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This week we will learn how we, as Christians, overcome trials. Many may ask why God allows trials, but they can be one of the best tests for Christian growth and maturity. In times of trial, we discover what faith truly looks like, and how we can depend on the Lord to provide everything that we need. Many of us are going through trials right now, or we may know people who are going through a public trial. This week, we encourage you and your family to cast your trials on the Lord, and allow Him to give you peace. We also encourage you to comfort others who are going through trials, and show them that they are not alone.

Below are some guided questions to help further your discussion on overcoming trials, use the investigation material on the back to answer.

What obstacles are you facing in your life currently?

See Proverbs 3:5-6, How do we overcome trials?

See 2 Corinthians 12:9-10, Why should we delight in our trials?

See John 14:7, Why should we not worry when we are going through obstacles?

Agent Debriefing

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Assignments:

Preschool: Create an obstacle course for your agent, making sure to incorporate challenging pieces. Have your agent go through the obstacle course. When they are done, talk about the course. Ask your agent what the hardest part of the course was. Then, ask them how they got through the hard parts. Talk about not giving up when you have to do hard things and asking God for help.

Elementary: This week, encourage agents to actively give over their worries and trials to the Lord. To do this, designate a jar or box in the house as your God jar. Set out pieces of paper and pens by the jar for agents to write down their struggles and place inside. As they do this, challenge them to pray over what they are struggling with and ask for God's guidance. This very visual example will benefit agents in understanding that God is in control of our trials and He will guide us if we surrender our worries to Him.

Youth: The book of Job is about a man who overcame great obstacles. Many of you are going through your own obstacles. This week, look at Job's life and how he responded to the Lord, feel comforted and don't lose hope!

See Job 1:1-22, What did Job lose and how did he react to God?

What does it mean to you that God will never bring you to anything that He will not lead you through?

How can we transform obstacles into tools for furthering our spiritual growth? Give an example.

Journal a prayer to the Lord surrendering your struggles and asking Him to use what you are going through for His glory.

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