the year 2050. I'm confident that I'll never ever like sushi. And I'm confident that I will always choose the slowest line when checking out at the grocery store.

These things I would bet my life on.

But when it comes to deeper things . . . less concrete things . . . faith-based things . . . I've gotta be honest. Sometimes my confidence falters.

It falters when I fail to trust my kids in God's hands.

It falters when I feel unappreciated.

It falters when I let anxiety win.

It falters when I judge other people.

It falters when I let my to-do list become more important than my relationships.

Philippians 1:6 says, *God began a good work in you. And I am sure that he carry it on until it is completed . . .*, (NIV).

If I believe what the Bible says, I can be *sure* or *confident* that God will never let me down. Ever. I can be confident that God is always with me, even when I feel completely forgotten. I can be confident that I am good, even when I feel like a failure. I can be confident

that He is working in me, and in my family, even when I can't see any proof.

Another way to define confidence is this: living like you believe what God says is true.

Wow. What would my life look like if I really lived like what God says is true?

I would have less fear. I would have less regret. I would have less hurt.

I would have more joy. I would have more boldness. I would have more.

Confidence is not an emotion. It's not something we feel. It's a choice. It's living like what God says is true, *even when it doesn't feel true in the moment*. That's what we want your kids to know this month, and what we want you to also remember, as a parent.

What area of your life do you need to show more confidence? Where are you choosing to distrust a God who has never broken a promise—not since before time began?

Let's begin to live our lives like what God says is true, one decision at a time.

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