



It's important to remember that **God is our** strength, fortress, and refuge. We need to rely on Him, no matter what is happening in our lives.

Think of a time when everything seemed to be falling into place. Did you rely on God through the process? How about a time when everything was crumbling down around you. Did you rely on God to help you then?

By teaching our children to fully rely on God, they will have the strength and courage when facing life's many challenges, knowing that He is always with them.

This simple and fun craft can be used as a visual reminder for your children to Fully Rely On God.

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MATERIALS NEEDED:

- Frog template (print last page of this resource)
- Green craft paper OR foam
- White craft paper OR foam
- Pink craft paper
- Glue
- Wiggle Eyes (optional)
- Magnet Strip (optional)
- NOTE: If you don't have colored craft paper or foam, kids can color their paper with crayons

INSTRUCTIONS:

- Use the template to cut the body and feet in green foam (or paper)
- Draw a face on the body, as shown
- Use the template to cut out the belly in white foam (or paper)
- Write on the belly "Fully Rely On God"
- Use the template or large hole punch to cut out the circles (cheeks) on pink paper
- Have children glue the cheeks, eyes, belly, and feet in appropriate places
- Glue the optional magnet onto the back



"O my Strength, I will sing praises to you, for you, O God, are my fortress, the God who shows me steadfast love." Psalm 59:17

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GUIDED CONVERSATION:

As you make the craft, tell your child the story of Joseph and how he Fully Relied On God throughout his life. (Genesis 37, 39-41)

Say, "During Joseph's early life he was made the favorite son out of his brothers in the family because God gave him the ability to interpret dreams. His brothers were jealous and decided to throw him into a well. He was saved by another family and brought into a lavish lifestyle. Everything was good until he was accused of stealing and sent to jail.

Even though Joseph was in jail, he knew God was with him. Joseph was eventually put in charge of the prison. He gained the guards' trust and interpreted their dreams with help from God.

While in jail, the Pharaoh came to visit Joseph to interpret his dream. Joseph did and warned the Pharoah there would be seven years of plentiful crops, followed by seven years of famine. Joseph was then chosen to save Egypt by the Pharaoh, and free from jail.

Through good times and bad, Joseph knew God was never far from him. He learned to fully rely on God, and in return was blessed from it."





GUIDED CONVERSATION (continued)

Ask your child, "How did Joseph rely on God?" (By trusting God, always relying on God)

Ask, "When might it have been easy for Joseph to rely on God? When might it have been hard?"

(Easier when things were going well; harder when he was in a difficult situation)

Then ask, "What can you do to fully rely on God?" and let them respond.

Finally, say "Let's keep this frog out as a reminder to always rely on God because he is ALWAYS with us! Where should we put it so we see if often?"

Pray with your child, and thank God for being our strength in the good times and the bad times.



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FROG TEMPLATE









