



WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 24-30, 2017

"When Storms Keep Coming"

*As parents, we spend a lot of time trying to keep difficult things away from our kids. But God's Word clearly teaches that difficult things are going to happen to all of us. Here's a guide to help you talk to your kids about facing difficulty.*

#### DAY 1: Sometimes, bad things happen.

-  **Read** – Proverbs 3:5-6
-  **Do** – Discuss the fact that God allows difficult situations and people in our lives. Parents, give an example of a time in your life when you faced a difficult situation that you had to overcome by trusting in God.
-  **Pray** – Thank God that He is in control of everything that happens in our lives. He allows every storm that comes in our lives. (More on that tomorrow!)

#### DAY 2: God is always working.

-  **Read** – 1 Peter 1:6-7
-  **Do** – God uses difficult Get a block of rough wood and a sheet of sandpaper for each child. Show them how you can use the sandpaper to smooth out the rough spots. Explain that God uses difficult situations and people to "smooth" us and to shape us into who He made us to be!
-  **Pray** – Pray that God will give your family faith to believe that He is working, even in the hardest situations. Thank Him that He is always working in our lives.

#### DAY 3: Trust in God.

-  **Read** – Hebrews 6:19
-  **Do** –Go outside to a flagpole, tree, swingset, or some other immovable object. Parents, instruct your children to hold on TIGHT! Now, do everything you can to get them to let go—pull them, even tickle them! Teach them that, just as they tried to hold on to the object no matter what happened, we need to diligently hold on to our faith in Jesus.
-  **Pray** –Pray that your family will hold tightly onto Jesus. Thank God that He always holds tightly to us!

