

HEAR MINISTRIES

Children's Message for **August 16th, 2026**

Materials Needed: Plain bag with treats in side for children

Leader: Good morning! Do you like surprises?

Leader: Well, I have a little surprise here for you this morning(hold up paper bag). I won't give it to you just yet, but **you can trust me: I WILL give you something.**

Leader: **We have to trust God in the same way you are trusting me to give you something.** He might not give us treats like I am going to give you this morning, but He invites us to ask Him for things, and to **trust** Him to provide what we need, when it is in His will.

Leader: In our Reading from the Bible today, Jesus and His friends were walking down the road, and a woman came up to Him, begging for help for her sick daughter. At first, Jesus seemed to just ignore her, which might strike us as strange. **Didn't Jesus come to help people who needed God?**

Leader: Well, Jesus told her that He came to help the Children Israel who were also known as the Jews, This woman, however, was NOT a Jew. In fact, she was a Canaanite, which meant she was from a different group of people than the Jews. Jesus told her that taking His time and attention away from the Jews would be like taking food from children and feeding it to dogs. But that did not stop this mother!!

Leader: She told Jesus that at least dogs still received table scraps. Jesus was impressed by her faith and trust in Him. **Not only did she keep asking without giving up, she truly believed in Jesus and she knew that He could do miracles. So, He granted what she requested, and healed her daughter.**

Leader: **This story reminds us that we can have faith and trust in God. He didn't come just for the Jews, but for everyone, and He proved that by dying for everyone.**

Leader: Sometimes we ask God for things, and He might seem like He doesn't hear us. Maybe we don't get what we ask for right away. Perhaps we have to wait for things, and it

might feel like we wait a long time! Sometimes, **we might not get what we think we want at all, because God has better plans for us.** But we can put our faith and trust in knowing He has our best interests at heart. God knows what we need, and promises to provide it.

Leader: We can **trust** that God loves us, cares for us, and will continue to give us what we need. All we have to do is ask!

Prayer: *Dear God, Thank you for providing what we need every day. Help us to be patient even when You seem far away. Help us to trust in You always. In Jesus name, Amen!*

Leader: Now, I want to be trustworthy, so here is the surprise I said I had for you. (Hand out the treats you brought.) You may return to your seat. Thanks for coming up!

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