

GNCOMMUNITY BIBLE STUDY GUIDE

SERMON SERIES: “**GOSPEL OF MARK**”

SERMON TITLE: “**CHILDISH**”

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•✎ SERMON IN A SENTENCE:

“Fully trusting God is not risky, but actually the safest decision we could ever make.”

WARM UP QUESTIONS: (choose the ones you think will fit best)

- ☞ What makes adults different than kids in regards to the key word for today, “trust”?
- ☞ Can you remember a time from your childhood where you exhibited complete trust in your parent? Please share.
- ☞ Can you think of any stories of your own kids and their limitless trust in you?
- ☞ What are the types of things that make the “trusting nature” of a person go away as they grow into an adult?
- ☞ How do you think losing our inclination to trust as we become an adult effects our ease at trusting God?

◆ Facilitator NOTE: As you prepare ahead of time, look through the passages/questions below to help yourself prioritize the things that you definitely want to cover with the time you have available.

Mark 10:13-16 — “**13** People were bringing little children to Jesus for Him to place His hands on them, but the disciples rebuked them. **14** When Jesus saw this, He was indignant. He said to them, “Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these. **15** Truly I tell you, anyone who will not receive the kingdom of God like a little child will never enter it.” **16** And He took the children in His arms, placed His hands on them and blessed them.”

- ☞ What does Jesus think of kids?
- ☞ How should we think of kids (and even the GNKids Ministry)?
- ☞ What kinds of things have you learned from kids?

- 🗨️ When Jesus says (v. 14), “the kingdom of God belongs to such as these {little children}”, what was He actually trying to say? That only kids will be allowed in heaven??
- 🗨️ What goes through your mind when you hear Jesus say (v. 15), “anyone who will not receive the kingdom of God like a little child will never enter it”?
- 🗨️ Do you fully trust God with every aspect of your life? If you don’t, why not? Is God incapable? Is He untrustworthy? What is the root of the distrust?
- 🗨️ What more do you actually need or want in this life than God and what He promises to give you?
- 🗨️ Why do you think God isn’t interested in reluctant recipients of His kingdom?
- 🗨️ In verse 16, we see how God values kids...what should that teach us about how God views us as adults?
- 🗨️ Are there any other bible verses or bible stories that you can think of that would help to illustrate a fully trusting heart toward God? (David vs. Goliath; Noah building the ark; Elijah and the prophets of Baal on mount Carmel; Peter walking on water; the apostles leaving their work and life behind to follow Jesus; the friends lowering their paralytic friend through the roof to Jesus for healing, etc...)
- 🗨️ Who are people in your life that you see living a fully (not perfect) trusting life and relationship towards Jesus? How so?

TAKE THESE HOME WITH YOU “TAKEAWAYS”:

- ☀️ What is that “thing” that you’ve been unwilling to trust God with? Are you ready to trust Him yet?
- ☀️ When will you talk to a person who you see has a trusting walk with Jesus, to ask them for prayers, encouragement, and support as you begin trusting God more fully with your life?

❖ Close in prayer.

MATCHING THEME IDEAS FOR THE KID'S LESSON:

- I'd encourage a worship time if possible (youtube works great {Lifetree Kids}).
- Ask them if they have any things in their life that they need Jesus' help with, and then pray for the requests of the group.
- And feel free to ask any of the kids if they'd like to say a prayer for the group.
 - As adults, carefully do "trust falls" with them, and help correlate it to how we should fully trust God with our lives.
 - Ask the kids what they really need to live in this life and if they trust that God will give them those things.
 - Ask the kids if Jesus loves children or adults better (trick question, He loves both just the same).
 - Read them the story of Peter walking on water (maybe even have them act it out) — Matthew 14:22-33.