



WONDER TIME

"Store God's Word in Your Heart"

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Let's say today's memory verse together. (*Quote Psalm 119:11 with children.*) What does this verse tell us we should do? (*Allow response.*) We should store up God's Word in our hearts! When you do what this verse says and store up God's Word in your heart, it not only can help you keep from sinning, but it can also help you trust God more and more.

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Say with me, "**Trust God's plan!**" (*Say with children.*)

So how can God's Word help you when you are having a hard time trusting God's plan in your life? Let's hear Miguel's story and see how God's Word can help him.

Miguel's dad is in the military and needs to be gone for months at a time. Miguel misses his dad a lot. His dad doesn't get to come to events at his school or be there for many of his soccer games. How do you think it makes Miguel feel that his dad is gone a lot? (*Allow response.*) Miguel sometimes feels afraid, wondering if his dad will be safe. Miguel sometimes feels angry because other kids have their dads around more. Miguel sometimes feels alone because he's not sure anyone else understands what he's going through.

But Miguel has believed on Jesus as His Savior and has stored God's Word in his heart. I'm going to read some verses from God's Word. See if you can tell me how these verses could help Miguel.

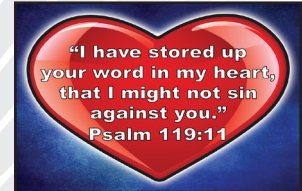
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Hebrews 13:8—Miguel can **stop and remember** what God is like. God does not change. The more you know about God by reading His Word, the more you can remember what He is like. God sees Miguel is lonely and God cares. God loves Miguel so much! God is with Miguel and his dad, even though they are far apart because God is everywhere at once. Stopping to remember these truths from God's Word can help Miguel!

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Romans 8:28—Hard things will happen to us because we live in a sinful world. But this verse tells us that when you belong to God, you can **trust God** to turn even the hardest things into good. How could this be true in Miguel's life? (*God can help him trust, God might use Miguel to help another kid whose parent is away, etc.*) Reading verses like Romans 8:28 can help you think about God and His plan for your life. God's Word can help Miguel even though his dad is gone a lot.

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Psalm 106:1—The Bible talks about how important it is to **thank God**. You can thank God for who He is, but also thank Him for what He is doing. What could Miguel thank God for? (*Allow responses.*) Miguel could thank God for being with him and his dad while they are apart.

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Philippians 4:6-7—Miguel can **ask God** to help him not to worry, even though it's hard. The Bible says that God is always with those who belong to Him. You can ask God for help many, many times in a day. God will never get tired of hearing from you!

Miguel isn't a real person, but many kids do have parents who are gone for long periods of time. Or maybe there's something else in your life that is hard. You can do the same things Miguel did—stop and remember promises from God's Word. Will you remember this week to store God's Word in your heart to help you trust God's plan for your life? (*Close in prayer.*)