

AT-HOME ACTIVITY GUIDE

WEEK OF FEBRUARY 14TH

BIG IDEA

When times are tough,
I can count on God.

THE BIBLE

Zephaniah
(Zephaniah 1:7,
12-18, 3:14-17)

MEMORY VERSE

I Corinthians 16:13
(NIV)

FAMILY TABLE TALK

Keep the conversations going around the dinner table this week!

Use our Family Table Talk guide to help review the lesson and connect with your kids over one meal this week. Find the guide at www.loopkids.org/breakingnews.

ADDITIONAL ACTIVITIES

Visit www.loopkids.org/breakingnews to find the link to this week's video, Family Table Talk and coloring page.
And be sure to check out additional activities below!

OLDER & YOUNGER KIDS ACTIVITY | Listening Light

INSTRUCTIONS: Instruct your kid(s) to line up side by side on one end of the room opposite of you. When you say, "Green light," the kids should start walking toward you. However, if you say, "Red light," the kids must stop walking. If the kids don't listen and are caught, they have to return to the start line.

SAY: In today's story, we learned that there are consequences when we don't listen. But we also learned that when times are hard, we can count on God to help us do the right thing.

YOUNGER & OLDER KIDS ACTIVITY | Trust Chain

INSTRUCTIONS: Print the [Trust Chain printable](#), and have kids trace each of the words. Then have them cut along the dotted lines to create four strips of paper. Help each kid make a paper chain with their strips, using tape or glue to connect the ends together.

SAY: Let's make a paper chain to help you remember the Big Idea. Connect the edges of the first strip, "When times," to make a circle. Then, loop the second strip, "are tough," through the first one and connect the ends of that strip. Next, add the third strip, "I can," and then the fourth strip, "count on God." Now, you have a chain to remind you when times are tough, I can count on God.

YOUNGER & OLDER KIDS ACTIVITY | Wanted Poster

SAY: Let's make Wanted Posters of ourselves and remind ourselves to be the kind of people God is looking for – people who always count on God!

INSTRUCTIONS: Give each kid a copy of the [Wanted Poster printable](#). Tell them to draw a picture of themselves in the space provided. Then have them write, "counting on God" in the space provided.

OLDER KIDS ACTIVITY | Build Up Notes

Read I Thessalonians 5:11.

SAY: This verse tells us to encourage each other and to build each other up. Let's take some time to do that right now.

INSTRUCTIONS: Give each kid about five sticky notes and a pencil. Tell them to find five friends to share notes of encouragement with. Ask them to write a note encouraging each other or describing how they know that person can count on God. Have them send a picture of the note to their friend, mail it to them, or pass it on next time they're together in person.