

WEEKLY DEVOTIONS FOR FAMILIES

HOME WORD AFLAME GUIDE

BRINGING
GOD AND SPIRITUALITY
INTO DAILY CONVERSATION



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How to Use This Guide

Our children's spiritual growth is the beautiful result of homes and churches together instilling the truth of God's Word and a love for time in His presence. Nothing replaces your role in that process. Finding ways to inject God and spirituality into daily conversation helps faith become woven into the fabric of our children's lives. This Guide can help in that vital process.

Part 1

At the beginning of the section for each new week, this Guide provides an overview of the corresponding lesson. If your child's Sunday school teacher already taught the lesson, this material serves as a reference so you can be aware of the week's study. If your child was not able to take part in the Sunday lesson, you can share the Bible lesson by following the headings and directions provided.

Part 2

For each week day, use the Scripture focus and the discussion question to have a God-centered conversation with your child. You might make this part of your bedtime routine, something to look forward to on the drive to school, or as part of your evening meal.



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WEEK OF
Sunday
December 6, 2020

HOME GUIDE

BIBLE POINT

God is light and has no sin.

BIBLE LESSON

God's Light: Paraphrase of I John 1:5-10

This is the message we heard from Jesus and now declare to you: God is light, and there is no darkness in him at all. We are lying if we say we have fellowship with God but go on living in spiritual darkness; we are not practicing the truth. But if we are living in the light, as God is in the light, then we have fellowship with each other, and the blood of Jesus, his Son, cleanses us from all sin. If we claim we have no sin, we are only fooling ourselves and not living in the truth. But if we confess our sins to him, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all wickedness. If we claim we have not sinned, we are calling God a liar and showing that his word has no place in our hearts.

LIFE APPLICATION

I reflect God's light, and I must confess sin.

FAMILY CONNECT

With the lights off, one person hides while others seek with flashlights. After a few rounds, discuss how hard it would have been without flashlights. Breaking rules and hiding mistakes is easy in the dark but shining a light on them is the only way to get rid of them. God helps us shine light on things that should not be in our lives.

PRAYER

Thank God for being our light and forgiving our sins. Spend some time in prayerful repentance.

MONDAY
Day 1

DECEMBER 7, 2020

SCRIPTURE FOCUS

"But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin" (1 John 1:7).

When we walk in God's light, we are free from sin. Sin brings darkness into our lives. We cannot have sin's darkness in our lives and still please God. When we repent of our sins, Jesus will forgive us, and we can walk in His light.

CONVERSATION STARTER

- What is the darkest place or night you have ever experienced?
- How is sin like darkness? Why do we need God's light in our lives?

TRUTH POINT

God's light removes the darkness of sin.

TUESDAY
Day 2

DECEMBER 8, 2020

SCRIPTURE FOCUS

"Repent ye therefore, and be converted, that your sins may be blotted out, when the times of refreshing shall come from the presence of the Lord" (Acts 3:19).

If we want to walk in the light with Jesus, we must repent of any sins in our lives. When we repent Jesus is faithful to forgive our sins. God wants us to repent of our sins, so we can receive the fullness of His presence in our lives.

CONVERSATION STARTER

- Have you ever gotten dressed in the dark? Did you make any mistakes?
- Why is it important to repent when we sin?

TRUTH POINT

God wants us to walk in His light and repent of sin.



WEDNESDAY
Day 3

DECEMBER 9, 2020

SCRIPTURE FOCUS

"This then is the message which we have heard of him, and declare unto you, that God is light, and in him is no darkness at all" (1 John 1:5).

There is no sin or darkness in God because He is Light. As His children we need to reflect His light. If we have sin in our lives, His light can't shine through us. God wants us to confess our sins to Him so He can remove all darkness from our hearts, allowing His light to shine bright.

CONVERSATION STARTER

- What have you learned about the subject of light in school?
- How does it make you feel to know that God is light? Why should we confess our sins to God?

TRUTH POINT

God wants us to confess our sins to Him.



THURSDAY
Day 4

DECEMBER 10, 2020

SCRIPTURE FOCUS

"Then spake Jesus again unto them, saying, I am the light of the world: he that followeth me shall not walk in darkness, but shall have the light of life" (John 8:12).

When we have the light of Jesus in our lives, we also have spiritual direction. Jesus helps us in our daily lives by letting us know what choices we should make when we ask Him. We don't have to stumble in darkness through life's situations, but we can follow God's direction and rely on Him to fulfill the plans He has for us.

CONVERSATION STARTER

- Have you or someone you know ever been camping at night in the woods? What light sources are used at campouts?
- How does following God and having His light in our lives help us stay on His path and give us spiritual direction for life?

TRUTH POINT

God's light gives us direction for life.

DECEMBER 11, 2020

FRIDAY
Day 5

SCRIPTURE FOCUS

“Ye are the light of the world. A city that is set on an hill cannot be hid” (Matthew 5:14).

When we are filled with God’s light and following Him, we are like a burning candle in a dark night. The more sin abounds in the world, the more the world needs us to show God’s light. We are the light of the world, and we need to shine bright for Jesus.

CONVERSATION STARTER

- What is a city you have visited at night? Explain what it would be like to visit a city with no lights.
- How does our spiritual light shine? How do people around us know we are Christians?

TRUTH POINT

God wants us to be His light to a dark world.



DECEMBER 12, 2020

REFLECTION AND CELEBRATION

- What happened this week that we should celebrate?
- How can we give God thanks for what He has done in our lives this week?

SATURDAY
Day 6



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WEEK OF
Sunday
December 13, 2020

HOME GUIDE

BIBLE POINT

The world is passing away, but God's love abides forever.

BIBLE LESSON

Jesus Teaches about Love: 1 John 2:8-17

If anyone claims, "I am living in the light," but hates a fellow believer, that person is still living in darkness. Anyone who loves a fellow believer is living in the light and does not cause others to stumble. But anyone who hates a fellow believer is still living and walking in darkness. Such a person does not know the way to go, having been blinded by the darkness.

I am writing to you who are God's children because your sins have been forgiven through Jesus. I am writing to you who are mature in the faith because you know Christ, who existed from the beginning.

I am writing to you who are young in the faith because you have won your battle with the evil one. I have written to you who are God's children because you know the Father.

I have written to you who are mature in the faith because you know Christ, who existed from the beginning.

I have written to you who are young in the faith because you are strong. God's word lives in your hearts, and you have won your battle with the evil one. Do not love this world nor the things it offers you, for when you love the world, you do not have the love of the Father in you. For the world offers only a craving for physical pleasure, a craving for everything we see, and pride in our achievements and possessions. These are not from the Father but are from this world. And this world is fading away, along with everything that people crave. But anyone who does what pleases God will live forever.

LIFE APPLICATION

I should love God more than the things of this world.

FAMILY CONNECT

As a family, search the pantry for food expiration dates. Which expires first? Which will last longest? Things in this world will not last forever, but God will last forever. Therefore, we should love God more than things of this world. Have everyone complete the phrase, "I love _____, but I love Jesus more."

PRAYER

Identify ways to show Jesus we love Him more than anything in this world. Pray a prayer of commitment to pursue things that will last forever.

MONDAY
Day 1

DECEMBER 14, 2020

SCRIPTURE FOCUS

“Love not the world, neither the things that are in the world. If any man love the world, the love of the Father is not in him” (1 John 2:15).

We cannot focus only on the things of our world that fade away instead of giving Jesus the best of our love. God wants us to love Him more than anything.

CONVERSATION STARTER

- Have you ever loved someone or something? Who or what? Why?
- Why should we love God more than any thing or person in our lives?

TRUTH POINT

God wants us to love Him and not the things in the world.



TUESDAY
Day 2

DECEMBER 15, 2020

SCRIPTURE FOCUS

“While we look not at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen: for the things which are seen are temporal; but the things which are not seen are eternal” (II Corinthians 4:18).

This world is temporary, only lasting for a short time. God and His kingdom lasts forever and is never ending. It is hard to comprehend eternity because we are controlled by time. However, we must remember the things we see now are not going to last forever. Only God and His love lasts forever.

CONVERSATION STARTER

- What is something you really love in this world? How will that thing look in one hundred years?
- Why is it important to love God now? What are some things about God and eternity you can't see, but you still believe?

TRUTH POINT

God wants us to live and love with eternity in mind.

WEDNESDAY
Day 3

DECEMBER 16, 2020

SCRIPTURE FOCUS

“And he answering said, Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy strength, and with all thy mind; and thy neighbour as thyself” (Luke 10:27).

Jesus taught us to love Him with all our heart, soul, strength, and mind. He also wants us to love our neighbor as ourselves. Love is important to God. It requires us surrendering our lives to Him to show Him we love Him.

CONVERSATION STARTER

- Who is someone you consider to be a good neighbor?
- How can we show God we love Him with all our being? How can we love our neighbors as ourselves?

TRUTH POINT

Love is important to God.



THURSDAY
Day 4

DECEMBER 17, 2020

SCRIPTURE FOCUS

“No servant 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” (Luke 16:13).

Jesus said we can't serve two masters. We have to make up our minds to love God above everything. Mammon (or wealth) is temporary and will pass away. We can't take any possessions from this life with us—only what we do for God will last!

CONVERSATION STARTER

- What is the largest sum of money you've ever had?
- Why can't we love and serve both God and our wealth?

TRUTH POINT

God desires our undivided love.

FRIDAY
Day 5

DECEMBER 18, 2020

SCRIPTURE FOCUS

“And the world passeth away, and the lust thereof: but he that doeth the will of God abideth for ever” (1 John 2:17).

The world fades away and the things in it. When we love and serve God with all our hearts, and do His will, we will abide with Him forever. It is important to remember to keep God first and love Him more than anything in this world. It will pay off in eternity.

CONVERSATION STARTER

- Have you ever had to wait for a package to come in the mail? How long did you have to wait?
- How long will we live with Jesus? How would you explain eternity to someone?

TRUTH POINT

God's love lasts forever.



DECEMBER 19, 2020

REFLECTION AND CELEBRATION

- What happened this week that we should celebrate?
- How can we give God thanks for what He has done in our lives this week?

SATURDAY
Day 6



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WEEK OF
Sunday
December 20, 2020

HOME GUIDE



BIBLE POINT

Jesus came in the flesh to save us.

BIBLE LESSON

Jesus Came to Save Us: I John 4:1-6

Dear friends, do not believe everyone who claims to speak by the Spirit. You must test them to see if the spirit they have comes from God. For there are many false prophets in the world. This is how we know if they have the Spirit of God: If a person claiming to be a prophet acknowledges that Jesus Christ came in a real body, that person has the Spirit of God. But if someone claims to be a prophet and does not acknowledge the truth about Jesus, that person is not from God.

But you belong to God, my dear children. You have already won a victory, because the Spirit who lives in you is greater than the spirit who lives in the world. Those people belong to this world, so they speak from the world's viewpoint, and the world listens to them. But we belong to God, and those who know God listen to us. If they do not belong to God, they do not listen to us. That is how we know if someone has the Spirit of truth or the spirit of deception.

LIFE APPLICATION

I must tell others that Jesus was fully God and fully human.

FAMILY CONNECT

A mother octopus lays over 200,000 eggs, quits eating, guards them until they hatch, and then dies. She lives and dies to bring life. Jesus lived and died to bring eternal life. Draw an octopus. On the legs write names of people who need to know Jesus came to save them. How can we tell them about Jesus' great love?

PRAYER

Lay hands on the octopus picture and pray for the people named. Thank God for giving us power to overcome our enemies, including sin.

DECEMBER 21, 2020

SCRIPTURE FOCUS

“Ye are of God, little children, and have overcome them: because greater is he that is in you, than he that is in the world” (1 John 4:4).

Jesus was born to rescue us from sin. He had all power because He was fully God as well as being human. He overcame the world and showed us that we can too. We have power to overcome sin and the enemy because Jesus came to earth as a baby.

CONVERSATION STARTER

- What is an obstacle you're trying to overcome or a goal you are trying to reach?
- How does the power of God in our lives help us overcome the enemy of our souls and sin?

TRUTH POINT

God came to save us and give us overcoming power.

MONDAY
Day 1

DECEMBER 22, 2020

SCRIPTURE FOCUS

“Wherefore he saith, God resisteth the proud, but giveth grace unto the humble” (James 4:6).

God opposes people who are proud, but He gives His favor to those who are humble. When we rely on God and come to Him for help, He will help us. Humility gives us God's favor.

CONVERSATION STARTER

- What is your favorite mystery story?
- How is God coming to earth a mystery?

TRUTH POINT

God came to earth in human form.

TUESDAY
Day 2



DECEMBER 23, 2020

WEDNESDAY
Day 3

SCRIPTURE FOCUS

"But God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us" (Romans 5:8).

If you ever wonder if God loves you, just recall how He came to earth as a baby to eventually die for you. We were all sinners when we came to Jesus. We didn't deserve to have anyone die for us, especially not a King. Yet while we were sinners, Jesus died for us.

CONVERSATION STARTER

- How do you show your mom and dad you love and appreciate them?
- How can we show God we appreciate His love for us?

TRUTH POINT

God showed us His love when He died for us.



DECEMBER 24, 2020

THURSDAY
Day 4

SCRIPTURE FOCUS

"Behold, a virgin shall be with child, and shall bring forth a son, and they shall call his name Emmanuel, which being interpreted is, God with us" (Matthew 1:23).

When Jesus' birth was prophesied, it was told He would be Emmanuel, or God with us. God who is the King of Heaven and Earth came in human flesh to save us. What a revelation and a thrill to know Jesus loved us so much He came to save us!

CONVERSATION STARTER

- Do you know about someone who is a hero? Why is he or she a hero?
- How was God coming to earth the most important heroic act of all time?

TRUTH POINT

God came to earth to be with us.

DECEMBER 25, 2020

FRIDAY
Day 5

SCRIPTURE FOCUS

“And the angel said unto them, Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people” (Luke 2:10).

When the birth of Christ was announced by angels to shepherds on a hillside, they heard the good tidings of great joy. One day we also heard the good news of Jesus. Now God wants us to share His good news of peace and salvation with everyone.

CONVERSATION STARTER

- What brings you joy on this day?
- How did Jesus’ birth bring joy and hope to all people?

TRUTH POINT

Jesus wants us to share His story with everyone.

SATURDAY
Day 6

DECEMBER 26, 2020

REFLECTION AND CELEBRATION

- What happened this week that we should celebrate?
- How can we give God thanks for what He has done in our lives this week?



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WEEK OF
Sunday
December 27, 2020

HOME GUIDE



BIBLE POINT

God is love and He expects us to love one another.

BIBLE LESSON

Jesus Teaches How to Love: Paraphrase of Matthew 5:38-48

“You have heard the law that says the punishment must match the injury: ‘An eye for an eye, and a tooth for a tooth.’ But I say, do not resist an evil person! If someone slaps you on the right cheek, offer the other cheek also. If you are sued in court and your shirt is taken from you, give your coat, too. If a soldier demands that you carry his gear for a mile, carry it two miles. Give to those who ask, and don’t turn away from those who want to borrow.

“You have heard the law that says, ‘Love your neighbor’ and hate your enemy. But I say, love your enemies. Pray for those who persecute you! In that way, you will be acting as true children of your Father in heaven. For he gives his sunlight to both the evil and the good, and he sends rain on the just and the unjust alike. If you love only those who love you, what reward is there for that? Even corrupt tax collectors do that much. If you are kind only to your friends, how are you different from anyone else? Even pagans do that. But you are to be perfect, even as your Father in heaven is perfect.

LIFE APPLICATION

I must show God’s love to others.

FAMILY CONNECT

Take a grocery store field trip. Purchase a different type of snack food for each person (e.g., sweet, salty, spicy, soft, crispy, chewy). Once home, have a taste test. How are the snacks different? Which does each person prefer? Just as snacks are different, people are different. Jesus wants us to treat people with love, regardless of differences.

PRAYER

Thank God for His incredible love. Identify ways we can show love to all people.

DECEMBER 28, 2020

MONDAY
Day 1

SCRIPTURE FOCUS

"If we love one another, God dwelleth in us, and his love is perfected in us" (1 John 4:12).

God shows us incredible love. Jesus died for us and gave us an opportunity to live forever with Him. He expects us to have His character and show love to others. When we love one another, His love is perfected in us.

CONVERSATION STARTER

- Have you ever reacted to a situation without showing God's love?
- Why is it important to show God's love even in tough situations?

TRUTH POINT

God wants us to love others.



DECEMBER 29, 2020

TUESDAY
Day 2

SCRIPTURE FOCUS

"But I say unto you, Love your enemies, bless them that curse you, do good to them that hate you, and pray for them which despitefully use you, and persecute you;" (Matthew 5:44).

Jesus instructed us to love our enemies and to do good to those who hate us. He wants us to pray for those who use and persecute us. It's easy to love those who love us, but we need Jesus to help us love and bless our enemies.

CONVERSATION STARTER

- Have you ever done a good deed for an enemy or for someone who didn't like you?
- How can we show God's love even to people who don't like us?

TRUTH POINT

God wants us to love our enemies.

WEDNESDAY
Day 3

DECEMBER 30, 2020

SCRIPTURE FOCUS

“By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples, if ye have love one to another” (John 13:35).

Jesus told His disciples that if they loved each other, others would see it and know they were His disciples. Today as followers of Jesus, we need to do the same. When we love each other, the world knows we identify with Jesus.

CONVERSATION STARTER

- Are you a leader or a follower? Why?
- Why is it important to love our brothers and sisters in Christ?

TRUTH POINT

As followers of Jesus, we love one another.



THURSDAY
Day 4

DECEMBER 31, 2020

SCRIPTURE FOCUS

“If a man say, I love God, and hateth his brother, he is a liar: for he that loveth not his brother whom he hath seen, how can he love God whom he hath not seen?” (1 John 4:20).

If we hate our brother, we don't love God. God wants us to love Him so much that His love flows through us and helps us love everyone. It is difficult to love people who are different from us, but we must obey God and love them anyway.

CONVERSATION STARTER

- What food do you hate the most?
- Why must we love our brothers and sisters? What does God say about hate?

TRUTH POINT

If we love God, we will love others.

JANUARY 1, 2021

FRIDAY
Day 5

SCRIPTURE FOCUS

“Let nothing be done through strife or vainglory; but in lowliness of mind let each esteem other better than themselves” (Philippians 2:3).

We honor God when we esteem others better than ourselves. God wants us to serve others with humility and love. God’s character is seen in our attitude and how we serve others.

CONVERSATION STARTER

- Have you ever volunteered as a helper for your community or church? What happened?
- How can we serve others to show them God loves them?

TRUTH POINT

God’s love is revealed through our actions.

JANUARY 2, 2021

REFLECTION AND CELEBRATION

- What happened this week that we should celebrate?
- How can we give God thanks for what He has done in our lives this week?

SATURDAY
Day 6



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WEEK OF

Sunday
January 3, 2021

HOME GUIDE



BIBLE POINT

God has a plan to restore all people.

BIBLE LESSON

Zephaniah's Promise: Paraphrase of Acts 2:1-13; 38

On the day of Pentecost all the believers were meeting together in one place. Suddenly, there was a sound from heaven like the roaring of a mighty windstorm, and it filled the house where they were sitting. Then, what looked like flames or tongues of fire appeared and settled on each of them. And everyone present was filled with the Holy Spirit and began speaking in other languages. At that time there were devout Jews from every nation living in Jerusalem. When they heard the loud noise, everyone came running, and they were amazed to hear their own languages being spoken by the believers.

They were completely amazed. "How can this be?" they exclaimed. "These people are all from Galilee, and yet we hear them speaking in our own native languages!" Peter preached a salvation message to the people to explain what was happening.

His words pierced their hearts, and they said to him and to the other apostles, "Brothers, what should we do?" Peter replied, "Each of you must repent of your sins and turn to God, and be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of your sins. Then you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit."

LIFE APPLICATION

I should follow Jesus in a spirit of unity.

FAMILY CONNECT

Play a hand stacking game. Everyone places their hands atop each other until all hands are in the stack. Then the hand on the bottom goes to the top. Continue until each person's hands have been on the top multiple times. Sometimes we're on top and sometimes we're on bottom. Jesus has plans for us to come out on top if we trust Him, follow Him, and don't give up.

PRAYER

Thank God for His awesome plan of restoration. As a family, spend time in prayerful repentance and let God's Spirit restore you.

JANUARY 4, 2021

MONDAY
Day 1

SCRIPTURE FOCUS

"For then will I turn to the people a pure language, that they may all call upon the name of the Lord, to serve him with one consent" (Zephaniah 3:9).

God made restoration possible for every person of every nation when He poured out His Spirit on the Day of Pentecost. When we repent of our sins and call upon the name of the Lord, He will fill us with His Spirit. We need to let God's Spirit renew us every day.

CONVERSATION STARTER

- Have you ever visited an antique store? Tell about an item you found that needed restoration.
- How does God restore us?

TRUTH POINT

God gave us His Spirit to restore us.



JANUARY 5, 2021

SCRIPTURE FOCUS

"And I will restore to you the years that the locust hath eaten, the cankerworm, and the caterpillar, and the palmerworm, my great army which I sent among you" (Joel 2:25).

Sometimes life brings loss. We can lose our jobs, money, people we love, and our health. God is a God of restoration. God wants to bring restoration to our lives. Even though we cannot replace some of the things we have lost, God will restore our peace and joy through the power of the Holy Spirit.

CONVERSATION STARTER

- Have you ever suffered a loss?
- How has God helped you cope with your loss?

TRUTH POINT

God is a God of restoration.

TUESDAY
Day 2

JANUARY 6, 2021

SCRIPTURE FOCUS

“With all lowliness and meekness, with longsuffering, forbearing one another in love; Endeavouring to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace” (Ephesians 4:2-3).

When the Holy Spirit comes to live in our hearts, God also restores our relationships with others. If we walk in the Spirit, we have unity with Jesus and others. When we follow Jesus, a spirit of peace and unity will be present in us.

CONVERSATION STARTER

- Have you ever watched a flock of birds fly together? Why don't they collide with each other?
- Why is it important to follow God in a spirit of unity?

TRUTH POINT

God want us to follow Him in a spirit of unity.

WEDNESDAY
Day 3



THURSDAY
Day 4

JANUARY 7, 2021

SCRIPTURE FOCUS

“Finally, brethren, farewell. Be perfect, be of good comfort, be of one mind, live in peace; and the God of love and peace shall be with you” (II Corinthians 13:11).

The word *perfect* in this verse means to be restored. When we allow God to restore us, we have the presence of God in our lives and become more like Him. It is God's will for us to live in peace close to Him.

CONVERSATION STARTER

- What is the most peaceful moment you've ever experienced in your life?
- Why do we need God to restore us daily? What happens to our lives when God restores us?

TRUTH POINT

God's restoration brings peace.

FRIDAY
Day 5

JANUARY 8, 2021

SCRIPTURE FOCUS

"After this I beheld, and, lo, a great multitude, which no man could number, of all nations, and kindreds, and people, and tongues, stood before the throne, and before the Lamb, clothed with white robes, and palms in their hands; And cried with a loud voice, saying, Salvation to our God which sitteth upon the throne, and unto the Lamb" (Revelation 7:9-10).

God desires restoration for all people. He made a way for us to be saved and experience a daily restoration in our lives. He wants us to follow Him every day and never give up. Someday we will worship Him forever, joining others who have been restored in Heaven.

CONVERSATION STARTER

- Have you ever been to an event with a lot of people? Describe the experience.
- What is God's vision for restoration for humanity?

TRUTH POINT

God desires for everyone to be restored.

JANUARY 9, 2021

REFLECTION AND CELEBRATION

- What happened this week that we should celebrate?
- How can we give God thanks for what He has done in our lives this week?

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WEEK OF
Sunday
January 10, 2021

HOME GUIDE



BIBLE POINT

God's work deserves first priority.

BIBLE LESSON

Haggai's Promise: Paraphrase of the Book of Haggai

The LORD gave a message through the prophet Haggai to Zerubbabel. "Why are you living in luxurious houses while my house lies in ruins? This is what the Lord of Heaven's Armies says: Look at what's happening to you! You have planted much but harvest little. You eat but are not satisfied. You drink but are still thirsty. You put on clothes but cannot keep warm. Your wages disappear as though you were putting them in pockets filled with holes!

"This is what the LORD of Heaven's Armies says: Look at what's happening to you! Now go up into the hills, bring down timber, and rebuild my house. Then I will take pleasure in it and be honored, says the LORD. You hoped for rich harvests, but they were poor. And when you brought your harvest home, I blew it away. Why? Because my house lies in ruins, says the Lord of Heaven's Armies, while all of you are busy building your own fine houses. It's because of you that the heavens withhold the dew and the earth produces no crops. I have called for a drought on your fields and hills—a drought to wither the grain and grapes and olive trees and all your other crops, a drought to starve you and your livestock and to ruin everything you have worked so hard to get."

Then Zerubbabel, the high priest, and the whole remnant of God's people began to obey the message from the LORD their God. When they heard the words of the prophet Haggai, whom the Lord their God had sent, the people feared the LORD. Then Haggai, the LORD's messenger, gave the people this message from the LORD: "I am with you, says the LORD!"

The LORD sparked the enthusiasm of Zerubbabel and God's people. They began to work on the house of their God, the LORD of Heaven's Armies.

LIFE APPLICATION

I will put the work of God first.

FAMILY CONNECT

Ask everyone to write something they must do tomorrow. Pass papers to the right and read everyone's plans. Was anyone doing nothing? Was anyone doing something for God? We are all busy, but we must make time for God. Pass papers to the left. Write something you can do for God and read it aloud. Pray for God to help us slow down and prioritize Him daily.

PRAYER

Seek God for the things He is asking your family to do. Pray for God's help to slow down and prioritize Him daily.

JANUARY 11, 2021

SCRIPTURE FOCUS

“But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you” (Matthew 6:33).

So many things in life demand our attention. Jesus tells us if we put Him first, He will take care of us. When we help build God’s kingdom and make God our priority, we will have true success in life.

CONVERSATION STARTER

- What does it mean to procrastinate? Have you ever procrastinated with chores or a homework assignment?
- Why should we put God first and not procrastinate when He calls us to work for Him?

TRUTH POINT

God wants us to put His kingdom first.

MONDAY
Day 1



JANUARY 12, 2021

SCRIPTURE FOCUS

“And he that taketh not his cross, and followeth after me, is not worthy of me. He that findeth his life shall lose it; and he that loseth his life for my sake shall find it” (Matthew 10:38–39).

God wants us to seek Him and His will for our lives. When we give our lives to Jesus, we have a much better life than we would find on our own. When we surrender all to God to work in His kingdom, we find abundant life!

CONVERSATION STARTER

- What is the heaviest object you have ever lifted?
- Why do we need to lay down some activities or things in our lives to be able to do more for God?

TRUTH POINT

God wants us to put Him first in our activities.

TUESDAY
Day 2

JANUARY 13, 2021

SCRIPTURE FOCUS

“For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also”
(Luke 12:34).

We value many things in our lives. It isn't wrong to have luxury, but we shouldn't value anything more than God. What we value shows what we treasure. When we treasure God, we will put Him first.

CONVERSATION STARTER

- If you could create your own treasure hunt, what treasure would you bury?
- How do we show Jesus we treasure Him?

TRUTH POINT

God wants to be first in our hearts.

WEDNESDAY
Day 3



JANUARY 14, 2021

THURSDAY
Day 4

SCRIPTURE FOCUS

“Trust in the Lord with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding. In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths”
(Proverbs 3:5-6).

Prioritizing God in our lives means seeking His will first. When we put Him first in our decision making, He will show us how to make the right choice. When He is first in our lives, He will work everything out for our good.

CONVERSATION STARTER

- Who asks the most questions in your family? Who do you go to when you have a question?
- Why should we seek God's will first in our lives? What ministry work is God directing you to do?

TRUTH POINT

God gives us direction when we make Him our priority.

JANUARY 15, 2021

FRIDAY
Day 5

SCRIPTURE FOCUS

“One thing have I desired of the Lord, that will I seek after; that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life, to behold the beauty of the Lord, and to enquire in his temple”(Psalm 27:4).

The most precious days of our lives are when we are in the presence of the Lord. God wants us to make Him a priority by worshipping Him at church. We should always desire to live with our lives centered around the house of the Lord, seeking the presence of God.

CONVERSATION STARTER

- What is the most beautiful house you’ve ever seen? What made it so beautiful?
- Why should worship at the “house of the Lord” be a priority? How can you help keep God’s house beautiful?

TRUTH POINT

God wants His house to be a priority.



JANUARY 16, 2021

REFLECTION AND CELEBRATION

- What happened this week that we should celebrate?
- How can we give God thanks for what He has done in our lives this week?

SATURDAY
Day 6



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HOME GUIDE



BIBLE POINT

God calls us to draw nigh to Him.

BIBLE LESSON

Zechariah's Promise: Paraphrase of Zechariah 2:1-12

When I looked again, I saw a man with a measuring line in his hand. "Where are you going?" I asked.

He replied, "I am going to measure Jerusalem to see how wide and how long it is."

Then the angel who was with me went to meet a second angel who was coming toward him. The other angel said, "Hurry, and say to that young man, 'Jerusalem will someday be so full of people and livestock that there won't be room enough for everyone. Many will live outside the city walls. Then I, myself, will be a protective wall of fire around Jerusalem, says the LORD. And I will be the glory inside the city!'"

The LORD says, "Come away! Flee from Babylon in the land of the north, for I have scattered you to the four winds. Come away, people of Zion, you who are exiled in Babylon!" After a period of glory, the LORD of Heaven's Armies sent me against the nations who plundered you. For he said, "Anyone who harms you harms my most precious possession. I will raise my fist to crush them, and their own slaves will plunder them." Then you will know that the Lord of Heaven's Armies has sent me.

The LORD says, "Shout and rejoice, O beautiful Jerusalem, for I am coming to live among you. Many nations will join themselves to the LORD on that day, and they, too, will be my people. I will live among you, and you will know that the LORD of Heaven's Armies sent me to you. The land of Judah will be the LORD's special possession in the holy land, and he will once again choose Jerusalem to be his own city. Be silent before the LORD, all humanity, for he is springing into action from his holy dwelling."

LIFE APPLICATION

I will draw close to God.

FAMILY CONNECT

Play the Hot and Cold game. Someone picks an object. Players try to guess the object by moving about the room. Those facing the right direction and nearing the object are called "warm" or "hot" when close. Those facing away are "cold." After a few rounds, discuss how direction, regardless of distance, matters. We must turn to God and draw close to Him. Identify ways to draw close to God.

PRAYER

Play worship music and seek to draw close to God. As a family, identify ways to draw closer to Him and commit to doing these things.

JANUARY 18, 2021

SCRIPTURE FOCUS

“Therefore, say to the people, ‘This is what the Lord of Heaven’s Armies says: Return to me, and I will return to you, says the Lord of Heaven’s Armies’”(Zechariah 1:3).

MONDAY
Day 1

When we stray from God, He desires for us to return to Him. He promised He will return to us if we return to Him. As a loving parent who desires to have a close relationship with his child, God desires to have a close relationship with us.

CONVERSATION STARTER

- Have you ever found a lost animal? What happened?
- Why should we return to God if we stray from Him?

TRUTH POINT

God wants us to return to Him.



TUESDAY
Day 2

JANUARY 19, 2021

SCRIPTURE FOCUS

“Draw nigh to God, and he will draw nigh to you” (James 4:8).

God wants us to be close to Him. We must take action to become closer to Him by removing any walls of unbelief, unforgiveness, or doubt that keep us separated from Him. When we pray and seek His face, He will draw close to us.

CONVERSATION STARTER

- Have you ever built a wall or a fence? What is the purpose of a wall or fence?
- Why should we tear down spiritual walls that keep us separated from God?

TRUTH POINT

God wants to be close to us.

JANUARY 20, 2021

SCRIPTURE FOCUS

"And ye shall seek me, and find me, when ye shall search for me with all your heart" (Jeremiah 13:15).

God wants us to seek for Him. He wants us to pray and develop a relationship with Him. He promised if we seek Him, we will find Him.

CONVERSATION STARTER

- Have you ever lost something of value to you? Did you find it? How did you feel?
- Why should we actively seek God through daily prayer?

TRUTH POINT

God wants us to seek after Him.

WEDNESDAY
Day 3



JANUARY 21, 2021

SCRIPTURE FOCUS

"My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me" (John 10:27).

Jesus is the Good Shepherd. A shepherd is known for spending time with his sheep. A shepherd knows each sheep by name and is close to them. The sheep hear the shepherd's voice and follow Him. Jesus our shepherd is close to us when we stay close to Him.

CONVERSATION STARTER

- Have you ever visited a sheep farm or a petting zoo? How did the farmer take care of his animals?
- How is God like a loving shepherd?

TRUTH POINT

God cares for us like a shepherd cares for his sheep.

THURSDAY
Day 4

FRIDAY
Day 5

JANUARY 22, 2021

SCRIPTURE FOCUS

“The LORD is nigh unto them that are of a broken heart; and saveth such as be of a contrite spirit” (Psalm 34:18).

God is close to us when we need Him most. He desires to be close to us through all of life’s moments, good or bad. He wants to be with us when we are brokenhearted or filled with joy. He is a constant companion who desires an intimate relationship with us.

CONVERSATION STARTER

- Have you or someone you know ever broken a bone?
- How has God been with you through the difficult times of life?

TRUTH POINT

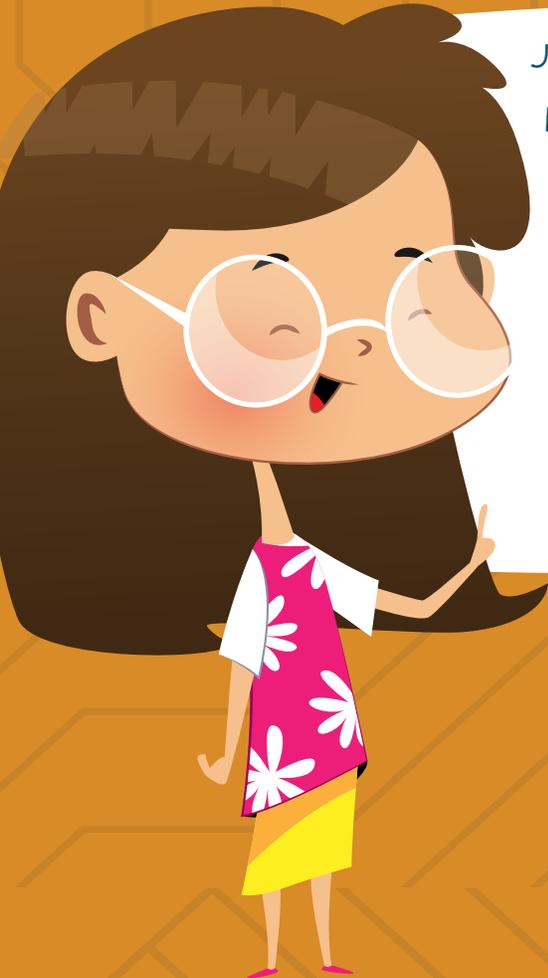
God is close to us in difficult times.

JANUARY 23, 2021

REFLECTION AND CELEBRATION

- What happened this week that we should celebrate?
- How can we give God thanks for what He has done in our lives this week?

SATURDAY
Day 6



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BIBLE POINT

God continually loves His people.

BIBLE LESSON

Malachi's Promise of God's Love

Malachi 1:2

I have loved you, saith the LORD. Yet ye say, Wherein hast thou loved us? Was not Esau Jacob's brother? saith the LORD: yet I loved Jacob.

Malachi 3:1

"Look! I am sending my messenger, and he will prepare the way before me. Then the Lord you are seeking will suddenly come to his Temple. The messenger of the covenant, whom you look for so eagerly, is surely coming," says the LORD of Heaven's Armies.

Malachi 4:2

But for you who fear my name, the Sun of Righteousness will rise with healing in his wings. And you will go free, leaping with joy like calves let out to pasture. On the day when I act, you will tread upon the wicked as if they were dust under your feet," says the LORD of Heaven's Armies.

LIFE APPLICATION

I must respond to God's love and be faithful to Him.

FAMILY CONNECT

Read Malachi 4:2. Define "fear my name" as respect for Jesus' name. On individual sheets of paper, write things Jesus gives (e.g., peace, joy, healing, salvation, forgiveness, help, love). Make paper airplanes. Before flying the plane, the person says, "Jesus has _____ in His wings."

PRAYER

Collect the planes and thank Jesus for what He has for us in His wings.

MONDAY
Day 1

JANUARY 25, 2021

SCRIPTURE FOCUS

"But God, who is rich in mercy, for his great love wherewith he loved us"
(Ephesians 2:4).

God continually loves us. God wants us to respect and obey Him because He is God. He is also merciful. He loved us when we were sinners who did not deserve His love. He disciplines us and shows us mercy because He loves us.

CONVERSATION STARTER

- Have you ever been grounded or disciplined?
How did you respond?
- How does God show us He loves us when He disciplines us?

TRUTH POINT

God loves us and shows us mercy.

TUESDAY
Day 2

JANUARY 26, 2021

SCRIPTURE FOCUS

"The LORD is my strength and song, and he is become my salvation"
(Exodus 15:2).

When we are weary God is our strength. He never stops caring for us. He gives us songs and is also our salvation. He shows us His love in many ways.

CONVERSATION STARTER

- What are ways your parents show you they love you?
- How has God shown His love for you over the past year?

TRUTH POINT

God shows His love in many ways.



WEDNESDAY
Day 3

JANUARY 27, 2021

SCRIPTURE FOCUS

"Behold, God is mine helper" (Psalm 54:4).

God not only loves us, but He helps us when we are unable to help ourselves. When we need advice, protection, or provision, God is there for us. He is our helper.

CONVERSATION STARTER

- How did you help someone last week?
- In what ways has God helped you recently? What do you need God to help you with now?

TRUTH POINT

God is our helper.

THURSDAY
Day 4

JANUARY 28, 2021

SCRIPTURE FOCUS

"The eternal God is thy refuge, and underneath are the everlasting arms" (Deuteronomy 33:27).

God shows us His love by being our refuge. A refuge is a sheltered place from danger or trouble. God is our place of safety. We can go to Him when we feel afraid and He will protect us with His everlasting arms.

CONVERSATION STARTER

- If you have pets, how do you keep them safe?
- How does God keep us safe?

TRUTH POINT

God is our refuge.



FRIDAY
Day 5

JANUARY 29, 2021

SCRIPTURE FOCUS

“Thou wilt shew me the path of life: in thy presence is fulness of joy; at thy right hand there are pleasures for evermore” (Psalm 16:11).

When we follow and obey God, we can experience the full joy of His presence. When we respond to God’s love with faithfulness, He will guide our steps. True pleasure is found in loving and serving God.

CONVERSATION STARTER

- What makes you happy?
- Why is it important to be faithful to God? How is God faithful to us?

TRUTH POINT

God rewards our faithfulness to Him.



JANUARY 30, 2021

REFLECTION AND CELEBRATION

- What happened this week that we should celebrate?
- How can we give God thanks for what He has done in our lives this week?

SATURDAY
Day 6



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BIBLE POINT

God yearns for His people to hear Him.

BIBLE LESSON

Paraphrase of Paul's Final Warning

Acts 28:17-31

For in him we live and move and exist. As some of your own poets have said, "We are his offspring." And since this is true, we shouldn't think of God as an idol designed by craftsmen from gold or silver or stone. God overlooked people's ignorance about these things in earlier times, but now he commands everyone everywhere to repent of their sins and turn to him. For he has set a day for judging the world with justice by the man he has appointed, and he proved to everyone who this is by raising him from the dead.

I Timothy 4:1-2

Now the Holy Spirit tells us clearly that in the last times some will turn away from the true faith; they will follow deceptive spirits and teachings that come from demons. These people are hypocrites and liars, and their consciences are dead.

LIFE APPLICATION

I will stay sensitive to God and His Word.

FAMILY CONNECT

Turn on a radio. Move to a distant room, shutting doors between. Walk toward the radio. Note where people first hear it and then understand it. What helped you? opening doors? moving closer? standing still? tuning out other noises? Discuss listening to God more clearly by opening our hearts and moving closer to Him. Then we can stand still and wait on Him while tuning out other noises of life to hear Him.

PRAYER

Thank God for speaking to His children. Spend a thankful moment praying for the things concerning you, and then sit in silence and seek the voice of the Lord. Expect Him to answer.

FEBRUARY 1, 2021

MONDAY
Day 1

SCRIPTURE FOCUS

“While it is said, To day if ye will hear his voice, harden not your hearts, as in the provocation” (Hebrews 3:15).

Some people have hard hearts or unfeeling attitudes. They hear God’s voice but choose to ignore it. God wants us to listen when we hear His voice. He wants us to be tenderhearted and follow Him when He calls us.

CONVERSATION STARTER

- Have you ever played with dried clay or hardened Play-Doh? What was your experience?
- How can we keep our hearts from becoming hardened towards God? How do you show God you are listening when He calls you?

TRUTH POINT

God wants us to be tenderhearted.

FEBRUARY 2, 2021

SCRIPTURE FOCUS

“My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me” (John 10:27).

Just as a sheep follows his shepherd, God wants us to follow Him when we hear His voice. Following God means obeying His word. When we are sensitive to God, we put our faith and trust in Him and obey what He tells us to do.

CONVERSATION STARTER

- Can you identify voices of your family members without seeing them?
- How do you know the voice of God? Give an example of a time you knew God was speaking to you.

TRUTH POINT

God wants us to listen and obey.

TUESDAY
Day 2



FEBRUARY 3, 2021

WEDNESDAY
Day 3

SCRIPTURE FOCUS

“So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God” (Romans 10:17).

God speaks to us in different ways. Sometimes God will speak to us through His Word. Other times He may use our pastor or another minister to deliver a message. God may even speak to us in a still small voice or visually through His Creation. Regardless of the method God chooses, when a word comes from Him it will build our faith.

CONVERSATION STARTER

- How do you learn best? What teacher has taught you best using your learning style?
- What methods has God used to speak to you to build your faith?

TRUTH POINT

Listening to God builds our faith.



FEBRUARY 4, 2021

THURSDAY
Day 4

SCRIPTURE FOCUS

“For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine; but after their own lusts shall they heap to themselves teachers, having itching ears” (II Timothy 4:3).

We can't pick and choose what we want to believe in the Word of God. We must believe the whole gospel and salvation message. We must resist following other voices of teachers that we know are not teaching sound doctrine.

CONVERSATION STARTER

- Have you ever had an ear infection?
- How can we keep our spiritual ears open to hear God's voice?

TRUTH POINT

God wants us to hear sound doctrine.

FEBRUARY 5, 2021

FRIDAY
Day 5

SCRIPTURE FOCUS

"And the LORD came, and stood, and called as at other times, Samuel, Samuel. Then Samuel answered, Speak; for thy servant heareth" (1 Samuel 3:10).

When God is talking to us, we should be like Samuel. Samuel was listening for God's voice when He called him. God wanted a response from Samuel when He called him, and He also wants an answer from us. We have a choice to listen to God with a sensitive believing heart or we can choose to turn away. God yearns for us to listen to Him and loves it when we do.

CONVERSATION STARTER

- Have you ever heard someone calling your name, but you chose to ignore them? What happened?
- How can we be prepared to listen to God when He speaks to us? Tell about a time you were quiet and listened to God.

TRUTH POINT

God wants us to listen to Him.

SATURDAY
Day 6

FEBRUARY 6, 2021

REFLECTION AND CELEBRATION

- What happened this week that we should celebrate?
- How can we give God thanks for what He has done in our lives this week?



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BIBLE POINT

God believes in young people.

BIBLE LESSON

Paraphrase of Barnabas Mentors John Mark

Acts 15:36-41

One day Paul said to Barnabas, "Let's go back and visit each city where we previously preached the word of the Lord, to see how the new believers are doing." Barnabas agreed and wanted to take along John Mark. But Paul disagreed strongly, since John Mark had deserted them in Pamphylia and had not continued with them in their work. Their disagreement was so sharp that they separated. Barnabas took John Mark with him and sailed for Cyprus. Paul chose Silas, and as he left, the believers entrusted him to the Lord's gracious care. Then he traveled throughout Syria and Cilicia, strengthening the churches there.

I Timothy 4:12-14

Don't let anyone think less of you because you are young. Be an example to all believers in what you say, in the way you live, in your love, your faith, and your purity. Until I get there, focus on reading the Scriptures to the church, encouraging the believers, and teaching them.

Do not neglect the spiritual gift you received through the prophecy spoken over you when the elders of the church laid their hands on you.

LIFE APPLICATION

I will serve God.

FAMILY CONNECT

Read I Timothy 4:12-14. God uses young people. Have family members name one thing they can do for God right now and one thing they might do for God in the future. Everyone is growing in age, and everyone can do something for God, regardless of age.

PRAYER

Lay hands on each family member, one at a time, and pray for each one to serve God now and in the future.

FEBRUARY 8, 2021

MONDAY
Day 1

SCRIPTURE FOCUS

"Remember now thy Creator in the days of thy youth, while the evil days come not, nor the years draw nigh, when thou shalt say, I have no pleasure in them" (Ecclesiastes 12:1).

God doesn't require us to be a certain age before we can serve Him. In fact, it is sometimes easier to serve God when we are young. As young people we have more energy, sharper minds, and less responsibilities. God wants us to serve Him all the days of our lives and especially in the days of our youth.

CONVERSATION STARTER

- Who is your favorite grandparent? Why? What are the advantages of being old? Young?
- Why should we serve God when we are young?

TRUTH POINT

God wants us to start serving Him when we are young.



FEBRUARY 9, 2021

TUESDAY
Day 2

SCRIPTURE FOCUS

"I have written unto you, fathers, because ye have known him that is from the beginning. I have written unto you, young men, because ye are strong, and the word of God abideth in you, and ye have overcome the wicked one" (1 John 2:14).

Learning the Word of God at a young age will benefit us now and when we are older. We become strong in the Lord when we memorize Scriptures. Knowing God's Word helps us overcome the devil and gives us wisdom for life.

CONVERSATION STARTER

- Have you ever had to memorize something for school?
- Why is it important for us to hide God's Word in our hearts?

TRUTH POINT

God wants us to learn His Word when we are young.

WEDNESDAY
Day 3

FEBRUARY 10, 2021

SCRIPTURE FOCUS

“It is good for a man that he bear the yoke in his youth” (Lamentations 3:27).

When we are young, we have a lot of energy to work for God. Young people usually have less responsibilities than adults. As young people, it is good when we help our families, churches, and communities. We bring glory to God when we work for Him when we are young.

CONVERSATION STARTER

- Have you ever heard someone say; “You’re too young for that!” or “You made a mistake. Now you cannot be trusted.” How do these statements make you feel?
- Does age matter to God? Why is it good to work for God when we are young?

TRUTH POINT

It is good to serve God when we are young.

THURSDAY
Day 4

FEBRUARY 11, 2021

SCRIPTURE FOCUS

“And it shall come to pass afterward, that I will pour out my spirit upon all flesh; and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, your old men shall dream dreams, your young men shall see visions” (Joel 2:28).

God is no respecter of age. Young or old, anyone can be used by God. God believes in you and wants to use you. The Bible has many examples of young people who are heroes of faith because they chose to serve God at a young age.

CONVERSATION STARTER

- What is something you can do that your parent can’t do?
- How does God regard age? What is something you can do for God as a young person?

TRUTH POINT

Young people can be used by God.



FEBRUARY 12, 2021

SCRIPTURE FOCUS

“Let no man despise thy youth; but be thou an example of the believers, in word, in conversation, in charity, in spirit, in faith, in purity” (1 Timothy 4:12).

God has given an important responsibility to young people. He wants us to be examples to other believers in what we speak, in our faith, in spirit, in love, and in purity. What a blessing to the body of Christ to have young people who show this example!

CONVERSATION STARTER

- Have you ever used a pattern to cut something out? Have you ever tried to make something without using a pattern? Compare the two experiences.
- What pattern or example does God want us to show other believers when we are young? Why is this helpful to the body of Christ?

TRUTH POINT

God wants us to be examples of godliness.

FRIDAY
Day 5

SATURDAY
Day 6

FEBRUARY 13, 2021

REFLECTION AND CELEBRATION

- What happened this week that we should celebrate?
- How can we give God thanks for what He has done in our lives this week?



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BIBLE POINT

God equips us to stand strong against temptation.

BIBLE LESSON

Prepare for the Good Fight

Paraphrase of Ephesians 6:10-18

A final word: Be strong in the Lord and in his mighty power. Put on all of God's armor so that you will be able to stand firm against all strategies of the devil. For we are not fighting against flesh-and-blood enemies, but against evil rulers and authorities of the unseen world, against mighty powers in this dark world, and against evil spirits in the heavenly places.

Therefore, put on every piece of God's armor so you will be able to resist the enemy in the time of evil. Then after the battle you will still be standing firm. Stand your ground, putting on the belt of truth and the body armor of God's righteousness. For shoes, put on the peace that comes from the Good News so that you will be fully prepared. In addition to all of these, hold up the shield of faith to stop the fiery arrows of the devil. Put on salvation as your helmet, and take the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God.

Pray in the Spirit at all times and on every occasion. Stay alert and be persistent in your prayers for all believers everywhere.

LIFE APPLICATION

I will run away from bad choices and follow God.

FAMILY CONNECT

Have each person search the house for things to represent the armor of God (belt, breastplate, shield, helmet, sword, shoes). Select someone to be outfitted as another person reads about each piece in Ephesians 6:10-18. Discuss how we can put on the armor of God.

PRAYER

Prepare your hearts to "fight the good fight" by putting on the armor of God through prayer. Thank God for His protection.

MONDAY
Day 1

FEBRUARY 15, 2021

SCRIPTURE FOCUS

"But let us, who are of the day, be sober, putting on the breastplate of faith and love; and for an helmet, the hope of salvation" (1 Thessalonians 5:8).

We are fighting a war against our adversary the devil. We must protect ourselves spiritually by putting on the armor of God, because we are fighting a spiritual battle. God has given us all we need but we have to use what He has given us.

CONVERSATION STARTER

- What protective gear do people wear to perform certain jobs (e.g., chef, firefighter, welder)?
- Why do we need to wear a breastplate of faith and the armor God has given us? How do we "fight the good fight" of faith?

TRUTH POINT

God wants us to protect ourselves with His armor.

FEBRUARY 16, 2021

SCRIPTURE FOCUS

"There hath no temptation taken you but such as is common to man: but God is faithful, who will not suffer you to be tempted above that ye are able; but will with the temptation also make a way to escape, that ye may be able to bear it" (1 Corinthians 10:13).

God helps us when we are tempted. We can stand strong against temptation if we have on the armor of God. God has promised He will not allow us to be tempted with more than we can manage. He will provide a way of escape if necessary if we are trusting in Him.

CONVERSATION STARTER

- Have you been tempted to make any bad choices today? How about yesterday?
- What tools has God given us to help us resist temptation?

TRUTH POINT

God will help us when we are tempted.

TUESDAY
Day 2



FEBRUARY 17, 2021

SCRIPTURE FOCUS

"The LORD is good, a strong hold in the day of trouble; and he knoweth them that trust in him" (Nahum 1:7).

When we are faced with trials God is a "strong hold" for us. He will protect us if we are trusting in Him. If we are dressed in our spiritual armor, we can stand strong while we are trusting in Him.

CONVERSATION STARTER

- Have you ever visited a historic fort or a battlefield? What did you learn from this experience?
- How does God protect us when we are facing trouble in our lives?

TRUTH POINT

God is a strong hold in the day of trouble.

WEDNESDAY
Day 3

THURSDAY
Day 4

FEBRUARY 18, 2021

SCRIPTURE FOCUS

"Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord, and in the power of his might" (Ephesians 6:10).

We cannot rely on ourselves to be strong enough to handle temptation. We have to ask God for help. When we are strong in the Lord, we can face temptation. We must always remember that our strength comes from the Lord.

CONVERSATION STARTER

- Have you ever had a situation where someone stood up for you to defend you? Tell about it.
- How do we rely on God's strength and power to overcome temptation?

TRUTH POINT

God gives us strength and power.



FEBRUARY 19, 2021

FRIDAY
Day 5

SCRIPTURE FOCUS

“But thou, O man of God, flee these things; and follow after righteousness, godliness, faith, love, patience, meekness” (1 Timothy 6:11).

Timothy was commanded to flee things of the world and follow righteousness. We too should run from sin but follow after the things of God. God wants us to live a life pursuing godliness. If we are following God, running away from temptation becomes easier.

CONVERSATION STARTER

- Have you ever caught lightening bugs or chased a butterfly with a net? Tell about it.
- How do we escape the net of temptation? Why is it easier to escape temptation if we are pursuing godliness?

TRUTH POINT

God wants us to run from sin and pursue Him.



SATURDAY
Day 6

FEBRUARY 20, 2021

REFLECTION AND CELEBRATION

- What happened this week that we should celebrate?
- How can we give God thanks for what He has done in our lives this week?



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WEEK OF
Sunday
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HOME GUIDE



BIBLE POINT

God is fighting for us, so we should not be afraid.

BIBLE LESSON

God Opens Elisha's Servants Eyes: Paraphrase of II KINGS 6:8-17

When the king of Aram was at war with Israel, he would talk with his officers and say, "We will mobilize our forces at such and such a place."

But immediately Elisha, the man of God, would warn the king of Israel, "Do not go near that place, for the enemy will be there." The king of Israel would send word to the place. Time and again Elisha warned the king, so that he would be on the alert there.

The king of Aram became very upset over this. He called his officers together and demanded, "Which of you is the traitor? Who has been informing the king of Israel of my plans?"

"It's not us, my lord the king," one of the officers replied. "Elisha, the prophet in Israel, tells the king of Israel even the words you speak in the privacy of your bedroom!"

"Go and find out where he is," the king commanded, "so I can send troops to seize him."

And the report came back: "Elisha is at Dothan." One night the king of Aram sent a great army with many chariots and horses to surround the city.

When the servant of the man of God got up early the next morning and went outside, there were troops, horses, and chariots everywhere. "Oh, sir, what will we do now?" the young man cried to Elisha.

"O LORD, open his eyes and let him see!" The Lord LORD the young man's eyes, and when he looked up, he saw that the hillside around Elisha was filled with horses and chariots of fire.

LIFE APPLICATION

I can serve God without fear.

FAMILY CONNECT

Have family members name something that used to scare them, and then explain why they are no longer afraid of those things. Read II Timothy 1:6-7. On a piece of paper, write:

FEAR. Then all over the paper, write: *power, love, and sound mind*. Small children can draw hearts and circles. Fear disappears with God. Pray for the love and peace of God to fill your home.

PRAYER

Identify any existing fears and pray for God's help in overcoming those fears. Thank Him for His angelic protection. Pray for the love and peace of God to flood your home.

MONDAY
Day 1

FEBRUARY 22, 2021

SCRIPTURE FOCUS

"Fear thou not; for I am with thee: be not dismayed; for I am thy God..." (Isaiah 41:10).
We must remember God is with us when we are faced with fearful situations. When God is with us, fear disappears. God is greater than anything that may try to scare us. With His Holy Spirit we can overcome all fear.

CONVERSATION STARTER

- Are you more afraid of spiders, snakes, or storms? Why or why not?
- Why do we need God's help to overcome fear? How does God help us overcome fear?

TRUTH POINT

God helps us overcome fear.

FEBRUARY 23, 2021

SCRIPTURE FOCUS

"Be strong and of a good courage, fear not, nor be afraid of them: for the LORD thy God, he it is that doth go with thee; he will not fail thee, nor forsake thee" (Deuteronomy 31:6).

God is with us and helps us to be brave when we are afraid. God is bigger than any storm, trial, or fear. He will never leave us. We can forsake fear and embrace Jesus, knowing He is always with us.

CONVERSATION STARTER

- What person in your family calms you when you're afraid?
- How does God comfort us when we are afraid?

TRUTH POINT

God will never leave us.



FEBRUARY 24, 2021

SCRIPTURE FOCUS

"Though an host should encamp against me, my heart shall not fear: though war should rise against me, in this will I be confident" (Psalm 27:3).

God is with us through every situation in life. If we are confronted by bullies or people who oppose us our hearts can be confident in God. We don't have to fear what people can do to us. In fearful situations we can pray to God and He will defend us.

CONVERSATION STARTER

- Have you ever been surrounded by bullies? How would it feel to be surrounded by bullies and have no way to escape? What would you do?
- Have you ever had a confrontation with someone? How did God help you?

TRUTH POINT

God is my defender.

WEDNESDAY
Day 3



FEBRUARY 25, 2021

SCRIPTURE FOCUS

"God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble. Therefore will not we fear, though the earth be removed, and though the mountains be carried into the midst of the sea" (Psalm 46:1-2).

Sometimes natural disasters happen in life. We may face storms, hurricanes, fires, or other disasters. Even during times of great crisis, we don't have to fear because God is our refuge and strength.

CONVERSATION STARTER

- Have you lived through any natural disasters? What were they?
- How has God been with you during a time of crisis and helped you overcome fear?

TRUTH POINT

I will not fear because God is my refuge.

THURSDAY
Day 4

FEBRUARY 26, 2021

FRIDAY
Day 5

SCRIPTURE FOCUS

“For ye have not received the spirit of bondage again to fear; but ye have received the Spirit of adoption, whereby we cry, Abba, Father” (Romans 8:15).

God is our loving Father. He has adopted us into His family. Just as a natural godly father protects his family, God is there for us. God takes away our fears and gives us peace and comfort.

CONVERSATION STARTER

- What do you love best about your family? Why?
- How does it feel to know you have been adopted by God? What benefits do you have because you are in His family? How can this knowledge help you deal with fear?

TRUTH POINT

God replaces our fears with peace.

FEBRUARY 27, 2021

REFLECTION AND CELEBRATION

- What happened this week that we should celebrate?
- How can we give God thanks for what He has done in our lives this week?

SATURDAY
Day 6



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HOME GUIDE

BIBLE POINT

God gives us faith to endure.

BIBLE LESSON

Faith to Finish: Paraphrase of Hebrews 11: 1-10; 12:1

Faith shows the reality of what we hope for; it is the evidence of things we cannot see. Through their faith, the people in days of old earned a good reputation. By faith we understand that the entire universe was formed at God's command, that what we now see did not come from anything that can be seen. It was by faith that Abel brought a more acceptable offering to God than Cain did. Abel's offering gave evidence that he was a righteous man, and God showed his approval of his gifts. Although Abel is long dead, he still speaks to us by his example of faith. It was by faith that Enoch was taken up to heaven without dying, "he disappeared, because God took him." Before he was taken up, he was known as a person who pleased God. It is impossible to please God without faith. Anyone who wants to come to him must believe that God exists and that he rewards those who sincerely seek him.

It was by faith that Noah built a large boat to save his family from the flood. He obeyed God, who warned him about things that had never happened before. By his faith Noah condemned the rest of the world, and he received the righteousness that comes by faith. It was by faith that Abraham obeyed when God called him to leave home and go to another land that God would give him as his inheritance. He went without knowing where he was going. When he reached the land God promised him, he lived there by faith—for he was like a foreigner, living in tents. Isaac and Jacob did the same and inherited the same promise. Abraham was confidently looking forward to a city with eternal foundations, a city designed and built by God.

Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a huge crowd of witnesses to the life of faith, let us strip off every weight that slows us down, especially the sin that so easily trips us up. And let us run with endurance the race God has set before us. We do this by keeping our eyes on Jesus, the champion who initiates and perfects our faith.

LIFE APPLICATION

I will keep the faith.

FAMILY CONNECT

Create a family endurance challenge this week. Here are suggestions or you can create your own challenge: 1) Don't complain or say anything negative for an entire day. 2) Fast a couple of meals or give up eating anything with sugar in it for a day. 3) Have an hour of silence, focused on listening to God.

Discuss what endurance means. Discuss how the spiritual race we are running requires endurance. Discuss ways to lay aside the "weights of sin" and how to keep the faith.

PRAYER

Pray that God will give your family faith to endure. Make a prayer list of people you know who need faith. Call their names out in prayer. Pray that God will renew them and give them strength to endure.

MARCH 1, 2021

SCRIPTURE FOCUS

“Therefore, my beloved brethren, be ye steadfast, unmoveable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your labour is not in vain in the Lord” (I Corinthians 15:58).

MONDAY
Day 1

We must have endurance to continue serving God even if we feel like giving up. God wants us to stay focused in our faith and work for Him. Our work for God will pay off one day. We must stay in the race and one day we will receive a crown of life.

CONVERSATION STARTER

- Have you ever faced a hard task and wanted to give up? What happened?
- How can we build our spiritual muscles to stay in this spiritual race?

TRUTH POINT

God wants us to be steadfast and keep the faith.



TUESDAY
Day 2

MARCH 2, 2021

SCRIPTURE FOCUS

“And Jesus answering saith unto them, Have faith in God” (Matthew 11:22).

God wants us to put our faith in Him. The things of this world will be shaken, but God is unshakeable. If our faith is in God, we can run the race and finish.

CONVERSATION STARTER

- Have you ever flown in an airplane? Did you trust the pilot? Why or why not?
- Why can we place our faith in God? How do others know you have faith in God?

TRUTH POINT

God wants us to have faith in Him.

MARCH 3, 2021

WEDNESDAY
Day 3

SCRIPTURE FOCUS

"For ye have need of patience, that, after ye have done the will of God, ye might receive the promise" (Hebrews 10:36).

Patience and endurance work together. The Holy Spirit helps us to patiently endure. Sometimes it is hard to be patient. During the times we are becoming impatient, we must remember God is faithful and His timing is perfect. We must keep the faith to receive His promise.

CONVERSATION STARTER

- Have you taken a test and had to wait for the results? How did it feel? What is the longest time you've had to wait for something?
- How does waiting on God and then receiving the answer build our faith? Is it hard to be patient? Why or why not?

TRUTH POINT

God wants us to patiently wait for Him.



THURSDAY
Day 4

MARCH 4, 2021

SCRIPTURE FOCUS

"And because iniquity shall abound, the love of many shall wax cold. But he that shall endure unto the end, the same shall be saved" (Matthew 24:12-13).

Our world is filled with sin. The closer we get to the end time, the more we need to keep our faith. We can stay filled with the love of Jesus, keep an enduring faith, and be saved.

CONVERSATION STARTER

- Have you ever run a race and finished it? Have you ever set a goal for yourself and achieved it? How did it feel?
- How do we know we are in the last days? Why do we need to keep the faith now more than ever?

TRUTH POINT

If we endure, we will be saved.

FRIDAY
Day 5

MARCH 5, 2021

SCRIPTURE FOCUS

"His lord said unto him, Well done, thou good and faithful servant: thou hast been faithful over a few things, I will make thee ruler over many things: enter thou into the joy of thy lord" (Matthew 25:21).

Someday time will no longer exist, and eternity will begin. If we keep the faith, we will spend eternity with Jesus. The hope of seeing Jesus and living in Heaven with Him helps us have endurance to serve Him and keep the faith.

CONVERSATION STARTER

- Have you or someone you know ever campaigned for an election at school? Would you ever want to be a ruler over a country? Why or why not?
- How can we be faithful to God in small things? Big things? What is the reward for keeping our faith?

TRUTH POINT

God rewards our faithfulness.

MARCH 6, 2021

SATURDAY
Day 6

REFLECTION AND CELEBRATION

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