

DUMPSTER, LEAVE IT!

Family Faith Guide & Activity Lesson

A printable resource for families, churches, and homeschool learning.

Recommended Age: 3-7 **Time:** 20-30 minutes **Theme:** Listening • Grace • Forgiveness • God's Loving Guidance

Before You Read

Invite children into the story with simple questions.

- What do you think the words "leave it" mean?
- Have you ever been told to leave something alone? What happened?
- Why do you think grown-ups sometimes tell us "no" or "leave it"?
- What do you think a curious puppy might learn while growing up on a farm?



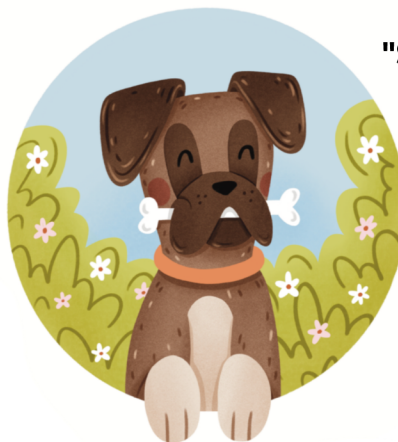
Scripture Focus

"I will instruct you and teach you in the way you should go; I will counsel you with my loving eye on you."

Psalm 32:8 (NIV)

Talk Together

- What mistake did Dumpster make?
- Did Dumpster's family stop loving him when he made a mistake?
- What did Dumpster learn from his mistake?
- How does God help us learn and grow when we make mistakes?
- Why is it important to forgive others?
- How can we show love and patience when someone else is still learning?



"Sometimes God uses the most unexpected teachers to help us discover the greatest lessons."

While You Read

Pause when Dumpster makes a choice, learns a lesson, or receives loving correction.

- What do you think Dumpster is feeling?
- Was that a wise choice? Why or why not?
- What do you think will happen next?
- How did Dumpster's family show him love and help him learn?

Pray Together

Dear Heavenly Father,

Thank You for loving us through every mistake and new beginning.

Help us listen, learn, forgive, and try again.

Thank You for the loving people You give us to guide our way.

Thank You for the Holy Spirit, our Helper, who helps us understand Your Word and grow more like Jesus each day.

In the name of Jesus, Amen.

Look & Discover

Take another look through the pages of Dumpster, Leave It! and see what you can discover.



Can You Find...

-  Dumpster and his family
-  The big dog, Kingsley
-  The little dog, Zoe
-  A duck
-  A mole
-  A bat
-  A cat
-  A snowman
-  A bone
-  One or more baby animals
-  Your favorite animal on the farm
-  Something you did not notice the first time

God's Creation

"God made the wild animals according to their kinds, the livestock according to their kinds, and all the creatures that move along the ground according to their kinds. And God saw that it was good." Genesis 1:25 (NIV)

For Parents & Grandparents:

Young children learn through repetition, encouragement, and loving guidance. Like Dumpster, they will make mistakes as they grow. Every correction can become an opportunity to point them toward God's grace.



Let's Talk About It

- Which animal was the easiest to find?
- Which one was the hardest to find?
- Which character made you smile the most?
- What surprised you when you looked through the story again?
- What do you think God wants you to remember from Dumpster's story?
- What is one way your family can show kindness this week?

Live It Out This Week

Choose one small way to grow deep roots in God's love.

- I will listen the first time
- I will obey with a cheerful heart.
- I will be patient with others.
- I will forgive quickly.
- I will use kind words.
- I will ask God to help me make wise choices.



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My Prayer Today



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