



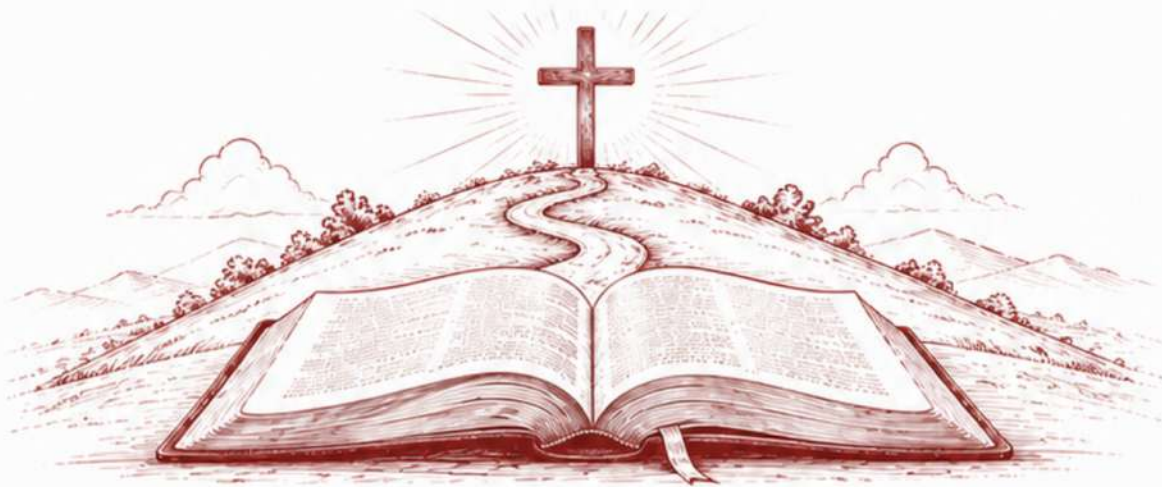
Worship & Devotional Guides

— BOOK 1 —

SALVATION



50 Bible Promises
with Matching Scripture Songs,
Bible Stories, True Stories,
and Family Activities



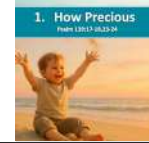
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God's Love — Day 1



🎵 Listen to
Scripture Song:



Today's Promise (#1) — KJV

Psalm 139:17–18, 23–24 "How precious also are thy thoughts unto me, O God! how great is the sum of them! If I should count them, they are more in number than the sand: when I awake, I am still with thee... Search me, O God, and know my heart: try me, and know my thoughts: And see if there be any wicked way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting."

💖 Apply the Promise!

God thinks about you all the time! His thoughts about you are more than the grains of sand on the beach. He knows everything inside your heart, and He loves you very, very much.

📖 Bible Story (Mark 10)

Jesus was traveling and teaching, and many people followed Him wherever He went. One day, some parents brought their little children to Jesus. They wanted Him to place His hands on them, pray for them, and bless them.

But the disciples tried to stop the families. They told the parents not to bring the children to Jesus. Maybe they thought Jesus was too busy or too tired. Maybe they thought the grown-ups were more important. But Jesus did not feel that way at all.

When Jesus saw His disciples sending the children away, He was very displeased. Jesus said, "Let the little children come to Me. Do not stop them, because God's kingdom belongs to ones like these." His words showed that children have a special place in His heart.

Jesus wanted everyone to understand that children are precious to Him. He did not think they were too small, too noisy, or too unimportant. He wanted them close. He wanted them to know that they were welcome with Him.

Then Jesus did something beautiful. He did not only smile at the children from far away. He took them up in His arms, laid His hands on them, and blessed them. The same Jesus who healed the sick, taught the crowds, and calmed the sea made time to hold little children.

This story reminds us that Jesus loves children personally. You are never too small for Him to notice, never too unimportant for Him to bless, and never unwanted in His loving arms.

☀️ True Story

Dr. Helen Roseveare worked as a missionary doctor in the Congo, in Africa. One chilly night, a tiny premature baby was born at the hospital. Sadly, the baby's mother passed away. The little baby was cold and weak, and the hospital did not have an incubator to keep him warm. Dr. Helen wrapped the baby carefully, but she knew he needed a hot water bottle. There was only one at the hospital, and it was broken. Without warmth, the baby might not live.

The next day, Dr. Helen told the orphanage children about the tiny baby and his sad four-year-old sister. A ten-year-old girl named Ruth prayed with simple faith. "Please, God," she prayed, "send us a hot water bottle today, because tomorrow might be too late. And please send a doll for the little sister so she knows You love her!"

Dr. Helen felt worried because packages from England took five long months to arrive. But that very afternoon, a heavy box was delivered! As the children gathered around, Dr. Helen opened it. Inside were clothes and bandages. Then, she reached in and felt something rubbery. It was a brand-new hot water bottle! Ruth dug her hands deep into the box. "If God sent the hot water bottle, He sent the doll!" she cried. From the bottom, she pulled out a beautiful doll. God had prompted someone to pack that box five months earlier!

Helen Roseveare's story reminds us that God's love is tender and personal. He sees the baby who needs warmth, the little girl who needs comfort, and the child who prays in faith. God is already caring for us before we even know what we will need.

💬 Discussion Questions:

- What did the disciples try to do when the parents brought their children to Jesus?
- What two things did the ten-year-old girl named Ruth pray for God to send?
- How did the arrival of the heavy box show that God was already thinking about them?

🎨 Activity:

Give each child a piece of dark construction paper and a very small pinch of sand. Set a timer for one minute and challenge them to count every single grain before the time runs out! It will be completely impossible. When the timer rings, ask who was able to finish. Read Psalm 139:17-18 together. Explain that trying to count God's loving, precious thoughts about them is exactly like trying to count that sand!

God's Love — Day 2



🎵 Listen to
Scripture Song:



Today's Promise (#2) — KJV

Isaiah 49:15–16 "Can a woman forget her sucking child, that she should not have compassion on the son of her womb? yea, they may forget, yet will I not forget thee. Behold, I have graven thee upon the palms of my hands..."

Jeremiah 31:3 "... Yea, I have loved thee with an everlasting love: therefore with lovingkindness have I drawn thee."

💖 Apply the Promise!

Even if someone very close to you forgets you, God never will! He loves you with a love that lasts forever, and He has permanently written your name on the palms of His hands.

📖 Bible Story (Exodus & Hosea 11)

In the Bible, God often talks about the nation of Israel as if they were His very own little child. When the Israelites were trapped as slaves in the land of Egypt, God saw them hurting. He did not leave them there. Just like a loving father protects his family, God rescued Israel. He parted the deep Red Sea to give them a safe path and stopped the army chasing them.

Through the prophet Hosea, God explained exactly how He cared for them in the lonely wilderness. He said, "When Israel was a child, then I loved him." God gently taught them how to walk. When they were tired or scared, He picked them up in His arms. He fed them with special bread from heaven and brought them water from a solid rock.

But as the nation of Israel grew, they often turned away. They forgot about the God who saved them. They made bad choices and worshipped fake statues. They may have wondered if God still loved them after all the wrong things they had done.

God's love is not like human love. Even when Israel rebelled, God sent the prophet Isaiah to give them a beautiful message. He promised that even if a human mother could somehow forget her own baby, God would never forget them. He told them He had engraved their names right on the palms of His hands. That meant His people were always before Him. He would remember them, care for them, and keep His promises.

Israel's story reminds us that God's love is deeper than we can understand. Even when we feel forgotten, He sees us, remembers us, and holds us close to His heart.

☀️ True Story

When Freddie Figgers was a tiny baby, he was left all alone next to a dumpster in Florida. His birth mother walked away, leaving him outside. But God did not forget about Freddie. God had already planned a wonderful family to love him. A kind man and woman named Nathan and Betty Figgers adopted him and raised him as their very own son.

When Freddie went to school, some unkind children found out how he was found as a baby. They called him hurtful names, which made Freddie feel very sad. He ran home crying to his father. Nathan hugged him tight and said, "It is true that you were left at a dumpster, but we chose you. We wanted you."

To help Freddie see his value, Nathan went to a thrift store and bought a broken computer. He set it on the kitchen table and told his son to try to fix it. Freddie took it completely apart and put it back together. When he plugged it in, the screen brightly lit up!

Freddie realized he could be a creator. He grew up to be a brilliant inventor and the owner of a large technology company. He even built a special shoe to keep his father safe when he got older. Freddie went from being an abandoned baby to a deeply loved son.

Freddie's story reminds us that being unwanted by one person does not mean we are unloved. God never forgets us. He sees our lives from the beginning, holds us close, and can bring love, purpose, and blessing from even the saddest beginnings.

💬 Discussion Questions:

- Where did God tell the Israelites He had engraved their names to show He would never forget them?
- What broken item did Nathan Figgers buy from the thrift store for Freddie to fix?
- If someone treats you poorly because of how you look or act, how does it help to know your name is written on God's hands?

🎨 Activity:

Give each child a washable marker and let them carefully write their own name (or draw a heart if they can't write yet) right in the palm of their hand. Once everyone is finished, have them look at their palms. Discuss how it is impossible to use your hands to work or play without seeing what is written there. Remind the children that God has engraved them on His hands, so He never, ever forgets them!

God's Love — Day 3



🎵 Listen to
Scripture Song:



Today's Promise (#3) — KJV

John 3:16–17 “For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life. For God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through him might be saved.”

💖 Apply the Promise!

God loves you so much that He sent His only Son, Jesus, to save you. Because of Jesus, you never have to be separated from God, and you can live with Him forever!

📖 Bible Story (Genesis 22)

Abraham loved his son Isaac deeply. But one day, God gave Abraham a very difficult test. He told Abraham to take his only son, the one he loved so much, and offer him as a sacrifice on a mountain.

Early the next morning, Abraham cut wood and traveled for three days with his son. As they walked up the steep hill, Isaac carried the heavy wood on his own back. He looked at his father and asked where the lamb was for the offering. Abraham bravely answered, "My son, God will provide himself a lamb."

When they reached the top, Abraham gently explained what God had commanded. Isaac was a strong young man and could have easily run away. Instead, he made a beautiful choice. He understood the plan and was completely willing to obey his father and give up his life. He calmly let Abraham tie his hands and lay him on the stone altar. Abraham's heart must have ached as he looked at the son he loved. For the first time, he began to understand a little of what it would cost the Father to give His Son for the world.

Just as Abraham raised the knife, an angel called out from heaven and told him to stop! God saw that Abraham trusted Him completely. Abraham looked up and saw a ram caught by its horns in the bushes. God provided the ram to take Isaac's place so he could live.

This story helps us understand the love of God and His Son, Jesus. Like Isaac, Jesus willingly carried the wood of the cross. But unlike Isaac, Jesus was not spared. God gave His beloved Son to die in our place so we could live.

☀️ True Story

In April of 2026, a father named Ryan Jennings took his family on a sunny beach vacation to Juno Beach, Florida. Ryan went swimming in the ocean waves with his twelve-year-old son, Jax, and his nine-year-old daughter, Charlie. Suddenly, the water changed. A fast-moving stream of water called a rip current grabbed them and swept them far away from the beach.

The cold water pulled them out deep into the ocean, and it was very hard to stay afloat. Ryan knew his children were in terrible danger. As a father, he loved his son and daughter more than anything, and he made a very brave decision. Using his strength, Ryan threw his son out of the dangerous current so he could swim safely to the shore.

Then, Ryan swam to his daughter. Charlie was struggling to stay above the water, so Ryan lifted her up in his arms. He used all his remaining energy to hold her head high above the crashing waves so she could breathe. He swallowed a lot of water as he fought to keep her safe.

Rescue workers rushed out into the ocean and successfully pulled both children to safety. Because Ryan fought so hard to keep his children breathing, he used up all his strength. He slipped under the water and passed away. He gave up his own life so his son and daughter could live.

Ryan's story gives us a small picture of sacrificial love. A loving father gave everything to save his children. Even more, God loved us so much that He gave His beloved Son, and Jesus willingly gave His life so we could be saved.

💬 Discussion Questions:

- What did God ask Abraham to do to test his faith?
- What brave choice did Ryan make when his children were caught in the ocean current?
- How does Isaac being willing to obey his father remind us of what Jesus did for us on the cross?

🎨 Activity:

Give each child a piece of paper, glue, and a handful of cotton balls. Have them draw a simple outline of a ram (or a sheep) and glue the cotton balls on to make it fluffy. As they work, talk about how God provided the ram to save Isaac's life. Remind the children that God loves us so much that He provided Jesus to take our place!

God's Love — Day 4



🎵 Listen to
Scripture Song:



Today's Promise (#4) — KJV

Romans 5:6–8 "For when we were yet without strength, in due time Christ died for the ungodly. For scarcely for a righteous man will one die: yet peradventure for a good man some would even dare to die. But God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us."

💖 Apply the Promise!

God loved us so much that He didn't wait for us to be perfect. Even when we do wrong things and cannot save ourselves, Jesus chose to give His life to rescue us.

📖 Bible Story (Luke 15:3-7)

Some religious leaders were upset because Jesus welcomed sinners and spent time with people who had made wrong choices. They could not understand why He treated them with such kindness. So Jesus told a story to show how deeply God loves even one person who has wandered away.

He said there was a shepherd who had one hundred sheep. Every day, the shepherd cared for his flock. He led them to grass and water, watched for danger, and kept them close. But one day, one sheep wandered away and became lost.

The shepherd didn't say, "I still have ninety-nine sheep, so this one does not matter." He did not decide the lost sheep was too much trouble to find. That one sheep was precious to him.

So the shepherd left the ninety-nine sheep in a safe place and went searching. He walked through the wilderness, calling and looking until he finally found the sheep that had wandered away.

When the shepherd found it, he did not beat it or speak harshly to it. He was glad. He gently lifted the tired sheep onto his shoulders and carried it home. Then he called his friends and neighbors and said, "Rejoice with me; for I have found my sheep which was lost."

Jesus said heaven rejoices when one sinner comes back to God. This story shows us how personal God's love is. He does not love us only when we stay close and do everything right. Even when we wander, make wrong choices, or feel far away, He still sees us as precious. God's love searches for us, forgives us, and carries us safely home.

☀️ True Story

Davion was a teenage boy who had lived in foster care his entire life. Growing up without a home left him with a lot of anger and deep sadness. Because his heart hurt so much, he sometimes got into trouble, struggled with his behavior, and pushed people away. He worried he had to be completely perfect before a family would ever want him.

Desperate for a dad or mom, fifteen-year-old Davion did something bold. He put on a borrowed suit, stood up at the front of a church, and begged someone to adopt him. His speech was so moving that a family took him in! But sadly, because of Davion's anger and past trauma, he made some mistakes and got into a fight. The family changed their minds and sent him right back to the orphanage.

Davion was completely heartbroken. He felt totally unlovable. But there was a social worker named Connie who had known Davion since he was seven years old. Connie knew about every single bad grade, every fight, and every mistake Davion had ever made. When Davion felt like the world had rejected him for being imperfect, he asked Connie if she would be his mom.

Connie didn't tell him to go fix his behavior first. She didn't wait for him to be perfect. She stepped forward and said yes! She adopted him exactly as he was. Davion finally had a real home!

Davion's story reminds us that true love does not wait until we are perfect. God sees our hurt, our mistakes, and our need, yet He still chooses to love us and bring us home.

💬 Discussion Questions:

- What did the shepherd do when he realized one of his sheep was missing?
- What did Davion wear when he bravely stood at the front of the church to ask for a family?
- If Jesus loves us enough to die for us while we are still sinners, how should that change the way we treat people who do bad things?

🎬 Activity:

Hide a small toy sheep or a fluffy cotton ball somewhere in the room. Tell the children that one sheep is missing, and they must act like the good shepherd to find it! Let them search the room until the lost sheep is happily rescued. When they find it, cheer and celebrate together! Remind them that just like they searched hard for the lost sheep, God loves us so much that He sent Jesus to seek and rescue us, even when we make mistakes and wander away.

God's Love — Day 5



🎵 Listen to
Scripture Song:



Today's Promise (#5) — NKJV

Romans 8:38–39 "For I am persuaded that neither death nor life, nor angels nor principalities nor powers, nor things present nor things to come, nor height nor depth, nor any other created thing, shall be able to separate us from the love of God which is in Christ Jesus our Lord."

💖 Apply the Promise!

No matter how dark, scary, or lonely things get, absolutely nothing can separate you from God's love. His love is always deep enough to reach you exactly where you are!

📖 Bible Story (Jeremiah)

Jeremiah was a prophet who shared important messages from God. He warned the leaders of Jerusalem to stop making bad choices, but they refused to listen. They were very angry with Jeremiah and wanted to silence him. They grabbed him and dragged him to a deep cistern, which was a giant underground pit normally used for storing water.

There was no water inside the pit, only thick, sticky mud. The leaders used ropes to lower Jeremiah down into the darkness and left him there. When Jeremiah hit the bottom, his feet sank deep into the cold mud. It was pitch black and very lonely. Looking up at the tiny circle of light at the top of the pit, it would have been easy for Jeremiah to feel completely forgotten.

But God's love does not stop at the edge of a deep pit. God saw exactly where Jeremiah was, and His love reached all the way down into the darkness. God touched the heart of a brave man named Ebed-Melech. He rushed to the king and begged him to save Jeremiah.

The king agreed! Ebed-Melech hurried to the pit with a team of men. They carefully lowered down soft rags to protect Jeremiah's arms. Then, they pulled him safely up out of the mud!

Jeremiah's story reminds us of a beautiful truth. Sometimes God physically pulls us out of the pit, and sometimes He simply stays right beside us in the dark. Either way, absolutely nothing can separate us from His deep, comforting love.

☀️ True Story

In the fall of 1987, an eighteen-month-old girl named Jessica was playing in her aunt's backyard in Texas. Hidden in the tall grass was a small hole, the opening of an old, abandoned water well. While toddling around, little Jessica accidentally slipped inside.

She fell twenty-two feet down into the dark, narrow pipe. She was trapped deep underground in the pitch black, and she could not climb out. When her mother realized what happened, she called for help, and rescue workers quickly rushed to the yard.

When the workers looked down the pipe, they realized the ground around Jessica was actually thick, solid rock. The pipe was much too narrow for an adult to fit inside, so they could not just reach down and pull her up. But they refused to leave her in the dark.

For fifty-eight hours—more than two whole days and nights—brave workers drilled a brand-new hole right next to hers. They cut non-stop through the hard stone. Even though they were exhausted, the rescuers never gave up. People all over the world prayed for the little girl trapped in the earth.

Finally, they broke through the rock and carefully reached into the dark pipe. A tired, dirty, but safe little Jessica was lifted up into the sunlight and placed right back into her mother's arms!

Baby Jessica's story gives us a picture of rescuing love. No dark place is too deep for God to see us, and no hard place can stop His love from reaching His children.

💬 Discussion Questions:

- What was at the bottom of the deep, dark cistern where the angry leaders threw Jeremiah?
- How many hours did the brave workers drill to rescue Baby Jessica?
- If someone feels stuck, scared, or forgotten, what could you say to remind them that God loves them?

🎬 Activity:

Place a ping-pong ball at the bottom of a tall, empty glass. Tell your child that the ball represents us when we feel stuck in a deep, sad place, unable to climb out. Next, pour a pitcher of water representing God's unstoppable love into the glass. The water reaches the very bottom and immediately lifts the ball! Explain that no matter how deep our pit is, God's love always reaches down to safely lift us.

Repentance — Day 1



🎵 Listen to
Scripture Song:



Today's Promise (#6) — KJV

2 Chronicles 7:14 "If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land."

❤️ Apply the Promise!

When we do something wrong, God asks us to be humble and pray. If we stop doing the bad thing and turn back to Him, He promised to hear us, forgive us, and fix the things that were broken!

📖 Bible Story (Jonah 3)

God gave Jonah an important message. He told Jonah to go to Nineveh, a great city where many people were doing wicked things. Their choices were hurting others, and God wanted to warn them before it was too late.

Jonah walked through the city and cried out, "Yet forty days, and Nineveh shall be overthrown!" The message was serious, but something amazing happened. The people did not laugh at God's warning or push it away. They believed God.

Homes, streets, and even the king's palace were filled with serious hearts. People who had once ignored God's ways were now stopping to think about their sins. They knew they needed mercy.

All across the city, people began to feel sorry for their sins. When the king heard Jonah's message, he got up from his throne, took off his royal robe, and put on rough clothing to show that he was humble before God. Then he sent a command through the city. Everyone was to cry mightily to God and turn away from evil.

The people of Nineveh did more than say they were sorry. They stopped doing the wicked things they had been doing. Their repentance was real because it changed their actions.

God saw that the people turned from their evil way. He had mercy on them and did not destroy the city.

Nineveh's story reminds us that repentance means turning around. When we are truly sorry for sin, we come to God, confess what is wrong, and let Him help us walk a new way.

☀️ True Story

In the summer of 1920, an athlete named Hal Haig Prieste went to the Olympic Games in Belgium. One night, Hal thought it would be funny to play a prank. He climbed up a tall flagpole, untied the official Olympic flag, and stole it. He folded the flag, hid it in the bottom of his suitcase, and took it all the way home to America.

For almost eighty years, the Olympic committee had no idea what happened to their beautiful flag. Nobody ever caught Hal. He completely got away with it.

But Hal learned that you can never truly hide from your own conscience. As the years went by, the secret stayed hidden in his suitcase, but it felt incredibly heavy on his heart. He knew that stealing the flag was wrong, and keeping it hidden did not bring him any peace.

When Hal was one hundred and three years old, his conscience finally convinced him to show true repentance. He traveled all the way to the next Olympic games in Australia. He did not make excuses for his bad behavior. Instead, he stood in front of the entire world, confessed to his secret sin from eighty years ago, and pulled the original flag out of his suitcase to give it back! Handing over that old cloth finally lifted the heavy weight off his shoulders. He proved it is never too late to do the right thing.

Hal's story reminds us that repentance means more than feeling sorry in our hearts. When we have done wrong, God wants us to confess the truth and make things right whenever we can.

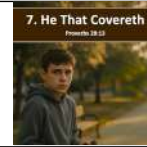
💬 Discussion Questions:

- What did the king of Nineveh take off to show God he was truly sorry?
- How long did Hal hide the Olympic flag?
- 2 Chronicles 7:14 says we should turn from our wicked ways. What is one choice you can stop making today to do a "U-turn" toward God?

🎬 Activity:

Line the children up at one end of the room and have them start walking slowly toward a "danger zone" (you can mark this with a red towel or tape on the floor). Every time you shout "Repent!", the children must immediately stop, do a complete U-turn, and run back toward the "Safe Zone" where you are standing with open arms. Explain that repentance is realizing we are heading the wrong way and choosing to run back to God!

Repentance — Day 2



Listen to
Scripture Song:



Today's Promise (#7) — KJV

Proverbs 28:13 "He that covereth his sins shall not prosper: but whoso confesseth and forsaketh them shall have mercy."

♥ Apply the Promise!

Trying to hide your mistakes never works out well. But when you tell the truth and choose to stop doing the wrong thing, God promises to show you His wonderful mercy!

Bible Story (Joshua 7)

After God helped the Israelites win the battle of Jericho, He gave them a clear command. They were not to take the treasures of the city for themselves. Everything belonged to the Lord.

But a man named Achan saw a beautiful robe, silver, and gold. He wanted them so badly that he took them and hid them in the ground inside his tent. He thought no one would know. But sin hidden from people is never hidden from God.

Later, the Israelites went to fight a small city called Ai, but they lost the battle. Joshua was heartbroken. He fell on his face before the Lord and asked why this had happened. God told Joshua that someone in the camp had disobeyed and hidden sin.

Joshua gathered the people together. One by one, the tribes and families came forward until Achan was chosen. Achan knew he could not hide the truth any longer. He confessed and said, "Indeed I have sinned." Then he told Joshua exactly what he had taken and where he had hidden it.

Achan's secret sin had brought trouble to the whole camp. He had tried to bury his wrong choice in the dirt, but God had seen it all along. The hidden treasure had looked exciting for a moment, but it brought sorrow instead of happiness.

Achan's story warns us that hiding sin does not make it go away. God already knows the truth, and He wants us to be honest with Him. When we have done wrong, we should not cover it up. We should confess it, turn from it, and ask God for a clean heart.

True Story

Chuck Colson was a powerful man who worked in the White House for the President of the United States. He was smart, determined, and known for doing almost anything to help his side win. But during a serious scandal called Watergate, Chuck became involved in things that were dishonest and wrong.

At first, Chuck wanted to protect himself. He did not want to lose his important job or admit what he had done. But hiding the truth did not bring peace. The guilt in his heart grew heavier. No important position or public success could give him peace while he was hiding from the truth.

One night, a friend talked with Chuck about Jesus and God's forgiveness. Chuck sat in his car and began to cry. He saw that he needed more than a better reputation. He needed a changed heart. Chuck prayed and asked God for mercy.

Then Chuck made a difficult choice. He stopped trying to cover up his wrong choices. He went to court and told the judge the absolute truth. Being honest did not make all the consequences disappear. Chuck still went to prison. But God used even that hard place to change his life.

While Chuck was in prison, he saw many other men who needed hope and forgiveness too. Later, he started a ministry to help prisoners and their families know the love of Jesus.

Chuck Colson's story reminds us that confession can be hard, but hiding sin is heavier. When we stop covering up our wrong choices and come honestly to God, He is ready to forgive us, cleanse us, and give us a new beginning.

Discussion Questions:

- What did Achan dig a deep hole inside his tent to hide?
- What was Chuck Colson's job before he went to prison?
- According to Proverbs 28:13, what two things must we do to find mercy?

Activity:

Give each child a piece of paper and have them draw or write a "mistake" they want to forsake. Then, have them crumple the paper into a ball and throw it into a trash can. Explain that when we confess and walk away from our sins, God removes them completely. Celebrate together as the "sins" are thrown away and forgotten!

Repentance — Day 3



🎵 Listen to
Scripture Song:



Today's Promise (#8) — KJV

Isaiah 55:7 "Let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts: and let him return unto the Lord, and he will have mercy upon him; and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon." **Romans 2:4** "... the goodness of God leadeth thee to repentance?" **Acts 5:31** "[He will] give repentance to Israel, and forgiveness of sins." **Ezekiel 33:11** "...turn ye, turn ye from your evil ways; for why will ye die..." **Jeremiah 3:13** "Only acknowledge thine iniquity, that thou hast transgressed against the Lord thy God..."

💖 Apply the Promise!

God's amazing kindness is like a warm light that makes us want to stop doing wrong and run back into His forgiving arms.

📖 Bible Story (2 Chronicles 33)

Manasseh became king of Judah when he was just twelve years old. Even though his father loved God, Manasseh chose a very dark path. He built altars for false gods right inside the Lord's holy temple and encouraged the people to do terrible things. He refused to listen when God sent prophets to warn him to stop.

Eventually, the king of Assyria attacked Jerusalem and captured Manasseh. Soldiers bound the king with heavy bronze chains and took him far away to a cold, dark prison in Babylon.

Sitting all alone in the quiet prison, far from his royal palace, Manasseh finally stopped being proud. He remembered the loving God of his father. The Bible says he humbled himself greatly and prayed out loud in the dark.

Manasseh did not just feel sorry because he got caught; he realized how much he had hurt the God who had been so good to his family. Even though Manasseh had made terrible choices, God's goodness was bigger than his sin. God heard his humble prayer, forgave him, and brought Manasseh back to Jerusalem, making him king again!

Manasseh spent the rest of his life tearing down the false idols and telling everyone to serve the true God. He finished his days knowing that the Lord is truly a God of beautiful second chances. Manasseh's story shows us that no one has wandered too far for God's kindness to reach them. When we see how much God wants to forgive us, it makes us want to leave our bad ways behind.

☀️ True Story

Nicky Cruz was an angry teenager who lived in New York City. He led a tough gang that got into many fights. Nicky had a hard heart and did not seem to care if he hurt other people.

One day, a preacher named David Wilkerson walked right up to Nicky on the street. Nicky was mean to him and threatened to hurt him. But David did not run away in fear. He looked at Nicky and said, "You could cut me into a thousand pieces, and every piece would still say that Jesus loves you." Those words startled Nicky. He had never heard about that kind of love before.

A few days later, Nicky and his friends carried their hidden weapons into a church meeting where David was preaching. They planned to cause trouble. But as Nicky sat in the back, he began to listen while David talked about how Jesus had died for sinners.

Suddenly, Nicky started to cry. For the first time, he felt truly sorry for the wrong things he had done. He was not just sorry because he might get in trouble. He saw how much his choices had hurt others and grieved God's heart.

Nicky walked to the front of the room. He told God he was tired of his wicked ways and wanted to change. He turned his life completely around, leaving his gang and his weapons behind. When Nicky felt God's amazing forgiveness, it made him want to spend the rest of his life helping other people.

Nicky's story proves that God's goodness is like a warm light. When we realize how much He loves us, it makes us want to turn back to Him.

💬 Discussion Questions:

- How did God react when Manasseh humbled himself and prayed in the prison?
- What did the preacher tell Nicky on the street?
- Romans 2:4 says God's goodness leads us to repentance. Can you think of a time when someone's kindness made you want to be a better person?

🎨 Activity:

Give each child a small, cold stone. Talk about how our hearts can feel cold when we are being proud. Have everyone rub the stone between their hands as fast as they can! As the stones grow warm, explain that God's goodness is like that warmth—it melts away the "coldness" and makes us want to turn back to Him.

Repentance — Day 4



🎵 Listen to
Scripture Song:



Today's Promise (#9) — KJV

Joel 2:12–13 "... turn ye even to me with all your heart, and with fasting, and with weeping, and with mourning: And rend your heart, and not your garments, and turn unto the Lord your God: for he is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and of great kindness, and repenteth him of the evil."

💖 Apply the Promise!

God wants you to turn to Him with your whole heart. He is kind and slow to get angry, and He cares more about your heart being truly sorry than just looking sad on the outside.

📖 Bible Story (2 Kings 22)

Josiah was only eight years old when he became king of Judah. The people had forgotten God's Word for a long time, and the temple had completely fallen apart. When Josiah was a young man, he ordered workers to fix the temple. While cleaning, the High Priest found a dusty, old scroll. It was the Book of the Law!

He brought it to the palace and read it aloud. When Josiah heard God's words, he realized how far his nation had wandered from the truth. He was so upset by their choices that he tore his royal clothes in deep sadness.

But Josiah knew that tearing his clothes was only the beginning. He called the people together and read the Word of God to them. He made a solemn promise to follow the Lord with his whole heart. He did not just want to look sorry on the outside; he wanted his kingdom to change completely. He immediately began tearing down false idols and cleaning up the land. He traveled to different cities to make sure every single false idol was smashed into pieces. His hard work helped an entire nation find their way back to God's truth.

God saw Josiah's tender heart and his willingness to take real action. Because Josiah humbled himself and worked to fix the mistakes of the past, God promised to show him mercy. Josiah learned that true repentance starts with a soft, honest heart. He spent the rest of his life leading his people back to the gracious God who loved them, demonstrating that real repentance always leads to real, lasting change. His life teaches us that a repentant heart is always ready to do what is right.

☀️ True Story

In the summer of 2019, a young girl named Karina was visiting the beautiful Great Smoky Mountains National Park. She loved splashing around the streams and waterfalls.

While exploring, Karina found something very special: a perfectly heart-shaped rock. She thought it would make a wonderful souvenir, so she slipped it into her pocket and took it all the way home.

But once she got home, her own heart started to feel heavy. She knew the park rules: everything in nature is supposed to stay exactly where it is so the animals have safe homes. Taking the rock was a mistake. Karina could have just hidden the rock in her closet. She could have just whispered, "Oops, I'm sorry" to herself.

But Karina knew a secret about true repentance. Repentance means turning around and doing the hard work to make things right! Karina packed the heart-shaped rock into a box. She wrote an honest letter to the park rangers that said, "I took a rock. I'm sorry, and I want to return it." She even included a drawing of the waterfall and some of her own money as a donation!

The park rangers were so amazed by her honesty that they hiked back to the waterfall and put her rock exactly where it belonged. They were so touched they wrote Karina a letter thanking her for protecting nature. She felt a huge wave of peace knowing her mistake was fixed. Karina proved that true repentance is not just feeling sad about a mistake; it is taking action to put things back exactly how they should be!

💬 Discussion Questions:

- Why did King Josiah tear his clothes when he heard the Book of the Law?
- What did Karina pack into a box and mail all the way back to the park rangers?
- Joel 2:13 says God is "slow to anger." How does that make you feel about telling Him the truth when you make a mistake?

🎨 Activity:

Give each child a dry, crusty sponge. Explain that when we are proud or hiding sin, our hearts feel hard like the sponge. Place the sponges in a bowl of warm water labeled "God's Mercy." As the sponges soak up the water and become soft and flexible, explain that repentance softens our hearts. Have the children squeeze the water out and use the soft sponge to "clean" a nearby surface, showing how a repented heart is ready to be used by God for good things.

Repentance — Day 5



🎵 Listen to
Scripture Song:



Today's Promise (#10) — KJV

1 John 1:9 "If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness."

💖 Apply the Promise!

When you tell God the truth about your mistakes, He keeps His promise to forgive you and wash your heart completely clean.

📖 Bible Story (Luke 19)

Zacchaeus was a wealthy man who worked as a tax collector in Jericho. Most people did not like him because he had spent years being dishonest. He took more money than he should have to make himself rich. Because of his bad choices, his heart felt heavy with the weight of his sins.

When Zacchaeus heard that Jesus was coming to town, he was desperate to see Him. He was too short to see over the crowd, so he climbed high into the branches of a sycamore tree. He probably thought he could hide in the leaves and just watch from a distance.

But Jesus knew exactly where Zacchaeus was hiding. Jesus stopped under the tree, looked right up at him, and called him by name! He told Zacchaeus to come down because He wanted to stay at his house.

The people in the crowd complained, wondering why Jesus would want to be friends with a dishonest man. But Jesus' kindness moved Zacchaeus to make a major change. He scrambled down from the tree and stood before the Lord.

Zacchaeus proved his repentance with real action. He promised to give half of everything he owned to the poor. He also promised that if he had cheated anyone, he would pay them back four times as much! He no longer cared about keeping all his wealth. Instead, he found true happiness in sharing God's love with everyone around him. Zacchaeus learned that when we honestly confess our sins and choose to make things right, God washes our hearts completely clean.

☀️ True Story

In 2018, a young boy was riding his bicycle down a busy street. As he pedaled past a row of parked cars, he suddenly lost his balance. The metal handlebars of his bicycle scraped loudly against the door of a shiny, expensive car. He left a long, deep scratch right in the paint.

The boy looked around. The street was empty, and the owner of the car was nowhere in sight. He easily could have jumped back on his bicycle, pedaled away, and kept the accident a secret forever.

But the boy knew that hiding his mistake was wrong. His conscience felt heavy, and he wanted to show true repentance. He ran straight home and grabbed his favorite piggy bank. He shook out every single coin he had saved!

He wrote a very honest note to the owner of the car. He confessed that he was the one who scratched the door, said he was incredibly sorry, and left all his piggy bank money to help pay for the damage.

When the owner returned to his parked car, he read the handwritten note. He was so amazed by the young boy's honest confession that he was not even angry! The owner forgave the boy completely and refused to take his money. The boy smiled, feeling a heavy weight lift off his young shoulders. He safely rode his bicycle home with a joyful, clean heart.

This young boy's true story reminds us that when we honestly confess our mistakes and try to make things right, we can find wonderful forgiveness.

💬 Discussion Questions:

- Why did Zacchaeus climb the sycamore tree when Jesus was coming?
- What did the boy on the bicycle leave on the parked car to help pay for the scratch?
- 1 John 1:9 says God is faithful to forgive us. How does it feel inside your heart when you tell the truth about a mistake and someone forgives you?

🎬 Activity:

Give simple scenarios like "You broke something" or "You hurt someone." Let children act out what they would do next. First, show the wrong response (hiding it), then the right response—admitting it, saying sorry, and making it right. Talk about it: 1 John 1:9 says when we confess, God forgives and cleans us. Repentance means not only saying sorry, but choosing to fix what we can, just like Zacchaeus did.

Surrender — Day 1



🎵 Listen to
Scripture Song:



Today's Promise (#11) — KJV

Jeremiah 29:12–13 "Then shall ye call upon me, and ye shall go and pray unto me, and I will hearken unto you. And ye shall seek me, and find me, when ye shall search for me with all your heart."

Psalms 46:10 "Be still, and know that I am God: I will be exalted among the heathen, I will be exalted in the earth."

💖 Apply the Promise!

God promises that when you truly seek Him, you will find Him. Give Him your whole heart, be still before Him, and trust that He will guide you and bring peace to your heart.

📖 Bible Story (Mark 7 & Matt. 15)

Jesus traveled a long, dusty road to the borders of Tyre and Sidon. He was not just looking for a quiet place away from the crowds—He knew a desperate mother was there waiting for Him. Her young daughter was being cruelly tormented by an evil spirit day and night. Though she was a Gentile from a faraway land—someone many would ignore—she came running after Jesus, crying out and begging for mercy. She had likely tried everything, but nothing had helped. Jesus was her only hope.

At first, it seemed like Jesus did not answer her. The disciples grew annoyed and asked Him to send her away. When He finally spoke, His words sounded harsh, saying it was not right to take the children's bread and give it to dogs. But Jesus was not trying to hurt her—He was testing her faith and revealing what was in her heart.

The woman did not become offended or turn away. Instead, she humbled herself and fell at His feet. She answered, "Truth, Lord: yet the dogs eat of the crumbs which fall from their masters' table." She was not demanding anything—she simply trusted Him completely. Her heart was fully surrendered. She believed that even the smallest touch of His mercy was enough.

Jesus was delighted by her faith. He said, "O woman, great is thy faith: be it unto thee even as thou wilt." At that very moment, her daughter was healed. This woman shows us that when we truly seek God with all our heart and surrender to Him, we will find Him—and His power will work in our lives.

☀️ True Story

In 2005, when Maggie Doyme finished high school, she traveled to the mountainous country of Nepal before starting college. But instead of just seeing the beautiful sights, she saw something that broke her heart.

Because of a long conflict in the country, many children had no parents or homes. One day, Maggie saw a six-year-old girl sitting in a dry riverbed. The little girl was breaking hard stones in the hot sun all day long just to earn a few pennies for food.

Maggie could not just walk away. She did not have millions of dollars, but she did have five thousand dollars she had carefully saved from years of babysitting back in America. Maggie realized she had a big decision to make. She could hold tightly to her saved money and her college plans, or she could open her hands and surrender her future to help these children.

Maggie chose to surrender. She called her parents and asked them to send every single penny she had ever saved. She used all her money to buy land and build a safe, loving home for the orphans.

She did not just build the house and leave; she moved in! She became a mother to dozens of children and built a school that helps hundreds of kids.

Maggie's story reminds us that surrender means opening our hands to God. When we give Him our plans, our gifts, and what we have, He can use them to bless others in ways we never imagined.

💬 Discussion Questions:

- Why did Jesus seem cold to the woman at first, even though His heart was full of compassion?
- What was the little six-year-old girl doing in the dry riverbed to earn food?
- Think about a time you tried to fix a big problem all by yourself and felt worried or exhausted. How could surrendering it to God have helped your heart feel better?

🎨 Activity:

Give children small pebbles to squeeze tightly in their fists. Next, offer a favorite treat, but say they must take it without dropping the pebbles. They will realize it is impossible! Explain that when we hold tightly to our pride or worries, our hands are too full to receive what God has for us. True surrender means opening our hands, letting go of our own plans, and making room to receive God's very best today.

Surrender — Day 2



🎵 Listen to
Scripture Song:



Today's Promise (#12) — KJV

Matthew 6:24 "No man can serve two masters: for either he will hate the one, and love the other; or else he will hold to the one, and despise the other. Ye cannot serve God and mammon."

❤️ Apply the Promise!

God wants to be the only King of your heart. When we try to love God and the things of this world at the same time, our hearts become divided, but true surrender means letting go of everything else to follow Him completely.

📖 Bible Story (Mark 10 & Matt. 19)

A wealthy young ruler came running down the dusty road and fell on his knees before Jesus. He was a good man who tried very hard to do the right things. He asked, "Good Master, what shall I do that I may inherit eternal life?" He proudly explained that he had obeyed all the commandments since he was a little boy. From the outside, he looked like the perfect follower of God. He had power, fine clothes, and a life of comfort, but inside his heart, he knew something important was missing. He was used to buying whatever he wanted, but he knew he could not buy his way into heaven.

But Jesus loved him and knew exactly what was sitting on the throne of the young ruler's heart. Jesus told the young man he was missing just one thing. He asked him to go sell everything he owned, give to the poor, and come follow Him. Jesus wasn't just asking for his money; He was asking for total heart surrender. He wanted the young man to let go of his earthly security. Jesus wanted to give him something much better than gold, but the young man's hands were too full of the world to receive it.

The young ruler's face fell, and sadness washed over him. He suddenly had to make a choice between his two masters. He wanted eternal life, but he loved his beautiful home and his secure wealth much more than he loved the idea of following Jesus into the unknown. Slowly, he stood up and walked away full of sorrow, unwilling to drop the heavy bags of gold in his heart. He proved that you cannot hold onto the treasures of this world and hold onto Jesus at the same time.

☀️ True Story

Jim Elliot was a handsome, popular college student in America who could have chosen any career. He was a champion wrestler and a great speaker. Everyone thought he would become a famous pastor with a big, comfortable church and a safe life.

But as Jim read his Bible, his heart was stirred by the people in far-off jungles who had never heard of Jesus. He knew he couldn't serve his own comfortable dreams and serve God at the same time. He realized that a safe, easy life was not what the Lord was asking him to choose.

Jim made a radical choice to fully surrender his future to God. He packed up his belongings, left the safety of America, and traveled deep into the dangerous, snake-filled jungles of Ecuador. He wanted to reach a fierce, isolated tribe. It was incredibly difficult work. He spent years living in a tiny tent, battling insects, and enduring terrible weather. Jim famously wrote in his journal, "He is no fool who gives what he cannot keep to gain what he cannot lose."

He was willing to give up his earthly comfort because he knew that true treasure is only found in heaven.

Unlike the rich young ruler, Jim refused to hold onto the things of this world. Jim ultimately surrendered his very life in the jungle while trying to share God's love. But his incredible surrender was not a failure. Because of his sacrifice, his family stayed to love the tribe, and those same people soon gave their hearts to Jesus!

💬 Discussion Questions:

- Why did the rich young ruler walk away from Jesus full of sorrow?
- What did Jim Elliot mean when he said, "He is no fool who gives what he cannot keep to gain what he cannot lose"?
- How does holding tightly to the things of this world keep us from experiencing God's best for our lives?

🎬 Activity:

Give each child a large, heavy book to hold in each hand to represent earthly treasures. Toss a balloon into the air and tell them they must keep it from touching the ground—but they cannot drop the books! They will quickly realize it is impossible. Explain that we cannot hold tightly to the world and follow Jesus at the same time. We must be willing to drop our heavy earthly treasures to catch His heavenly gifts!

Surrender — Day 3



🎵 Listen to
Scripture Song:



Today's Promise (#13) — KJV

Luke 9:23–24 "And he said to them all, If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross daily, and follow me. For whosoever will save his life shall lose it: but whosoever will lose his life for my sake, the same shall save it."

♥ Apply the Promise!

*Following Jesus means we must be willing to let go of
our own selfish plans and cheerfully give Him
everything we have.*

📖 Bible Story (Luke 5 & Matt. 4, 9)

Jesus was walking along the sandy shore of the Sea of Galilee. He saw two brothers named Peter and Andrew. They were hard at work casting their nets into the water. Catching fish was their job, and it was the only life they had ever known.

Jesus looked right at them and gave them a life-changing invitation. He called out, "Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men."

Peter and Andrew did not ask for a few days to think about it. The Bible says they immediately dropped their nets right there on the beach and followed Him. Walking a little further, Jesus saw two more brothers, James and John. They were sitting in a boat with their father, carefully sewing up torn fishing nets.

When Jesus called them, they made the exact same choice. They left their valuable boat, their business, and their earthly father to follow Jesus. Their father Zebedee was not left all alone, because the Bible says he stayed in the boat with his hired servants. Still, walking away from the only secure, familiar life those brothers had ever known was an incredible step of faith. They did not cling to their comfortable life. They trusted that Jesus had a much greater plan for them.

Jesus was not just asking them to take a short walk. He was asking them to surrender their entire future. Taking up your cross means being willing to let go of your own plans. These disciples gave up catching fish to help rescue the hearts of people. They showed that when you cheerfully leave your own way behind, Jesus will give you a beautiful new purpose!

☀ True Story

In 1998, when a young boy named Ryan Hreljac was just six years old, he learned that many children in Africa did not have clean water to drink. Drinking dirty water was making them terribly sick. Ryan's heart was deeply moved, and he decided right then that he needed to help.

He asked his parents for money, but they told him he would have to earn it himself. So instead of playing outside or spending his allowance on new toys, Ryan started doing extra chores. He chose to give up his free time to sweep, vacuum, and wash windows.

He worked hard for months and finally saved seventy dollars. But when he proudly took his money to a charity, they gently told him a real well actually cost two thousand dollars!

Most children would have given up and spent the money on themselves. But Ryan had fully surrendered his heart to this calling. He did not complain about the heavy burden. He just kept working, doing more chores, and asking his community to join him. He stood up in front of his classmates and even spoke to large groups of adults to ask for their help.

Because Ryan was willing to leave his own selfish plans behind, he eventually raised the full amount! A clean well was built next to a primary school in Uganda.

Ryan's story reminds us that surrender means giving God what we have, even if it seems small. When we let go of selfish plans and choose to serve, God can use our time, work, and gifts to bless others.

💬 Discussion Questions:

- What did Peter and Andrew leave behind on the beach to follow Jesus?
- When Ryan found out the well cost two thousand dollars instead of seventy, what did he choose to do?
- Jesus said we must "take up our cross daily." What is one small thing you can leave behind today (like wanting your own way, or your free time) to show you are following Him?

🎨 Activity:

Give each child a cup full of water, representing their heart, and a handful of pebbles, representing selfish desires. Have them drop the pebbles in one by one. As the pebbles go in, the water spills out and is lost. Explain that our hearts cannot be full of Jesus and full of our own selfish plans at the same time. To keep God's living water, we must cheerfully choose to leave those heavy pebbles behind!

Surrender — Day 4



🎵 Listen to
Scripture Song:



Today's Promise (#14) — KJV

Acts 9:6 "...Lord, what do You want me to do?"

Luke 22:42 "saying, 'Father, if it is Your will, take this cup away from Me; nevertheless not My will, but Yours, be done.'"

💖 Apply the Promise!

When we face hard choices, true heart surrender means praying like Jesus did. We must stop demanding our own way and humbly say, "Lord, whatever You want, I will do."

📖 Bible Story (Matt. 26 & Luke 22)

Jesus walked quietly into a garden called Gethsemane on the night before He was going to die. On the cross. The air was still, but His heart was heavy. He knew the terrible suffering that was coming—not just the pain of the cross, but the weight of the sins of the whole world. He took a few of His closest disciples with Him and asked them to watch and pray, then He went a little farther alone.

In the quiet darkness, Jesus fell to the ground and prayed. His sorrow was so deep that it felt like it might overwhelm Him. He cried out to His Father, knowing that nothing was impossible for God. He asked if there was any other way to save the world, any way the suffering could pass from Him.

But then Jesus made the most important choice of all. Even in His deep anguish, He surrendered His will completely to God. He prayed, "Nevertheless not what I will, but what thou wilt." He chose to trust His Father fully, even when the path ahead was painful and hard.

An angel came and strengthened Him, but the struggle was real. Jesus prayed again and again, each time choosing to surrender. When He rose from prayer, His heart was settled. He was ready to obey, no matter the cost.

Jesus showed us what true surrender looks like. It is not always easy, and it does not mean we do not feel afraid. But it means we choose God's will above our own. When we give Him our whole heart, He gives us strength to follow Him, even through the hardest moments.

☀️ True Story

In the summer of 2015, a young boy named Lucas Hobbs became very sick with cancer. He had to spend a long time in the hospital, undergoing difficult treatments and resting in his bed. Because he had been through such a hard time, a special group called the Make-A-Wish Foundation visited him. They promised to give Lucas absolutely anything he wanted!

Many children might have asked for a big trip, a room full of toys, or something exciting just for themselves. Lucas could have done that too. After all he had suffered, no one would have blamed him for choosing something fun.

But Lucas decided to surrender his own desires. He thought about the kind doctors, the hardworking nurses, and the sick kids still in the hospital. Instead of using the wish on himself, he chose to give it away.

Lucas asked for a food truck! Make-A-Wish actually helped him organize an entire fleet of them. Instead of resting in bed, Lucas put on a real white chef's coat. He cheerfully handed out thousands of hot meals to the hospital workers, the police officers, and the homeless people in his city. Even though he was still battling his own illness, seeing the huge, grateful smiles on everyone's faces made him so much happier than any giant theme park vacation ever could.

Lucas had the chance to get his own way, but he surrendered his wish to bless other people instead. When we let go of having everything our own way, He can use our lives to bring love, help, and joy to others.

💬 Discussion Questions:

- What did Jesus say to His Father to show that He was completely surrendering His own will?
- What kind of coat did Lucas put on when he handed out food from his pizza truck?
- Is there a time when you wanted your own way very badly, but you knew God wanted you to do something else? How can you pray like Jesus did?

🎬 Activity:

Give the child a toy steering wheel or a paper plate. Let them "drive" around the room exactly how they want. Then, tell them it is time to surrender. Have them hand the wheel to you and close their eyes while you gently guide them by the shoulders. Explain that surrender means letting God drive our lives. We must completely trust His perfect directions, even when we cannot see the road ahead!

Surrender — Day 5



🎵 Listen to
Scripture Song:



Today's Promise (#15) — KJV

Romans 12:1–2 "I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service. And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God."

💖 Apply the Promise!

God calls you to give Him your whole life. When you surrender your heart and choose His way, He will change your thinking, guide your choices, and help you live in His good and perfect will.

📖 Bible Story (Judges 6)

For many years, the Israelites had turned away from God, and times were very hard. A fierce enemy army called the Midianites constantly invaded their land. They stole all of Israel's food and animals, leaving the people starving, terrified, and hiding in caves. One day, a man named Gideon was hiding inside a winepress just to thresh a little bit of wheat in secret. Suddenly, the Angel of the Lord appeared and told Gideon that God had chosen him to save Israel!

But before Gideon could fight the enemy army outside, he had to deal with the spiritual enemy right in his own backyard. His father and the townspeople had built altars to false gods named Baal and Asherah. It would have been easier to leave the idols alone, stay quiet, and demand his own safe way of doing things.

God gave Gideon a very clear, command: he must tear down his father's altar, chop down the wooden image, and build a proper altar to the one true Lord. This was a test of complete heart surrender. Gideon had to let go of his deep fear of what other people thought and choose to obey God's instructions instead of following the crowd. He realized that he could not hold onto false idols and still expect God's blessing.

Even though he was afraid, Gideon surrendered to God's perfect will. He took ten of his servants and tore the idols down in the dark of night. When the townspeople woke up and saw the ruined altar, they were furious and demanded his life! But God protected him. Gideon's story reminds us that surrender means letting go of fear, idols, and our own safe way, so we can obey God with our whole heart.

☀️ True Story

In the year 2014, a nine-year-old boy named Hector Montoya was living in Texas. For many months, he had been carefully saving his allowance and collecting coins in a jar. His goal was to save three hundred dollars so he could buy a brand-new PlayStation 4 video game console. He was incredibly excited to finally buy something fun for himself.

But one evening, Hector heard a very sad story on the local news. A mother and her young child had passed away in a house fire in a nearby city. The news reporter explained that the family did not have a working smoke detector to wake them up when the fire started.

Hector's heart was deeply moved, and he could not stop thinking about that family. He had an important choice to make. He could keep all his money to buy the game he had worked so hard for, or he could use his savings to help protect other people. Hector chose to surrender his own plans.

He took his entire three hundred dollars to the store and bought over one hundred smoke detectors! He did not stop there. With the help of the local fire department, Hector walked through his community and gave the detectors to elderly neighbors and families who could not afford them.

Hector had the perfect chance to get exactly what he wanted, but he cheerfully gave up his own comfort. Hector's story reminds us that surrender does not always mean doing something huge. Sometimes it means opening our hands, giving up something we wanted, and letting God use what we have to help someone else.

💬 Discussion Questions:

- What did Gideon have to tear down before God could use him to fight the Midianite army?
- What did Hector Montoya buy with the money he had saved for a video game console?
- An "idol" isn't always a statue; it can be anything we love more than God (like a screen, a hobby, or our own pride). What is an "idol" that kids today might need to tear down?

🎬 Activity:

Have the children use plastic building blocks or empty cardboard boxes to build a tall tower. Use a piece of masking tape to label the tower with things that can become "idols" when we want our own way (like "Pride," "Video Games," or "Selfishness"). Read Romans 12:2 aloud. Then, tell them to completely surrender their hearts to God and let them excitedly crash the tower to the ground! Explain that we must tear down anything that stands between us and Jesus.



Today's Promise (#16) — KJV

Psalm 40:8 "I delight to do thy will, O my God: yea, thy law is within my heart."

💖 Apply the Promise!

When God forgives our sins, He doesn't just change our actions; He completely transforms our desires! He gives us a brand-new heart so that obeying Him is no longer a heavy chore, but a true delight.

📖 Bible Story (Isaiah 6)

In the year King Uzziah died, the prophet Isaiah saw a vision of heaven. He saw the Lord sitting on a high throne, and the train of His robe filled the temple. Above the throne were mighty angels called seraphim. They cried to one another, "Holy, holy, holy, is the Lord of hosts: the whole earth is full of his glory."

As their voices filled the temple, Isaiah saw how holy God was. Suddenly, he also saw the sin in his own heart. He cried out, "Woe is me! for I am undone; because I am a man of unclean lips." Isaiah knew he could not make his own heart clean.

But God did not leave Isaiah in despair. One of the angels flew to him with a coal from the altar and touched Isaiah's lips. Then the angel said that Isaiah's sin was taken away. God had cleansed him.

Isaiah had not cleaned himself by trying harder. He had simply seen his need and allowed God to do what only God could do. God's cleansing touched the very place Isaiah had confessed—his lips and words. His heart was no longer hiding from God. It was ready to listen, trust, and obey.

After Isaiah was forgiven and cleansed, he heard the Lord ask, "Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?" This time, Isaiah did not hide in fear. His heart was ready to obey. He answered, "Here am I; send me."

Isaiah's story reminds us that a new heart begins with seeing our need and letting God cleanse us. When God changes our hearts, obedience is no longer just a hard duty. We begin to want His will and delight to serve Him.

☀️ True Story

In 2025, a young girl named Hannah lived with her family and two younger brothers in the Philippines. Like many younger brothers, they loved to play loudly, run through the house, and sometimes bother her when she was trying to do her own activities. When they interrupted her or touched her belongings, Hannah often became angry. She yelled at them and felt annoyed by almost everything they did.

Deep down, Hana knew her reactions were wrong. She felt sorry afterward, but she could not seem to change her own heart. Even when she tried to act nice on the outside, she still felt impatient and grumpy inside.

One day, Hannah learned that she could not fix her own heart. She needed God to give her a brand-new one! She decided to completely surrender her bad attitude to Jesus. She started waking up early in the morning to read her Bible and pray, asking God to change her from the inside out.

Soon, something incredibly beautiful happened. Her brothers were still loud, and they still tried to bother her, but Hannah's feelings were completely different! Instead of feeling quick, hot anger, she felt a gentle patience. When they interrupted her, she did not yell. Instead, she actually wanted to help them and play with them.

God had answered her prayer and transformed her desires. Hannah told her parents she could feel God changing her heart. Her story reminds us that a new heart is not something we can make by trying harder. When we surrender and ask Jesus to change us, He puts His love inside our hearts and helps us delight to do His will!

💬 Discussion Questions:

- What did Isaiah see in the temple that made him realize he needed a clean heart?
- What did Hannah start doing thirty minutes early to ask God for a new heart?
- Psalm 40:8 says "I delight to do thy will." What is the difference between obeying God because you have to, and obeying Him because you delight to?

📦 Activity:

Prepare two identical-looking cups of water, one mixed with salt and one with sugar. Let a child taste the salt water, representing how living for ourselves feels bitter and empty. Then, have them taste the sweet water. Explain that when God transforms our hearts, He actually changes our "taste" for things. Obeying God is no longer a bitter, salty chore; He gives us a new heart that finds sweetness in doing His will!



Today's Promise (#17) — KJV

Psalms 51:10–15 "Create in me a clean heart, O God; and renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from thy presence; and take not thy holy spirit from me. Restore unto me the joy of thy salvation; and uphold me with thy free spirit. Then will I teach transgressors thy ways; and sinners shall be converted unto thee...my tongue shall sing aloud of thy righteousness... open thou my lips; and my mouth shall shew forth thy praise."

❤️ Apply the Promise!

When we give our messy lives to God, He performs a miracle from the inside out and creates a brand-new heart within us!

📖 Bible Story (2 Sam. 11–12 & Ps. 51)

King David loved God, but one day he made a terrible choice. He saw a woman named Bathsheba and wanted her for himself, even though she was another man's wife. David took what was not his, and later he tried to hide his sin. He even arranged for Bathsheba's husband, Uriah, to be placed in a dangerous battle where he was killed.

For a while, David kept the truth hidden. From the outside, he still looked like a king. But inside, his heart was not clean. Sin had brought guilt, sadness, and distance from God. David needed more than a fresh start on the outside. He needed God to change him deep inside.

At last, David stopped hiding and came honestly to God. He did not make excuses or pretend his sin was small. He knew that only God could wash his heart clean. So David prayed, "Create in me a clean heart, O God; and renew a right spirit within me."

David was not asking God to help him look better in front of people. He was asking God to make him new on the inside. He wanted a heart that loved what was right and hated sin. He wanted a willing spirit that would obey God because he truly wanted to, not just because he had to.

God heard David's honest, broken cry and transformed him, renewing a right spirit within him that actually wanted to obey. David's prayer reminds us that we cannot create a clean heart by trying harder. We must come to God just as we are, confess our sin, and ask Him to do what only He can do. God can forgive us, cleanse us, give us a willing spirit, and help us delight to do His will.

☀️ True Story

For many years, a sailor named John Newton had a heart as hard as a rock. He was an angry, selfish man who made his money doing a cruel job: he sailed ships that captured and sold other human beings. John did not care who he hurt, and he was famous for his bad temper and mean words. He laughed at the idea of God and loved his wicked life.

But one night, a violent storm hit his ship. The waves crashed over the deck, the ship began filling with water, and it started to sink. For the first time in his life, John was completely helpless. In the middle of the roaring storm, he cried out, "Lord, have mercy on us!"

John survived the storm, but the biggest miracle did not happen to the ship. The greatest miracle happened inside John's chest. When John asked for forgiveness, God did not just hand him a list of rules and tell him to try harder. God did something much better: He gave John a brand-new heart!

Suddenly, John's desires completely flipped upside down. He did not want to be cruel or yell mean words anymore. He quit his terrible job, and instead of hurting people, he spent the rest of his life fighting to help free them!

His new heart was so full of love and gratitude that he wrote a famous song to thank God. You might have even heard it! It begins: "Amazing grace, how sweet the sound, that saved a wretch like me."

John Newton's story reminds us that no heart is too hard for God to change. When God gives us a new heart, He does not just force us to be good. He completely changes our desires so that we actually love being kind!

💬 Discussion Questions:

- David asked God to "create" a new heart. How is "creating" a heart different from just "cleaning" one?
- Before his heart was transformed, how did John Newton feel about the people on his ship?
- When God gives you a new heart, does it change just the things you do, or the things you want to do?

🏠 Activity:

Bring a hard stone and a lump of soft clay. Have the children try to press a coin into the rock. It won't work, representing how an old, stubborn heart rejects God's ways. Then, let them press the coin into the soft clay to leave a beautiful mark. Explain that when God transforms us, He takes away our hard, stony hearts and creates a brand-new, soft heart that perfectly holds the beautiful shape of His love!

New Heart — Day 3



🎵 Listen to
Scripture Song:



Today's Promise (#18) — KJV

Ezekiel 36:26–28 "A new heart also will I give you, and a new spirit will I put within you: and I will take away the stony heart out of your flesh, and I will give you an heart of flesh. And I will put my spirit within you, and cause you to walk in my statutes, and ye shall keep my judgments, and do them. And ye shall dwell in the land that I gave to your fathers; and ye shall be my people, and I will be your God."

❤️ Apply the Promise!

God promises to perform a miracle deep inside us by removing our cold, stubborn, "stony" hearts and replacing them with soft, living hearts that love to follow Him.

📖 Bible Story (Ezekiel 36-37)

God's people had wandered far from Him, and many hearts had grown hard, cold, and discouraged. But God gave them a beautiful promise. He said He would take away their stony hearts and give them soft, living hearts that could love and obey Him.

To help Ezekiel understand this miracle, God gave him a powerful vision. The Spirit of the Lord carried Ezekiel to a valley filled with dry bones. The bones were scattered everywhere, and there was no life in them at all.

Then God asked Ezekiel, "Can these bones live?" Ezekiel knew that no human power could make dead bones live again. So he answered, "Lord God, You know."

God told Ezekiel to speak His Word to the bones. As he obeyed, he heard a rattling sound. Bone came together with bone. Then muscles and skin covered them. But even though the bodies were formed, there was still no breath in them.

Then God told Ezekiel to speak again, and breath came into the bodies. Suddenly, the lifeless people stood up on their feet like a great army.

God was showing Ezekiel that His people needed more than outward form. They needed life from Him. Just like dry bones cannot raise themselves, our old hearts cannot make themselves new. Ezekiel's vision reminds us that only God can give a new heart. When we listen to His Word, surrender to Him, and ask for His Spirit, He can breathe new life into us. He can take hearts that feel cold, stubborn, and lifeless, and make them soft, willing, and ready to follow Him.

☀️ True Story

In the 1970s, George Foreman was known as the scariest man on the planet. He was the heavyweight boxing champion of the world. He was strong, powerful, and serious. Many people saw him as angry and hard. George thought that winning fights, making money, and becoming famous would make him happy. But inside, he still felt empty.

In 1977, after a boxing match in Puerto Rico, George collapsed in his dressing room. He felt like he was falling into a deep, dark place. In that frightening moment, he realized that his strength, fame, and money could not save him. George cried out to God for help.

George later said that Jesus changed his life that night. He began telling people that Jesus was alive. Something inside him was different. He no longer wanted anger to be the master of his life. He wanted Jesus to lead him from the inside, changing not only his actions but his heart.

George did not simply decide to act nicer on the outside. He believed God had given him a new heart. He left boxing, became a preacher, and began telling others about Jesus.

People noticed the change. The man once known for anger became known for joy, kindness, and a wide smile. Later, even when he returned to boxing, he was different from the man he had been before.

George Foreman's story reminds us that God can change a heart from the inside out. When we give ourselves to Him, He can replace anger with love, emptiness with joy, and selfish plans with a desire to serve Him.

💬 Discussion Questions:

- When Ezekiel spoke God's word to the valley of dry, dead bones, what miraculous thing happened?
- What happened to George Foreman in his locker room that made him desperately cry out to God?
- George learned that just trying to "act nice" on the outside wasn't enough. If your heart ever feels "stony" and angry, what is the best thing you can ask God to do on the inside?

🎨 Activity:

Give the children a smooth stone and a soft, dry sponge. Have them use a spoon to drip water onto the stone. The water will just slide right off! Then, have them drip water onto the soft sponge, watching it eagerly soak up every drop. Explain that a stony heart stubbornly rejects God's Spirit, but when He gives us a new, soft heart, we can easily absorb all of His beautiful love and truth.

New Heart — Day 4



🎵 Listen to
Scripture Song:



Today's Promise (#19) — KJV

2 Corinthians 5:17–18 "Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new. And all things are of God, who hath reconciled us to himself by Jesus Christ. and hath given to us the ministry of reconciliation;

❤️ Apply the Promise!

God doesn't just want us to apologize for our mistakes and try harder to be good. When we give our lives to Jesus, He gives us a new heart, and our old, sinful life passes away entirely!

📖 Bible Story (John 3)

Nicodemus was a very important, wealthy teacher in Israel who tried very hard to obey all the rules. He spent his whole life studying the law and teaching others. From the outside, he looked like the perfect, holy follower of God. But deep down, his heart felt heavy, and he knew something was missing.

One quiet night, when the streets were empty and no one was watching, he went to visit Jesus. Nicodemus probably thought Jesus would just give him a new list of good deeds to do. Instead, Jesus surprised him with a beautiful truth! He looked right at Nicodemus and said, "Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God."

Nicodemus was very confused. He asked how a grown man could possibly be born all over again! Jesus gently explained that He was not talking about a physical birth. He was talking about a wonderful miracle of the heart. Jesus compared this miracle to the wind. You cannot see the wind, but you can see what it does. In the same way, we cannot see God changing a heart, but we can see the results in a changed life.

Jesus meant that our old, selfish nature has to pass away. We cannot just wash the outside or try harder to be good; we need the Holy Spirit to give us a brand-new life on the inside. Being "born again" means God washes away our old, tired habits and fills us with His fresh, gentle love. Nicodemus learned a great lesson that night. God does not just want us to apologize and promise to try harder. When we surrender to Jesus, He makes us a brand-new creature from the inside out!

☀️ True Story

Charles Mulli grew up as a hungry, lonely boy on the dusty streets of Kenya. He often had to beg for food and slept on the cold ground. As he grew older, he decided he never wanted to be poor again. He worked very hard, started several businesses, and eventually became a wealthy man. He bought big houses, drove nice cars, and wore fancy clothes.

From the outside, Charles looked highly successful. But inside, his heart felt empty and restless. His old life was focused just on making money for himself, and it did not bring him true, lasting joy.

One day, Charles fully surrendered his life to God and experienced the beautiful miracle of the new birth. Jesus gave him a brand-new heart with brand-new desires! Suddenly, Charles did not care about his fancy cars or building more businesses for himself. When he looked at the poor, lonely children living on the streets, his new heart overflowed with God's gentle love.

Charles made a life-changing decision. He walked away from his successful businesses and used his money to rescue street children. He even sold his own beautiful cars to buy food, clothing, and warm beds for the kids he brought home! He and his wife opened their doors and eventually saved thousands of orphans. Charles became a brand-new creature. His old, selfish desire to be rich passed away, and God replaced it with a joyful desire to serve others. His true story shows that when Jesus gives us a new heart, our old ways pass away, and everything becomes beautiful and new!

💬 Discussion Questions:

- What was Matthew's job, and what did he leave sitting on the table when Jesus called him to follow Him?
- What did Charles Mulli do with his money and his home after God gave him a brand-new heart?
- What are some "old things" or bad attitudes that pass away when Jesus gives someone a brand-new heart?

🎨 Activity:

Cut a paper heart for each child. On one side, have them draw or write things representing an "old life," like angry faces, selfish choices, or pouting. Then, flip it over and beautifully decorate the "new heart" side with bright colors, smiles, and kind words. Explain that when we belong to Jesus, He completely washes away our old, sinful ways. He gives us a brand-new heart filled with His love, giving us entirely new desires to joyfully follow Him!

New Heart — Day 5



🎵 Listen to
Scripture Song:



Today's Promise (#20) — KJV

Hebrews 8:10 "For this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, saith the Lord; I will put my laws into their mind, and write them in their hearts: and I will be to them a God, and they shall be to me a people."

💖 Apply the Promise!

When God gives us a new heart, He does not just hand us a list of outside rules to follow. He writes His truth directly on the inside of our hearts, replacing our fear with bold, unstoppable courage to love Him!

📖 Bible Story (Acts 7-9)

Saul was a religious man, but his heart was full of anger toward the followers of Jesus. He believed he was doing the right thing by arresting Christians and trying to stop their work. He did not understand that he was fighting against the very Saviour he claimed to serve.

While traveling on the dusty road to Damascus to arrest more believers, a bright light from heaven suddenly flashed around him. It was brighter than the noonday sun! Saul fell to the ground, trembling and afraid. A voice called out, "Saul, Saul, why persecutest thou me?" When Saul desperately asked who was speaking, the voice replied, "I am Jesus whom thou persecutest."

In that clear moment, Saul realized how wrong he had been. But God does not force anyone to change against their will. Jesus waited for Saul to make his own choice. While sitting in quiet darkness for three days, Saul chose to surrender his proud, stubborn ways. He stopped fighting against God, humbled himself, and earnestly prayed for forgiveness.

Because Saul willingly yielded his life, God answered his prayer with a beautiful miracle. When a believer named Ananias came to visit him, Saul's physical blindness was healed, and God gave him a brand-new heart! Saul was truly born again. God began washing away his deep anger and replacing it with genuine love. He spent the rest of his life traveling the world to share Jesus with the very people he had once tried to destroy. His story shows us that when we willingly surrender, God replaces our anger with love.

☀️ True Story

Stephen Lungu grew up as an angry, homeless teenager on the streets of Zimbabwe. He had been abandoned as a child, and his heart became hard with bitterness. He joined a gang called the Black Shadows and became one of its leaders.

One evening, Stephen and some other gang members went to a large Christian meeting in a tent. They carried petrol bombs and planned to attack the people inside. Stephen's heart was full of hatred, and he thought destruction would give him power.

But before he gave the signal to attack, Stephen heard the singing and began to listen. Then he heard the message of Jesus. God's Word pierced through his hard heart. Stephen suddenly saw that he could not fix his own life or wash away his own sin.

That night, Stephen surrendered to Jesus. He put down his plan for violence and gave his life to God. Jesus did not just make him act nicer on the outside. He began changing Stephen from the inside.

The young man who had come to destroy the meeting became a preacher of the gospel. Stephen spent his life telling others about the Jesus who had changed his heart. The change was so great that people who knew Stephen before could hardly believe he was the same man.

Stephen Lungu's story reminds us that God can write His law in even the hardest heart. When Jesus makes us new, hatred can become love, rebellion can become obedience, and fear can become courage.

💬 Discussion Questions:

- Why did Saul think he was doing the right thing when he was actually being cruel?
- When Stephen Lungu went to the church tent meeting, what was he carrying in his heavy bag?
- Hebrews 8 promises that God will write His laws on our hearts. Why is it so much better to have God change us from the inside than to just have a list of outside rules?

🎨 Activity:

Stick a Post-it note with a rule on your child's shirt. Have them jump around until the note falls off! Explain that when rules are just stuck on the outside, they are easy to lose or ignore. Next, hand them a small paper heart to hold securely inside their hand. Explain that Hebrews 8:10 means God puts His truth safely inside our new hearts so it never falls away!

Faith — Day 1



🎵 Listen to
Scripture Song:



Today's Promise (#21) — KJV

Matthew 21:21 "So Jesus answered and said to them, 'Assuredly, I say to you, if you have faith and do not doubt, you will not only do what was done to the fig tree, but also if you say to this mountain, 'Be removed and be cast into the sea,' it will be done.'" **Mark 9:23** "Jesus said to him, 'If you can believe, all things are possible to him who believes.'"

💖 Apply the Promise!

Jesus promises that if we truly believe in Him and do not let doubt sneak into our hearts, absolutely nothing is impossible! We can completely trust Him to do amazing things.

📖 Bible Story (Matt. 8 & Luke 7)

A Roman centurion was a powerful commander in charge of a hundred soldiers. One day, a servant who worked in his house became very sick and was close to death. The commander loved his servant very much, but no earthly doctor could help him. When the centurion heard Jesus was nearby, he knew exactly who could save his friend.

The centurion felt unworthy to have Jesus visit his home. When Jesus agreed to come, he sent a humble message. He told Jesus that He did not even need to step inside his house.

He explained that he understood how orders worked. When he commanded a soldier to march, the soldier obeyed immediately. The centurion boldly believed that Jesus held the same authority over sickness. He said, "But only speak a word, and my servant will be healed."

This shows us exactly what true faith looks like! The centurion did not ask to see a special sign or wait for proof. He simply took Jesus at His word. He trusted that if Jesus spoke the promise, the healing was already real, even before he could see it with his own eyes.

Jesus stopped walking and marveled at the Roman soldier. He declared that He had not found such faith in all of Israel! Jesus did not need to perform a special ritual. He simply spoke the word, and at that very hour, the servant was healed.

The centurion's story teaches us that faith is not trying hard to force a special feeling inside ourselves. True faith is simply taking God at His word, believing His promises are real, and trusting Him right now!

☀️ True Story

John Vassar was a traveling missionary who spent his life walking across America to tell people about Jesus. He was known for having a strong, unbreakable faith. John firmly believed that if he was doing God's work, the Lord would protect him in any dangerous situation. During the Civil War, John visited the battlefields to hand out Bibles and encourage the tired soldiers. One afternoon, while walking through the woods in Virginia, he was suddenly surrounded and captured by a group of enemy soldiers.

The soldiers took John back to their camp, fully expecting him to be terrified. Instead, John's amazing faith never wavered, and he did not let doubt sneak into his heart. He stood before the commanding general and politely asked if he could share the love of Jesus with the men. The general was very surprised by this fearless prisoner and actually allowed him to speak. John immediately began walking through the military camp, cheerfully handing out Bibles and praying with the soldiers. He trusted God deeply, treating the camp like a wonderful church service.

John's faith was so strong that many of the tough soldiers began to weep and ask questions about God. After just a few hours, the frustrated officers realized this humble prisoner was changing the hearts of their men! They complained to the general that if John stayed any longer, the entire camp would be converted. The general quickly ordered them to release John immediately. Because John chose to boldly believe God was in control without doubting, he confidently turned a scary capture into a beautiful victory for God.

💬 Discussion Questions:

- Why didn't the centurion want Jesus to come inside his house?
- When John Vassar was captured by the enemy soldiers, why wasn't he afraid?
- Matthew 21:21 tells us to have faith and "do not doubt." What is one situation where you need to trust God without doubting this week?

🎨 Activity:

Create a safe obstacle course in the room using pillows. Blindfold a child at the starting line. Explain they must have absolute faith in your voice to navigate. Give them clear, step-by-step commands to reach the finish line safely. Discuss how the centurion completely trusted the authority of Jesus's voice, even when he couldn't see the healing happen. When we choose to firmly follow God's voice without doubting, He always guides us safely!



Today's Promise (#22) — KJV

Mark 11:22, 24 "And Jesus answering saith unto them, Have faith in God... Therefore I say unto you, What things soever ye desire, when ye pray, believe that ye receive them, and ye shall have them."

💖 Apply the Promise!

When we pray, we shouldn't just cross our fingers and hope God might hear us. Jesus promises that if we pray with complete faith, truly believing He will answer, God will do amazing things!

📖 Bible Story (1 Kings 18)

For three and a half years, no rain had fallen in Israel. The fields were dry, the crops had failed, and the streams had begun to disappear. But after God sent fire from heaven on Mount Carmel, Elijah knew the people had seen that the Lord was the true God. Now it was time to ask God for rain.

Elijah told King Ahab, "There is a sound of abundance of rain." But when Elijah said this, the sky did not look stormy. There were no dark clouds and no raindrops falling. Elijah was not trusting what his eyes could see. He was trusting what God had promised.

Elijah climbed to the top of Mount Carmel and bowed low to pray. Then he sent his servant to look toward the sea. The servant came back and said, "There is nothing." Elijah did not stop praying. He sent him again and again—seven times.

Elijah's faith was not a passing feeling. He kept praying because he believed God's word. He chose to trust before he saw the answer.

At last, the servant came back and said, "Behold, there ariseth a little cloud out of the sea, like a man's hand." That tiny cloud was enough for Elijah. He knew God was answering.

Soon the sky grew dark with clouds and wind, and a great rain fell on the thirsty land.

Elijah's story reminds us that faith means taking God at His word. We may not see the answer right away, but we can keep praying, keep trusting, and believe that God will do what He has promised.

☀️ True Story

In 1853, Hudson Taylor was a dedicated missionary traveling on a large sailing ship all the way to China. One afternoon, the wind suddenly stopped. The ocean became still, but a strong, hidden current was slowly pulling their ship toward a dangerous, rocky coral reef. Without any wind to push the sails, Captain Morris could not steer the ship to safety. He was very worried they would crash and sink.

Hudson knew exactly what to do. He and three other Christians on the ship agreed to go to their quiet rooms and ask God for help. But before Hudson went down to pray, he found the captain. He politely asked Captain Morris to let down the heavy sails.

The captain did not want to do it. He pointed out that there was not a single breath of wind in the air. He said it would look foolish and the sailors would think he was crazy! But Hudson kindly explained that they were asking God for wind, and he firmly believed the Lord was going to send it right away.

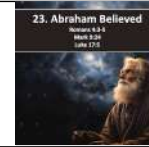
Captain Morris finally agreed to drop the sails. Hudson walked to his room, knelt beside his bed, and prayed with simple trust. Just a few minutes later, the captain knocked loudly on Hudson's door. He told Hudson he could stop praying now, because they had more wind than they knew what to do with! A fresh, steady breeze had swept across the water, and the ship safely sailed away from the rocks. Hudson proved that true faith means acting like we have already received God's answer, even before we can feel the wind.

💬 Discussion Questions:

- How many times did Elijah have to send his servant to look for the rain?
- Why didn't Captain Morris want to let down the sails at first?
- Why is it important to make sure the things we pray for match God's Word? (Discuss how God isn't a genie, but a loving Father who gives good gifts that align with His will!)

🎨 Activity:

The Tiny Cloud Telescope: Give each child an empty paper towel tube to use as a telescope. Hide a very small drawing of a cloud across the room. Have them look through their tubes until they finally spot the tiny cloud! Explain that Elijah's servant had to look incredibly hard to see the tiny cloud, but Elijah knew it meant a massive storm. Faith means looking for God's answers and trusting His promises!



Today's Promise (#23) — KJV

Romans 4:3 "For what saith the scripture? Abraham believed God, and it was counted unto him for righteousness."

Mark 9:24 "And straightway the father of the child cried out, and said with tears, Lord, I believe; help thou mine unbelief."

Luke 17:5 "And the apostles said unto the Lord, Increase our faith."

♥ Apply the Promise!

Even if your faith feels small, God honors it. Choose to believe Him, ask Him to strengthen your faith, and trust that He will help you grow and count your faith as righteousness.

Bible Story (Gen. 15 & Romans 4)

Before Abram was called Abraham, he lived in tents with his wife, Sarai. God had promised that Abram would become the father of a great nation, but many years had passed. Abram and Sarai were growing old, and they still had no child together. To human eyes, it looked impossible.

One night, the Lord brought Abram outside and told him to look up at the sky. Above him, the dark heavens were filled with stars. There were far too many to count.

Then God gave Abram a promise. He said that Abram's family would become as many as the stars in the sky. Abram could not see a baby in his tent. He could not see a great nation. He could only see the stars and hear the Word of God.

But Abram made a simple, powerful choice. He believed the Lord. He did not have to understand how God would keep His promise. He trusted God because God had spoken.

The Bible says that Abram's faith was counted to him for righteousness. His faith was not based on what looked possible. It was based on the faithfulness of the One who made the promise. Abram let God's promise be stronger than his questions. Instead of waiting until everything made sense, he rested his heart on the One who could not fail.

Abram's story reminds us that faith means resting our hearts on God's promise. We may not see the answer yet, and we may not understand how God will work. But we can choose to believe that He is faithful, thank Him for what He has promised, and walk forward as if His promise is already sure.

True Story

Dr. Charles Cullis was a kind doctor who lived in Boston many years ago. He cared for people who were sick with tuberculosis, a painful lung disease. In those days, there was no cure, and many hospitals would not take these patients. Some poor, suffering people had no safe place to go.

Charles believed God wanted him to open a home where sick people could be cared for with kindness. But there was a serious problem: he did not have the money to buy a building, hire helpers, or provide beds and food.

Charles chose to trust God. He decided not to beg people for money. Instead, he prayed and asked his heavenly Father to provide what was needed. His faith was not just a hopeful feeling. He believed God's promises and acted on them.

Some people thought it was foolish to begin a work with no money. But Charles kept praying and doing the work God had placed before him. Miraculously, total strangers began sending him letters with money inside! Soon, he had enough to buy one building, then another, and eventually an entire hospital campus. God provided everything they needed through the faithful prayers of this one doctor. The sick were finally given warm beds, comforting food, and shown the gentle love of Jesus.

Charles did not always know how God would answer, but he trusted that God knew the need. His story reminds us that faith means holding tightly to God's promises. When we bring our needs to Him, trust His love, and do the duty in front of us, we can cheerfully leave the results in His hands!

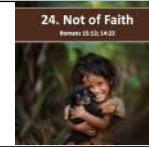
Discussion Questions:

- What did God ask Abram to try and count in the night sky?
- How did Dr. Charles get the money to buy the hospital buildings without asking people for donations?
- In Mark 9:24, a father prayed, "Lord, I believe; help thou mine unbelief." What should we do when we want to trust God, but our hearts feel afraid or doubtful?

Activity:

Take the children outside on a clear night, or scatter dozens of small paper stars across a dark room with a flashlight. Give them ten seconds to try and count every single star. They will quickly realize it is completely impossible! Explain that God asked Abraham to do the exact same thing. When God makes an impossible promise, we don't have to figure out how it works; we just have to faithfully believe Him!

Faith — Day 4



🎵 Listen to
Scripture Song:



Today's Promise (#24) — KJV

Romans 15:13 "Now the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, that ye may abound in hope, through the power of the Holy Ghost." **Romans 14:23** "And he that doubteth is damned if he eat, because he eateth not of faith: for whatsoever is not of faith is sin."

💖 Apply the Promise!

When we completely trust God, He promises to fill our hearts with joy, peace, and hope! But we must remember that doubting Him and doing things without true faith in Jesus is a sin.

📖 Bible Story (Mark 5 & Luke 8)

For twelve long years, a woman had suffered from a sickness that changed her whole life. She had spent all her money on doctors, hoping someone could help her. But instead of getting better, she only grew weaker. Her heart must have felt tired and discouraged.

Then she heard about Jesus. She heard that He healed the sick and had compassion on suffering people. A little hope began to rise in her heart. She could not heal herself. She could not buy a cure. But she believed Jesus could help her.

The streets were crowded as Jesus passed by. People pressed around Him on every side. The woman may have felt weak and afraid, but she made a choice. She would not wait until she felt strong. She would come to Jesus just as she was.

She said in her heart, "If I may touch but his clothes, I shall be whole." Then she pressed through the crowd, reached out her hand, and touched the edge of His garment.

At that moment, Jesus healed her. She felt the sickness leave her body. Then Jesus stopped and asked, "Who touched my clothes?" Trembling, the woman came and told Him the truth.

Jesus did not push her away. He called her "Daughter" and said, "Thy faith hath made thee whole; go in peace."

Her story reminds us that faith means coming to Jesus with our need. We do not have to make ourselves better first. We may feel weak, afraid, or unworthy, but we can reach out to Him and trust His mercy. Jesus is willing to receive us, heal us, and give us peace.

☀️ True Story

One evening, a mother was feeling worried about her family's needs. Money was tight, and her heart felt heavy. She knew God had promised to care for His children, but that night it was hard for her to rest in His love.

At bedtime, her little four-year-old daughter, Michelle, folded her hands and prayed a very simple prayer: "Please let me see a frog tonight, in Jesus' name, amen."

Her mother felt worried. She did not know of any frogs near their house, and she did not want Michelle to be disappointed. She gently told her that they might not see a frog that night. But Michelle was peaceful. She simply believed God had heard her prayer.

Later that evening, the mother went into the garage to finish the laundry. Suddenly, the family dog began sniffing and barking near a dark corner by the door. The mother stepped closer, expecting to find a bug or a mouse. Instead, there on the floor sat a little green frog.

The mother was surprised. She woke Michelle and showed her the frog. Michelle smiled, not because she had forced God to answer, but because she trusted that He loved her and heard her prayer.

That night, the mother was reminded that faith can be very simple. We do not have to carry our worries alone or make our feelings strong enough. We can bring our needs to God, believe that He hears us, and rest our hearts in His loving care.

💬 Discussion Questions:

- What did the woman quietly say to herself as she pushed through the crowd?
- God answered Michelle's prayer to teach her mother a beautiful lesson about faith. But if we pray for something silly—like a pet pony or a candy bar—and God says no, does that mean our faith was too small, or does it mean God's plan is just different than ours?

🎨 Activity:

Give the children some yarn and help them tie simple little tassels, just like the fringes Jesus wore on the hem of His garment. They can tie them to their backpacks, Bibles, or bookmarks. Explain that every time they look at the little yarn tassel, they can remember the brave woman who reached out in faith. It is a beautiful daily reminder that we can always reach out to Jesus and completely trust Him!

Faith — Day 5



🎵 Listen to
Scripture Song:



Today's Promise (#25) — NKJV

Hebrews 11:1,6 "Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen...But without faith it is impossible to please him: for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him." **2 Corinthians 5:7** "(For we walk by faith, not by sight:)" **Romans 10:17** "So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God."

💖 Apply the Promise!

Faith means trusting in God's Word, even when we cannot see the answer with our own eyes. Without this true faith, we cannot please Him, but He rewards those who diligently seek Him!

📖 Bible Story (Gen. 6 & Heb. 11)

Long ago, the world became full of evil, and many people did not want to listen to God's voice. But one man named Noah still walked with God. He trusted Him and wanted to obey. One day, God told Noah something surprising. A flood of water was coming, and God commanded Noah to build a large wooden ark to protect his family and the animals.

There was just one problem: it had never rained before! There were no dark storm clouds or oceans nearby. Building a ship on dry ground looked foolish to everyone else. But Noah did not wait until he could see the rain before he obeyed. He believed the One who had spoken to him. Every board he cut and every layer of pitch he spread was a quiet way of saying, "Lord, I trust You." He showed his faith by doing exactly what God said.

Day after day, Noah worked on the ark. He cut wood, shaped heavy boards, and covered the ark with pitch. While he worked, he warned the people and invited them to believe God, too. Many laughed and kept living as if nothing would ever change. But Noah chose to walk by faith, not by sight. He kept hammering every board with simple trust.

At last, the ark was finished. Noah and his family went inside, and God shut the door. Then the rain began to fall, just as God had promised! Inside the sturdy ship, they were perfectly safe from the stormy waters. God rewarded Noah's obedience by rescuing everyone who chose to believe. Noah's story reminds us that faith is not only something we say. True faith listens to God, believes His promise, and chooses to obey Him before the answer can be seen.

☀️ True Story

In the late 1920s, Leo and Jessie Halliwell were dedicated missionaries in Brazil. Their hearts broke for the thousands of sick families living deep inside the Amazon jungle. Because there were no roads, the only way to reach them was by river. Leo and Jessie felt God asking them to build a large boat to sail up the river and bring medicine to these people.

There was just one big problem: Leo was not a boat builder, and they had no money to build a ship! When they shared their plan, many people thought the idea was foolish. Traveling the Amazon could be dangerous, and building a large wooden boat from scratch seemed like an impossible idea. But Leo and Jessie knew that God's power was greater than their problems, and that true faith required action. Instead of waiting for God to do all the work, they believed that if they willingly stepped forward to obey, He would give them the strength to finish the task.

Leo carefully drew the plans for the boat and trusted God to help them gather the funds. Soon, generous people began sending exactly what they needed to buy the wood and supplies! When their beautiful white boat was finally finished in 1931, Leo and Jessie sailed it into the jungle. For decades, their boat survived many storms and safely brought healing to thousands of people.

Their story reminds us that faith does not sit still and wait for every problem to disappear. Faith listens to God, begins the work He gives, and trusts Him for the next step. When we surrender our plans to Him, He can guide us through work that once seemed impossible.

💬 Discussion Questions:

- Why did it seem completely foolish to build a gigantic ark when God first told Noah about the flood?
- How did Leo and Jessie walk by faith when they didn't even have the money to build the boat?
- Hebrews 11:1 says faith is the "evidence of things not seen." Can you think of a time you had to trust God even when you couldn't see how things would work out?

🎨 Activity:

Have the children build a "boat" in the middle of the living room using laundry baskets, pillows, and blankets. Have them sit inside and pretend to row! Ask them how silly they think it looks to have a boat sitting on the dry carpet. Explain that Noah and Leo Halliwell looked just as silly to their neighbors, but true faith means boldly obeying God even when other people do not understand.

Abiding in Christ — Day 1



🎵 Listen to
Scripture Song:



Today's Promise (#26) — KJV

John 15:4–5, 7 "Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, except it abide in the vine; no more can ye, except ye abide in me. I am the vine, ye are the branches: He that abideth in me, and I in him, the same bringeth forth much fruit: for without me ye can do nothing... If ye abide in me, and my words abide in you, ye shall ask what ye will, and it shall be done unto you."

💖 Apply the Promise!

To grow beautiful fruit in our lives, we must always stay closely connected to Jesus. We cannot force ourselves to be good; we just have to rest in His love every single day!

📖 Bible Story (John 15)

The night before Jesus was arrested, He walked with His disciples through the quiet streets of Jerusalem. As they passed by the city walls, they likely saw large grapevines growing in the gardens.

The heavy branches were filled with sweet fruit hanging beneath the moonlight. Jesus stopped to use these twisting plants as a beautiful picture of what it means to follow Him.

He looked at His friends and said, "I am the vine, ye are the branches." In a vineyard, the thick vine is deeply rooted in the ground, pulling up all the water and nutrients needed for life. The smaller branches cannot survive on their own. If a branch is broken off or separated from the main vine, it quickly dries up, turns brown, and dies. It becomes useless and can never grow sweet, delicious grapes.

Jesus gently explained that the exact same thing is true for our hearts. He is the strong vine that provides all our spiritual life, strength, and joy. We are simply the branches. A branch doesn't have to stress or struggle to make grapes; it just has to stay tightly attached to the vine!

Jesus told His disciples to "abide" in Him, which means to stay close to Him every day through prayer and trusting His love. We cannot force ourselves to be good by just trying harder. But He promised that if we stay connected to Him, we will naturally produce beautiful fruit—like kindness, patience, peace, and love! Jesus made it clear that without Him we can do nothing, but when we abide in His love, He gives us the exact power we need to grow!

☀️ True Story

In the 1640s in France, a humble man named Herman wanted to give his life to serving God. He joined a monastery and became known as Brother Lawrence.

Because he had no special education, he was not given a quiet job like reading in the library or writing books. Instead, he was assigned to work in the busy monastery kitchen.

He was expected to cook large meals and scrub heavy pots for many hungry men every single day. At first, Brother Lawrence found the kitchen chores very frustrating.

The constant noise and endless work made it difficult to concentrate on God. He worried that he was too busy to be a good Christian. But then, Brother Lawrence learned that he did not have to be in a church or a quiet room to stay close to Jesus. He could turn his heart to God right in the middle of his ordinary work.

Brother Lawrence decided to invite Jesus into every single moment of his busy day. While he chopped vegetables, he thanked God for His goodness. While he scrubbed the floors, he quietly prayed for the men who would eat the meals.

Because he stayed so closely connected to Jesus, his heart was filled with a deep, steady peace. Over time, others noticed the peace and joy in his life. His simple kitchen work became a way to walk with Jesus.

His story shows us that abiding in Christ means staying connected to Him wherever we are. We can pray while we work, trust Him when we feel irritated, and let even ordinary chores become acts of love.

💬 Discussion Questions:

- What happens to a little branch if it gets separated or broken off from the main vine?
- What was Brother Lawrence doing in the kitchen when he stayed connected to God?
- John 15:5 says "without me ye can do nothing." Does this mean we can't move our bodies, or does it mean we can't do anything truly good without God's help?

🎨 Activity:

Go outside and find two small, leafy branches. Leave one safely attached to the tree. Have the children break the second one off and bring it inside. Place it on the counter without water. Over the next few days, observe how the broken branch dries up and dies, while the attached one stays beautifully green! Explain that we are just like branches; our hearts quickly wither if we don't stay connected to Jesus!

Abiding in Christ — Day 2



🎵 Listen to
Scripture Song:



Today's Promise (#27) — KJV

Galatians 5:22–25 "But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, Meekness, temperance: against such there is no law. And they that are Christ's have crucified the flesh with the affections and lusts. If we live in the Spirit, let us also walk in the Spirit."

💖 Apply the Promise!

When we stay close to Jesus, His Spirit grows beautiful things inside our hearts! Instead of being selfish or angry, we will naturally show wonderful love, joy, peace, patience, and kindness to everyone around us.

📖 Bible Story (Gen. 5 & Heb. 11)

Long before the Flood, the world was becoming a dark and wicked place. Many people forgot God, ignored His ways, and chose selfishness and sin. It would have been easy for Enoch to follow the world around him.

But Enoch chose a different way. The Bible says, "Enoch walked with God."

Enoch did not walk with God by hiding from all responsibility. He had a family to care for, work to do, and people around him who needed to hear about the Lord. He lived in a sinful world, but he did not let the world pull his heart away from God.

Enoch learned to stay close to God through the ordinary parts of life. As he worked, he lifted his thoughts to heaven. As he cared for his family, he asked God for wisdom and love. When he saw the wickedness around him, he did not try to be strong by himself. He kept turning his heart back to God.

Sometimes Enoch also went away to quiet places where he could pray and listen to God without distraction. Then he returned to his work with a heart refreshed by being with Him.

Enoch's life shows us what it means to abide in Christ. We do not become good by trying to make fruit grow in our own hearts. We stay close to Jesus, trust His love, pray through the day, and let Him live in us.

When we keep coming to Him, He gives us the strength, peace, love, and obedience we cannot make for ourselves. Abiding in Christ means walking with Jesus every day, wherever He places us.

☀️ True Story

In the late 1800s, Andrew Murray was a pastor in South Africa who loved God very much. He even wrote a famous book called *Abide in Christ*, teaching others to rest in Jesus.

But as the years went by, he became very busy. He ran from town to town, preaching and working from sunrise to sunset to produce good fruit.

Soon, he became exhausted. One day, Andrew's throat became very sick, and he lost his voice! For two whole years, he could not speak loud enough to preach.

He had to sit in quiet silence. At first, Andrew felt discouraged, thinking he was useless if he could not work hard for God. But in that quiet time, he realized he needed to practice the beautiful secret he had written about! He had been acting like a little branch trying to force its own grapes to grow.

Jesus did not just want Andrew's busy work; Jesus wanted his heart. Andrew remembered that a branch just has to rest in the vine, and the fruit will naturally grow.

For those two years, Andrew stopped striving. He spent his days quietly praying, reading, and resting in God's love. He truly learned what it meant to abide.

God later restored Andrew's voice, and he continued preaching and writing. But his message became even deeper: do not try to live the Christian life in your own strength. Stay close to Jesus. Let Him live in you. He proved that God does not need our stressful striving; He just wants us to stay closely connected!

💬 Discussion Questions:

- Why did the apostles give Jesus the special nickname "Barnabas"?
- Why was it so difficult for Pastor Andrew Murray to remain completely silent for two years?
- Galatians 5:22 lists the fruit of the Spirit (love, joy, peace, longsuffering, etc.). Which one of these beautiful fruits do you want God to grow in your heart today?

🎨 Activity:

Prepare small pieces of a very sweet fruit (like strawberries) and something very sour (like a raw lemon slice). Have the children close their eyes and taste one of each! Discuss how our faces pucker up when we taste something sour. Explain that bad attitudes are like sour lemons to the people around us. But when we abide in Jesus, He fills us with the sweet, refreshing fruit of the Spirit!

Abiding in Christ — Day 3



🎵 Listen to
Scripture Song:



Today's Promise (#28) — KJV

Ephesians 2:8–10 "For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God: Not of works, lest any man should boast. For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works, which God hath before ordained that we should walk in them."

💖 Apply the Promise!

We cannot earn God's love by doing lots of busy chores. Salvation is a completely free gift! When we spend time with Jesus first, He changes our hearts so we naturally do good works.

📖 Bible Story (Luke 7)

Jesus was invited to eat at the home of Simon, a religious leader. Simon knew many rules and thought of himself as a good man, but his heart was proud. He did not show Jesus the common kindness usually given to a guest. He gave Him no water to wash His dusty feet.

While Jesus was at the table, a woman came quietly into the room. She had made many sinful choices, and people knew it. She had nothing good to boast about. She could not earn God's love or wash away her own sins.

But she believed Jesus was merciful. She came close to Him, knelt at His feet, and began to weep. Her tears fell on His feet, and she wiped them with her hair. Then she poured sweet-smelling perfume on Him.

Simon judged her in his heart. He thought Jesus should push her away. But Jesus understood what Simon did not. This woman was not trying to buy forgiveness with her gift. Her love was flowing from a heart that had received grace.

Jesus told Simon a story about two people who owed money and could not pay. When both were forgiven, the one forgiven most loved most. Then Jesus said of the woman, "Her sins, which are many, are forgiven; for she loved much." Jesus then said to her, "Thy faith hath saved thee; go in peace."

Her story reminds us that we are saved by grace, not by our own works. But when we come to Jesus, receive His forgiveness, and abide in His love, our hearts begin to change. Love, gratitude, and willing service grow like fruit from a branch connected to the vine.

☀️ True Story

In the early 1700s, Susanna Wesley lived in a busy home in England. She was the mother of nineteen children, and her days were filled with constant noise, running feet, crying babies, and endless chores!

Susanna loved God deeply and knew she desperately needed to "abide" in Him to have peace. But with her husband often away and a house full from morning until night, she did not have an easy, quiet life. If Susanna had waited for a perfectly peaceful moment to connect with the Vine, her branch would have dried up completely.

So, she came up with a brilliant and practical idea. When she needed time with God, Susanna would sit down right in the middle of her busy home and pull her long cloth apron up over her head! She taught her children a strict rule: When Mother's apron is over her head, she is inside her special tent talking to Jesus, and she must not be disturbed.

Underneath that apron, Susanna didn't try to be a faithful mother in her own strength. She brought Jesus her weariness and her worries, resting tightly connected to the Vine. Because she abided, God gave her incredible patience. Her children saw that she depended on God, and two of her sons, John and Charles, later became famous preachers and hymn writers!

Susanna's story reminds us that abiding in Christ does not require a perfect place or a perfectly quiet day. You can stay connected to Jesus wherever you are, just by closing your eyes and turning your heart to your Best Friend!

💬 Discussion Questions:

- Why did Simon the Pharisee think he was good enough to earn God's love?
- How many children did Susanna Wesley have to care for every day?
- Ephesians 2:8-10 says we are saved by grace, not by works. Why is it important to spend time abiding with Jesus first, instead of just trying to do lots of good things on our own?

🎬 Activity:

Susanna Wesley found a way to abide with Jesus even in a busy house! Give your child a light towel or an apron. Have them sit in a chair and drape it over their head to create a tiny, quiet "prayer tent." Have them spend one full minute quietly sitting under the tent, talking to Jesus. Talk about how we can always find a way to sit at His feet!

Abiding in Christ — Day 4



🎵 Listen to
Scripture Song:



Today's Promise (#29) — KJV

Colossians 2:6–7 "As ye have therefore received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk ye in him: Rooted and built up in him, and stablished in the faith, as ye have been taught, abounding therein with thanksgiving."

💖 Apply the Promise!

Just like a strong tree needs deep invisible roots to stay upright in a storm, your heart needs to be deeply rooted in Jesus! When you abide with Him daily, your faith grows strong.

📖 Bible Story (Acts 1)

After Jesus rose from the grave, He spent forty days teaching His disciples. They were happy to know He was alive, but soon the time came for Him to return to heaven.

Before Jesus left, He gave His followers an important command. They were not to rush away and try to preach to the whole world in their own strength. First, they were to wait in Jerusalem for the Holy Spirit.

The disciples obeyed. Peter, John, Mary, and many other believers gathered together in an upstairs room. They prayed, remembered Jesus' words, confessed their need of Him, and waited for the help He had promised.

They were learning to keep walking with Jesus even though they could no longer see Him. They had received Him as their Savior, and now they needed to stay rooted in Him. Like a plant putting its roots deep into good soil, their hearts needed to grow deeper in trust, prayer, and surrender.

They did not become strong by making themselves brave. They became strong by staying close to Jesus and depending on His Spirit.

When the day of Pentecost came, God sent the Holy Spirit with the sound of a rushing mighty wind. The disciples were filled with courage, love, and power to speak for Jesus.

Their story reminds us that we cannot live the Christian life by our own effort. As we have received Jesus, we must keep walking with Him. When we pray, trust His promises, surrender our hearts, and stay rooted in His love, He builds us up and gives us strength to do His work.

☀️ True Story

In the 1930s, a missionary named Frank Laubach traveled to the Philippines to help others. He was a hard worker who spent his days teaching and serving the people.

But one day, Frank realized something important was missing. He felt like his heart was not truly staying close to God all day long.

He would pray in the morning, but then he would get busy with his daily chores. He often forgot to talk to Jesus again until it was time for bed!

Frank wanted to change this, so he decided to play a special game. He called it "The Game with Minutes." His goal was to see if he could remember to think about God at least one time during every single minute of the day.

It was hard at first. His mind would wander, or he would get distracted by his work. But Frank gently kept practicing.

Whenever he walked down the street, he silently prayed for the people he passed. When he was washing his face or eating a meal, he whispered a quick thank you to God.

Frank trained his mind to invite Jesus into his normal, everyday thoughts. After a few months, he did not have to try so hard anymore. It became a beautiful, natural habit.

He felt a deep peace because he was talking to Jesus like a best friend all day long. Frank Laubach's story reminds us that abiding in Christ means turning our hearts to Him again and again. When we forget, we can come back. When we are busy, we can still pray. Jesus wants to live with us through the whole day, giving us His peace, strength, and love.

💬 Discussion Questions:

- What did Jesus tell His disciples to do in Jerusalem before they rushed out to preach?
- Why was Frank Laubach frustrated with his prayer life before he started his special game?
- How can you practice thinking about Jesus when you are doing your everyday chores today?

🎭 Activity:

Set a timer on your phone for one minute while the children are playing or doing a simple chore. When the timer beeps, everyone must freeze exactly where they are! Have them whisper a quick, three-second prayer out loud (like, "Thank you, Jesus, for my toys!" or "I love you, God!"). Start the timer again and repeat this three or four times. Explain that this is exactly how Frank Laubach learned to abide!

Abiding in Christ — Day 5



🎵 Listen to
Scripture Song:



Today's Promise (#30) — KJV

Revelation 3:20–21 "Behold, I stand at the door, and knock: if any man hear my voice, and open the door, I will come in to him, and will sup with him, and he with me. To him that overcometh will I grant to sit with me in my throne, even as I also overcame, and am set down with my Father in His throne"

💖 Apply the Promise!

*Jesus is always standing right outside the door of your heart, gently knocking!
If you choose to open up and invite Him inside every single day, He promises
to come in and stay with you.*

📖 Bible Story (Luke 24)

On the very same day Jesus rose from the dead, two of His friends were walking down a long, dusty road toward a town called Emmaus.

They were feeling deeply sad and lonely because they thought Jesus was gone forever. As they walked and talked about their broken hearts, a stranger stepped onto the road and began walking right beside them.

They did not realize that the stranger was actually Jesus! He asked them why they were so sad. He listened to their tears, and then He began to explain the Scriptures to them.

He helped them understand why the Savior had to suffer and die. As the stranger spoke, the two friends felt their hearts burning with a sweet, wonderful hope.

When they finally reached their house in Emmaus, it was getting dark. Jesus said goodbye and kept walking down the road. He would have kept right on walking and left them there if they had not spoken up! He never forces His way inside.

But the two disciples could not bear to let Him go! They ran after Him and urgently invited Him inside. They begged, "Abide with us: for it is toward evening."

Because they opened the door and asked Him to stay, Jesus came inside. As He broke the bread at the dinner table, their eyes were opened, and they finally recognized their Savior!

Jesus wants to abide with us, too. But just like that evening in Emmaus, He will keep walking unless we willingly open the door and invite Him into our hearts.

☀️ True Story

In the 1850s, a famous English artist named William Holman Hunt decided to paint a very special picture of Jesus. He wanted to paint the beautiful promise found in Revelation 3:20.

William worked carefully on the canvas, calling it The Light of the World. It showed Jesus standing outside a heavy wooden door that was covered in tall weeds. Jesus was holding a warm lantern and gently knocking.

When William finally finished the painting, he invited his friends to come and look at it. One of his friends looked closely at the door and said, "William, you made a mistake! You forgot to paint a handle on the door."

The friend thought that without a handle, Jesus would be stuck outside. But William smiled and explained that it was not a mistake at all. He painted it that way on purpose!

William explained that the door in the painting represented the door to the human heart. Jesus is a perfect gentleman. He never forces His way inside or breaks down the door.

That is why there is no handle on the outside! The only handle is on the inside. Jesus gently knocks and waits, but we must choose to open our hearts and invite Him in.

William's beautiful painting became famous all over the world. It reminds us that abiding in Christ begins by welcoming Jesus in. Each day, we can open the heart's door again and say, "Lord Jesus, come in. Stay with me. Teach me to walk with You."

💬 Discussion Questions:

- Why were the two disciples so sad as they walked on the road to Emmaus?
- What did the disciples do when the stranger acted like He was going to keep walking?
- When Jesus knocks on the door of our heart, why doesn't He just force His way inside?

🎨 Activity:

Jesus says He stands at the door and knocks! Go around your house and practice gently knocking on closed doors. When someone inside opens it, give them a huge hug! Talk about how our hearts are just like those doors. Jesus will never kick the door down. We have to choose to gladly open up and invite Him inside every single day to abide with us!



Today's Promise (#31) — KJV

Isaiah 50:4–5, 7 "The Lord God hath given me the tongue of the learned, that I should know how to speak a word in season to him that is weary: he wakeneth morning by morning, he wakeneth mine ear to hear as the learned. The Lord God hath opened mine ear, and I was not rebellious, neither turned away back... For the Lord God will help me..."

💖 Apply the Promise!

God promises to give us the right words to say to people who are tired or sad. If we listen to Him every morning, He will help us be brave and unashamed as we witness!

📖 Bible Story (Acts 8)

Philip was busy teaching people about Jesus in a large city. But one day, an angel of the Lord told him to leave the crowds and go down to a desert road. Philip did not argue or wait for a more important-looking job. He obeyed and started walking.

As he traveled along the quiet road, he saw an important man from Ethiopia riding in a chariot. This man had come to Jerusalem to worship God and was now returning home. As the chariot moved along, the man was reading from the book of Isaiah, but he did not understand what he was reading.

Then the Holy Spirit impressed Philip, "Go close to that chariot and stay near it." Philip ran to him and kindly asked, "Do you understand what you are reading?" The man answered, "How can I understand unless someone explains it to me?" Then he invited Philip to come up and sit with him.

Philip began right where the man was reading. The verses spoke about Someone who would suffer like a lamb led to the slaughter. From that Scripture, Philip shared the good news about Jesus.

As the man listened, he understood that Jesus was the Saviour. Soon they came to water, and the Ethiopian asked, "Here is water. What would keep me from being baptized?" Afterward, he went on his way rejoicing.

Philip's story reminds us that witnessing often begins with simple obedience. We can ask God to guide us to people who are searching, listen carefully, speak kindly, and share Jesus from His Word. When we stay close to Christ, He can give us the right words at the right time.

☀️ True Story

In 2017, an eight-year-old boy named Noah was eating breakfast with his mother at a Denny's restaurant in Florida. Across the room, he noticed a police officer sitting alone.

The officer had just finished a very long, difficult shift and was feeling deeply tired. Noah admired the officer and felt a gentle nudge in his heart to do something kind for him.

He was only a child, but he did not need to preach a sermon to share encouragement. He simply used what he had.

Noah asked his mother if he could pay for the officer's breakfast using his own allowance money. Then, he took the restaurant receipt and carefully wrote a short, sweet message on the back.

He included the Bible verse Matthew 5:9, "Blessed are the peacemakers." Noah felt a little nervous, but he walked over and gently handed the receipt to the officer.

When the policeman read the note, his eyes filled with tears. He was so touched by the boy's kindness that he carried that small piece of paper with him every single day.

Noah's simple act reminds us that witnessing does not always begin with big, impressive words. Sometimes, it begins with just noticing someone who is weary, showing kindness, and sharing one sweet promise from God.

When we stay close to Jesus, He helps us see the people around us who need encouragement. He can teach us to speak kindly, give cheerfully, and share His wonderful love in very simple ways!

💬 Discussion Questions:

- Why did God ask Philip to go to a lonely desert road instead of staying in the busy city?
- What did eight-year-old Noah write on the back of the receipt for the tired police officer?
- Is there someone in your neighborhood or at your classes who looks like they could use a kind word or a story about Jesus today?

🎬 Activity:

Write a "word in season" (a short Bible verse or "Jesus loves you") on several small pieces of paper. Have the children hide them in "secret" places around the room or house where someone who might be having a hard day (like a parent, a teacher, or a tired sibling) will find them later! Explain that just like Philip and Joe, we are God's messengers, and He will give us the perfect words to share at just the right time.

Witnessing — Day 2



🎵 Listen to
Scripture Song:



Today's Promise (#32) — KJV

Isaiah 60:1–2 "Arise, shine; for thy light is come, and the glory of the LORD is risen upon thee. For, behold, the darkness shall cover the earth, and gross darkness the people: but the LORD shall arise upon thee, and his glory shall be seen upon thee."

💖 Apply the Promise!

Even when the world feels very dark, Jesus has placed His beautiful light inside your heart! God promises that when you boldly shine His love, others will see it and want to follow Him too.

📖 Bible Story (John 1)

John the Baptist was preaching near the river when he saw Jesus passing by. He pointed at Him and announced that Jesus was the promised Savior.

A young fisherman named Andrew heard this and immediately followed Jesus. Andrew spent the whole day talking with Him and listening to His wonderful words.

By the time the sun went down, Andrew's heart was filled with the beautiful light of God's truth. He felt certain that he had finally found the Messiah.

Instead of keeping this good news to himself, Andrew knew exactly what he had to do. He did not try to preach to a large crowd or stand on a street corner shouting.

He simply went to the one person he loved most—his brother, Simon. Andrew hurried away and searched until he found him.

He did not use complicated words; he just excitedly said, "We have found the Christ!" Andrew took his brother by the hand and personally led him to meet Jesus.

When Jesus looked at Simon, He gave him a new name, Peter, which means "rock." Peter would go on to be a courageous leader in the early church, helping thousands of people find God's light.

But it all started because his quiet brother, Andrew, was willing to share the truth with just one person. Andrew demonstrated that the brightest light often spreads by simply bringing one friend to Jesus.

☀️ True Story

In 1999, a high school student named Rachel Scott wanted her life to be a light for Jesus. She believed that sharing God's love did not have to be complicated. It could begin with noticing people who felt lonely and choosing to show them kindness.

At school, Rachel tried to care about people others might ignore. If she saw a new student sitting alone, she might sit with them. She wanted her words and actions to help people feel seen, loved, and encouraged. Sometimes those choices were small, but they mattered. A smile, a kind word, or a seat at the lunch table could remind someone that they were not invisible. Rachel wanted people to feel the love of Jesus through the way she treated them.

For a school assignment, Rachel wrote about compassion. She believed that if one person went out of the way to show kindness, it could begin a chain reaction. One kind act could lead to another, and then another.

Rachel's life ended during the Columbine tragedy, but her witness did not end. Afterward, her family shared her writings and her message of compassion with others. Many students were encouraged to look for lonely people, speak kindly, and begin their own chain reaction of kindness.

Rachel's story reminds us that witnessing is not only speaking in front of a crowd. It is letting the love of Jesus shine through everyday choices. When we stay close to Christ, He can help us notice people who are hurting and give us simple ways to share His love.

💬 Discussion Questions:

- Instead of preaching to a large crowd, who was the very first person Andrew shared the light with?
- What was Rachel Scott's special theory about showing compassion to just one person?
- How did the light of the gospel spread from just one sailor to thousands of people across the ocean?

🎬 Activity:

Bring a box of dominoes to class. Have the children help set them up in a long, branching line. Explain that the first domino is like Dawson Trotman or Andrew. Ask a child to knock over just the very first domino and watch how it eventually knocks down all the others. Explain that when we share Jesus with just one friend, it creates a chain reaction that can reach people we haven't even met!



Today's Promise (#33) — KJV

Matthew 5:14–16 "Ye are the light of the world. A city that is set on an hill cannot be hid. Neither do men light a candle, and put it under a bushel, but on a candlestick; and it giveth light unto all that are in the house. Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven."

💖 Apply the Promise!

Jesus makes you a bright light in a dark world. When you use your special talents to do truly kind things for others, people will see your good works and want to praise God too!

📖 Bible Story (Acts 9)

In the seaside town of Joppa, there lived a woman named Dorcas. She loved Jesus, and His love showed in the way she cared for people around her.

Dorcas was not known as a great preacher. She did not stand in front of crowds or travel far away to teach. But she used the gift God had given her. With her needle and thread, she made coats and clothing for poor widows who needed help.

Every stitch was a quiet act of love. Dorcas noticed people who were cold, lonely, or in need, and she did what she could to bless them. Her quiet kindness made the widows feel remembered, cared for, and loved. Her kind works helped others see what the love of Jesus looked like in everyday life.

One day, Dorcas became sick and died. Her friends were heartbroken. They sent for Peter, and when he arrived, the widows stood around him crying. They showed him the coats and garments Dorcas had made for them.

Peter asked everyone to leave the room. Then he knelt down and prayed. God answered, and Dorcas was brought back to life.

News of this miracle spread through Joppa, and many people believed in the Lord.

Dorcas's story reminds us that witnessing can happen through simple acts of love. We may not all preach sermons, but we can notice needs, use the gifts God has given us, and let His kindness shine through our hands. When we stay close to Jesus, even ordinary work can help others see His love.

☀️ True Story

In 2015, a college student named Rodney Smith Jr. was walking home when he noticed an elderly man struggling to push a lawnmower.

Rodney could have just kept walking, but he felt a gentle nudge in his heart to help. He stepped into the yard and kindly mowed the grass for him.

That simple act of kindness sparked an idea. Rodney realized that he did not need to be a famous speaker to witness for God. He could use an everyday chore to show God's love!

He started a personal mission to mow fifty lawns for free to help the elderly, the disabled, and single mothers in his town.

Word of his kindness quickly spread. Soon, Rodney started a special program called the "50 Yard Challenge" to encourage kids all over the world to do the same thing.

Thousands of children and teenagers joined in, grabbing their lawnmowers and rakes to help their neighbors for free. Every time they mowed a lawn, they were letting their light shine brightly in their communities.

The people who received this free help felt so loved and cared for. They could clearly see Jesus shining through these hardworking young helpers!

Rodney's story reminds us that witnessing is not only telling people about God's love. It is also showing His love in practical ways. When we stay close to Jesus, He can help us notice needs around us and use simple things—even a lawnmower—to bless someone else.

💬 Discussion Questions:

- What special talent did Dorcas use to help the poor widows in Joppa?
- What everyday chore did Rodney use to help his neighbors and shine his light?
- Matthew 5:16 says people will see our "good works." What is one helpful chore or kind thing you can do today to show God's love to someone else?

🎬 Activity:

Have the children sit together and brainstorm one special "secret mission" of kindness they can do as a team this week. They might choose to help a neighbor (like pulling weeds or carrying groceries), a family member (like secretly cleaning the kitchen), or a teacher (like making a giant thank-you poster). Once they agree on a mission, write it down, pray over it, and make a plan to accomplish it together!

Witnessing — Day 4



🎵 Listen to
Scripture Song:



Today's Promise (#34) — KJV

Mark 16:15 "And he said unto them, Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature."

Jeremiah 1:7-9 "...for thou shalt go to all that I shall send thee, and whatsoever I command thee thou shalt speak. Be not afraid of their faces: for I am with thee ...Behold, I have put my words in thy mouth."

💖 Apply the Promise!

God commands us to share the good news with the entire world. Even if you feel too young or unqualified, God promises to give you the exact words and bravery that you need to go!

📖 Bible Story (Jeremiah 1)

Long ago, God spoke to a young man named Jeremiah. God had chosen him for a special work. He told Jeremiah that he was to be a prophet and share God's message with many nations.

Jeremiah felt afraid and unqualified. He cried out to the Lord, saying, "I cannot speak: for I am a child." He knew that being a prophet meant standing in front of kings and older leaders who might not want to listen.

He may have wondered, "What if I say the wrong thing? What if people are angry with me?" But God did not ask Jeremiah to be strong by himself. He gently told him not to say, "I am a child."

God knew exactly what made the young man nervous. He knew Jeremiah was afraid of people's looks, words, and reactions. God gave him a beautiful promise, saying, "Be not afraid of their faces, for I am with you to deliver you."

Then, the Lord did something wonderful. He reached out His hand, touched Jeremiah's mouth, and said, "Behold, I have put my words in thy mouth." Jeremiah did not have to invent a perfect message or depend on his own wisdom.

His part was simply to listen, trust, and speak what God gave him. Jeremiah's story reminds us that witnessing does not depend on how old, brave, or clever we are. We do not have to make ourselves fearless before God can use us. When we abide in Him, He can give us the right words, the right spirit, and the courage to speak for Him. Our part is to trust Him and obey when He gives us a chance to share His truth.

☀️ True Story

When Katie Davis was in high school, she had a very comfortable, normal life. She was class president, homecoming queen, and had big plans to go to college. But Katie had a deep love for Jesus, and she wanted her life to be a bright witness for Him. She knew that true witnessing isn't just about what you say; it is about what you do.

In 2007, when Katie was just eighteen years old, she made a big decision. Instead of going straight to college, she traveled all the way to Uganda, Africa to teach kindergarten.

She thought she was only going for a short trip. But when Katie arrived, she saw hundreds of children who were hungry, sick, and could not afford to go to school. Her heart broke for them. She realized that witnessing to these children meant showing them Jesus' love in a real, physical way. She started a ministry to make sure the children had warm food and uniforms so they could go to school.

But Katie didn't stop there. When she found little girls who had no moms or dads to care for them, she didn't just give them food—she gave them a home. By the time she was twenty-three years old, Katie had actually adopted thirteen little girls and became their mother!

Katie didn't become a famous witness by standing on a giant stage with a microphone. She witnessed by feeding the hungry, hugging the lonely, and simply saying "yes" to whatever God asked her to do. Her incredible story reminds us that being a witness means letting Jesus use your hands and your heart to love the people right in front of you.

💬 Discussion Questions:

- What physical action did God take to prove He would give Jeremiah the exact words to say?
- How old was Katie Davis when she moved across the world to Uganda?
- Jeremiah used his age as an excuse. Have you ever felt too young or too ordinary to talk about Jesus? How does God's promise today help you feel braver?

🎨 Activity:

Give the children some finger paint and have them cover their palms. Have them press their hands firmly onto a piece of paper. When the paint dries, help them write "My hands can be a witness!" at the top. Talk about the many different ways our hands can share God's love without even saying a word—like making a meal, giving a hug, drawing a picture, or cleaning up a mess!



Today's Promise (#35) — KJV

2 Corinthians 4:6–9 "For God, who commanded the light to shine out of darkness, hath shined in our hearts, to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ. But we have this treasure in earthen vessels, that the excellency of the power may be of God, and not of us. We are troubled on every side, yet not distressed; we are perplexed, but not in despair; Persecuted, but not forsaken; cast down, but not destroyed;"

Apply the Promise!

God puts His powerful light inside our ordinary hearts. Even when you feel weak or broken, He promises to shine through you so others can see His amazing power!

Bible Story (2 Kings 5)

Far from her home in Israel, a little girl lived as a servant in the house of Naaman, the captain of the Syrian army. She had not chosen to be there. She had been taken away from her family and brought to a strange land.

It would have been easy for her heart to become bitter. She could have stayed silent and thought, These people are my enemies. Why should I help them? But this little maid still remembered the God of Israel. Even in a hard place, her faith had not died.

One day, she saw sorrow in Naaman's home. Naaman was an important man, but he had a terrible disease called leprosy. No one in Syria could heal him.

The little maid was only a child, but she knew something Naaman's family did not know. She knew there was a prophet of God in Israel. She believed the Lord was able to help. So she spoke a simple word of witness to Naaman's wife: "I wish my master could go to the prophet in Samaria. He would heal him of his leprosy."

She did not preach a long sermon. She did not have power, money, or an important position. She simply shared the light God had given her.

Because of her witness, Naaman went to Israel, listened to God's prophet, and was healed. Her small words helped lead a suffering man to the true God.

The little girl reminds us that children can be witnesses too. When we stay close to God, He can help us speak kind, brave words of hope, even in places that feel difficult.

True Story

In the 1800s, a Sunday School teacher named Edward Kimball had a teenage student named Dwight Moody. Dwight worked in a shoe store in Boston. He was rough, uneducated, and did not seem like someone who would one day become a great preacher.

But Edward Kimball cared about him. He wanted Dwight to know Jesus personally, not just hear Bible lessons in class. One day, Edward felt impressed that he should go to the shoe store and talk with Dwight about giving his heart to Christ.

At first, Edward felt nervous. He wondered if he would say the wrong thing or if the moment would feel awkward. But he did not wait until he felt perfectly brave. He obeyed God's prompting and went to the store. He chose to care more about Dwight's soul than about his own nervous feelings.

Edward found Dwight in the back room, putting away shoes. There, in that ordinary place, Edward spoke kindly to him about Jesus and His love. His words were simple, but they came from a heart that cared.

That day, Dwight Moody gave his heart to Christ. Later, he became one of the most famous evangelists in the world, preaching to thousands of people and leading many to Jesus.

Edward Kimball's story reminds us that witnessing does not have to be loud or impressive. Sometimes it is one teacher, one student, one quiet conversation, and one step of obedience. When we stay close to Christ, He can help us notice one person who needs encouragement and give us courage to speak about His love.

Discussion Questions:

- Who did God use to reach Naaman?
- Where did Edward Kimball go to talk to the teenage boy named Dwight?
- 2 Corinthians 4:7 says we are like "earthen vessels" (clay jars) holding a beautiful treasure. Why does God use ordinary, weak people like us to share His love?

Activity:

Bring a small, plain clay pot or an ordinary cardboard box to class. Put a bright flashlight or battery-operated candle inside. Explain that the pot is just ordinary dirt and not very special on the outside. But when the bright light shines from inside it, it becomes beautiful! Explain that we are just ordinary people (earthen vessels), but Jesus puts His amazing treasure of light inside our hearts so the whole world can see His power.

Prayer — Day 1



🎵 Listen to
Scripture Song:



Today's Promise (#36) — KJV

Psalm 55:16–17, 22 "As for me, I will call upon God; and the Lord shall save me. Evening, and morning, and at noon, will I pray, and cry aloud: and he shall hear my voice... Cast thy burden upon the Lord, and he shall sustain thee: he shall never suffer the righteous to be moved."

💖 Apply the Promise!

God promises to listen whenever you pray, whether it is morning, noon, or night. When you feel worried or sad, you can give your heavy feelings to Jesus, and He will give you great strength!

📖 Bible Story (Daniel 6)

Daniel lived in Babylon and had a very important job helping the king. But his most important habit was spending time with God.

Every single day—morning, noon, and evening—Daniel went to his room, knelt by his open window, and prayed. He trusted the Lord with his whole heart.

The other leaders were jealous of Daniel and wanted to get him in trouble. They tricked the king into making a new law.

For thirty days, no one was allowed to pray to anyone except the king. If they broke the law, they would be thrown into a dark pit filled with hungry lions!

When Daniel heard about this scary new rule, he was carrying a very heavy burden. His life was in danger. But Daniel did not panic, and he did not try to hide.

Instead, he went straight to his room, opened his window, and knelt down to pray, just as he always did. He gave his heavy worries to God.

The jealous leaders caught him and threw him into the lions' den. It seemed like Daniel's life was over. But God heard Daniel's daily prayers and sent an angel to shut the lions' mouths!

The giant beasts did not leave a scratch on him. The next morning, the king rushed to the pit and found Daniel safe. Because Daniel chose to talk to God instead of worrying, an entire kingdom learned about the true God.

☀️ True Story

In 1892, John Hyde traveled to India as a missionary, things did not go the way he planned. He had a hard time learning the difficult language, and his hearing was starting to fail.

He felt weak, and it would have been easy for him to feel useless and give up. But John understood a beautiful secret. He realized that his most important work was not standing on a stage preaching to large crowds. It was simply kneeling in his quiet room, talking to the King of the universe. John decided to make prayer the most important part of his life.

Instead of treating prayer like a rushed checklist before bed, he treated it like a real conversation with his best friend. He spent hours in his room, bringing his heavy burdens to God.

He loved the people of India so much that he prayed for them by name. He faithfully asked God to give him exactly one soul a day to follow Jesus.

Because John spent so much time talking to God in secret, a beautiful miracle happened. By the end of that year, three hundred and sixty-five people had chosen to follow the Lord!

Thousands more eventually gave their lives to Jesus, and John became known all over the world by a new nickname: "Praying Hyde."

His story reminds us that prayer is not just asking God to bless our plans. Prayer is opening the heart to Him, surrendering ourselves, and letting Him work through us. When we pray, God changes our hearts first, and then He can use our lives to bless others.

💬 Discussion Questions:

- How many times a day did Daniel have a season of prayer, even when his life was in danger?
- What was John Hyde's special nickname because he loved talking to God so much?
- Psalm 55:22 says to "cast thy burden upon the Lord." What is a worry or heavy feeling you have right now that you can talk to Jesus about?

🎨 Activity:

Work together to decorate a simple shoebox with a slit cut in the top. Label it "God's Inbox" or "The Burden Box." Give the children small slips of paper to write or draw their specific worries or fears on. Have them fold the papers and "mail" them into the box. Pray over the box together, thanking God that once we give a worry to Him, we do not have to carry that heavy burden anymore!

Prayer — Day 2



 Listen to
Scripture Song:



Today's Promise (#37) — KJV

Jeremiah 33:3 "Call unto me, and I will answer thee, and shew thee great and mighty things, which thou knowest not."

Apply the Promise!

God promises to always answer when you pray! If you humbly ask Him for help, He will show you great and powerful things that you would never be able to figure out all by yourself.

Bible Story (1 Kings 3)

After King David died, his son Solomon became king of Israel. Solomon loved God, but he felt young, inexperienced, and overwhelmed. He had to lead many people, make difficult decisions, and judge fairly between right and wrong. Every day, people would come to him with problems he could not solve by human wisdom alone.

One night, God appeared to Solomon in a dream and said, "Ask Me for whatever you want Me to give you."

Solomon could have asked for riches, long life, honor, or victory over his enemies. But instead, he opened his heart honestly to God. He admitted that he felt like a little child who did not know how to lead such a great people.

Then Solomon asked for an understanding heart. He wanted wisdom to judge God's people well and to know the difference between good and evil. Solomon knew that the work God had given him was too big to carry without God's help.

God was pleased with Solomon's prayer because it was not selfish. Solomon was not asking only for comfort or greatness for himself. He was asking for the help he needed to do the work God had given him.

So God gave Solomon great wisdom. He also gave him blessings he had not asked for, including riches and honor.

Solomon's story reminds us that prayer is not just asking God for things we want. Prayer is opening our hearts to Him as to a friend. We can tell Him our weakness, ask for the help we truly need, and trust Him to give what is best.

True Story

In 2021, a three-year-old boy named Christopher wandered away from his home in Texas and disappeared into a dense forest. His worried mother immediately called for help.

Soon, police officers, search dogs, and hundreds of volunteers were scouring the deep woods. For three long days and nights, they searched everywhere, but there was no sign of the little boy.

A local man named Tim Halfin heard about the missing child. Tim was not a police officer or a professional tracker. He was just an ordinary man who loved God.

While Tim was praying for the lost boy, he felt a gentle nudge in his heart to go look for him the next morning. Tim knew he did not know where Christopher was, but he believed God certainly did!

Tim went out to the edge of the woods and began to pray. He asked God to guide his steps and show him where to go.

He walked into the thick forest with no map, simply trusting the Lord to lead him. He was actually searching miles away from where the official rescue teams were looking!

After a while, Tim suddenly heard a tiny, faint noise. He pushed through the heavy brush and found little Christopher sitting safely on the ground!

The professional search teams had missed this spot, but God guided a praying man right to it. Tim demonstrated that when we call unto God, He will answer and show us things we could never figure out on our own!

Discussion Questions:

- If God told you, "Ask what I shall give thee," what is the first thing you would ask for?
- Why did Tim Halfin decide to pray instead of just joining the regular search party?
- Jeremiah 33:3 says we can call on God when we need to know something. Do you have a problem or a difficult decision that you need to ask God to help you figure out?

Activity:

Have everyone stand or sit in a circle with a soft ball. One person starts by tossing the ball to someone and giving a simple prompt like, "Thank God for something," or "Ask God for help with something." The person who catches the ball says a short prayer out loud based on the prompt, then tosses the ball to someone else with a new prompt. Talk about it: Prayer is simply talking to God, and He listens to every word we say.

Prayer — Day 3



🎵 Listen to
Scripture Song:



Today's Promise (#38) — KJV

Matthew 7:7 "Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you:" **John 14:13–14** "And whatsoever ye shall ask in my name, that will I do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If ye shall ask any thing in my name, I will do it." **Isaiah 65:24** "And it shall come to pass, that before they call, I will answer; and while they are yet speaking, I will hear."

💖 Apply the Promise!

When you ask in Jesus' name, your loving Heavenly Father always hears you. God actually prepares the perfect answer before you even speak the very words out loud!

📖 Bible Story (Luke 18)

Jesus told a story to teach His friends that they should always pray and never give up. In a certain city, there was a judge who did not fear God and did not care about people.

In that same city lived a widow who needed help. Someone was treating her unfairly, and she had no husband to protect her. Again and again, she came to the judge's court and begged him to make things right.

For a long time, the judge ignored her. He was not kind, and he did not care about her trouble. But the widow kept coming. She refused to stop asking for justice.

Finally, the judge grew tired of her visits. He said to himself, "I do not fear God or care about people, but this widow keeps bothering me. I will give her justice so she will finally stop coming."

Then Jesus explained the lesson. If even an unfair judge would finally answer a widow who kept asking, how much more will our loving Father hear His own children when they cry to Him?

Jesus was not saying God is like the selfish judge. He was showing that God is completely different. God does care. God does listen. God loves His children and knows what they need.

This story reminds us that prayer is not giving up when the answer does not come right away. We can keep bringing our needs to God, not because He is unwilling, but because He is good. Prayer teaches us to trust His love, wait for His timing, and keep our hearts open to Him.

☀️ True Story

In the 1990s, a twelve-year-old girl named Livia lived in an orphanage in the country of Romania. Life there was very difficult, and the children had almost nothing of their own.

Livia had one special, specific dream. She deeply wanted her very own hairclips! She wanted to pull her hair back so she could finally feel the fresh wind on her face and neck.

But growing up in an orphanage, she knew it was almost impossible to buy them. Even though it seemed unlikely, Livia prayed for hairclips. She asked God for this simple, beautiful gift.

Thousands of miles away, a kind stranger was packing a charity shoebox to send across the ocean. The stranger did not know Livia, but they felt a gentle nudge to pack a large package of hairclips!

Months later, a mission team delivered those boxes to Livia's orphanage. When Livia opened her special box, she gasped in amazement. Sitting right on the very top was the exact package of hairclips she wanted!

She was so joyful that she opened the package and excitedly put every single hairclip in her hair at the same time! When the missionaries taught her about Jesus that day, she realized God truly loved her.

He loved her so much that He prompted someone across the ocean to buy those exact hairclips long before she even opened the box! Livia proved that God hears our prayers, and He beautifully prepares the perfect answer before we even ask.

💬 Discussion Questions:

- Why did the judge finally decide to help the poor widow?
- What specific, beautiful gift did Livia pray for while she lived in the orphanage?
- Is there something you have been praying about for a long time? How does this lesson encourage you to keep asking in Jesus' name?

🎨 Activity:

Hide a special treat or a fun prize inside a small box with a lid. Place the box somewhere in the room. First, have the children ASK you for a clue about where it is. Once you give the clue, have them SEEK around the room until they find the box. Finally, they must KNOCK on the top of the box three times before they are allowed to open it and share the prize!

Prayer — Day 4



🎵 Listen to
Scripture Song:



Today's Promise (#39) — KJV

Luke 11:9-13 " And I say unto you, Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you. For every one that asketh receiveth; and he that seeketh findeth; and to him that knocketh it shall be opened. If a son shall ask bread of any of you that is a father, will he give him a stone? or if he ask a fish, will he for a fish give him a serpent? Or if he shall ask an egg, will he offer him a scorpion? If ye then, being evil, know how to give good gifts unto your children: how much more shall your heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to them that ask him?

💖 Apply the Promise!

God is a perfect Father who loves giving good gifts to His children! When you ask Him for help, He promises to always give you the exact comfort and spiritual strength that you deeply need.

📖 Bible Story (2 Kings 2)

Elisha had a wonderful job. He was the helper to Elijah, one of the most faithful prophets in Israel. For years, he followed his mentor everywhere, watching God do wonderful miracles.

One day, Elisha learned God was taking Elijah directly up to heaven. As they walked together, Elijah asked his friend a question: "What can I do for you before I am taken away?"

Elisha could have asked for a large house, a chest full of gold, or an easy, quiet life. But he did not want any of those earthly things.

Instead, he made a bold request. He asked for a "double portion" of Elijah's spirit. He was asking God for the power to help twice as many people and be twice as brave!

Elijah told him, "You have asked a hard thing." But he promised that if Elisha kept his eyes open and watched him go to heaven, God would grant his bold prayer.

Suddenly, a glowing chariot of fire pulled by horses of fire swept down from the sky! Elijah was taken straight up to heaven in a whirlwind.

As Elijah's cloak fell to the ground, Elisha picked it up, and God answered his courageous prayer.

Elisha's story teaches us that prayer is not only asking for earthly things. We can ask God for the help we truly need—His Spirit, wisdom, courage, and strength to obey. God loves to answer prayers that draw us closer to Him and help us do His work.

☀️ True Story

In 2025, a two-year-old boy named Bodin managed to wander away from his home in the high desert of Arizona. He wandered off just as the sun was going down, and the dark night quickly covered the landscape. His family realized he was missing and immediately called for help.

As they searched the area, the worried family began to pray. They begged their Heavenly Father to keep little Bodin safe in the darkness and to send comfort to the frightened boy.

Bodin had wandered far through rough country. He was only wearing pajamas, and wild animals had been seen in the area. No one knew exactly where he was. But God knew.

Seven miles away from his own home, a large, fluffy dog named Buford found the toddler. Buford was a gentle livestock guardian dog who lived on a distant ranch. Instead of running away, Buford stayed right by little Bodin's side. He kept him warm and safe through the dangerous, cold night.

When the sun finally came up, the dog walked together with the little boy for an entire mile. Buford guided him straight to his owner's ranch! The rancher was amazed to see his dog walking up to the gate with the missing toddler.

Bodin's story reminds us that prayer is bringing our fears to our Heavenly Father. We may not know where help will come from, but God sees what we cannot see. When we call on Him, we can trust His love, His care, and His power to send help in the way He knows best.

💬 Discussion Questions:

- What did Elisha ask for when Elijah told him he could have anything?
- Why was a gentle, fluffy dog the absolute perfect "good gift" to send to a freezing toddler?
- Read Luke 11:13 again. If earthly parents know how to give good gifts, what does God want to give to those who ask?

🎬 Activity:

Take a short walk around your home or neighborhood together. Stop at different places and choose something to pray about—like the kitchen to thank God for food, a bedroom to pray for rest, or outside to praise Him for creation. You can also pause to quietly pray for your neighbors and the homes around you. Let each person take a turn saying a short prayer. Talk about it: We can talk to God anywhere, and He hears every prayer.

Prayer — Day 5



🎵 Listen to
Scripture Song:



Today's Promise (#40) — KJV

1 John 5:14–15 "And this is the confidence that we have in him, that, if we ask any thing according to his will, he heareth us: And if we know that he hear us, whatsoever we ask, we know that we have the petitions that we desired of him."

💖 Apply the Promise!

God promises that when you pray for things that match His perfect will, He always hears you! You can have absolute confidence that He will always answer your bold prayers with His incredible mighty power!

📖 Bible Story (1 Kings 18)

The nation of Israel was in trouble. Many people had turned away from the true God and started worshiping a fake idol named Baal.

God sent the brave prophet Elijah to call the people back to Him. He invited everyone to the top of Mount Carmel to see who the true God was.

Elijah told the false prophets to build an altar and ask their idol to send fire. For hours, they cried out, but no answer came. The sky remained perfectly silent.

Then, it was Elijah's turn. He repaired the altar of the Lord and asked the people to pour heavy barrels of water all over the wood.

Humanly speaking, it looked impossible for that soaking wet altar to burn! Elijah stepped forward and prayed a simple prayer.

He did not pray to make himself look important. He asked God to answer so the people would know the truth, and that He was calling their hearts back to Him.

Because Elijah prayed according to God's will, the Lord answered! Fire fell from heaven and burned up the sacrifice, the wet wood, the stones, and even the water.

When the people saw it, they fell on their faces and cried, "The Lord, He is God!" Elijah's story reminds us that prayer is not about showing off or trying to get our own way.

We can pray with quiet confidence when we ask God to help us turn our hearts fully back to Him!

☀️ True Story

In the 1980s, Roger Morneau kept a special list of people he prayed for every day. He believed that prayer was not just a quick duty, but pouring out the heart to God and asking Him to work where human words could not.

One day, Roger learned about a husband and wife who were going through a painful time. Their marriage was in trouble, and their hearts were full of hurt. Roger knew he could not fix their home by his own wisdom, but he could bring them to God in prayer.

So Roger began praying for them every day. He asked God to send His Spirit into their home, soften their hearts, help them forgive each other, and bring peace where there had been anger.

For two weeks, Roger kept praying. During that time, he did not see the man and did not know what was happening. But he kept trusting that God was able to work quietly, even when Roger could not see any change.

At last, Roger went to visit the man at his place of business. As he walked toward the office, he wondered what he would find. But when he stepped inside, he saw a smile on the man's face.

God had been working. The fighting had stopped, hearts had softened, and the marriage had been saved.

Roger's story reminds us that prayer is not giving up when we cannot see the answer right away. We can keep bringing people to God, asking Him to work in their hearts, and trusting that He is able to do what we cannot do ourselves.

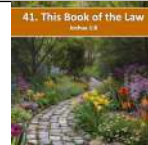
💬 Discussion Questions:

- Why did Elijah pour so much heavy water all over his altar?
- How often did Roger pray for the couple whose marriage was suffering?
- 1 John 5:14 says God hears us when we ask for things according to His will. What are some good things we know God wants us to pray for?

🎨 Activity:

Give the children a balloon or a lightweight feather. Have them try to blow the object all the way across the room using only their own breath (representing the firefighters). Next, plug in a powerful electric box fan and turn it on high. Watch how easily the giant fan blows the object exactly where it needs to go! Discuss how God's power is so much greater than our own strength. When we pray with absolute confidence, He is strong enough to solve any problem!

God's Word — Day 1



🎵 Listen to
Scripture Song:



Today's Promise (#41) — KJV

Joshua 1:8 "This book of the law shall not depart out of thy mouth; but thou shalt meditate therein day and night, that thou mayest observe to do according to all that is written therein: for then thou shalt make thy way prosperous, and then thou shalt have good success."

❤️ Apply the Promise!

God promises that if you read His Word every day and hide it in your heart, He will give you the exact strength, courage, and wisdom to build a strong, successful foundation for your life!

📖 Bible Story (Matthew 7)

Jesus once told a story about two men who built houses. Both men wanted a safe place to live, but they chose very different foundations.

One man found a smooth, easy place to build on the sand. It looked simple and quick. He did not have to dig deep or do the hard work of finding solid ground.

The other man was wiser. He knew a house needed something stronger than soft sand underneath it. So he dug down deep and built his house on solid rock.

For a while, both houses may have looked strong. But then a storm came. The rain poured down, the floods rose, and the wind beat against the houses.

The house on the sand could not stand. When the storm hit, it fell with a great crash. But the house built on the rock stood firm, because its foundation was strong.

Then Jesus explained the meaning. The wise man is like someone who hears His words and obeys them. The foolish man is like someone who hears His words but does not do them.

Jesus' story reminds us that God's Word is the only safe foundation for our lives. It is not enough to hear Bible stories, memorize verses, or know what is right. We must let God's Word guide our choices and help us obey.

When we read the Bible, think about it, and do what Jesus says, we are building on the Rock. Then when hard times come, God's Word will help us stand strong.

☀️ True Story

In the 1790s, a group of runaway sailors took over a ship and sailed far away to hide. They finally landed on a lonely island in the Pacific Ocean called Pitcairn.

At first, they may have thought they had found a perfect place to start over. But they were trying to build a new life without God's Word to guide them.

Soon there was fighting, selfishness, and deep sadness. One by one, many of the men passed away. At last, only one man named John Adams was left to care for the women and children on the island. He knew the people needed a better way to live.

Then he found a Bible among the things that had been brought from the ship! John began reading God's Word. As he read, his own heart began to change.

He gathered the children and taught them from the Bible. He used God's Word to teach them how to read, how to pray, how to forgive, and how to live in peace.

Years later, a visiting ship found the hidden island. The sailors expected to find a rough and dangerous place.

Instead, they were surprised to find a joyful, peaceful community. The people worshiped God, cared for one another, and lived by the Bible. The Bible had changed Pitcairn Island. John Adams's story reminds us that God's Word is not just a book to own or hear about. When we read it, believe it, and let it guide our choices, God can use it to change our hearts, our homes, and even a whole community!

💬 Discussion Questions:

- Why did the foolish man's house crash when the terrible storm came?
- What did John Adams find on the island that helped him teach the children how to live in peace?
- Joshua 1:8 says meditating on the Bible brings "good success." How does reading the Bible every day help you build a strong foundation for your life?

🎬 Activity:

Bring a small bowl of dry sand and a heavy, solid rock to class or worship. Have the children try to stand a small toy figure (like a Lego person) on top of the rock, and then gently blow on it like a storm. It stays safe! Then, have them stand the figure in the sand and gently shake the bowl or blow on the sand. Watch the figure tip over! Talk about how God's Word is the heavy rock that keeps our lives strong and steady when hard things happen.



Today's Promise (#42) — KJV

Isaiah 55:11–12 "So shall my word be that goeth forth out of my mouth: it shall not return unto me void, but it shall accomplish that which I please and it shall prosper in the thing whereto I sent it. For ye shall go out with joy, and be led forth with peace:: the mountains and the hills shall break forth before you into singing, and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands."

Apply the Promise!

God promises that His Word is like a powerful seed! Whenever you read or share the Bible, it will never be wasted. It will always grow and accomplish exactly what God wants it to do!

Bible Story (Luke 8)

Jesus once told a story about a farmer who went out to plant seed. As the farmer scattered the seed, it fell on different kinds of ground.

Some seed fell on a hard path, where birds quickly came and ate it. Some fell on rocky ground, where it sprang up fast, but had no deep root. When the hot sun came, the little plants withered away.

Other seed fell among thorns. Those plants began to grow, but the thorns crowded around them and choked them. They could not become strong and fruitful.

But some seed fell into good soil. That ground was soft and ready. The seed sank in, grew deep roots, and became healthy plants. In time, it produced a wonderful harvest—some thirty, some sixty, and some a hundred times more than was planted.

Jesus explained that the seed is the Word of God. Some people hear God's Word but quickly forget it. Others receive it gladly for a little while, but they do not let it take deep root. Still others allow worries, riches, or pleasures to crowd it out.

But the good soil is like a heart that listens, receives, and keeps God's Word. That person does not only hear the Bible and walk away unchanged. They think about it, believe it, and let it guide their life.

Jesus' story reminds us that God's Word is living and powerful, like seed with life inside it. When we keep our hearts soft, listen carefully, and obey what God shows us, His Word will grow in us and bring forth fruit for Him.

True Story

In the year 1800, a young Welsh girl named Mary Jones longed to have a Bible of her own. In those days, Bibles were rare and expensive, and Mary's family was very poor.

But Mary loved God's Word. She did not want a Bible just to place on a shelf. She wanted to read it, learn from it, and keep its promises in her heart.

For six years, Mary worked and saved every penny she could. She did chores, cared for animals, and did whatever honest work she could find. At last, when she was about fifteen years old, she had enough money to buy a Bible.

There was still one problem. The closest place to get a Welsh Bible was in the town of Bala, about twenty-six miles away. Mary did not have an easy ride or comfortable shoes for the journey, but she wanted God's Word so much that she walked the long road across the hills.

When Mary finally reached Bala, she met Reverend Thomas Charles. Her love for the Bible deeply touched his heart. He saw that people should not have to wait years or walk many miles just to own God's Word.

Mary received her Bible with great joy, and her story helped inspire the work that became the British and Foreign Bible Society. Through that work, Bibles were printed and shared with people in many lands.

Mary Jones's story reminds us that God's Word is a treasure worth seeking. We should not treat the Bible as an ordinary book. When we read it, love it, and let it guide our lives, God can use His Word to change us and bless others too.

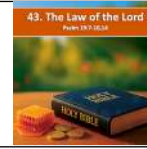
Discussion Questions:

- In the parable of the sower, what does the seed represent, and what does the good soil represent?
- How long did Mary Jones save her pennies just to buy one copy of the Word of God?
- Isaiah 55:11 says God's Word will never return void (empty). How does this promise encourage you when you share a Bible verse with a friend?

Activity:

Give each child a clear plastic cup, a damp paper towel, and a few dry beans. Have them press the damp paper towel inside the cup and slide the bean right between the towel and the clear plastic so they can see it. Place the cups in a sunny window. Explain that just like Isaiah 55 says, a planted seed is never wasted—it has a job to do! Over the next few days, watch the "hidden" seed burst open, grow deep roots, and accomplish exactly what it was designed to do.

God's Word — Day 3



🎵 Listen to
Scripture Song:



Today's Promise (#43) — KJV

Psalm 19:7–10, 14 "The law of the LORD is perfect, converting the soul: the testimony of the LORD is sure, making wise the simple. The statutes of the LORD are right, rejoicing the heart: the commandment of the LORD is pure, enlightening the eyes. The fear of the LORD is clean, enduring for ever: the judgments of the LORD are true and righteous altogether. More to be desired are they than gold, yea, than much fine gold: sweeter also than honey and the honeycomb. Let the words of my mouth, and the meditation of my heart, be acceptable in thy sight, O LORD, my strength, and my redeemer."

💖 Apply the Promise!

God's Word is better than a pile of gold and sweeter than honey! When you read the Bible, it changes your heart, makes you wise, and brings true joy to your whole life.

📖 Bible Story (Nehemiah 8)

For years, God's people had lived far away from Jerusalem in the land of Babylon. During that time, many had forgotten God's Word and did not understand His law as they should.

At last, God brought His people back to Jerusalem. After the city walls were rebuilt, the people gathered together in a large open square. They wanted to hear the Word of God again.

Ezra the scribe stood on a high wooden platform where everyone could see and hear him. When he opened the scroll of God's law, all the people stood respectfully. They knew they were not listening to ordinary words. They were hearing the words of the Lord.

Ezra began reading early in the morning and continued until midday. The people listened carefully. Other leaders helped explain the meaning so everyone could understand.

As the people heard God's Word, they began to cry. They saw how far they had wandered from God and needed His mercy. God's Word was shining light into their hearts.

But Ezra and the leaders told them not to spend the day only weeping. God had not given them His Word to leave them hopeless. They were told to rejoice, share food with others, and remember that "the joy of the Lord" was their strength.

That day, the people learned that God's Word can convict our hearts, but it also brings hope, joy, and strength. When we listen carefully, understand what God is saying, and choose to obey, His Word can lead us back to Him.

☀️ True Story

In the 1600s, a group of faithful Christians called the Huguenots lived in the country of France. During this time, the leaders made strict rules against reading the Bible.

The government wanted to stop people from reading God's Word, so they sent soldiers to search their homes. If the soldiers found a Bible, they would take it away and burn it.

One day, soldiers came into the home of a Huguenot family and searched through their belongings. At last, they found the family's Bible. To that family, it was not an ordinary book. It was the Word of God, their comfort, their guide, and their treasure.

The soldiers wanted to destroy it, so they threw the Bible into the fire. The family watched sadly, thinking their precious Bible would be gone.

But when the fire burned low, something surprising happened. The Bible had not burned up as expected. The pages could still be read.

The family saw it as a reminder that God's Word is stronger than the hands of men. People may try to hide it, burn it, or take it away, but they cannot destroy the truth God has spoken.

This story reminds us that the Bible is a treasure worth keeping in our hearts. Even when people fight against God's Word, His truth still stands. When we read it, believe it, and obey it, it becomes more precious to us than gold.

💬 Discussion Questions:

- Why did the Israelites begin to cry when Ezra read the Law of Moses out loud?
- What happened when the angry soldiers threw the Huguenot family's Bible into the roaring fireplace?
- If God's Word is sweeter than honey and more valuable than gold, how can you make sure you spend time enjoying that treasure this week?

🎨 Activity:

The Bible says God's Word is sweeter than the honeycomb! Give each child a small spoonful of real honey or a sweet piece of candy to taste. As they enjoy the sweet flavor, talk about how reading the Bible brings wonderful sweetness and joy into our lives. Have them practice repeating Psalm 19:10 to remember that God's pure words are truly better than fine gold or sweet honey!

God's Word — Day 4



🎵 Listen to
Scripture Song:



Today's Promise (#44) — KJV

Psalm 119:72, 50, 18, 97, 103–105 "The law of thy mouth is better unto me than thousands of gold and silver. This is my comfort in my affliction: for thy word hath quickened me. Open thou mine eyes, that I may behold wondrous things out of thy law. O how love I thy law! it is my meditation all the day. How sweet are thy words unto my taste! yea, sweeter than honey to my mouth! Through thy precepts I get understanding: therefore I hate every false way. Thy word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path."

💖 Apply the Promise!

God's Word is the greatest treasure you will ever own. When you love the Bible and think about it all day, it acts like a bright flashlight, showing you exactly how to make safe, wise choices!

📖 Bible Story (Acts 17)

Paul came to the city of Berea and went into the synagogue to teach. He opened the Scriptures and showed the people that Jesus was the promised Saviour. The Bereans listened carefully. They were not careless or stubborn. They wanted to understand the truth, so they received Paul's message with willing hearts.

But they did not believe something only because Paul said it. They knew God's Word must be the test of every teaching. So they searched the Scriptures for themselves to see whether his words were true. They did not study God's Word one time and then forget about it. Day after day, they opened the Scriptures again. They wanted God to help them understand what was true, so they could follow Him instead of being led the wrong way.

As they studied, God's Word became precious to them. It gave them comfort, helped them understand right from wrong, and showed them the path God wanted them to walk.

Because they were willing to listen and careful to search, many of them believed. Their faith was not built on excitement, opinion, or someone else's words. It was built on the truth they found in Scripture.

The Bereans show us how to treasure God's Word today. We should listen respectfully when others teach, but we should also study the Bible for ourselves. Not every idea that sounds good is true. When we read carefully, ask God to open our eyes, and obey what He shows us, His Word protects us from error and guides us in truth.

☀️ True Story

In the 1970s, a teenager named Doug Batchelor seemed to have everything a person could want. His family was wealthy, and he had plenty of money and opportunities.

But even with all those earthly riches, Doug was deeply unhappy. His heart felt empty, and he was making poor, dangerous choices. Eventually, he decided to run away from home.

Doug moved into a small, dark cave high up in the mountains of Southern California. He lived a rough life in the wilderness, far away from his family and friends.

One day, while cleaning out his dusty cave, Doug found something unexpected left behind by a previous hiker. It was a Bible.

At first, Doug did not care about God's Word. But because he was lonely, he eventually picked it up and began to read.

As Doug read the pages, the words began to act like a bright flashlight in his dark life. He realized that the Bible was answering all the deep questions in his hurting heart.

The Scriptures showed him how to make safe, wise choices and how to find true peace. God's Word brought light into his physical cave and his spiritual darkness.

Doug left the cave and gave his life to Jesus. He showed that God's Word is a lamp to our feet, and it is much more valuable than all the gold and silver he had before!

💬 Discussion Questions:

- Did the Bereans believe Paul based on his words alone?
- What precious book did Doug Batchelor find left behind in his dark cave in the mountains?
- If the Bible is a "lamp unto our feet," how can reading it help you when you have a difficult choice to make at school or at home?

🎬 Activity:

The Bible says God's Word is better than thousands of pieces of gold and silver! Before family worship or class begins, hide a physical Bible somewhere in the room. Tell your children they are going on a hunt for a treasure much more valuable than money! Once they finally find it, talk about how reading the Bible every single day is the absolute greatest treasure we can ever own in our whole life!

God's Word — Day 5



🎵 Listen to
Scripture Song:



Today's Promise (#45) — KJV

Jeremiah 15:16 "Thy words were found, and I did eat them; and thy word was unto me the joy and rejoicing of mine heart..."

❤️ Apply the Promise!

Just like your stomach loudly rumbles when you are hungry for physical food, your spirit desperately needs to be fed every day! When you "eat" God's Word by reading it, He fills your heart with deep joy.

📖 Bible Story (Jeremiah 15)

Ezekiel was a priest who lived far away from his homeland. God called him to be a prophet and share His messages with the people of Israel.

But the people had stopped listening to God, and their hearts were very stubborn. God knew that Ezekiel would need special courage and strength for this difficult work.

So, God gave Ezekiel a very unusual vision in which he saw a hand stretched out toward him, holding a paper scroll.

The scroll was covered with God's words on the front and the back. Then, God gave Ezekiel a surprising command.

He told him to open his mouth and literally eat the scroll! Ezekiel obeyed. He did not just look at the scroll or hold it in his hands.

He took it into himself. As Ezekiel ate the scroll, something wonderful happened. Even though it was filled with serious messages, it tasted as sweet as honey!

God was teaching Ezekiel an important lesson. Before Ezekiel could speak God's Word to others, he needed to receive it deep into his own heart.

God's Word was not meant to stay outside of him like a book on a shelf. It was to become part of his thoughts, his words, and his life.

Ezekiel's story reminds us that the Bible is spiritual food. We need it just as much as our bodies need daily bread. When we read God's Word, think about it, believe it, and let it change us, it gives us the joyful strength to obey Him!

☀️ True Story

In 1942, Captain Eddie Rickenbacker was flying across the Pacific Ocean during World War II. His plane suddenly ran out of fuel and crashed into the sea.

The men quickly escaped into small rubber life rafts. Around them was nothing but ocean. They had very little food, very little water, and no shelter from the burning sun.

As the long days passed, they were surrounded by sharks. Their bodies grew weaker, and they worried they would never be found. But one man had saved a small pocket Bible.

Every single day, the men gathered their rafts close together and read from God's Word. Their lips were dry, and their stomachs were empty.

But the Bible gave them beautiful hope! As they read God's promises, they were reminded that the Lord could still see them in the middle of the lonely ocean.

God's Word helped them pray, trust, and keep courage when everything around them looked hopeless. One day, right after they prayed, God sent a seagull to land on Eddie's head!

They caught it, and it gave them food and bait to catch fish. They knew this was a wonderful answer to prayer. After twenty-four days at sea, the men were finally rescued.

Eddie Rickenbacker's story reminds us that God's Word is our spiritual food. When we are afraid, weak, or discouraged, the Bible can feed our hearts with hope. As we read it, believe it, and hold onto its promises, God gives us the strength we need for our hardest days!

💬 Discussion Questions:

- What did Jeremiah mean when he said he "ate" God's words?
- How did reading the pocket Bible help the starving men survive on the tiny life rafts?
- What is your favorite "spiritual food" (a favorite Bible verse or story) that you like to remember when you are having a bad day?

🎬 Activity:

Give each child a small snack. Talk through the process—first you taste it, then chew it, then swallow it. Explain that God's Word works the same way. If we only hear it, it doesn't help us much. We must think about it, "chew" on it, and apply it to our lives. Read a Bible promise together and talk about how to make it your own. Just like food doesn't do your body any good until you eat it, God's promises don't benefit us unless we make them our own.

Praise — Day 1



🎵 Listen to
Scripture Song:



Today's Promise (#46) — NKJV

Psalm 34:1–4 "I will bless the Lord at all times; His praise shall continually be in my mouth. My soul shall make its boast in the Lord; The humble shall hear of it and be glad. Oh, magnify the Lord with me, And let us exalt His name together. I sought the Lord, and He heard me, And delivered me from all my fears."

❤️ Apply the Promise!

God promises that when you choose to praise Him at all times, He listens! If you ask Him for help, He will always hear your prayers and deliver you from all your very biggest fears.

📖 Bible Story (Psalm 34)

David wrote many songs of praise to God. Some of his songs were written during happy times, but many were written when life was hard. David knew what it felt like to be afraid, lonely, misunderstood, and in danger.

But David learned that he did not have to wait until all his troubles were gone before he praised God. In Psalm 34, he wrote, "I will bless the Lord at all times: his praise shall continually be in my mouth."

Praise did not mean David pretended everything was easy. It meant he chose to remember what was true about God. The Lord was still good. The Lord still heard prayer. The Lord was still near to the brokenhearted. The Lord was still able to deliver.

When David praised God, his heart turned away from fear and complaint and back toward the One who loved him. Praise helped him trust God while he waited for help.

We can do the same. When something is hard, we can tell God honestly how we feel. Then we can choose to thank Him for His love, His promises, His care, and His power to help us. We do not praise God as a trick to make Him do what we want. We praise Him because He is worthy, and because praising Him helps our hearts remember the truth.

David's words remind us that praise is not only for church, music, or happy days. Praise can be in our mouths every day. When we choose thankful words instead of complaining words, God helps our hearts grow stronger, brighter, and more peaceful in Him.

☀️ True Story

In the 1950s, a woman named Mrs. Gibbs loved serving the Lord. She was a wonderful church pianist, but her life took a sudden, painful turn. She contracted a severe disease called polio. She had to live in the hospital for over two years! When she returned home, she was paralyzed in a heavy wheelchair.

Her young son, David, was heartbroken. He watched her suffer and felt angry at God. But his wise mother gently corrected him. She calmly declared, "God makes no mistakes. Our God does all things well."

Mrs. Gibbs wanted to keep working for God. She asked a pastor if she could help at church. Sadly, he rejected her, unkindly calling her "damaged goods."

But Mrs. Gibbs refused to complain. She joyfully praised God! She knew the Lord could still use her, and she kept boldly praying for a special job.

Soon, another pastor allowed her to teach an empty Sunday School class. Mrs. Gibbs could not walk, but she could still talk and share God's love!

She made calls to invite families. She asked a local bus owner to drive children to church so she could teach them.

God beautifully blessed her joyful praise! Her classroom filled up. Eventually, that empty class grew to have five thousand children, and many families accepted Jesus! Mrs. Gibbs's story reminds us that praise is not only for easy days. Praise means choosing to believe that God is good, even when life is painful. When we thank Him, trust Him, and offer Him what we still have, He can use even our weakness to bless others.

💬 Discussion Questions:

- What did David choose to do even when his life was hard?
- What unkind name did the first pastor call Mrs. Gibbs when he rejected her?
- Psalm 34:1 says, "I will bless the Lord at all times." Is it easy or difficult for you to praise God when something goes wrong? Why?

🎨 Activity:

Write frustrating situations on slips of paper and put them in a bowl. Include problems like "It rains on your birthday," "You drop your ice cream," or "Your block tower falls." Have the children take turns drawing a slip and reading it aloud. Then, have them think of one reason they can still choose to praise God even in that frustrating situation!

Praise — Day 2



🎵 Listen to
Scripture Song:



Today's Promise (#47) — KJV

Psalms 100:4–5 "Enter into his gates with thanksgiving, and into his courts with praise: be thankful unto him, and bless his name. For the Lord is good; his mercy is everlasting; and his truth endureth to all generations."

💖 Apply the Promise!

God is so incredibly good to us! Whenever we come to Him, He wants us to enter His presence with hearts completely full of joyful thanksgiving and mouths full of loud, happy praise!

📖 Bible Story (2 Chronicles 5)

King Solomon built a beautiful temple for the Lord in Jerusalem. When it was finished, he gathered the people for a special dedication.

The singers, musicians, and priests stood together to praise God. Trumpets sounded, cymbals rang, and voices lifted in one song: "For He is good; for His mercy endureth for ever."

The people were not praising the gold, the building, or Solomon's hard work. They were turning their hearts to God. They remembered His goodness, thanked Him for His mercy, and honored Him as the One who had blessed them.

Then the glory of the Lord filled the temple like a cloud. God was showing His people that He was near. The priests could not continue their work because the house was filled with His presence.

This story reminds us that praise begins when we remember who God is. It is easy to talk about our problems, complain about what is hard, or forget the blessings God has already given. But praise helps us turn our thoughts back to the Lord.

Thanksgiving is one way we enter God's presence with joy. We can thank Him for His mercy, His forgiveness, His daily care, His promises, and His love. As we speak of His goodness, our hearts become softer, brighter, and more trusting.

Praise does not change God's love for us, because He already loves us. But praise changes us. It helps us stop looking only at ourselves and our troubles, and it teaches us to see the goodness of the One whose mercy lasts forever.

☀️ True Story

In the 1960s, Pastor Glenn Coon was a gentle, happy man who loved to teach people a special rule from the Bible.

He taught from First Thessalonians, which says to give thanks in everything! He believed we should praise God even when things go terribly wrong.

One day, Pastor Glenn was standing on a stage in front of a large crowd. He was preaching a wonderful sermon about choosing to praise God.

Suddenly, a bee zoomed through the air, landed directly on Pastor Glenn, and stung him! The crowd gasped, because getting stung by a bee really hurts. It would have been easy for him to yell, swat the bee, or complain.

But Pastor Glenn remembered the exact words he had just been teaching. He stopped his sermon, took a deep breath, and smiled.

Instead of complaining about the sudden pain, he lifted his hands to heaven. He prayed right out loud, "Thank You, Lord, for this bee sting!"

He continued to joyfully praise God for the sting afterward! Because he praised, the sharp pain and swelling miraculously went away much faster than normal!

The crowd saw a man truly living out God's Word. Pastor Glenn did not just talk about praising God; he actually did it. His amazing story reminds us that praise is a choice. The next time something frustrating happens to you, try to smile and thank God!

💬 Discussion Questions:

- What happened to the priests in the Temple when God's shining glory came straight down from heaven?
- What did Pastor Glenn do when the tiny bee suddenly stung him during his sermon?
- What is something you have asked God for that you can choose to "Claim and return thanks" for right now, even before you see the answer?

🎬 Activity:

Grab sturdy pots, wooden spoons, oatmeal boxes, and bean shakers to recreate King Solomon's temple choir! Have the children march around the house or yard making a loud, joyful noise to the Lord. Practice shouting "For He is good; for His mercy endureth for ever!" just like the Israelites did!

Praise — Day 3



🎵 Listen to
Scripture Song:



Today's Promise (#48) — KJV

Psalm 103:1–5 "Bless the Lord, O my soul: and all that is within me, bless his holy name. Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits: Who forgiveth all thine iniquities; who healeth all thy diseases; Who redeemeth thy life from destruction; who crowneth thee with lovingkindness and tender mercies; Who satisfieth thy mouth with good things; so that thy youth is renewed like the eagle's."

💖 Apply the Promise!

When you praise God from the bottom of your heart, He will completely surround you with His tender, loving kindness! He will forgive you, heal you, and protect you.

📖 Bible Story (Luke 17)

During the time of Jesus, leprosy was an absolutely terrifying disease. It caused terrible, painful sores all over a person's body. Because it was incredibly contagious, people with leprosy were forced to leave their comfortable homes and their loving families. They became lonely outcasts, completely separated from everyone else.

One day, as Jesus was traveling toward Jerusalem, He passed near a small village. Ten men with leprosy stood far away and shouted, "Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!" Jesus felt deep, tender mercy for them. Instead of ignoring them, He called out and told them to go show themselves to the priests.

The ten men immediately obeyed and started walking down the dusty road. Suddenly, an absolute miracle happened! As they were walking, their terrible sores completely vanished. Their sick bodies were instantly healed! They were perfectly clean.

All ten men were completely thrilled, but nine of them kept running toward the city. Only one man stopped. When he realized what God had done, he turned entirely around. He ran all the way back to Jesus, shouting loud, joyful praises at the absolute top of his lungs! He fell down on his face at Jesus' feet and thanked Him with all his heart. Jesus gently asked, "Were there not ten cleansed? but where are the nine?" Because this one thankful man chose to bless the Lord and praise Him, Jesus crowned him with a special blessing, telling him that his faith had made him entirely whole. The thankful man proved that our greatest healing happens when we praise God!

☀️ True Story

In 1993, a singer named Dave Anderson was flying in a small plane over the remote Bering Sea. Forty-five minutes into the flight, the engine suddenly sputtered and died. The plane plunged into the freezing water at ninety miles per hour. The group had barely one minute to escape before the aircraft sank completely beneath the dark, heavy swells.

They were stranded in water between 36 and 41 degrees Fahrenheit. In such deadly temperatures, the average person can only survive for about ten minutes! They had no life rafts, no life jackets, and no way to signal for help.

Instead of giving in to panic, they found empty gas cans to cling to for buoyancy. As the icy waves crashed over their heads, they made a brave choice. Right there in the freezing ocean, they began to sing hymns and praise God together!

There is a powerful, God-designed connection between our minds and our bodies. When they chose to praise, their minds stayed calm and alert, which helped their bodies fight off the freezing cold. As they lifted their hearts in worship, the crushing weight of fear was replaced by a supernatural sense of peace that warmed their spirits from the inside out. Their voices rose in worship, defying the biting sea. They survived in that cold for nearly an hour until a helicopter miraculously spotted them and all seven were rescued!

Dave Anderson's story reminds us that praise is not only for safe, easy moments. We can praise God when we are afraid, cold, tired, or unsure what will happen next. Praise helps us turn our thoughts from panic to God's power, love, and care.

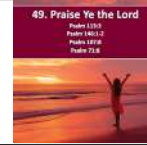
💬 Discussion Questions:

- Why were the ten men with leprosy forced to live away from their families?
- How did choosing to praise God help Dave and his friends physically while they were in the freezing water?
- Psalm 103 says God "forgiveth all thine iniquities [sins]; who healeth all thy diseases." Do you think it is harder for God to heal a sick body or a sad heart?

🎬 Activity:

Hide ten small objects, like blocks, to represent the ten lepers. Have the children search and bring all ten back. Next, place a happy face sticker on just one object. Discuss how all ten men received exactly what they wanted, but only one remembered to turn around and give Jesus the "sticker" of praise. Challenge the children to be the one out of ten who always says thank you!

Praise — Day 4



🎵 Listen to
Scripture Song:



Today's Promise (#49) — KJV

Psalm 113:3 "From the rising of the sun unto the going down of the same the Lord's name is to be praised."

Psalm 146:1–2 "Praise ye the Lord. Praise the Lord, O my soul. While I live will I praise the Lord: I will sing praises unto my God while I have any being."

💖 Apply the Promise!

God promises He is worthy to be praised from the very moment the sun rises until it sets! When you choose to sing His praises continually, He will stay close and protect your entire life!

📖 Bible Story (Luke 19)

Jesus was traveling toward Jerusalem, knowing the time had come to fulfill God's great plan. As He rode toward the city on a young donkey, the people heard He was coming and ran to meet Him.

They laid their coats on the road before Him and waved palm branches in the air. Many had seen His miracles and heard His words. Now they lifted their voices in joyful praise, saying, "Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the Lord!"

Some of the religious leaders did not like the loud praise. They told Jesus, "Teacher, tell Your disciples to be quiet."

But Jesus answered, "If they kept quiet, the stones would immediately cry out."

Jesus was showing that praise was the right response. He was the promised King, the Son of God, and the Saviour of the world. The people were not wrong to praise Him. He was worthy of every word. Their praise was not empty noise. It came from hearts that had seen His kindness, His healing power, and His love. When they remembered what Jesus had done, thanksgiving naturally rose from their mouths.

This story reminds us that praise should not be hidden or silenced. When we remember who Jesus is and what He has done, our hearts should answer with thanksgiving.

We can praise Him with songs, prayers, thankful words, and obedient lives. Praise is not just noise or excitement. It is the heart saying, "Jesus, You are good. You are my King. I am thankful for Your love."

☀️ True Story

Many years ago in Burma, ten young Christian students and teachers were suddenly kidnapped by a terrifying group of armed bandits! They were dragged deep into the dark, mosquito-filled jungle. The angry bandits demanded a large ransom from their poor village, threatening to kill the prisoners if the money wasn't paid.

That first terrifying night in the jungle, the captives huddled closely together on the hard dirt. They were surrounded by dangerous men. But instead of crying or giving up in fear, the students realized they couldn't possibly go to sleep without their evening worship. So, right there in the dark, they began to pray and sing praise songs!

The bandits were shocked. One of them muttered, "I've never seen or heard prisoners sing in all my life!" Even though they were fed nothing but plain rice and salt, and suffered from terrible mosquito bites and fevers, the brave prisoners just kept singing every single day. Their beautiful praises completely changed the atmosphere of the scary camp, and they even told the robbers about Jesus.

When the deadline passed and the bandits realized no more money was coming, they could have easily hurt them. But the bandit chief shook his head. "These prisoners are so different," he said. "We can't kill them. They've been so cheerful, and their songs have made us happy too."

Because those brave young people chose to continually praise God in their absolute darkest hour, the hardened bandits let them go completely free!

💬 Discussion Questions:

- Why did the religious leaders want Jesus to tell His disciples to be quiet?
- What did the Burmese students decide to do on their very first terrifying night in the dark jungle?
- Psalm 113 says to praise God from the rising to the setting sun. What is one way you can remember to praise God in the morning, and one way to praise Him at night?

🎬 Activity:

Have the children cut out green paper "palm branches" or find real leaves outside. Have everyone wave them high and march around the house shouting "Hosanna!" (which means "Save us, Lord!"). Explain that just like the crowd in Jerusalem, we want to celebrate Jesus as our King with our whole hearts!

Praise — Day 5



🎵 Listen to
Scripture Song:



Today's Promise (#50) — KJV

Revelation 15:3–4 "...Great and marvellous are thy works, Lord God Almighty; just and true are thy ways, thou King of saints. Who shall not fear thee, O Lord, and glorify thy name? for thou only art holy: for all nations shall come and worship before thee; for thy judgments are made manifest."

💖 Apply the Promise!

God promises that one day, all His children will stand on the sea of glass and sing a spectacular song of victory! We will praise Him for His marvelous works and His perfect, holy ways!

📖 Bible Story (Revelation 15)

John was given a special glimpse into the future. He saw a magnificent sea of glass mingled with dancing fire. Standing on this shining sea were all the people who had remained faithful to God through their hardest trials.

They were not tired or sad anymore. Jesus Himself gave them beautiful golden harps and shiny crowns to wear. They stood tall and victorious, having finally overcome the trouble they faced in the world below. Their faces shone with pure happiness because they were safely at home with Jesus forever. There will be no more pain or crying, only a perfect, unending symphony of thankful praise!

As John watched, this great multitude began to sing a new song that filled heaven with glorious music. The Bible calls it the Song of Moses and the Song of the Lamb. It is the special song of their own experience, a victory song for those who have been freed from sin.

They swept the strings of their harps and sang out, "Great and marvelous are thy works, Lord God Almighty!" They sang because they had learned to trust that God's ways are always right and true.

One day, the Bible promises that every knee will bow, and every tongue will confess that God is just. The whole universe will finally agree and gladly join this beautiful chorus. If we practice praising God during our dark days on earth, we are preparing our hearts to sing that ultimate anthem of freedom upon the sea of glass! What a wonderful, happy day that will be for all of God's faithful children!

☀️ True Story

In January 2010, a terrible earthquake struck the country of Haiti. Without warning, the ground shook violently, causing homes, schools, churches, and buildings to collapse. Power lines broke, leaving the capital city in darkness. When the sun went down that evening, families who had lost their homes were forced to sit outside in the streets and open spaces.

The city was dark, and people were surrounded by dust, broken concrete, sorrow, and fear. Many families had lost absolutely everything they owned. News reporters walking through the destroyed neighborhoods expected to hear only crying and panic. But in the middle of the rubble, the people made an unexpected choice.

Somewhere in the darkness, one person began to sing a hymn to God. A neighbor heard the music and joined in. Soon, another voice started singing, and the melody spread down the street. Within a short time, thousands of voices across the ruined city were singing together in the dark!

Their beautiful songs did not mean their pain was gone. They were still grieving, and they still desperately needed food, water, and safe shelter. But their faithful praise helped them lift their hearts to the One who could see them in the ruins.

As they sang, they remembered that God was still near. Their praise became a powerful way to hold onto hope when everything around them looked broken. The singing in Haiti reminds us that praise is not only for easy days. We can choose to praise God with heavy tears in our eyes. Praise helps bring light into the darkest places of our lives.

💬 Discussion Questions:

- In John's vision of heaven, what were the people standing on as they played their golden harps?
- When the earthquake hit Haiti and the lights went out, what did the people choose to do instead of just crying?
- Revelation 15 says God's works are "great and marvelous." What is one marvelous thing God has done in your life this week?

🎬 Activity:

Turn the lights off (or use flashlights) and sing a favorite song of praise in the dark. Talk about how easy it is to praise when things are bright and easy, but how brave it is to praise in the dark! Explain that just like the people in Haiti, we can always find a reason to thank God, no matter what.