

Message.

Christian confidence is not found in personal feelings or achievements but flows entirely from knowing Jesus Christ. This assurance begins with believing in the Son, who is truly God manifested in the flesh, not merely a guru. This genuine belief relies on Christ's perfect faithfulness for eternal life, which is evident through a righteous direction in the believer's life. Furthermore, confidence is solidly rooted in what God has done in Christ, verified by the testimony of the Spirit, the water (baptism), and the blood (crucifixion), which confirms His divine identity against false teachings. Ultimately, confidence does not come from ourselves. It comes from knowing the Son, empowering us to see clearly and overcome the "world's" chaos by rejecting all competing idols.

Prayer.

Heavenly Father,

Because of Jesus, Your Son, I can be called Your child. Thank you, God! Because of Jesus, I can be confident You hear my words. Guide me, Lord, to live as Jesus lived, overcoming the world's chaos, rejecting idols and putting You first.

Amen.

Scripture.

1 John 5:1-21

Engage.

Observation: What Does the Text Say?

- According to verse 1, what two actions are signs that a person has been born of God?
- What is the "victory that has overcome the world", as stated in 1 John 5:4?
- In 1 John 5:14-15, what is the basis for the believer's confidence in prayer, and what is the outcome of praying according to this basis?

Interpretation: What Does It Mean?

- 1 John 5:3 says that God's commandments are "not burdensome". Given the concept of love in the chapter, how does a right understanding of God's love prevent His commands from feeling like a heavy burden?
- What is the significance of the "three witnesses" mentioned in 1 John 5:6-8—the Spirit, the water, and the blood—in testifying about Jesus Christ?
- The text repeatedly links having the Son to having life (1 John 5:11-12). What does it mean practically to "have the Son" compared to merely acknowledging information about the Son?

Application: How Should I Respond?

- 1 John 5:13 states that its purpose is so believers may know they have eternal life. If you struggle with assurance, what specific truth from this chapter will you meditate on this week to move from "I hope" to "I know"?
- The final instruction is to "keep yourselves from idols" (v. 21). What is one area of your life where you might be tempted to put your trust or security in something other than the "true God and eternal life" (Jesus Christ)?
- Considering verse 14, what is one current prayer request you need to examine to ensure it aligns with the priorities of the Son?

For these cities. For all people.

This guide offers questions to help you lead your child to engage directly with God's Word, connecting to the powerful truths from 1 John 5. We've provided enough content here to share God's truth across five days, but the true success is simply opening the Bible together. Choose one day or one section—any step you take is a beautiful choice to lead your family toward closeness with God.

Day 1: Loving and Obedience God (1 John 5:1–3)

- Who is your favorite person? How do you show them you love them (e.g., hugging, drawing a picture, listening)?
- The Bible says if we love God, we will obey Him. Is it easy or hard to obey God?
- 1 John 5:3 says God's commands are "not burdensome." That means they aren't heavy or too hard to carry. Why does God give us rules (like "Be kind" or "Tell the truth")? Do His rules help us or hurt us?

Day 2: Faith Helps Us Overcome Bad Influences (1 John 5:4–5)

- When the Bible talks about the "world," it means all the things around us that might tell us to do wrong things or believe wrong ideas (like focusing only on being popular, getting the newest toy, or being mean). What are some things the world tells kids your age to focus on that aren't about Jesus?
- 1 John 5:4 says our faith is the victory that overcomes the world. What does it mean to "overcome" something?
- How can believing in Jesus help you say "no" when your friends try to get you to cheat on a test or watch a movie you know you shouldn't?

Day 3: Knowing Jesus is Real (1 John 5:6–12)

- If someone told you they baked a cake, but you saw no flour or oven, you wouldn't believe them. The Bible tells us that God gave us three special ways to know Jesus is real and God's Son: the Spirit, the water (His baptism), and the blood (His death).
- 1 John 5:11 says "The life is in His Son." Where do you find your life? (Allow them to answer, then guide them to the truth). If Jesus gives us eternal life, what does that mean? Does it stop when you get old, or does it go on forever?
- How can you be sure you have eternal life? (Answer: By having the Son, Jesus).

Day 4: Praying with Confidence and Assurance (1 John 5:13–15)

- 1 John 5:13 says the whole point of this letter is so you can know you have eternal life. Do you hope you have eternal life, or do you know it? Why?
- What does it mean to pray with confidence? (It means you are sure God hears you).
- 1 John 5:14 says God hears us when we ask for things "according to his will." How can you make sure your prayers are things God wants for you (His will)? (Example: Is it better to pray for a new video game or to pray for kindness?)

Day 5: Keeping Away from Idols (1 John 5:21)

- 1 John 5:21 says, "Little children, keep yourselves from idols." An idol is anything you love, trust, or think about more than God.
- What are some things that kids sometimes treat like an idol (e.g., a phone, winning, money, being the best)?
- What is one thing you need to focus on less this week so you can focus on Jesus more?