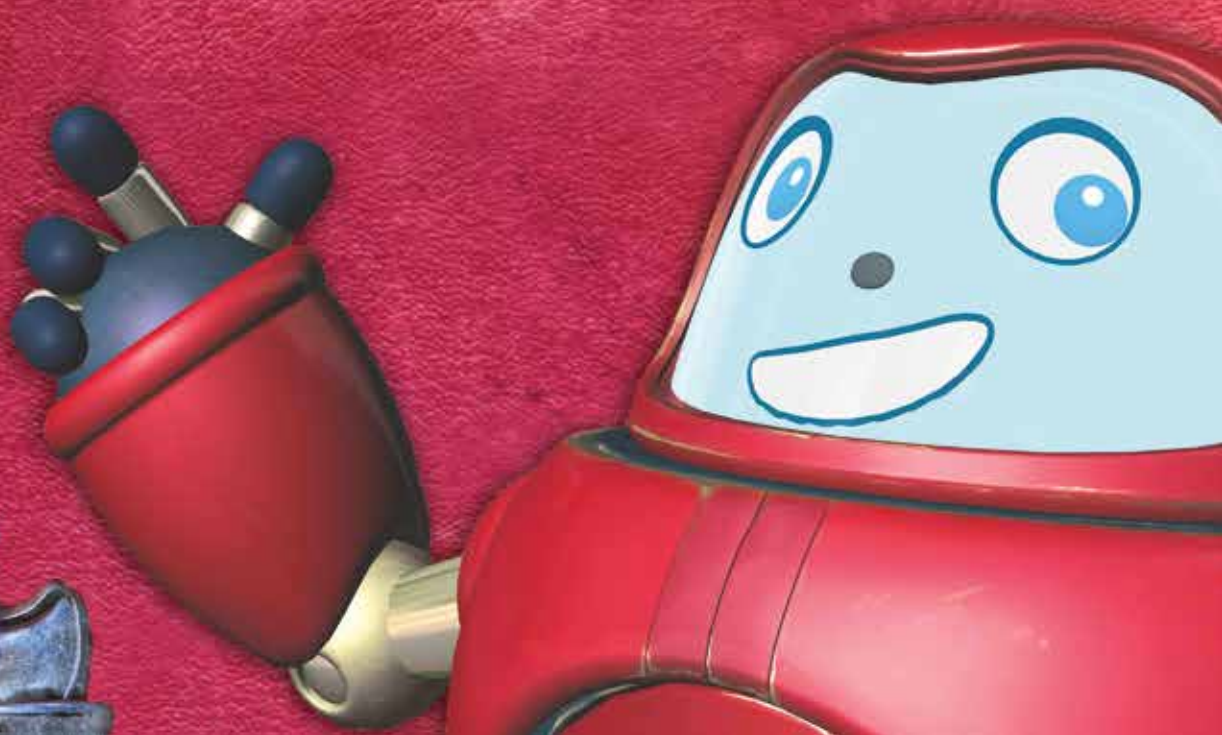


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*Your word is a lamp to guide my feet
and a light for my path.*

Psalm 119:105



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BECOMING *a Christian*

For God loved the world so much that he gave his one and only Son, so that everyone who believes in Him will not perish but have eternal life (John 3:16).

God loves you so much.

God loves you and wants you to follow Him with your whole life. This is called becoming a Christian—and it is the most important decision you will ever make.

You become a Christian when you:

- **ADMIT** *that you are separated from God.*

God loves us, but we are separated from God and His love because of our sin. Sin is when we do wrong things or make bad choices; choices that are different than what God would want us to do.

For everyone has sinned; we all fall short of God's glorious standard (Romans 3:23).

- **BELIEVE** *that Jesus died and rose again to be your Savior.*

God sent His only Son Jesus to save us. Jesus was born more than 2,000 years ago and lived a sinless life. Jesus died on a cross to take the punishment for our sin, and came back to life three days later. This act of love bridged the gap between you and God!

God showed his great love for us by sending Christ to die for us while we were still sinners (Romans 5:8). The wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life through Christ Jesus our Lord (Romans 6:23).

BECOMING a Christian *(cont.)*

• CONFESS *your sin and commit your life to God.*

Jesus is the way to eternal life with God. Asking God for forgiveness and accepting Jesus as your Savior will begin your relationship with God here on earth, as well.

If we confess our sins to him, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all wickedness (1 John 1:9). If you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved (Romans 10:9). For his Spirit joins with our spirit to affirm that we are God's children (Romans 8:16)

• JESUS *made it possible for you to experience God's love!*

Would you like to get reconnected to God and ask Jesus to become your friend right now?

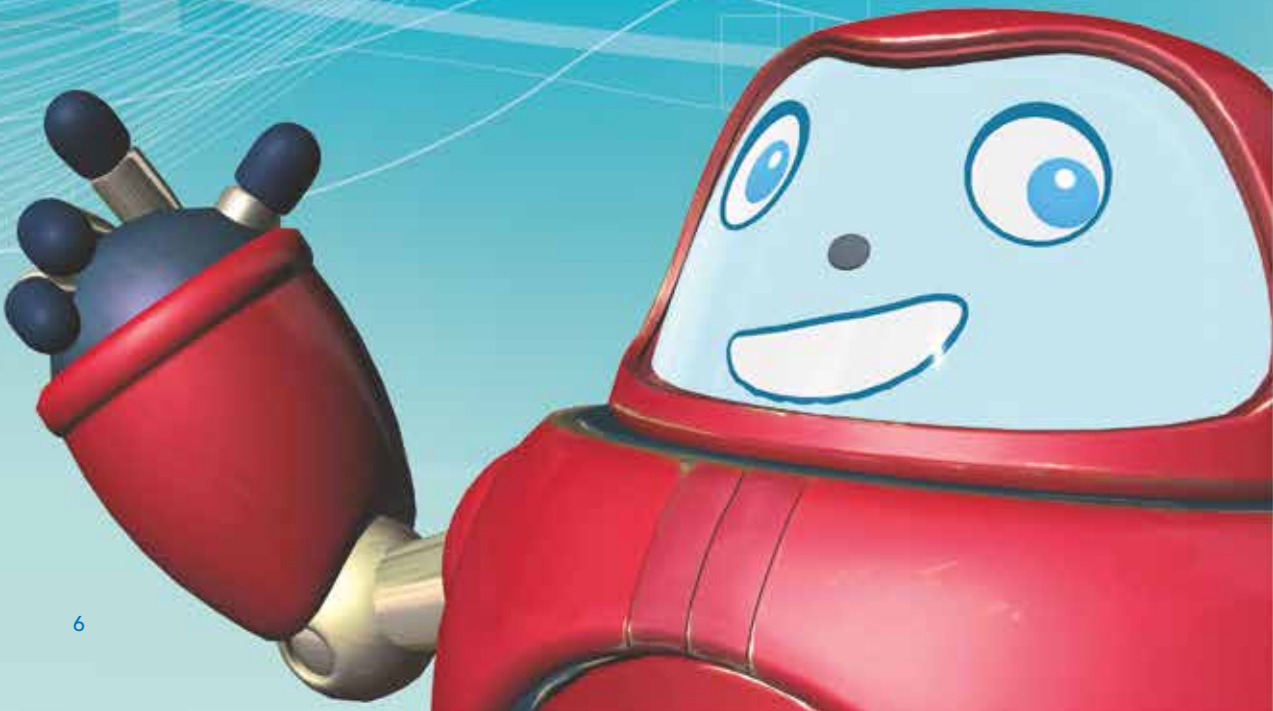


PRAY: Dear God, I admit that I am a sinner and that I want to have a relationship with You. Please forgive me for all of the wrong things I have done. I believe in my heart that Jesus died and rose again to take away my sin, and I declare Jesus Christ as my Lord and Savior. Please fill me with Your Holy Spirit that I may be faithful to You. Thank you for saving me and for letting me become Your child. Please speak to me and help me to hear Your voice and to follow Your ways. I look forward to spending time with You, both here on earth and in heaven. In Jesus' name I pray, amen.



For his Spirit joins with
our spirit to affirm that
we are God's children.

Romans 8:16



WELCOME to God's family!

When you invited Jesus into your life as Savior, you became a child of God. You were born into the family of God.

This book will help you understand more about what happened to you and how you can grow in your friendship with Jesus. It will also help you learn how God wants you to live as His child.

HOW to use this book:

There are 30 days of devotions.

Before you start reading each day, pray a prayer like this:

Dear God, please help me understand what I read in the Bible. Help me apply what I learn to my own life.

After praying, follow the icons as you read the page for the day.



Read the verses in the Bible.

(Daily Bible verses are easy to find on pages 43-48.)



Do the activities.

(You can check your answers on pages 38-42.)



Pray.

A SPECIAL RELATIONSHIP

Do you know what has happened? You—yes, you!—have become part of the family of God! When you gave your life to Jesus, you were born into God’s family!



Do you know what being a child of God means?

READ: John 1:12 NKJV

DO: Use this code to complete the verse below.

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	L	N	O	R	V



BUT AS MANY AS 12 4 2 4 8 13 4 3 HIM,

TO THEM HE GAVE THE RIGHT TO BECOME

2 7 8 9 3 12 4 10 11 5 6 11 3

TO THOSE WHO 1 4 9 8 4 13 4 IN HIS NAME.

TAKE THIS QUIZ!

CIRCLE ONE

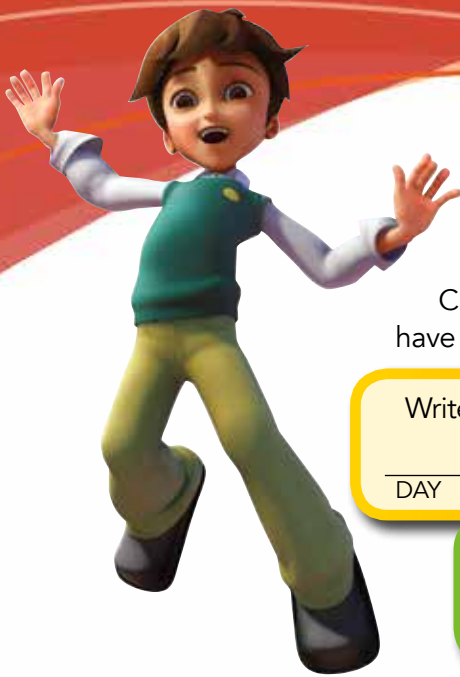
Being a child of God means:

- | | | | |
|----------------------------|-----|----|-------|
| I belong to God. | YES | NO | MAYBE |
| God is my heavenly Father. | YES | NO | MAYBE |
| I want to please God. | YES | NO | MAYBE |

Being a member of God’s family is so exciting! From this day forward, you are God’s child!



PRAY: Dear God, thank you that I can have a special relationship with You as my heavenly Father. I belong to You and want to please You, today and always! Please show me how to please You in all that I do. Amen.



TWO BIRTHDAYS

Can you imagine what it would be like to have two birthdays?

Write the date of your birth on the line below.

DAY MONTH YEAR

Write the day you accepted Jesus in your heart.

DAY MONTH YEAR

Imagine if you had two birthdays and could celebrate twice! What would you do? 1. _____ 2. _____

Guess what? You really DO have two birthdays! Every Christian has two birthdays: the first one is the day that you were born physically, and the second is the day you were born spiritually into God's family.

The Bible says that when we accept Jesus into our hearts, we are "born again." To find out about it, **read** [John 3:1-3](#). It tells about Nicodemus, a religious man who believed that Jesus was a teacher sent by God. Jesus told him something that he found difficult to understand. Do you understand it? To find out what it was, **read** [John 3:1-3](#) and use the code below to help you find the answer.



Jesus said, you must...



Remember, being born again is another way of saying that you have become a child of God. Once, you were born into your own family—but the day you were born again by accepting Jesus, you were born into God's family. Happy Birthday to you!

PRAY: Dear God, thank you for loving me and making me a part of Your family. Help me understand what it means to be born again and to be Your child. Amen.



A NEW YOU

Have you ever seen one of those TV programs where someone gets a total makeover? They end up looking completely different from when you first saw them: different hairstyle, different makeup, and different clothes.

But guess what? Inside, they're still the same.

When people become Christians they get a total makeover on the inside. They may not look different, but they really are different! The Bible says that when we accept Jesus we become a new creation!



DO: In the wordsearch, find the words written below in purple capital letters in the Bible verse.

READ: 2 Corinthians 5:17
 This means that **ANYONE** who **BELONGS** to **CHRIST** has become a **NEW PERSON**. The **OLD** life is **GONE**; a new **LIFE** has **BEGUN**!



Have you ever seen how a caterpillar becomes a butterfly? It's the same creature—and yet totally different. A caterpillar crawls, but a butterfly flies! It's a miracle. And what happens to us when we are born again through Jesus is very similar. Before, we were like caterpillars; but through Jesus, we become new creatures!

P	C	H	R	I	S	T	N
B	R	W	E	N	G	U	O
E	A	N	Y	O	N	E	L
G	O	N	E	F	O	B	D
U	L	I	F	S	L	E	W
N	N	O	S	R	E	P	O
D	L	I	F	E	B	E	L



PRAY: Dear Lord, I am so excited that I belong to Jesus and that I have begun a whole new life as a new creature. Help me to think and act in the way that I should, as a brand-new creature—as a child of God!

GROW LIKE JESUS

Have you ever seen how newborn babies grow? They become more and more like their parents. We say they are “maturing.” First they learn to crawl, then to walk, and then to run! Write down how old you were when you began to crawl and walk.

CRAWL

WALK

As a newborn Christian, you’re going to grow and mature spiritually. Every day that you grow, you’re going to be more like Jesus! It’s amazing, isn’t it?

Draw lines to match the activity picture to the correct word.



PHYSICAL

MENTAL

SOCIAL

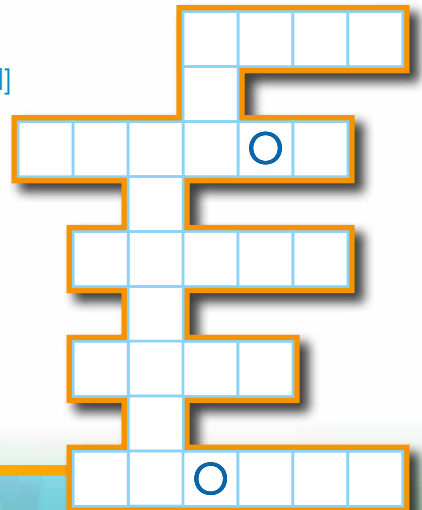
SPIRITUAL

Jesus came to earth as a baby, but He also grew in these ways.

DO: In the crossword puzzle, write the words below in purple capital letters in the Bible verse below.

READ: Luke 2:52

LUKE writes: Jesus **GREW** in **WISDOM** [mental] and in **STATURE** [physical] and in **FAVOR** with **GOD** [spiritual] and all the **PEOPLE** [social].



Being born again means that we are just starting out in our spiritual life with God. Just as babies must learn to crawl and then walk, so we must learn how to live our new life with God. You’ve begun an exciting journey!

PRAY: Dear Lord, I want to grow just as Jesus did. Help me to grow spiritually, so that every day I look and behave more like Jesus. Amen.



FOOD FOR GROWTH

As everyone knows, babies need milk to grow. But what kind of milk does a spiritual newborn need to grow? Can you guess?

DO: Use this code to fill in the missing words below.



To help them grow, babies need _____ (↑↑↓→←),
 _____ (△☺▽◀), _____ (↔→↕◀↑☺▽),
 and _____ (→↕◀☺).

The Bible teaches us that we need
 _____ (↑↑↓→←), to help us grow as Christians.



READ: 1 Peter 2:2-3
 and 2 Timothy 3:14-17

Did you figure it out? The Bible is described as spiritual milk! Drinking real milk helps us grow strong physically—and reading the Bible helps us grow strong spiritually. Isn't that amazing?

So are you drinking your "supermilk"? If you read the Bible every day, you'll grow strong spiritually!



PRAY: Dear Lord, I want to grow strong spiritually. May I be like a newborn baby and want the pure, spiritual "supermilk" that comes with reading the Bible every day! Amen.

A GROWING RELATIONSHIP

Have you ever seen how big and tall and strong a tree can grow? The Bible uses the image of a tree to show how we can grow as Christians.

DO: Fill in the missing vowels:
A, E, E, I, I, O, U

S _ NSH _ N _

W _ T _ R

S _ _ L



READ: Psalm 1:1-3

The Bible says that those who **delight in the law of the LORD, meditating on it day and night** are like what?



Underline the correct plant:

GRASS VINE WHEAT TREE BUSH

But what does that mean exactly?

CIRCLE
A OR B

To delight in the law of the Lord means:

- A. Laugh at God's law, the Bible
- B. Enjoy reading and obeying the Bible

To meditate on it day and night means:

- A. Read the Bible thoughtfully every day
- B. Think about reading the Bible

So if you read the Bible every day and study what it says, you will grow to be spiritually strong and solid, just like a mighty tree!

Draw a picture here to illustrate verse 3.



PRAY: Dear Lord, I want to grow strong as a Christian by reading the Bible every day, by thinking about it, and by putting into practice what I learn from it. Amen.

THE BIBLE IS LIKE...

The Bible is so amazing that it's hard to describe. Below, circle the picture that illustrates how the Bible describes itself.



READ: Psalm 119:105

The Bible is like a lamp because it's able to light our way in darkness—to show us the right path for our lives. The Bible will guide us like a lamp, helping us to make the right choices as we go.

DO: Use the code to work out the answer:

In Psalm 119:9, the writer asks God:

**HOW CAN A
YOUNG PERSON
STAY PURE?**

CODE KEY

a = b	j = k	s = t
b = c	k = l	t = u
c = d	l = m	u = v
d = e	m = n	v = w
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g = h	p = q	y = z
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i = j	r = s	

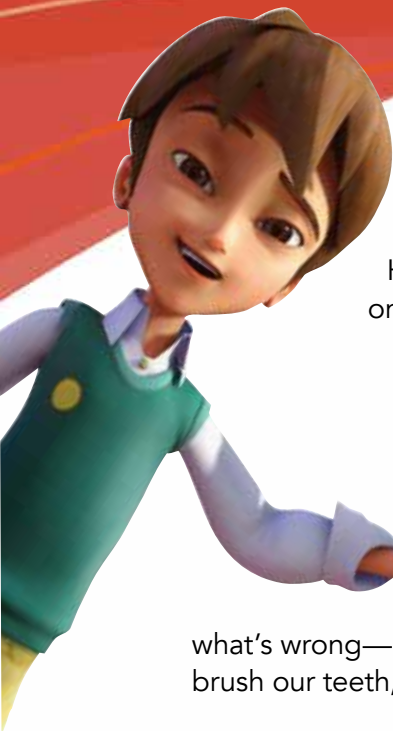
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PRAY: Dear Lord, thank you for giving me the Bible! It shines like a lamp to guide my feet so that I won't stumble, and it lights up my path as I walk forward with You. Amen.

MIRROR TALK

How many times do you look in a mirror every day?
once ____ twice ____ 5 times ____ more ____



Have you ever looked in the mirror and noticed that your hair was all messed up? Or maybe you noticed that you had something stuck in your teeth—yuck! Or maybe you noticed there was a smudge of dirt on your cheek! We use mirrors to show us what's wrong—so that we can fix it! We can comb our hair, we can brush our teeth, and we can wash our faces!

The Bible is just like a mirror. It shows us what we cannot see without it. It shows us where we have things that need to be changed or fixed. But after we see what's wrong, we have to take action. That's what it means to obey God!



DO: UNSCRAMBLE
THE LETTERS
IN BRACKETS

READ: James 1:22-25

James describes the Bible as being like a mirror. When we look into God's Word, we should not only _____ [NESTIL], but we should also _____ [YOBE].

DO: Find the words written below in **red** capital letters in the wordsearch.

READ: 2 Timothy 3:16-17

All Scripture is inspired by God and is useful to **TEACH** us what is **TRUE** and to make us **REALIZE** what is **WRONG** in our lives. It straightens us out and teaches us to **DO** what is **RIGHT**. It is God's way of preparing us in every way, fully **EQUIPPED** for every **GOOD** thing God wants us to do.

G	Q	U	H	C	A	E	T	R	N	D	I
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O	W	D	E	P	P	I	U	Q	E	C	P
D	Z	A	E	U	R	T	L	I	Z	G	E
N	W	R	O	N	G	C	T	H	G	I	R



PRAY: Dear Lord, please help me to use the Bible just like a mirror—to see what is wrong in my life, to change those things, and to do what is right by obeying You. Thank you for helping me. Amen.

TALKING TOGETHER

Today there are many ways in which people communicate with each other. In the blue box to the right, underline or write how you have communicated with others.

- LETTER
- POSTCARD
- TELEPHONE
- CELL PHONE
- E-MAIL
- FACEBOOK
- TWITTER
- MYSPACE
- TEXT MESSAGE
- FAX

God wants us to communicate with Him through prayer. Praying really just means talking to God! He wants us to talk to Him and tell Him honestly what we are thinking.

DO: Use the code to fill in the missing words below.

A E I O U D G H L N P R S T W Y

_____ is the way we can communicate with

God. In the Bible, Jesus gives us some _____
 on _____



READ: Matthew 6:5-8
 What did Jesus teach His disciples?

CIRCLE DO OR DON'T

- Pray loudly on the street corners to impress people. DO DON'T
- Make sure others can see you while you are praying. DO DON'T
- Pray quietly to God in private. DO DON'T

God doesn't want us to pray to impress other people. He wants us to pray so that we can talk directly to Him and tell Him what's on our hearts. We're His children, and He is our heavenly Father. He loves it when we talk to Him!



PRAY: Dear Lord, thank you that I can talk to You in prayer. Thank you that I can be honest with You and tell You just what I am feeling and thinking, straight from my heart. Amen.

A PRAYER

Praying is important! But how should we pray? When the disciples asked Jesus how to pray, He taught them a prayer that we now call "the Lord's Prayer."



READ: Matthew 6:9-13

Draw a line from each part of the Lord's Prayer to the correct meaning in a box. The first one has been done for you.

Our Father in heaven,

may your name be kept holy.

May your Kingdom come soon.

May your will be done on earth,
as it is in heaven.

Give us today the food we need,

and forgive us our sins, as we have
forgiven those who sin against us.

And don't let us yield to temptation,

but rescue us from the evil one.

God's kingdom is where He rules.

God is the perfect father.
We can trust Him to take care of us.

Show respect to God, who is holy
by nature and by name.

We ask God to keep us safe
from Satan, the evil one.

May God's plans be carried
out in the world.

We ask God to keep us from things that
tempt us to do wrong or difficulties too
hard for us to cope with.

We ask God to forgive us
and we must forgive others.

Don't worry about the future.
Pray for what you need.

There are many ways to talk to God in prayer—but one of the best is to pray the Lord's Prayer, just as Jesus and the disciples did. Why not pray it right now, quietly or out loud, thinking about what the words mean as you pray?

PRAY: Dear Lord, thank you that I can talk to You in prayer. Thank you that I can be honest with You and tell You just what I am feeling and thinking, straight from the heart. Amen.



MEETING TOGETHER

Just as friends and families spend time together, Christians should meet together. Do you know why?

According to the Bible, spending time with other Christians—which is called “fellowship”—is very important. It’s one of the ways that God helps us to grow as Christians!

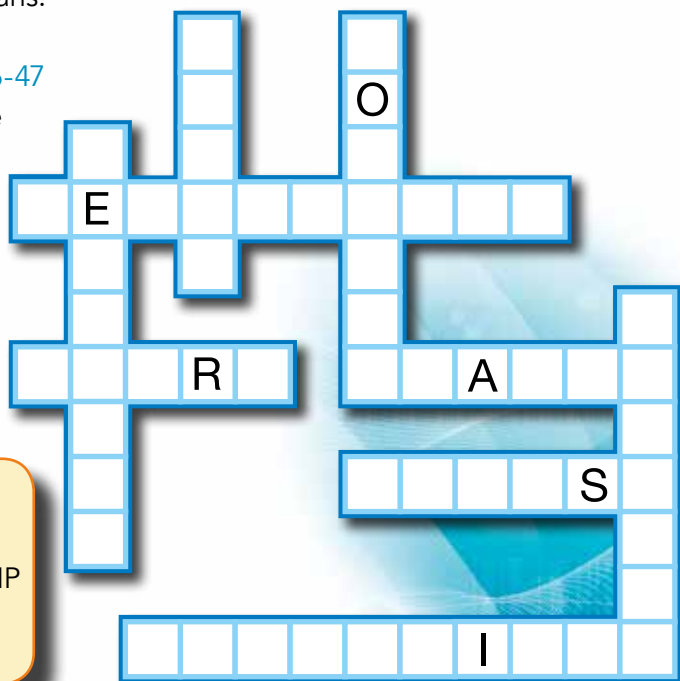


READ: Acts 2:42, 46-47

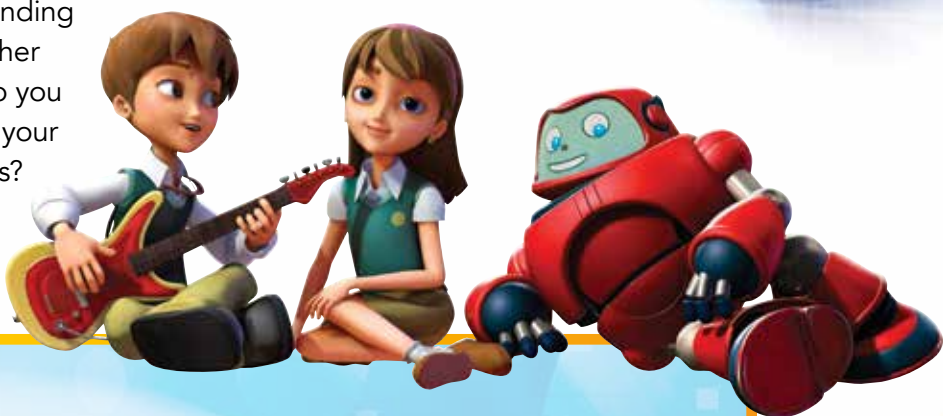
The Christians in the early Church did several things when they were together. We still do these things today!

DO: Use the words below to fill in the crossword puzzle.

- | | |
|------------|------------|
| CHRISTIANS | PRAISE |
| TEACHING | SHARE |
| FRIENDS | FELLOWSHIP |
| PRAYER | MEALS |
| WORSHIP | |



Are you spending time with other Christians so you can grow in your faith in Jesus?



PRAY: Dear Lord, please help me to do the things that help me grow spiritually, as Your child. Help me to read the Bible every day, to pray every day, and to spend time with other Christians who love You and obey You. Amen.

TELL OTHERS

When we discover something exciting, we usually want to tell others. One of the most exciting things we can imagine is the idea that we are God's children! So we should tell others about it. In fact, God wants us to tell others!



READ: Mark 5:19-20

To discover what Jesus said, start where the arrow is and go in a clockwise, spiral direction until you end with the letter in the red shaded block. Write every letter on a line below.

→				G	O	H	O	M	E	T	O
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M	S	I	F	U	L	H	E	H	U	T	U
E	A	C	N	E	E	B	S	A	A	H	R
H	H	R	E	M	W	O	H	D	N	I	F
T	D	R	O	L	E	H	T	S	G	N	R
L	L	E	T	D	N	A	S	D	N	E	I

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When we tell others about Jesus, our own faith grows stronger. Telling others about Jesus is one of the ways that we can grow spiritually!

Think of someone you can tell about these wonderful things the Lord has done for you:

Jesus loves me. I am forgiven. He died for my sins. I am God's child.

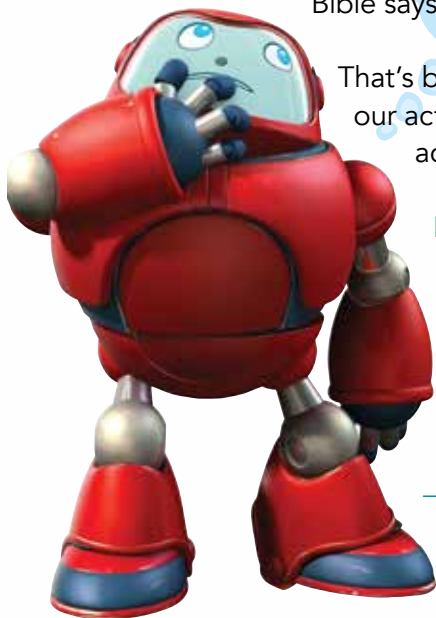


PRAY: Dear Lord, thank you for all of the amazing and wonderful things You've done for me! Help me to tell others about those things in a way that will bless them and show them Your love. Amen.

THINK RIGHT

We all know that what we do is important. But did you know that the Bible says that what we think is just as important?

That's because what we think influences our attitudes and our actions. The Bible tells us to "think right" so that our actions will be right too!



READ: Philippians 4:8

DO: Fill in the words from the Bible passage that describe right thinking.

Fix your thoughts on what is _____, and _____, and _____, and _____, and _____. Think about things that are _____, and worthy of _____.

We need to watch our thoughts, and perhaps even change the way we think about some things. Use the code to answer the following questions.

When a thought comes into your mind, ask yourself:

Is it _____ ? (20,18,21,5)

Is it _____ ? (11,9,14,4)

Is it _____ ? (16,21,18,5)

Is it _____ ? (18,9,7,8,20)

CODE KEY

A = 1	J = 10	S = 19
B = 2	K = 11	T = 20
C = 3	L = 12	U = 21
D = 4	M = 13	V = 22
E = 5	N = 14	W = 23
F = 6	O = 15	X = 24
G = 7	P = 16	Y = 25
H = 8	Q = 17	Z = 26
I = 9	R = 18	

The Bible says that how we think really affects how we act. So to obey God and please God, we have to get our thoughts in line with His thinking too!



PRAY: Dear Lord, help me to watch my thoughts and to think right. I want to think like You so that I can be more like You. Please help me to do that. Amen.

WATCH YOUR WORDS

What we do is important and what we think is important. But did you know that, according to the Bible, what we say is important too?

READ: James 1:26

Fill in the missing word. We should _____ our tongues.

According to the Bible, the tongue is small but it can be very powerful.



READ: James 3:3-6

As Christians, we have to control our tongues and watch what we say.

James gives us three pictures to show how powerful our tongues, and our words, can be.

DO: Write the verse number next to each picture.

James 3:3-6: ³We can make a large horse go wherever we want by means of a small bit in its mouth. ⁴And a small rudder makes a huge ship turn wherever the pilot chooses to go, even though the winds are strong.

⁵In the same way, the tongue is a small thing that makes grand speeches. But a tiny spark can set a great forest on fire. ⁶And the tongue is a flame of fire. It is a whole world of wickedness, corrupting your entire body. It can set your whole life on fire, for it is set on fire by hell itself.



VERSE ____



VERSE ____



VERSE ____

The words we speak affect how we think and what we do. So to obey God, we have to be careful of what we say!

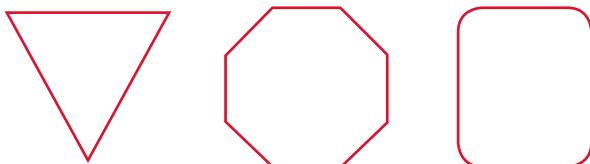


PRAY: Dear Lord, please help me to control my tongue, and help me only to speak words that are pleasing to You. As Psalm 19:14 says, "May the words of my mouth ... be pleasing to you, O LORD." Amen.

LIVE RIGHT

In order to live right, we must obey God. That's why He has given us rules. They help us to live right and to obey Him.

Imagine what would happen if you were driving on a road with no rules! What rules of the road can you remember? Draw road signs in the shapes below.



Imagine what would happen if there were no rules for motorists (and pedestrians) to follow! Just as there are rules for drivers, there are rules for living. And God has given us those rules to protect us and to help us live lives that are pleasing to Him.

The Ten Commandments (see Exodus 20) are summed up by Jesus in two main commandments.

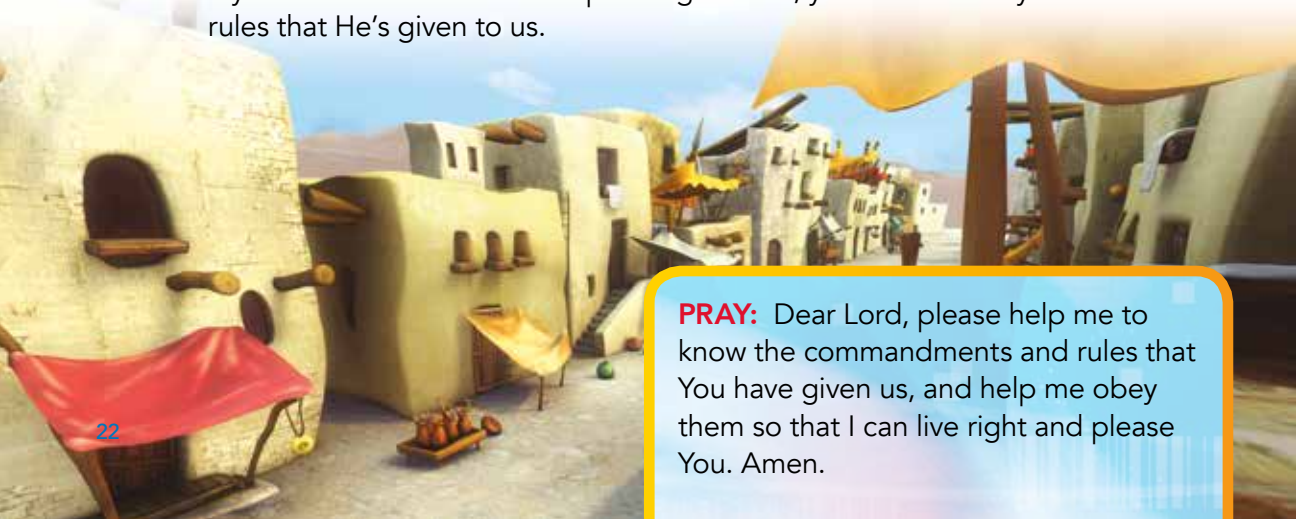
READ: Mark 12:30-31

DO: Find these words in the wordsearch.

- | | |
|-------|----------|
| LOVE | SOUL |
| LORD | MIND |
| GOD | STRENGTH |
| ALL | NEIGHBOR |
| HEART | YOURSELF |



If you want to live a life that's pleasing to God, you have to obey the rules that He's given to us.



PRAY: Dear Lord, please help me to know the commandments and rules that You have given us, and help me obey them so that I can live right and please You. Amen.

PROOF

Which of the following might give you proof that someone follows the same sports team that you do?

- ___ They talk about the team.
- ___ They wear the team colors.
- ___ They display posters on their walls.

What proof might someone have that you are a follower of Jesus?

What does Jesus say about it?

READ: John 13:34-35

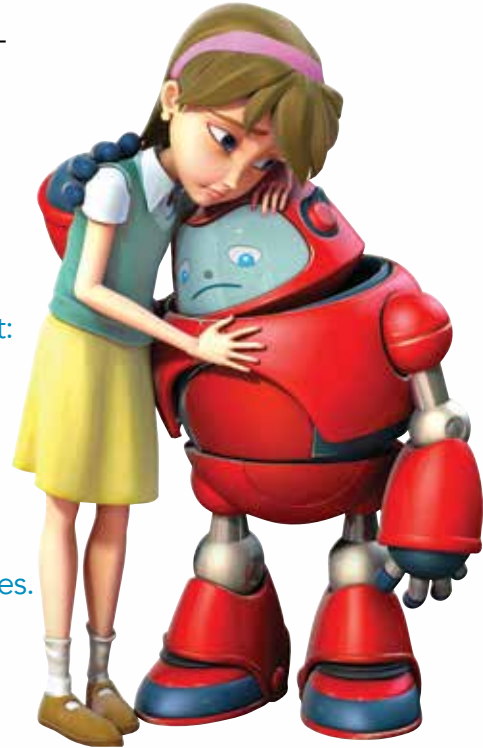
DO: Fill in the missing words:

So now I am giving you a new commandment:

_____ each other. Just as I have
 _____d you, you should _____
 each other. Your _____ for one another
 will prove to the world that you are my disciples.



Think of a person who needs God's love. Write his or her name in the prayer below. Think about what you can do for that person to show them God's love.



PRAY: Dear Lord,

As Your follower, I want to show love to others. Help me to

show love to _____
 Write someone's name here.

by _____
 Write how you want to express God's love.

_____. Amen.

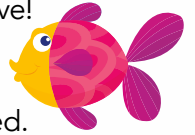
REACH OUT



The Jordan River flows into the Sea of Galilee and the Sea of Galilee flows into the Dead Sea, but no water flows out of the Dead Sea! The Sea of Galilee is full of fish and living plants, but the Dead Sea is dead—it has no animal or plant life in it!



If we receive God's love and pass it on, we're like the Sea of Galilee—full of life. But if we receive God's love and don't pass it on, we are like the Dead Sea—dead! God wants us to pass along His love!



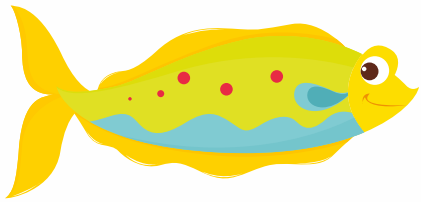
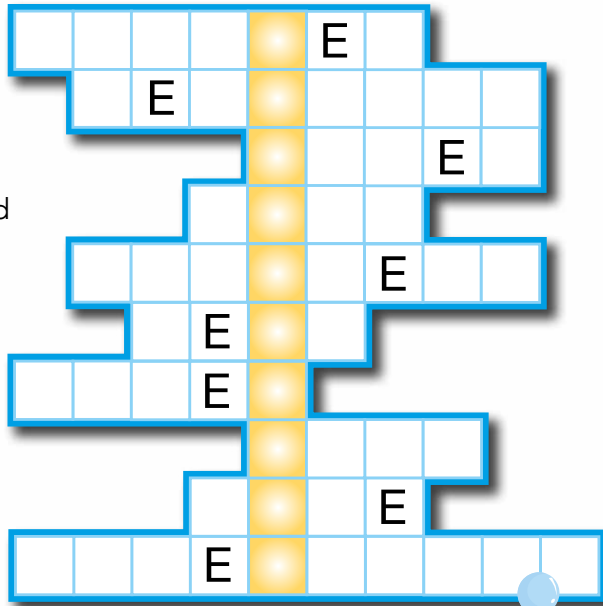
READ: Matthew 25:34-40

We can show love to people by giving them things they need.

- | | | | | |
|----------|-------|----------|-------|------------|
| BLANKETS | SHOES | MEDICINE | SOUP | LOVE |
| FOOD | HELP | CLOTHES | MONEY | FRIENDSHIP |

DO: Use the words in the box above to complete the crossword puzzle.

Look at the shaded column to see what God gave us to show us how much He loves us.



PRAY: Dear Lord, thank you for loving me so much! Help me pass Your love on to others, so that I can truly be alive in You. Amen.



PLUG INTO POWER

How many sources of power do you know about? Here are a few. Can you think of others? Write the name of each kind of power you see in the pictures below.



Power is defined as “strength, force or might; the ability to do or act.”



As Christians, we have a special source of power that helps us live the way God wants us to. Do you know what our source of power is?

For the answer, shade in only the shapes with dots.



To find out something we can do as a result of this power, **read Acts 1:8**.

According to the Bible, the Holy Spirit empowered the disciples to spread the Good News of Jesus throughout the whole world. And today, the Holy Spirit empowers us to do the same thing—tell people about Jesus!



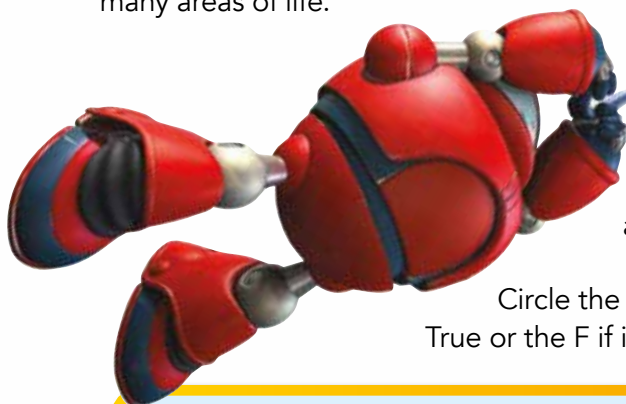
PRAY: Dear Lord, thank you for the power of Your Holy Spirit. Help me to be Your witness wherever I go, telling others about You! Amen.

WHO IS THE HOLY SPIRIT?

What is happening to Gizmo?

We can see the power of the wind when it blows, but can we actually see the wind?

It's the same with the Holy Spirit. We cannot see the Holy Spirit, but we can experience His power. The Holy Spirit helps us in many areas of life.



READ:
John 14:26
and John 15:26

Circle the T if the statement is True or the F if it is False.



THE HOLY SPIRIT:

- | | | |
|---|---|---|
| • Is our counselor who represents us to God | T | F |
| • Is our teacher | T | F |
| • Tempts us to do wrong | T | F |
| • Reminds us of God's Word | T | F |
| • Tells lies about us | T | F |
| • Speaks the truth | T | F |
| • Comforts and encourages us | T | F |

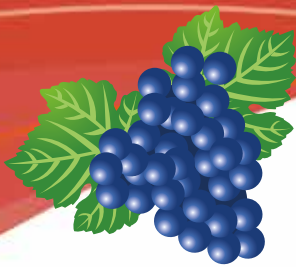
Did you find the two false statements?

DO: Here are some names given to the Holy Spirit. Fill in the missing vowels: A,A,A,E,E,E,E,E,O,O,O,O,O,U,U

T__CH__R ADV__C__T__ C__MF__RT__R
C__NS__L__R ENC__R__G__R



PRAY: Dear Lord, thank you for your Holy Spirit who lives inside me, and who teaches, represents, comforts and encourages me. Amen.

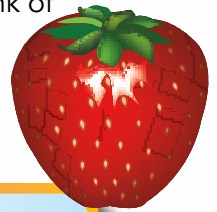


FRUITFUL LIVES

Jesus used the illustration of a grapevine to help us understand how important it is for us to be connected to Him.

In **John 15:5** Jesus said: **I am the vine; you are the branches. Those who remain in me, and I in them, will produce much fruit. For apart from me you can do nothing.**

If we are connected to Jesus, like a branch is connected to the trunk of a tree, we will produce the good fruit of the Holy Spirit.

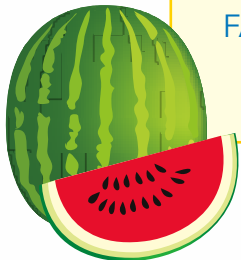


READ: Galatians 5:22-23

DO: Find the different fruit of the Spirit in the wordsearch.

- LOVE
- JOY
- PEACE
- PATIENCE
- KINDNESS
- GOODNESS
- FAITHFULNESS
- GENTLENESS
- SELF-CONTROL

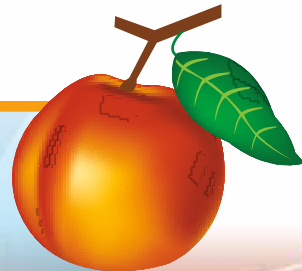
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f	a	i	t	h	f	u	l	n	e	s	s
c	f	n	i	y	c	k	t	d	a	v	e
e	c	a	e	p	o	i	a	n	c	e	n
n	j	t	n	o	n	n	i	i	e	o	d
f	o	l	c	y	t	e	n	k	g	y	o
a	y	o	e	s	r	s	e	l	e	f	o
i	g	o	o	d	e	s	s	n	d	g	
s	s	e	n	e	l	t	n	e	g	s	e



Choose one fruit of the Spirit that you would really like your life to show, and write it on the line in the prayer below.

PRAY: Dear Lord, help me to stay connected to You so that my life can be fruitful. May I especially learn to show

_____ in my life.

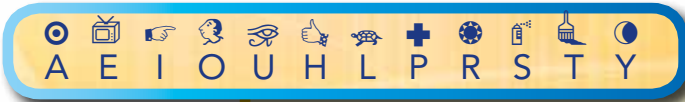


FOLLOW THE LEADER

Have you ever played the game called "Follow the Leader"?

Christians have a leader that they follow at all times. Do you know who that leader is?

Use the code to find out.



READ: Galatians 5:24-26
DO: Complete verse 25: Since we are living by the Spirit, let us

HOW CAN WE DO THIS?

Circle **YES** if you think you can, or **NO** if you think you can't follow the Holy Spirit's leading when you:

- | | | |
|--|-----|----|
| • Meet a new friend | YES | NO |
| • Choose a library book | YES | NO |
| • Buy new clothes | YES | NO |
| • Choose subjects or courses at school | YES | NO |
| • Read the Bible and pray | YES | NO |
| • Become jealous of someone else | YES | NO |
| • Want to argue or fight | YES | NO |
| • Know that the Holy Spirit wants to help you in all areas of life | YES | NO |



PRAY: Dear Lord, thank you for the Holy Spirit, who wants to take the lead in every part of my life. Help me recognize Your voice, so that I can follow the Holy Spirit in all that I do. Amen.

MORE THAN TALENT



The Holy Spirit gives everyone different gifts! A talent is a natural ability to do something well. But when we become Christians, the Holy Spirit gives us supernatural abilities.

READ: 1 Corinthians 12:4-11

God gives us spiritual gifts so that we can serve Him and help each other (verse 7).

If you entered a talent contest, what would you do?

- sing dance
 rap act
 perform tricks
 tell jokes gymnastics
 play a musical instrument
 other _____

Draw lines to match each description to the correct gift.

THE GIFT HELPS US TO:

1. Give wise advice
2. Teach
3. Have great faith
4. Heal the sick
5. Perform miracles
6. Speak God's messages
7. Distinguish right from wrong
8. Speak in unknown languages
9. Understand unknown languages

NAME OF GIFT

- (a) FAITH
 (b) PROPHECY
 (c) WISDOM
 (d) INTERPRETATION
 (e) DISCERNMENT
 (f) TEACHING
 (g) MIRACLES
 (h) TONGUES
 (i) HEALING

Now read *Romans 12:6-8* to learn about more gifts.



PRAY: Dear Lord, thank you for the Holy Spirit, who gives us spiritual gifts. Help me use my gifts to serve You by helping others. Amen.

GOING YOUR OWN WAY

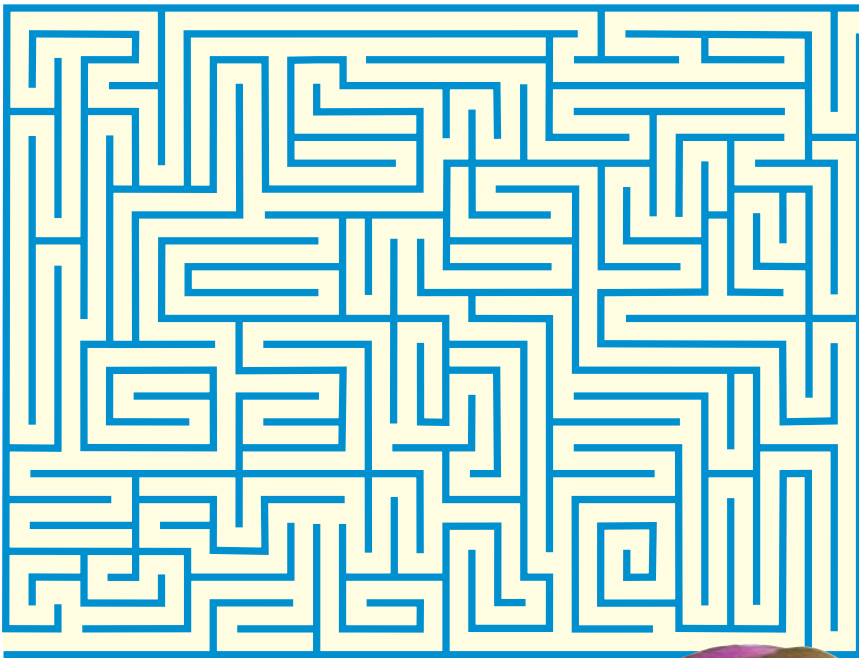
Have you ever been in a car that used a GPS (Global Positioning System) as a navigating device? If the driver ignores the map and instructions and drives in the wrong direction, the voice from the GPS may say, "recalculating."



READ: Luke 15:11-19



DO: Trace the route the young man took when he went his own way. The man finally "came to his senses" (verse 17) and realized that he had sinned by going his own way.



START ▶

▶ FINISH



PRAY: Dear Lord, help me always to listen to Your instructions so that I don't go my own way and get lost. But if I do make a mistake, please help me come to my senses and turn to You. Help me to recalculate and follow Your instructions so that I can be on the right path again. Amen.



WELCOME HOME

How do you celebrate when someone comes home after being away for a long time?

READ: Luke 15:20-24

The son realized that he had done wrong by going his own way and wasting his inheritance money. He was prepared to go back home and be a servant.



Cross out the first word and then cross out every other word to continue the story.

Will while they he is was the still close a far long road way near off the his man father looked saw his him going coming.

Check off only those things that his father did.

HOW DID THE FATHER WELCOME HIS LOST SON?

- 1. He shouted at him.
- 2. He hugged and kissed him.
- 3. He gave him fine clothes and sandals.
- 4. He gave him a hat and cloak.
- 5. He gave him a ring.
- 6. He gave him a talking-to.
- 7. He gave him a party.

When we do something wrong, God, like the father in this story, never stops loving us. He will forgive us if we are sorry for our sins and tell Him. He rejoices to welcome us back.



PRAY: Dear Lord, thank you for being my heavenly Father and for loving me so much that if I confess my sins to You, You are faithful and just to forgive me and to cleanse me from all wickedness. Amen.

TEMPTATION



When you take a test at school, what do you do to get a good grade? Circle YES or NO.

- | | | |
|---------------|-----|----|
| I do nothing. | YES | NO |
| I cheat. | YES | NO |
| I study. | YES | NO |

So what do you think:
Does studying help you get a good grade? YES NO



When the devil tested Jesus in the wilderness, Jesus knew the Scriptures so well that He passed the test.

DO: In the wordsearch, find the words written in purple capital letters below.

READ: Matthew 4:1-4

Jesus was hungry and the devil tempted Him to use His power for His own benefit. But Jesus didn't rely on His own feelings to make a decision. Instead, He quoted Scripture to stand up to the devil.

- JESUS
- SPIRIT
- DEVIL
- TEMPTED
- SON OF GOD
- STONES
- LOAVES
- BREAD
- EVERY
- WORD

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PRAY: Dear Lord, thank you for the Bible, my textbook. Help me to know it so well that I can pass the real-life tests that come my way. Amen.



THE ULTIMATE WEAPON

The devil is very clever when he tries to get us to do wrong things. But we have an ultimate weapon to use in fighting him. Do you know what it is?

READ: Matthew 4:5-7

When the devil tempted Jesus a second time, he copied Jesus and even used words from ___ ___ (s,g,d)

S _____
(R,b,q,h,o,s,t,q,d,r)



READ: Matthew 4:8-11

The devil often tries to gain power over us by offering to give us things that appear very attractive. We need to watch out for his tricks and use the ultimate weapon when fighting him.



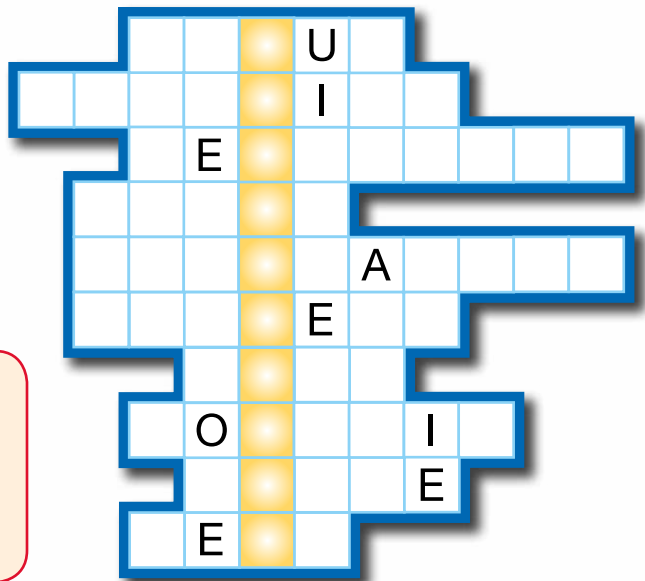
DO: To find out what the ultimate weapon is, write the words from the Bible

passage listed in the box below in the correct places in the puzzle, and the shaded blocks will give you the answer. Write that word in the prayer below.

- | | |
|-----------|------------|
| TEST | JESUS |
| JUMP | DEVIL |
| PROTECT | SERVE |
| WORSHIP | JERUSALEM |
| HOLY CITY | TEMPTATION |

CODE KEY

a = b	j = k	s = t
b = c	k = l	t = u
c = d	l = m	u = v
d = e	m = n	v = w
e = f	n = o	w = x
f = g	o = p	x = y
g = h	p = q	y = z
h = i	q = r	z = a
i = j	r = s	



PRAY: Dear Lord, thank you for giving us the _____, which we can use as the ultimate weapon against the devil in fighting off temptations. Thank you for giving us the victory! Amen.

TESTING TIME



I am hidden in rocks deep in the ground,
 But with mining tools I can be found.
 Separate me from the ore and the sand;
 Smelt me with the hottest heat I can stand.
 Throw away all that is not pure;
 And what's left is valuable, you can be sure.
 Use me for money or jewelry for young and old.
 I am very, very precious, because I am _____ .



Can you tell what I am?

READ: 1 Peter 1:7

During what's called the refining process, impurities are removed so what's left is pure gold. In a similar way, trials and hardships in our lives refine us. They help God remove the impurities from our lives and make our faith strong and pure.

How should we respond when troubles come our way?

READ: James 1:2-4

To use what James says, circle the correct word in each bracket in the prayer below.



PRAY: Dear Lord, whenever troubles come my way, may I consider it [a gift, an opportunity] for great [joy, peace]. For when my faith is [growing, tested], my [endurance, honesty] has a chance to grow. So I will let it grow. For when my endurance is fully developed, I will be [weak, strong] in character and [ready, late] for anything. Amen.



WHY WORRY?

Did you know that God commands us to not worry, but to pray instead? The Bible teaches us in 1 Peter 5:7 that we can give all our worries and cares to God, for He cares about us.



Rate your worries below according to this rating scale:

	<i>I'm cool. Not worried at all.</i>	<i>I'm only a little worried. No one would know.</i>	<i>I'm quite worried. Does it show?</i>	<i>I'm a nervous wreck! It shows!</i>
1. You haven't done your homework.				
2. You came home later than you were supposed to.				
3. You forget to do the household chores you are responsible for.				
4. The school bully is on your case.				
5. There are so many wars in the world.				

READ: *Philippians 4:6-7*



Don't **WORRY** about anything; instead, pray about everything. Tell **GOD** what you **NEED**, and **THANK** him for **ALL** he has done. Then you will experience God's peace, which exceeds anything **WE** can understand. His peace will **GUARD** your **HEARTS** and **MINDS** as you live in Christ Jesus.

DO: In the wordsearch, find the same words that are in **RED** in the verse above, and cross them out. Use the remaining letters to find out what can replace "worry." Write the answer on the line below.



In the prayer below, write one or two things that worry you, and then pray to Him about them.



PRAY: Dear Lord, I'm concerned about _____ and _____. Please help me to know that You don't want me to worry about these things, but that You want me to trust You. I put these things in Your hands right now, knowing that You love me and that I can trust You with all my problems. Amen.

STAY IN THE RACE

Check off the sports that you enjoy participating in or watching:

- football basketball volleyball tennis
 soccer baseball skiing chess
 ice skating dancing wrestling boxing
 running gymnastics _____



What would a runner need to do in order to win?
Use the code to fill in the missing words.
(For example: 1A=a, 3C=t)

		CODE			
		A	B	C	D
1.	_____	a	e	i	g
2.	_____	r	c	k	n
3.	_____	p	o	t	l
4.	_____	u	h	s	w

- _____

3C 2A 1A 1C 2D
- _____

1B 1A 3C 2A 1C 1D 4B 3C
- _____

4D 1B 1A 2A 2B 3B 2A 2A 1B 2B 3C

2B 3D 3B 3C 4B 1B 4C
- _____

2C 1B 1B 3A 1C 2D 3C 4B 1B 2A 1A 2B 1B
- _____

2A 4A 2D 3C 3B 4D 1C 2D

The Christian life is like a race and we are the runners.

READ: 1 Corinthians 9:24-27

Like a runner, we need to show perseverance and endurance. We need to stay in the race and run to win.



PRAY: Dear Lord, when the going gets tough and I want to quit, help me remember that You are cheering me on and waiting for me at the finish line. Give me the strength to know that You are with me as I run the race of faith, and help me know that the prize I win for staying in the race is the greatest prize imaginable—eternal life in Your presence! Amen.

EQUIPPED FOR VICTORY

To live the Christian life successfully, God actually tells us to put on a suit of armor—not armor made of metal, but something even more important!

In Jesus' time, the Romans ruled in Israel. So Roman soldiers were everywhere! In the Bible, the apostle Paul used the illustration of Roman armor to teach Christians how to defeat the devil and live victorious lives.



READ: Ephesians 6:10-18

Write the number of the correct piece of armor next to each description.



1. Belt of truth

2. Breastplate or body armor

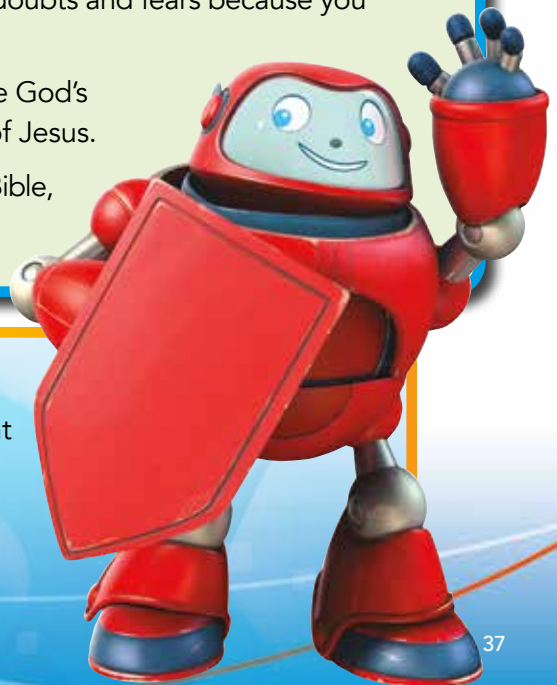
3. Shoes

4. Shield of faith

5. Helmet of salvation

6. Sword

- ___ (a) Knowing that Jesus is the truth protects you from the devil's lies.
- ___ (b) Your faith protects or shields you from the devil's tricks.
- ___ (c) Your heart is guarded because you've accepted that Jesus has made you right with God.
- ___ (d) Your mind is protected from doubts and fears because you know you are saved.
- ___ (e) You are ready to go and share God's peace and the Good News of Jesus.
- ___ (f) You can use God's Word, the Bible, to fight the enemy, the devil.



PRAY: Dear Lord, thank you for giving me all the equipment I need to fight the enemy, the devil. Help me to use every piece of the armor You have given me so that I can live a victorious Christian life to Your glory. Amen.

I have hidden your word in my heart,
that I might not sin against you.

I praise you, O LORD;
teach me your decrees.

Psalm 119:11-12



WELL DONE!!!

Dear _____

Write your name on the line.

Well done! And congratulations—you have completed 30 days of Bible readings!

We trust that you have learned a lot about God and what it means to follow Him and live a Christian life. God has talked to you through His Word, the Bible, and you have talked to Him through prayer! Isn't that amazing? You've been communicating with God!

It is our prayer that you will continue in your relationship with God, your heavenly Father, and that the communication between you will not stop now but continue throughout your life. There is nothing more important in the whole world!

So may you grow in the Christian faith and always stay connected to Jesus, like a vine that produces good fruit.

Remember to put on the whole armor of God every day so that you will go God's way and not your own way, and so that you will be able to fight the devil who tries to tempt you to disobey God.

God is a loving God who forgives you when you do wrong and are truly sorry. He wants the best for you in life because He loves you so much.

May your relationship with the living God become deeper and more meaningful every single day.

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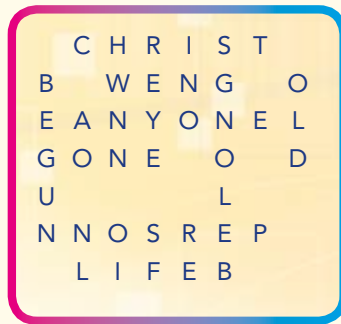
DAY 1

BUT AS MANY AS RECEIVED HIM, TO THEM HE GAVE THE RIGHT TO BECOME CHILDREN OF GOD, TO THOSE WHO BELIEVE IN HIS NAME.

DAY 2

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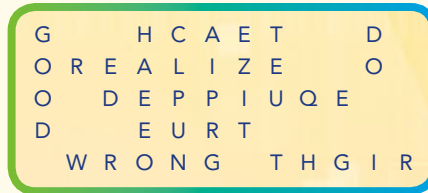
milk, rest, clothes, love; milk

DAY 6

sunshine, water, soil; tree; (B), (A)

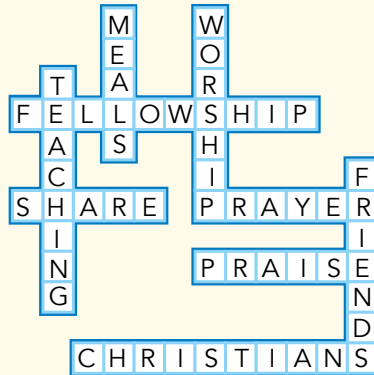
DAY 7 By obeying Your word

DAY 8 listen, obey



DAY 9 Prayer; suggestions; how to pray
DON'T; DON'T; DO

DAY 11



DAY 12 GO HOME TO YOUR FRIENDS, AND TELL THEM
WHAT WONDERFUL THINGS THE LORD HAS DONE
FOR YOU AND HOW MERCIFUL HE HAS BEEN.

DAY 13 true, honorable, right, pure, lovely, admirable;
excellent, praise.

DAY 14 control; verse 3, verse 4, verse 5

DAY 15



DAY 16

love

DAY 17



DAY 18

water, electricity, sun, wind; Holy Spirit

DAY 19

T,T,F,T,F,T,T; TEACHER; ADVOCATE; COMFORTER;
COUNSELOR; ENCOURAGER

DAY 20



DAY 21

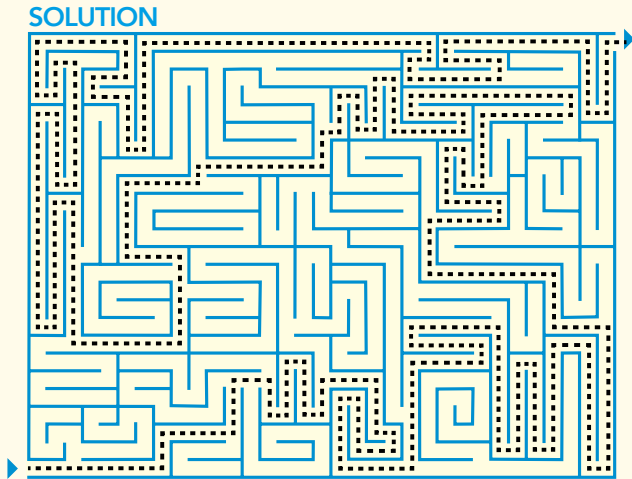
THE HOLY SPIRIT;

All are YES because the Holy Spirit wants to take the lead in every part of our lives

DAY 22

1c, 2f, 3a, 4i, 5g, 6b, 7e, 8h, 9d

Day 23



DAY 24

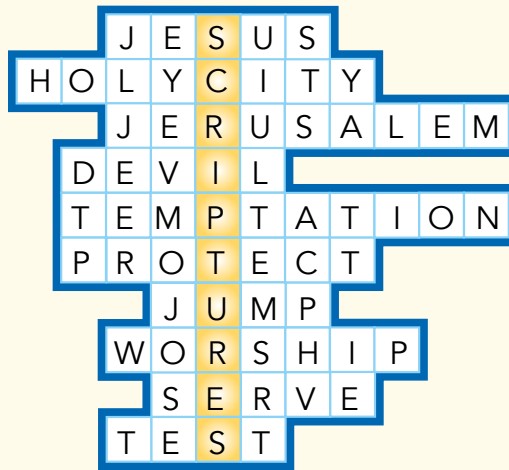
While he was still a long way off, his father saw him coming.
2, 3, 5, 7

DAY 25



DAY 26

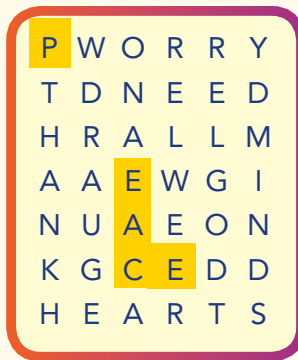
the Scriptures



Day 27

gold; opportunity, joy, tested, endurance, strong, ready

DAY 28



DAY 29

1. train 2. eat right 3. wear correct clothes
4. keep in the race 5. run to win

DAY 30

(a) 1 (b) 4 (c) 2 (d) 5 (e) 3 (f) 6

DAILY BIBLE VERSES

DAY 1 **John 1:12** But as many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God, to those who believe in His name.

DAY 2 **John 3:1-3** There was a man named Nicodemus, a Jewish religious leader who was a Pharisee. After dark one evening, he came to speak with Jesus. "Rabbi," he said, "we all know that God has sent you to teach us. Your miraculous signs are evidence that God is with you." Jesus replied, "I tell you the truth, unless you are born again, you cannot see the Kingdom of God."

DAY 3 **2 Corinthians 5:17** This means that anyone who belongs to Christ has become a new person. The old life is gone; a new life has begun!

DAY 4 **Luke 2:52** Jesus grew in wisdom and in stature and in favor with God and all the people.

DAY 5 **1 Peter 2:2-3** Like newborn babies, you must crave pure spiritual milk so that you will grow into a full experience of salvation. Cry out for this nourishment, now that you have had a taste of the Lord's kindness.

2 Timothy 3:14-17 But you must remain faithful to the things you have been taught. You know they are true, for you know you can trust those who taught you. You have been taught the holy Scriptures from childhood, and they have given you the wisdom to receive the salvation that comes by trusting in Christ Jesus. All Scripture is inspired by God and is useful to teach us what is true and to make us realize what is wrong in our lives. It corrects us when we are wrong and teaches us to do what is right. God uses it to prepare and equip his people to do every good work.

DAY 6 **Psalms 1:1-3** Oh, the joys of those who do not follow the advice of the wicked, or stand around with sinners, or join in with mockers. But they delight in the law of the LORD, meditating on it day and night. They are like trees planted along the riverbank, bearing fruit each season. Their leaves never wither, and they prosper in all they do.

DAY 7 **Psalms 119:105** Your word is a lamp to guide my feet and a light for my path.

Psalms 119:9 How can a young person stay pure? By obeying your word.

DAY 8 **James 1:22-25** But don't just listen to God's word. You must do what it says.

Otherwise, you are only fooling yourselves. For if you listen to the word and don't obey, it is like glancing at your face in a mirror. You see yourself, walk away, and forget what you look like. But if you look carefully into the perfect law that sets you free, and if you do what it says and don't forget what you heard, then God will bless you for doing it.

2 Timothy 3:16-17 All Scripture is inspired by God and is useful to teach us what is true and to make us realize what is wrong in our lives. It straightens us out and teaches us to do what is right. It is God's way of preparing us in every way, fully equipped for every good thing God wants us to do.

DAY 9 **Matthew 6:5-8** When you pray, don't be like the hypocrites who love to pray publicly on street corners and in the synagogues where everyone can see them. I tell you the truth, that is all the reward they will ever get. But when you pray, go away by yourself, shut the door behind you, and pray to your Father in private. Then your Father, who sees everything, will reward you. When you pray, don't babble on and on as people of other religions do. They think their prayers are answered merely by repeating their words again and again. Don't be like them, for your Father knows exactly what you need even before you ask him!

DAY 10 **Matthew 6:9-13** Pray like this: Our Father in heaven, may your name be kept holy. May your Kingdom come soon. May your will be done on earth, as it is in heaven. Give us today the food we need, and forgive us our sins, as we have forgiven those who sin against us. And don't let us yield to temptation, but rescue us from the evil one.

DAY 11 **Acts 2:42, 46-47** All the believers devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching, and to fellowship, and to sharing in meals (including the Lord's Supper), and to prayer. ... They worshiped together at the Temple each day, met in homes for the Lord's Supper, and shared their meals with great joy and generosity—all the while praising God and enjoying the goodwill of all the people. And each day the Lord added to their fellowship those who were being saved.

DAY 12 **Mark 5:19-20** But Jesus said, "No, go home to your friends, and tell them what wonderful things the Lord has done for you and how merciful he has been." So the man started off to visit the Ten Towns of that region and began to tell everyone about the great things Jesus had done for him; and everyone was amazed at what he told them.

DAY 13 **Philippians 4:8** And now, dear brothers and sisters, one final thing. Fix your

thoughts on what is true, and honorable, and right, and pure, and lovely, and admirable. Think about things that are excellent and worthy of praise.

DAY 14 **James 1:26** If you claim to be religious but don't control your tongue, you are fooling yourself, and your religion is worthless.

James 3:3-6 We can make a large horse go wherever we want by means of a small bit in its mouth. And a small rudder makes a huge ship turn wherever the pilot chooses to go, even though the winds are strong. In the same way, the tongue is a small thing that makes grand speeches. But a tiny spark can set a great forest on fire. And the tongue is a flame of fire. It is a whole world of wickedness, corrupting your entire body. It can set your whole life on fire, for it is set on fire by hell itself.

Psalms 19:14 May the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be pleasing to you, O LORD, my rock and my redeemer.

DAY 15 **Mark 12:30-31** "And you must love the LORD your God with all your heart, all your soul, all your mind, and all your strength." The second is equally important: "Love your neighbor as yourself." No other commandment is greater than these.

DAY 16 **John 13:34-35** So now I am giving you a new commandment: Love each other. Just as I have loved you, you should love each other. Your love for one another will prove to the world that you are my disciples.

DAY 17 **Matthew 25:34-40** Then the King will say to those on his right, "Come, you who are blessed by my Father, inherit the Kingdom prepared for you from the creation of the world. For I was hungry, and you fed me. I was thirsty, and you gave me a drink. I was a stranger, and you invited me into your home. I was naked, and you gave me clothing. I was sick, and you cared for me. I was in prison, and you visited me." Then these righteous ones will reply, "Lord, when did we ever see you hungry and feed you? Or thirsty and give you something to drink? Or a stranger and show you hospitality? Or naked and give you clothing? When did we ever see you sick or in prison and visit you?" And the King will say, "I tell you the truth, when you did it to one of the least of these my brothers and sisters, you were doing it to me!"

DAY 18 **Acts 1:8** But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you. And you will be my witnesses, telling people about me everywhere—in Jerusalem, throughout Judea, in Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.

DAY 19 **John 14:26** But when the Father sends the Advocate as my representative—that is, the Holy Spirit—he will teach you everything and will remind you of everything I have told you.

John 15:26 But I will send you the Advocate—the Spirit of truth. He will come to you from the Father and will testify all about me.

DAY 20 **John 15:5** Yes, I am the vine; you are the branches. Those who remain in me, and I in them, will produce much fruit. For apart from me you can do nothing.

Galatians 5:22-23 But the Holy Spirit produces this kind of fruit in our lives: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. There is no law against these things!

DAY 21 **Galatians 5:24-26** Those who belong to Christ Jesus have nailed the passions and desires of their sinful nature to his cross and crucified them there. Since we are living by the Spirit, let us follow the Spirit's leading in every part of our lives. Let us not become conceited, or provoke one another, or be jealous of one another.

DAY 22 **1 Corinthians 12:4-11** There are different kinds of spiritual gifts, but the same Spirit is the source of them all. There are different kinds of service, but we serve the same Lord. God works in different ways, but it is the same God who does the work in all of us. A spiritual gift is given to each of us so we can help each other. To one person the Spirit gives the ability to give wise advice; to another the same Spirit gives a message of special knowledge. The same Spirit gives great faith to another, and to someone else the one Spirit gives the gift of healing. He gives one person the power to perform miracles, and another the ability to prophesy. He gives someone else the ability to discern whether a message is from the Spirit of God or from another spirit. Still another person is given the ability to speak in unknown languages, while another is given the ability to interpret what is being said. It is the one and only Spirit who distributes all these gifts. He alone decides which gift each person should have.

Romans 12:6-8 In his grace, God has given us different gifts for doing certain things well. So if God has given you the ability to prophesy, speak out with as much faith as God has given you. If your gift is serving others, serve them well. If you are a teacher, teach well. If your gift is to encourage others, be encouraging. If it is giving, give generously. If God has given you leadership ability, take the responsibility seriously. And if you have a gift for showing kindness to others, do it gladly.

DAY 23 **Luke 15:11-19** To illustrate the point further, Jesus told them this story: "A man had two sons. The younger son told his father, 'I want my share of your estate now before you die.' So his father agreed to divide his wealth between his sons. A few days later this younger son packed all his belongings and moved to a distant land, and there he wasted all his money in wild living. About the time his money ran out, a great famine swept over the land, and he began to starve. He persuaded a local farmer to hire him, and the man sent him into his fields to feed the pigs. The young man became so hungry that even the pods he was feeding the pigs looked good to him. But no one gave him anything. When he finally came to his senses, he said to himself, 'At home even the hired servants have food enough to spare, and here I am dying of hunger! I will go home to my father and say, "Father, I have sinned against both heaven and you, and I am no longer worthy of being called your son. Please take me on as a hired servant."'

DAY 24 **Luke 15:20-24** So he returned home to his father. And while he was still a long way off, his father saw him coming. Filled with love and compassion, he ran to his son, embraced him, and kissed him. His son said to him, "Father, I have sinned against both heaven and you, and I am no longer worthy of being called your son." But his father said to the servants, "Quick! Bring the finest robe in the house and put it on him. Get a ring for his finger and sandals for his feet. And kill the calf we have been fattening. We must celebrate with a feast, for this son of mine was dead and has now returned to life. He was lost, but now he is found." So the party began.

DAY 25 **Matthew 4:1-4** Then Jesus was led by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted there by the devil. For forty days and forty nights he fasted and became very hungry. During that time the devil came and said to him, "If you are the Son of God, tell these stones to become loaves of bread." But Jesus told him, "No! The Scriptures say, 'People do not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.'"

DAY 26 **Matthew 4:5-7** Then the devil took him to the holy city, Jerusalem, to the highest point of the Temple, and said, "If you are the Son of God, jump off! For the Scriptures say, 'He will order his angels to protect you. And they will hold you up with their hands so you won't even hurt your foot on a stone.'" Jesus responded, "The Scriptures also say, 'You must not test the LORD your God.'"

Matthew 4:8-11 Next the devil took him to the peak of a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their glory. "I will give it all to you," he said, "if you will kneel down and worship me." "Get out of here, Satan," Jesus

told him. "For the Scriptures say, 'You must worship the LORD your God and serve only him.'" Then the devil went away, and angels came and took care of Jesus.

DAY 27 **1 Peter 1:7** These trials will show that your faith is genuine. It is being tested as fire tests and purifies gold—though your faith is far more precious than mere gold. So when your faith remains strong through many trials, it will bring you much praise and glory and honor on the day when Jesus Christ is revealed to the whole world.

James 1:2-4 Dear brothers and sisters, when troubles come your way, consider it an opportunity for great joy. For you know that when your faith is tested, your endurance has a chance to grow. So let it grow, for when your endurance is fully developed, you will be perfect and complete, needing nothing.

DAY 28 **Philippians 4:6-7** Don't worry about anything; instead, pray about everything. Tell God what you need, and thank him for all he has done. Then you will experience God's peace, which exceeds anything we can understand. His peace will guard your hearts and minds as you live in Christ Jesus.

DAY 29 **1 Corinthians 9:24-27** Don't you realize that in a race everyone runs, but only one person gets the prize? So run to win! All athletes are disciplined in their training. They do it to win a prize that will fade away, but we do it for an eternal prize. So I run with purpose in every step. I am not just shadowboxing. I discipline my body like an athlete, training it to do what it should. Otherwise, I fear that after preaching to others I myself might be disqualified.

DAY 30 **Ephesians 6:10-18** A final word: Be strong in the Lord and in his mighty power. Put on all of God's armor so that you will be able to stand firm against all strategies of the devil. For we are not fighting against flesh-and-blood enemies, but against evil rulers and authorities of the unseen world, against mighty powers in this dark world, and against evil spirits in the heavenly places. Therefore, put on every piece of God's armor so you will be able to resist the enemy in the time of evil. Then after the battle you will still be standing firm. Stand your ground, putting on the belt of truth and the body armor of God's righteousness. For shoes, put on the peace that comes from the Good News so that you will be fully prepared. In addition to all of these, hold up the shield of faith to stop the fiery arrows of the devil. Put on salvation as your helmet, and take the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God. Pray in the Spirit at all times and on every occasion. Stay alert and be persistent in your prayers for all believers everywhere.





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