



Helping Kids Stand Confidently on God's Word—God's Way

When God's Word Becomes What Kids Trust

Raising Christ-Centered Kids | Faith | God's Unchanging Word

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"The grass withers, the flower fades, but the word of our God will stand forever."
(Isaiah 40:8, *ESV*)

Key Takeaway

God's Word never changes, and we can trust what He says is true.

The Biblical Meaning of Truth in God's Word

The Bible is God's Word, spoken through people and inspired by His Spirit. Everything written in it points to who God is and what He has done for us. The Bible tells God's story of love and rescue for the world. It shows us what is true about Him, about us, and about how life works. "All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness" (2 Timothy 3:16, *ESV*). That means it comes from the very heart of God. His words bring life, direction, and comfort when we are confused or afraid. "Every word of God proves true; he is a shield to those who take refuge in him" (Proverbs 30:5, *ESV*).

We can trust the Bible because God Himself is trustworthy. His words aren't just old stories. They still speak to our hearts today. God's Word is living truth because it helps us know how to walk with Him each day, like a light that shows the next step when the path feels dark. "Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path" (Psalm 119:105, *ESV*). When kids read the Bible and try what it says, like forgiving, telling the truth, or choosing kindness, they see that it changes how they think and live. The more we listen and live by His Word, the more we understand His heart of love and faithfulness.

Understanding When God's Word Becomes What Kids Trust

Many kids today are told the Bible isn't real or that it's just another old book. When friends tease them for believing or ask them to "prove it," kids can start to doubt. You can show them that the Bible tells one big story written over thousands of years by many people and yet every part fits together and points to Jesus. God's promises really happened, like when prophets said the



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Savior would be born in Bethlehem long before Jesus was. The Bible has stood through wars, empires, and generations because God's truth never changes. God's Word has stood strong while everything else in the world changes, and its message still brings hope and peace today.

When kids learn to trust what God says, they begin to see how it applies to everyday life. God's Word tells the truth about things they face, like being kind when others are mean, forgiving when it's hard, or choosing honesty even when no one is watching. When kids see how following Scripture helps them live with peace and confidence, they start to realize it isn't just true—it works. The more they experience that, the stronger their trust in God's Word will grow.

Practical Steps: Helping Kids When Life Hurts

1. **Start with Wonder** —Read short stories together and ask, "What does this show us about who God is?" Curiosity builds confidence.
2. **Use It Daily** — Encourage your child to read or listen to one verse each morning or before bed. Even a few minutes a day teaches that God's truth is part of everyday life.
3. **Talk About Tough Questions** — When kids ask, "How do we know it's true?" point out the Bible's unity, fulfilled promises, and how it changes people's lives—including yours.
4. **Connect the Bible to Real Life** — Share moments when Scripture has helped you make a decision or find peace. Kids learn best when they see faith in action.
5. **Pray the Word Together** — Choose a verse and pray it aloud: "God, help us trust your Word today." This helps kids feel God's truth in their hearts, not just their minds.

Scripture for Parents and Kids

- "The sum of your word is truth, and every one of your righteous rules endures forever." (Psalm 119:160, *ESV*)
- "Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away." (Matthew 24:35, *ESV*)
- "Your word is truth." (John 17:17, *ESV*)

Encouragement for Parents

It can be hard to hear your child say someone laughed at their faith or told them the Bible isn't true. These moments are chances to help your child see what makes God's Word trustworthy. The Bible's story hasn't changed, even after thousands of years, and God's promises have come true—like the birth, death, and resurrection of Jesus that were written about long before they happened. When your child's confidence wavers, assure them that the truth of God's Word doesn't depend on who believes it. It stands firm because God Himself never changes.

CTMP Corner: Kingdom Kids in Action

- **Connect:** Ask "What's a verse you can recite when someone says the Bible isn't true?"
- **Teach:** Share how the Bible's message has never changed, how God's promises came true in Jesus and how His Word still guides people today.
- **Model:** Let your kids see you reading and trusting the Bible in your own life.
- **Pray:** "God, thank You that Your Word is true and will last forever. Help us build our lives on Your truth."