

LIVE FOR GOD APPLICATION ACTIVITY



EXPLORE

an activity that extends learning through hands on experimentation and discovery

BIBLE STORY

All I Ask of You

Jesus Appears to Thomas
John 20:19-29

MEMORY VERSE

**"In this world you will have trouble.
But be encouraged! I have won
the battle over the world."**

John 16:33b, NIV

LIFE APP

**Hope—Believing that
something good can come
out of something bad**

BOTTOM LINE

**Whatever happens,
remember God is bigger
than your questions.**

BASIC TRUTH

I can trust God no matter what.

2. MYSTERY BOX

WHAT YOU NEED: Opaque box with small object inside

WHAT YOU DO:

- Invite kids to sit in a circle.
- Place the box in the middle of the group.
- Don't let anyone touch or pick up the box for hints!
- Go around the group and encourage kids to ask yes-or-no questions to get clues about what is inside the box.
- If a kid asks a question and the answer is yes, she gets to ask another question. If the answer is no, the next kid can ask a question. (Limit this to two questions per kid.)
- If kids want to make a guess about what is in the box, they can do so during their turn.
- Keep going until someone guesses or as time allows.

WHAT YOU SAY:

"This box contained something you couldn't see, but you knew it was there. You believed me when I told you it was there, and you asked questions to learn more about it. That's a lot like God; we know He is there even though we can't see Him. We need to ask questions about Him to learn more about who He is and what He's like so we can get to know Him better. We never have to worry that we are asking too many questions or the wrong questions. **Whatever happens, remember God is bigger than your questions.**"

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HEAR FROM GOD

MEMORY VERSE
ACTIVITY



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3. THAT'S WHAT THAT MEANS

WHAT YOU NEED: "That's What That Means" Activity Page, white board, dry erase marker

WHAT YOU DO:

- Write the memory verse (John 16:33b) on the board.
- Hand out one of the action strips from the Activity Page to each kid (or pair of kids).
- Instruct kids to start doing the motion on their strip of paper, but without using words.
- Ask them to group up with anyone else doing the same motion.
- *Note: The motions will work with all translations and versions of the verse.*
- Encourage kids to work together as a group to see if they can figure out what part of the verse goes with which motion.
- Once the group has figured out all the motions, guide them to arrange themselves in order and say the verse all together.

WHAT YOU SAY:

"This verse tells us that God has all the answers. He knows everything about the world and all the things in it. He even knows about space and time and heaven and all the things outside of the earth. Even though God might not always answer all of our questions, He never gets upset with us for asking. **Whatever happens, remember God is bigger than your questions.** God will always be there for us, and He wants us to keep talking to Him and keep asking more about Him and His creation."

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PRAY TO GOD PRAYER ACTIVITY



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PRAY AND DISMISS

WHAT YOU NEED: No supplies needed

WHAT YOU DO:

- Instruct kids to make their bodies as big as they can and say, "God is bigger."
- Tell them to make their bodies as small as they can and say, "than our questions."
- Talk about what questions they have for God.
- After kids share for a few moments, lead them in prayer about their questions.

WHAT YOU SAY:

"God, thank You for allowing us to ask questions. We are grateful that You have given us Your Word where we can look for answers to all the things we are wondering about. Please continue to also put people in our lives who can answer our questions for us. We also pray that whatever happens, we will remember You are bigger than our questions. In Jesus' name, amen."

As adults arrive to pick up, ask kids to show parents their paintings and talk to them about how they revealed their drawing. If possible, prepare parents that the kids might have some big questions about God—perhaps even questions that none of us know the answer to! And that's okay. Encourage parents and guardians to be honest with kids about the questions they don't know the answers to. Tell them to encourage kids that God can handle those questions and wants to help them trust Him.

In this world

(hand over head and bring down in front of you to make circle like world)

you will have trouble.

(make sad, concerned face; or wag finger)

But be encouraged!

(hold up finger like you have an idea and make happy or surprised face)

I have won

(show/flex muscles)

the battle

(pretend to fight)

over the world.

(use arms to make a big circle)

John 16:33b (NIRV)

What to Do:

Make two copies and cut apart. Provide two sets for each small group.

That's What That Means

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But take heart!

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I have overcome

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