

Trusting Jesus When It Doesn't Make Sense

Bible Examples for Sunday School (Ages 9–11)

Throughout Scripture, God often asked people to trust Him before they understood. These examples support Lesson 2 of the Wedding at Cana series.

Old Testament

Noah Builds the Ark

Reference: Genesis 6–9

Why it didn't make sense: Build an ark before any flood.

Result: God saved Noah's family.

Abraham Leaves Home

Reference: Genesis 12

Why it didn't make sense: Leave without knowing the destination.

Result: God blessed him.

Abraham Offers Isaac

Reference: Genesis 22

Why it didn't make sense: Offer the promised son.

Result: God provided a ram.

Moses Before Pharaoh

Reference: Exodus 5–14

Why it didn't make sense: A shepherd challenged Pharaoh.

Result: Israel was set free.

Crossing the Red Sea

Reference: Exodus 14

Why it didn't make sense: Walk toward the sea.

Result: God parted the sea.

Bitter Water at Marah

Reference: Exodus 15

Why it didn't make sense: Throw wood into bitter water.

Result: The water became fresh.

Manna from Heaven

Reference: Exodus 16

Why it didn't make sense: Collect only one day's food.

Result: God provided daily.

Water from the Rock

Reference: Exodus 17

Why it didn't make sense: Expect water from a rock.

Result: God supplied water.

Jericho

Reference: Joshua 6

Why it didn't make sense: March instead of attack.

Result: The walls fell.

Gideon's 300

Reference: Judges 7

Why it didn't make sense: Fight with only 300 men.

Result: God gave victory.

Ruth

Reference: Ruth

Why it didn't make sense: Leave home to follow Naomi.

Result: God blessed her.

Hannah

Reference: 1 Samuel 1

Why it didn't make sense: Keep praying for years.

Result: God answered.

David and Goliath

Reference: 1 Samuel 17

Why it didn't make sense: Fight a giant with a sling.

Result: God gave victory.

Elijah Fed by Ravens

Reference: 1 Kings 17

Why it didn't make sense: Birds brought food.

Result: God provided.

Widow of Zarephath

Reference: 1 Kings 17

Why it didn't make sense: Give away the last meal.

Result: Food never ran out.

Widow's Oil

Reference: 2 Kings 4

Why it didn't make sense: Pour from one small jar.

Result: Oil kept flowing.

Naaman

Reference: 2 Kings 5

Why it didn't make sense: Wash in the Jordan seven times.

Result: He was healed.

Jehoshaphat

Reference: 2 Chronicles 20

Why it didn't make sense: Send singers before soldiers.

Result: God fought the battle.

Shadrach, Meshach & Abednego

Reference: Daniel 3

Why it didn't make sense: Refuse the king's command.

Result: God protected them.

Daniel

Reference: Daniel 6

Why it didn't make sense: Keep praying.

Result: God shut the lions' mouths.

New Testament

Mary Accepts God's Plan

Reference: Luke 1

Why it didn't make sense: Believe the angel.

Result: Jesus was born.

Joseph Marries Mary

Reference: Matthew 1

Why it didn't make sense: Trust God's message.

Result: God's plan continued.

Wise Men Follow a Star

Reference: Matthew 2

Why it didn't make sense: Follow a star.

Result: They found Jesus.

Peter Lets Down the Nets

Reference: Luke 5

Why it didn't make sense: Fish again after failure.

Result: Huge catch.

Wedding at Cana

Reference: John 2

Why it didn't make sense: Fill jars with water.

Result: Water became wine.

Feeding the Five Thousand

Reference: John 6

Why it didn't make sense: Five loaves and two fish.

Result: Thousands were fed.

Peter Walks on Water

Reference: Matthew 14

Why it didn't make sense: Step onto the water.

Result: He walked with Jesus.

Blind Man

Reference: John 9

Why it didn't make sense: Wash after mud on eyes.

Result: He could see.

Lazarus

Reference: John 11

Why it didn't make sense: Come out of the tomb.

Result: Raised to life.

Pentecost

Reference: Acts 2

Why it didn't make sense: Wait for God's promise.

Result: Holy Spirit came.

Philip & Ethiopian

Reference: Acts 8

Why it didn't make sense: Go into the desert.

Result: One man believed.

Peter & Cornelius

Reference: Acts 10

Why it didn't make sense: Break tradition.

Result: Gentiles received the Gospel.

Paul & Silas

Reference: Acts 16

Why it didn't make sense: Sing in prison.

Result: Prison doors opened.

A Repeating Pattern

Step	Pattern
1	A problem
2	God gives an unexpected instruction
3	People trust and obey
4	God performs the miracle

Key Teaching Truth: Our job is to trust and obey. God's job is to do what only He can do.