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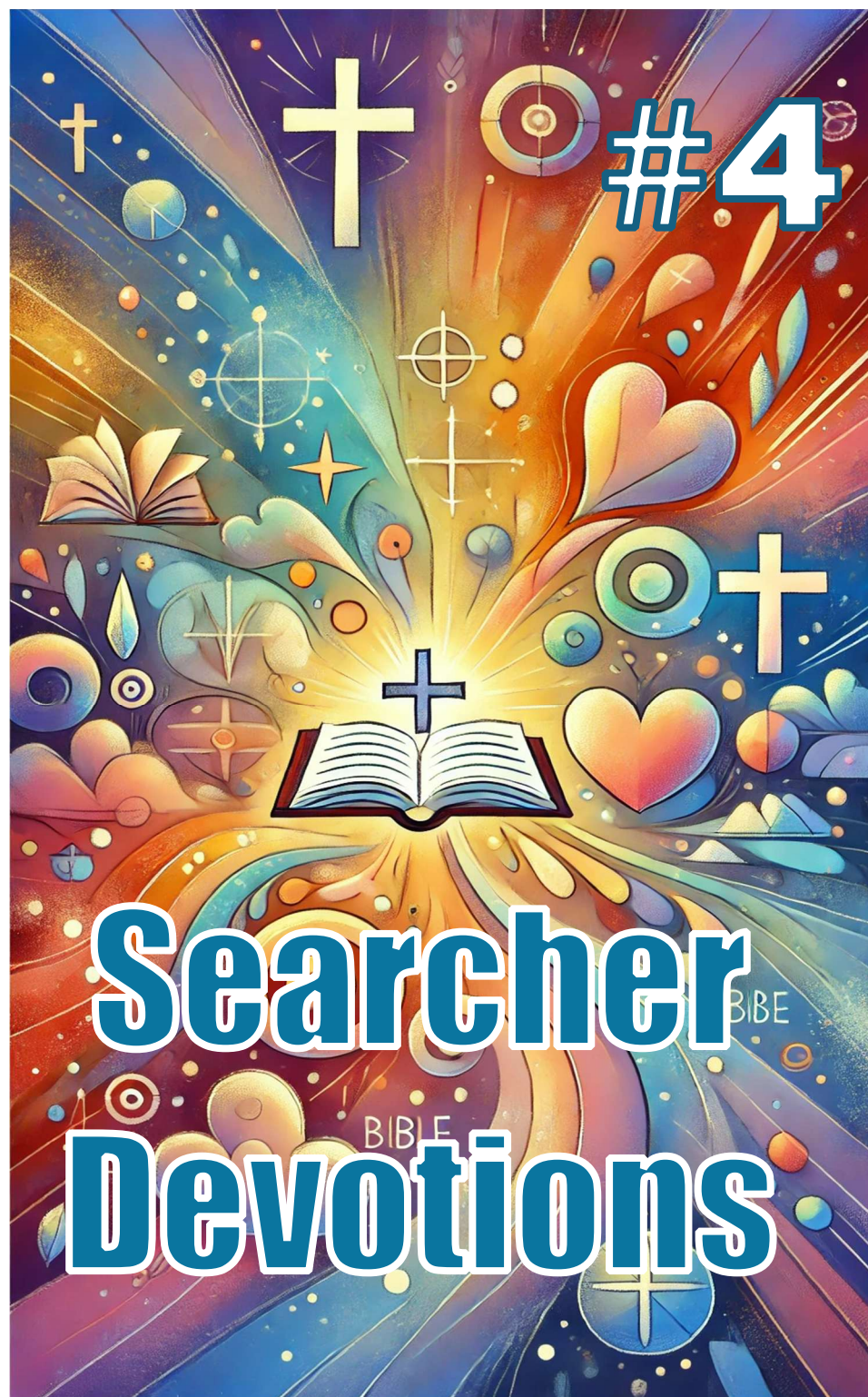


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# How to Use...

## Why Daily Devotions Matter

- **Spiritual Growth** – It helps children develop a strong foundation in God’s Word.
- **Family Connection** – It creates a dedicated time for meaningful conversation and bonding.
- **Moral Guidance** – It provides wisdom and direction for making godly choices.
- **Prayer Habit** – It teaches children to rely on God in all circumstances.

By making family devotions a daily priority, parents can instill lifelong faith habits in their children and create a home centered on God’s Word.

## Parents Using Family Devotional Effectively

Here’s a simple guide for parents on how to incorporate devotionals into everyday life:

### 1. Set a Consistent Time

- Choose a time that works best for your family’s schedule—morning, mealtime, or bedtime.
- Consistency helps make devotionals a habit, creating a special routine for your family.
- Start with follow-up what was learned before and how it was applied.

### 2. Read the Bible Verse Together

- Discuss what the verse means in simple terms and how it applies to everyday life.

### 3. Engage with the Devotional Story

- Read the short story or example provided.
- Relate the story to real-life situations your child may encounter.

### 4. Make the Faith Connection

- Help children understand how the Bible connects to their lives.
- Explain how Scripture reveals God’s love, guidance, and His plan for salvation.
- Encourage them to see the Bible as more than just words—it’s a message from God.

### 5. Discuss It

- Use Discussion question to deepen what we learn.

### 6. Pray Together

- Use the provided prayer or let each family member pray in their own words.

### 7. Application to our lives

- Encourage your child to put what they’ve learned into action

## Preparing for Christ’s Return

### Bible Verse

“So you, too, must keep watch! For you do not know the day or hour of my return.” – Matthew 25:13 (NLT)

### Story

Mia’s family was **going on a trip**, and her mom told her, “Be ready to leave early in the morning.” Mia packed her suitcase, laid out her clothes, and set her alarm. But her brother, Noah, didn’t get ready. The next morning, when it was time to go, Mia was **ready**, but Noah was **scrambling to pack** and nearly missed the trip!

That night, during family devotions, Mia’s dad read **Matthew 25:1-13**, the **Parable of the Five Wise and Five Foolish Bridesmaids**.

“In this parable, **five bridesmaids were prepared with enough oil for their lamps**, but the other five **weren’t ready when the groom arrived**. Only those who were prepared got to enter the wedding celebration.”

Mia tilted her head. “So, this story is about being **ready for Jesus’ return**?”

“Yes!” Mom said. “**Jesus told this parable of the Bridesmaids to remind us that some people claim to be Christians but won’t be prepared when He returns.**”

Dad continued, “The Bible also talks **about the Revelation of Christ, when Jesus will return after the Great Tribulation to rule and reign for a thousand years**. That’s why we must **always be ready**, because we don’t know when He will come.”

Mia grinned. “So, just like I was **ready for our trip**, I need to **be ready for Jesus’ return**?”

“Exactly,” Dad said. “**We prepare our hearts by following Jesus, obeying His Word, and staying faithful.**”

### Faith Connection

The **Revelation of Christ** refers to **His return after the Great Tribulation to rule for 1,000 years**. Jesus told the **Parable of the Five Wise and Five Foolish Bridesmaids** to remind us that **not everyone who claims to be a Christian will be prepared for His return**. That’s why we must **live ready for Jesus every day!**

### Discuss It

Why do you think some people **won’t be ready for Jesus’ return**? How can we **live prepared** for His coming?

### Prayer

Dear Jesus, thank You for **Your promise to return**. Help me to **live for You every day** so I will always be **ready and faithful** when You come again. Amen.

**Apply It** This week, think about **one way you can stay prepared** for Jesus’ return. Maybe by **reading your Bible, praying, or sharing Jesus with someone**. **Are you living ready?**

## A World Unprepared

### Bible Verse

*"When the Son of Man returns, it will be like it was in Noah's day."* – Luke 17:26

### Story

Mia's school was having a **surprise fire drill** sometime that week. Some students **ignored the teacher's warning**, but Mia and her friends made sure they knew **where to go and what to do**. When the alarm finally went off, they were **ready** while others were caught off guard.

That night, during family devotions, Mia's dad read about the **Rapture** and how **Christians who have died will be resurrected when Jesus returns**.

Mia tilted her head. "So, when Jesus comes back, **believers who have already died will be raised to life?**"

"Yes!" Mom said. "The Bible says that **when the Rapture happens, those who died in Christ will rise first, and then believers who are still alive will join them to be with Jesus.**"

Dad continued, "Jesus also said that **His return would be like the days of Noah and Lot**. People were **busy with life**, not realizing **judgment was coming.**"

Mia frowned. "So, people will be **living life** and won't expect Jesus to come?"

"Exactly," Dad said. "That's why **we should always be ready**, just like you were for the fire drill!"

Mia smiled. "So, **Jesus is coming back, and I want to be ready?**"

"Yes," Mom said. "If we **follow Jesus**, we don't have to be afraid—we can **look forward to His return with joy!**"

### Faith Connection

The **Rapture will be when Jesus returns to take His Church to be with Him, and those who have died in Christ will be resurrected first**. Jesus said **His return would be like the days of Noah and Lot**, when people were **unprepared**. That's why we should **always live ready for His return!**

### Discuss It

Why do you think some people **won't be ready for Jesus' return**? How can we make sure we **are living prepared for His coming**?

### Prayer

Dear Jesus, thank You for **Your promise to return**. Help me to **live for You every day** so I am always **ready and excited** for Your coming. Amen.

**Apply It** This week, think about **one way you can stay ready** for Jesus' return. Maybe by **praying, reading your Bible, or sharing Jesus with a friend**. **Are you living ready?**

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## 13 - (433-444)

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### Ordinances of the Church (Matthew 28:19)

- 433: The two ordinances of the Church are water baptism and Communion.
- 435: Water baptism is for every person who believes in Jesus as their Savior.

### Baptism (Romans 6:4)

- 434: Water baptism symbolizes the death of the old sinful nature and a new life in Christ.
- 436: The proper method of baptism is immersion in water.

### Remembering Jesus (1 Corinthians 11:23)

- 437: Christians are baptized in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.
- 438: In Communion, the bread represents Jesus' body, and the cup represents His blood, shed for our sins.

### The Lord's Supper (1 Corinthians 11:26)

- 439: QQ The Lord's Supper announces Jesus' death until He returns.
- 440: At the Communion service, everyone is to examine themselves to ensure they are partaking in a worthy manner.
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### Sin, Death, and Job (Romans 5:12)

- 441: Death entered the world as a result of willful sin.
- 444: A key lesson from Job is that not all misfortune is a punishment for sin.

### God's Approval (Acts 2:22)

- 442: Isaiah prophesied that Jesus would take our sicknesses and remove our diseases.
- 443: The purpose of Jesus' miracles was to demonstrate God's approval of Him.

## Second Coming of Christ

### Bible Verse

*"Look, I am coming soon, bringing my reward with me to repay all people according to their deeds."* – Revelation 22:12 (NLT)

### Story

Noah's grandparents were coming to visit, but they didn't say **exactly when** they would arrive. Every day, Noah checked the window, making sure the house was clean and ready. "I don't know when they're coming, but I want to be **ready when they do!**" he said.

During family devotions, Noah's dad read about the **Second Coming of Christ**. "The **New Testament talks about Jesus' return over 300 times**," Dad explained. "That means it's **really important!**"

Noah tilted his head. "So, **Jesus promised He would come back**, but we don't know **exactly when?**"

"Yes!" Mom said. "That's why we should **always be ready** by living for Him every day."

Dad continued, "The **Second Coming of Christ** includes two major events:

1. **The Rapture**, when Jesus takes believers to be with Him.
2. **Christ's Revelation**, when He returns to earth as King and Judge."

Noah grinned. "So, just like I wanted to **be ready for my grandparents**, we should **be ready for Jesus?**"

"Exactly," Mom said. "When we **love Jesus and live for Him**, we can **look forward to His return with joy!**"

### Faith Connection

The **New Testament has over 300 references to Jesus' Second Coming, showing how important it is! His return includes the Rapture (when He takes believers to Heaven) and His Revelation as Christ (when He comes as King and Judge)**. Since we don't know when, we should **live every day ready for His return!**

### Discuss It

Why do you think the Bible **talks so much about Jesus' return?** How can we **stay ready for His coming?**

### Prayer

Dear Jesus, thank You for **Your promise to return**. Help me to **live for You every day** and to be **ready when You come again**. Amen.

**Apply It** This week, think about **one way you can stay ready for Jesus**—by praying, reading the Bible, or sharing His love with someone. **Are you excited for His return?**

## Resurrection and New Life

### Bible Verse

...*"When you put a seed into the ground, it doesn't grow into a plant unless it dies first... A different plant grows from each kind of seed."* – 1 Corinthians 15:36, 38 (NIV)

### Story

Mia and her dad planted **tiny seeds** in their garden. At first, there was **nothing but dirt**, but after a few weeks, **green sprouts appeared!** Mia was amazed. "It looked like nothing was happening, but the seeds were **growing into something new!**"

That night, during family devotions, Mia's dad read **1 Corinthians 15, known as the "resurrection chapter."**

"In this chapter, Paul explains that **our resurrection is like a seed—what is buried doesn't stay the same, but God transforms it into something new.**"

Mia tilted her head. "So, when we die, it's not **the end?**"

"Exactly!" Mom said. "Just like a **seed dies in the ground before becoming a plant, our earthly bodies will die, but God will raise us with new, bodies.**"

Dad continued, "That's why we don't have to **fear death—because Jesus was resurrected, we will be too!**"

Mia smiled. "So, one day, we will have **new life in Heaven**, just like the seeds in our garden **became something new?**"

"Yes," Mom said. "God **promises resurrection and eternal life** for everyone who follows Jesus!"

### Faith Connection

**1 Corinthians 15 is called the 'resurrection chapter'** because it explains that **our bodies will be raised to new life** just as Jesus was. **Paul compares the resurrection to a seed—when it is buried in the ground, it doesn't stay the same.** Instead, God **gives it new life.** That's why Christians can have **hope in eternal life!**

### Discuss It

Why do you think Paul **used seeds as an example** to explain the resurrection? How does knowing that **we will be raised to new life** give us hope?

**Prayer** Dear Jesus, thank You for **the promise of resurrection.** Help me to **trust in Your power to bring new life** and to look forward to the **joy of being with You forever.** Amen.

**Apply It** This week, plant a **seed in a cup or garden** and watch it grow. Every time you see it, **remember God's promise** that one day, we will have **new life with Him in Heaven!**

## Ordinances of the Church

### Bible Verse

*"Go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit."* – Matthew 28:19 (NLT)

### Story

Noah's soccer team had a **special ceremony** where each player received a jersey with their name on it. "Now everyone knows I'm part of the team!" Noah said proudly.

That night, during family devotions, Noah's dad read about **water baptism and Communion, which are the two ordinances of the Church.**

"Just like putting on your jersey **shows that you're part of the team, water baptism shows that you belong to Jesus,**" Dad explained.

Noah tilted his head. "So, **everyone who believes in Jesus should be baptized in water?**"

"Yes!" Mom said. "Baptism is a **public way of saying, 'I believe in Jesus, and I'm following Him!'**"

Dad continued, "The other ordinance is **Communion**, when we eat the **bread and drink the cup to remember Jesus' sacrifice** on the cross."

Noah smiled. "So, **baptism shows that I follow Jesus, and Communion reminds me of what He did for me?**"

"Exactly," Mom said. "Both are ways to **honor and obey Jesus!**"

### Faith Connection

Jesus gave the **Church two important ordinances—water baptism and Communion.** **Baptism is for everyone who believes in Jesus,** showing that they **belong to Him.** **Communion helps us remember Jesus' sacrifice,** keeping our hearts focused on Him. These are **important ways we obey and follow Jesus!**

### Discuss It

Why do you think Jesus wants believers to **be baptized?** How does **taking Communion** help us remember what Jesus did for us?

### Prayer

Dear Jesus, thank You for **baptism and Communion,** which help us **follow You and remember Your love.** Help me to always **honor You in my heart and actions.** Amen.

### Apply It

This week, take time to **talk about baptism** with a parent or church leader if you haven't been baptized yet. Also, when you take **Communion,** remember to **thank Jesus for His sacrifice!**

## Baptism

### Bible Verse

*"For we died and were buried with Christ by baptism. And just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glorious power of the Father, now we also may live new lives."* – Romans 6:4 (NLT)

### Story

Mia loved watching butterflies. One day, she found a **caterpillar** and put it in a special container. She waited as it built a **cocoon**. A few weeks later, Mia was amazed when a **beautiful butterfly** came out!

That night, during family devotions, Mia's dad read **Romans 6:4** about how **baptism represents new life in Jesus**.

"Just like a **caterpillar changes into a butterfly**, baptism shows that our old sinful nature is gone, and we are made new in Christ."

Mia tilted her head. "So, baptism is like **showing on the outside what God has done inside our hearts?**"

"Yes!" Mom said. "When **we go under the water**, it symbolizes **dying to sin**, and when **we come back up**, it symbolizes a **new life in Jesus**."

Dad continued, "That's why **the proper method of baptism is immersion in water**—going all the way under and coming back up, just like Jesus was buried and rose again."

Mia smiled. "So, baptism **doesn't save us**, but it **shows that we follow Jesus?**"

"Exactly!" Dad said. "It's a way to **tell the world we belong to Him**."

### Faith Connection

**Water baptism symbolizes the death of our old sinful nature and our new life in Christ**. The **proper way to be baptized is by immersion in water**, just as Jesus was. Baptism is a **public declaration** that we belong to Jesus and want to live for Him!

### Discuss It

Why do you think **baptism is important** for believers? How does **going under the water and coming back up** represent our new life in Jesus?

### Prayer

Dear Jesus, thank You for **giving me new life** when I trust in You. Help me to always **follow You and live for You** each day. Amen.

### Apply It

If you haven't been baptized yet, **talk to a parent or pastor** about taking this step in your faith. If you have been baptized, **share with someone what it means to you!**

## Death and Resurrection

### Bible Verse

*"And they will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous will go into eternal life."* – Matthew 25:46 (NLT)

### Story

Noah and his family were watching a **movie with two different endings**. The characters had to make a big choice, and depending on what they chose, the story ended **with a reward or a consequence**.

That night, during family devotions, Noah's dad read about **Lazarus and the rich man in Luke 16**.

"**In this story, both Lazarus and the rich man died, but their souls were still awake and aware**," Dad explained. "Lazarus went to **be with God**, while the rich man was **separated from Him in suffering**."

Noah tilted his head. "So, **after we die, we are still conscious**—our souls don't just disappear?"

"Yes," Mom said. "The Bible teaches that **both the righteous and the wicked are conscious after death**. And one day, there will be a **final resurrection**—the righteous will rise to **eternal life with Jesus**, but the wicked will rise to **eternal punishment**."

Noah frowned. "That sounds serious."

"It is," Dad said. "That's why Jesus wants **everyone to follow Him**—so they can spend **eternity in Heaven, not separated from God**."

Noah thought for a moment. "So, just like my movie had **two endings**, our choices **determine where we spend eternity?**"

"Exactly," Mom said. "**Those who trust in Jesus will have eternal life**, but **those who reject Him will face judgment**."

**Faith Connection** The story of **Lazarus and the rich man** teaches us that **both the righteous and the wicked remain conscious after death**. The Bible also says that **one day, everyone will be resurrected—the righteous to eternal life and the wicked to eternal punishment**. That's why it's so important to **choose Jesus today** and share His love with others!

**Discuss It** Why do you think Jesus **taught about two eternal destinies**? How can knowing about **eternal life and eternal punishment** help us make good choices now?

**Prayer** Dear Jesus, thank You for **giving me the opportunity to choose You**.

Help me to **live for You every day** and share Your truth with others so they can have **eternal life with You**. Amen.

**Apply It** This week, take time to **thank Jesus for the gift of eternal life**. If you know someone who doesn't know Jesus, **pray for them** and look for a way to **share His love with them!**

## Hope in Death

### Bible Verse

...*"I know that my Redeemer lives, and that in the end he will stand on the earth. And after my body has decayed, yet in my body I will see God."* – Job 19:25-26

### Story

Mia's goldfish, Sunny, had been part of the family for years, but one morning, she found him floating at the top of the tank. Sad and confused, she asked her dad, "What happens when we die?"

That night, during family devotions, Mia's dad read **Job 19:25-26**, where Job **expressed faith that he would be resurrected and see God, even after his body decayed.**

Mia tilted her head. "So, even after Job's **body was gone**, he believed he would **see God again?**"

"Yes!" Mom said. "And that's exactly what happens to **Christians when they die**. The Bible says that **at death, a Christian's soul and spirit go immediately to be with the Lord.**"

Dad continued, "That's why we call it **hope in death**. It's sad when people we love die, but if they follow Jesus, they are **alive with Him in Heaven**. And one day, when Jesus returns, **He will give them new, perfect bodies.**"

Mia smiled. "So, even though **our bodies don't last forever**, our **souls do**, and we will **see Jesus one day?**"

"Exactly," Mom said. "Just like Job had **faith in God's promise**, we can **trust that Jesus gives us eternal life.**"

### Faith Connection

**At death, a Christian's soul and spirit go immediately to be with the Lord**, meaning that **death is not the end**. **Job had faith that even after his body decayed, he would be resurrected to see God again**. That same promise is for all believers—we have **eternal life with Jesus!**

### Discuss It

Why do you think **knowing that Christians go to be with Jesus** brings comfort? How does **Job's faith in resurrection** help us trust in God's promises?

### Prayer

Dear Jesus, thank You for the promise of **eternal life with You**. Help me to always **trust in Your plan**, knowing that **one day, I will see You face to face**. Amen.

### Apply It

If you know someone who has lost a loved one, **share the hope of Heaven with them**. Take time this week to **thank Jesus for the promise of eternal life!**

## Remembering Jesus

### Bible Verse

*"For I passed on to you what I received from the Lord himself. On the night when he was betrayed, the Lord Jesus took some bread..."* – 1 Corinthians 11:23 (NLT)

### Story

Mia's family had a **special family tradition**. Every year on her birthday, they looked at **old pictures** and told **stories about when she was born**. "We do this to **remember something important,**" her mom said.

That night, during family devotions, Mia's dad read **1 Corinthians 11:23**, where Jesus told His followers to **remember Him through Communion**.

"Jesus gave us two special ways to show we belong to Him—**baptism and Communion**. Baptism is when **we are baptized in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit**, showing that we follow Jesus."

Mia tilted her head. "Why do we use all three names?"

"Because **God is three in one**—Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. When we are baptized, it's a sign that **we belong to Him forever,**" Mom explained.

Dad continued, "And **Communion** is when we eat **the bread, which represents Jesus' body, and drink the cup, which represents His blood**, shed for our sins."

Mia smiled. "So, **baptism shows that we follow Jesus**, and **Communion helps us remember what He did for us?**"

"Exactly," Dad said. "Just like your birthday tradition helps us remember the day you were born, **baptism and Communion remind us of Jesus' love and sacrifice.**"

### Faith Connection

Christians are **baptized in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit** as a sign of **belonging to God**. In **Communion**, the **bread represents Jesus' body**, and the **cup represents His blood**, which He gave for our sins. **Baptism and Communion help us remember and honor Jesus!**

### Discuss It

Why do you think Jesus **wants us to remember Him through Communion?** How does being **baptized in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit** show that we belong to God?

### Prayer

Dear Jesus, thank You for **giving us baptism and Communion** to help us **remember and follow You**. Help me to always **honor You with my heart and my life**. Amen.

**Apply It** Next time you take Communion, **pause and reflect on Jesus' sacrifice**. If you haven't been baptized yet, **talk to a parent or pastor** about taking this step of faith.

## The Lord's Supper

"For every time you eat this bread and drink this cup, you are announcing the Lord's death until he comes again." – 1 Corinthians 11:26 (NLT)

### Story

Noah's class had a **time capsule** project. Each student placed a special item in a box that would be opened in five years. "This will help us **remember where we came from and look forward to the future**," his teacher said.

That night, during family devotions, Noah's dad read **1 Corinthians 11:26**, which says that **the Lord's Supper announces Jesus' death until He returns**.

Mom explained, "Just like your class put things in a time capsule to **remember the past and look forward to the future**, Communion helps us **remember what Jesus did for us and look forward to His return**."

Dad continued, "That's why **before taking Communion, we should examine ourselves to make sure we are partaking in a worthy manner**. It's a time to **reflect, confess sins, and focus on Jesus**."

Noah tilted his head. "So, Communion isn't just about eating bread and drinking from the cup—it's about **remembering and preparing our hearts**?"

"Yes!" Mom said. "We do it to **honor Jesus, reflect on His sacrifice, and prepare for His return**."

### Faith Connection

The **Lord's Supper reminds us of Jesus' death** and His promise to return. Before taking Communion, we should **examine our hearts and focus on Him**. It's not just a tradition—it's a way to **honor Jesus, remember His love, and prepare for His return**.

### Discuss It

Why do you think **Jesus wants us to take Communion** until He comes back?

How can we **examine our hearts before taking the Lord's Supper**?

### Prayer

Dear Jesus, thank You for **giving Your life for me**. Help me to **remember Your sacrifice** through Communion and always **prepare my heart to honor You**.

Amen.

### Apply It

Next time you take Communion, **pause and reflect on Jesus' sacrifice**. Ask God to help you **partake in a worthy manner** and prepare for His return!

## 16 - (469-480)

These devotions are built around Bible Fact-Pak 20-point questions. To use them effectively, keep a copy of the Fact-Pak Study Guide nearby for reference. If you don't have one on hand, the summary below provides an overview of the questions to help you understand the origin of these devotions.

### Hope in Death (Job 19:25-26)

- 469: At death, a Christian's soul and spirit go immediately to be with the Lord.
- 471: Job expressed faith that he would be resurrected and see God, even after his body decayed.

### Death and Resurrection (Matthew 25:46)

- 470: The story of Lazarus and the rich man shows that both the righteous and the wicked are conscious after death.
- 472: Both the righteous and the wicked will be resurrected—the righteous to eternal life and the wicked to eternal punishment.

### Resurrection and New Life (1 Corinthians 15:36, 38)

- 473: 1 Corinthians 15 is known as the "resurrection chapter."
- 474: Paul compares the resurrection to the sprouting of a new plant from a seed.

### Second Coming of Christ (Revelation 22:12)

- 475: The New Testament contains over 300 references to the second coming of Christ.
- 479: The second coming of Christ includes the Rapture and Christ's revelation

### Christ's Return (Luke 17:26)

- 476: Christians who have died will be resurrected at the rapture of the Church.
- 477: Jesus said His return would be like the days of Noah and Lot.

### Preparing for Christ's Return (Matthew 25:13)

- 478: The "revelation" of Christ refers to His return to earth to rule and reign for a thousand years after the Great Tribulation.
- 480: The Parable of the Five Wise and Five Foolish Bridesmaids reminds us that some who claim to be Christians will be unprepared for Jesus' return.



## God is Greater

### Bible Verse

*"But you belong to God, my dear children. You have already won a victory over those people because the Spirit who lives in you is greater than the spirit who lives in the world."* – 1 John 4:4 (NLT)

### Story

Noah's school had a **tug-of-war contest**. At first, his team struggled against the other side, but then a **strong teacher joined Noah's team**, and suddenly, they won easily! "It made all the difference to have someone **stronger on our side**," Noah said.

That night, during family devotions, Noah's dad read **1 John 4:4**, which says that **God's Spirit inside us is greater than any spirit in the world**.

Noah tilted his head. "So, just like **our team got stronger** when the teacher joined us, we are **stronger because the Holy Spirit is in us?**"

"Yes!" Mom said. "Evil powers cannot **control a Christian** because **God is greater than anything in this world**."

Dad continued, "That's why the Bible tells us to **stay away from things like astrology, spiritism, and occult practices**. These things **try to take our focus off God** and lead people in the wrong direction."

Noah frowned. "But some of my friends read **horoscopes** for fun. Is that bad?"

"Horoscopes, fortune-telling, and other occult practices **pretend to have power** that only belongs to God," Mom explained. "That's why **Scripture forbids them**—they can **lead people away from trusting in God**."

Noah grinned. "So, we don't need to **look to the stars** or **other powers**—we already have **God's Spirit living in us!**"

"Exactly," Dad said. "And when we **trust in God's power**, we don't have to **fear evil**—because **He is always greater**."

**Faith Connection** Evil powers cannot control Christians because **God's Spirit is greater than the spirit in the world**. The Bible warns us to **stay away from spiritism, astrology, and occult practices** because the **Scripture forbids them** and **lead people away from trusting God**. **We don't need to look anywhere else for power—God's Spirit lives in us and is greater than anything!**

**Discuss It** Why do you think the Bible **warns us about astrology and occult practices**? How does knowing that **God is greater than evil** help us live without fear?

**Prayer** Dear Jesus, thank You for **Your Spirit living in me**. Help me to **trust only in You** and stay away from things that **lead people away from You**. Amen.

**Apply It** This week, if you hear someone talk about **horoscopes, fortune-telling, or spiritual powers**, remember that **God is greater than all of it!** Take time to **thank God for His Spirit that lives in you**.

## Sin, Death, and Job

### Bible Verse

*"When Adam sinned, sin entered the world. Adam's sin brought death, so death spread to everyone, for everyone sinned."* – Romans 5:12 (NLT)

### Story

Noah's soccer team lost a big game. Some teammates got angry and said, "This is all your fault!" to a player who had missed a goal. But their coach stepped in and said, "**One mistake didn't lose the whole game. It's a team effort.**"

That night, during family devotions, Noah's dad read **Romans 5:12**, which says that **sin entered the world through Adam, bringing death with it**.

Dad explained, "Because **Adam and Eve willfully chose to sin, death and suffering became part of the world**."

Noah frowned. "So, is every bad thing a **punishment for sin?**"

"No," Mom said. "That's what Job's friends thought when Job lost everything. But Job hadn't done anything wrong—**his suffering was not a punishment for sin**."

Dad continued, "That's an **important lesson from Job—not all misfortune is because of sin**. Sometimes, we face trials for reasons we don't understand, but God is always in control."

Noah nodded. "So, sin brought death and suffering, but **not every bad thing happens because of sin?**"

"Exactly," Mom said. "And even in suffering, like Job, we can **trust God and remain faithful**."

### Faith Connection

Sin **entered the world through Adam**, bringing **death and suffering**. But Job's story teaches us that **not all misfortune is a punishment for sin**. Even when we don't understand why bad things happen, we can **trust God and remain faithful**.

### Discuss It

Why do you think **Job's friends assumed his suffering was a punishment?** How does knowing that **not all suffering is because of sin** help us trust God more?

### Prayer

Dear Jesus, thank You for **helping me trust You** even when I don't understand why bad things happen. Help me to **stay faithful** and remember that You are always in control. Amen.

### Apply It

If something bad happens this week, **pause and pray** instead of assuming it's a punishment. Remember that **God is always with you, just like He was with Job**.

## God's Approval

### Bible Verse

*"People of Israel, listen! God publicly endorsed Jesus the Nazarene by doing powerful miracles, wonders, and signs through him, as you well know."* – Acts 2:22 (NLT)

### Story

Mia's school held a **science fair**, and the judges went around **checking each project**. When they saw a great experiment, they gave it a **blue ribbon** to show that it was **approved** and well done.

That night, during family devotions, Mia's dad read **Acts 2:22**, which says that **Jesus' miracles showed God's approval of Him**.

Mia tilted her head. "So, Jesus **didn't just do miracles to help people—God used them to show that Jesus was really His Son?**"

"Yes!" Mom said. "God sent **prophets like Isaiah** to tell people what the Savior would do. **Isaiah prophesied that Jesus would take our sicknesses and remove our diseases**, and Jesus fulfilled that by healing people."

Dad continued, "Every miracle Jesus did **proved that He was the Son of God** and that **God's power was working through Him**."

Mia smiled. "So, the miracles were **God's way of saying, 'This is My Son—you can trust Him?'**"

"Exactly," Dad said. "And Jesus' greatest miracle was **giving His life for us and rising from the dead!**"

### Faith Connection

Isaiah prophesied that **Jesus would take our sicknesses and remove our diseases**, and Jesus fulfilled that prophecy by healing many people. The purpose of **Jesus' miracles was to demonstrate that God approved of Him as His Son**. **Through His miracles, death, and resurrection, Jesus proved that He is our Savior!**

### Discuss It

Why do you think God wanted to **show His approval of Jesus through miracles**? How do **Jesus' miracles help us trust Him today**?

### Prayer

Dear Jesus, thank You for **showing us God's power through Your miracles**. Help me to **trust in You** and believe in Your love and power every day. Amen.

### Apply It

This week, **read about one of Jesus' miracles** (like in Matthew, Mark, Luke, or John) and think about how it **shows that He is truly God's Son**.

## Danger of Rejecting Christ

### Bible Verse

*"And anyone whose name was not found recorded in the Book of Life was thrown into the lake of fire."* – Revelation 20:15 (NLT)

### Story

Mia's teacher announced that the school was having a **special field trip**, but only students who **turned in their permission slips** could go. Mia reminded her friend Ethan to bring his form, but he said, "I don't need to. They'll let me go anyway." On the day of the trip, Ethan wasn't allowed on the bus because his name **wasn't on the list**. "I didn't think it mattered," he sighed.

That night, during family devotions, Mia's dad read **Revelation 20:15**, which says that **only those whose names are in the Lamb's Book of Life will spend eternity with Jesus**.

Mia tilted her head. "So, the **Lamb's Book of Life** is like a **list of people who belong to Jesus?**"

"Yes," Mom said. "Those who **accept Jesus as Savior** have their names written in the book and will **spend eternity in Heaven**. But those who **reject Him** will be separated from God forever in the **lake of fire**."

Dad continued, "This is where the **devil will be punished, too**. He was once an **angel**, but he **rebelled against God** because he wanted to **be greater than Him**. **He was cast out of Heaven and will one day face eternal punishment**."

Mia frowned. "So, Satan tried to **take God's place** and ended up **separated from Him forever?**"

"Exactly," Mom said. "That's why **rejecting God** is dangerous—those who don't follow Jesus **choose eternal separation from Him**."

Mia thought for a moment. "So, **God gives everyone a choice—to accept Jesus and be with Him forever or reject Him and face judgment?**"

"Yes," Dad said. "That's why we need to **choose Jesus now**."

### Faith Connection

The Bible says that **those who reject Jesus as Savior and whose names are not in the Lamb's Book of Life will spend eternity in the lake of fire**. The **devil was once an angel, but he was punished for trying to be greater than God** and will **face eternal judgment**. **God gives everyone the choice—to accept Jesus and spend eternity with Him** or to reject Him and be **separated forever**.

**Discuss It** Why do you think **God gives people a choice** instead of forcing them to follow Him?

**Prayer** Dear Jesus, thank You for **offering me eternal life**. Help me to **choose You every day** and share Your love with others so they can know You, too.

**Apply It** This week, **pray for someone who doesn't know Jesus** and look for a way to **share God's love with them**. Remember, choosing Jesus is **the most important decision we can make!**

## Hell is Real

### Bible Verse

*"Then the devil, ... was thrown into the fiery lake of burning sulfur, joining the beast and the false prophet. There they will be tormented day and night forever and ever."* – Revelation 20:10 (NLT)

### Story

Noah's family was camping when they built a **big campfire** to stay warm. His dad warned, "Don't get too close! Fire is helpful, but it can also be dangerous." Noah stayed back, realizing how **hot and powerful the flames were**.

That night, during family devotions, Noah's dad read from **Revelation 20:10**, which describes **hell as a place of eternal fire, punishment, and torment**.

Noah tilted his head. "So, **hell is a real place** and not just a story?"

"Yes," Mom said. "Hell is a **place of punishment** for those who **reject God**. But it wasn't originally made for people—**God prepared hell for the devil and his demons**."

Dad continued, "God doesn't **want anyone to go there**—that's why He sent **Jesus to save us**. He gives everyone a choice to **follow Him and spend eternity with Him in Heaven**."

Noah frowned. "So, if someone **rejects Jesus**, they're choosing to be **separated from God forever**?"

"Exactly," Mom said. "God is **holy and just**, and He can't let sin go unpunished. But **He loves us so much** that He made a way for us to **be saved through Jesus**."

### Faith Connection

Hell is a **real place of eternal fire and punishment**. God originally **prepared hell for the devil and his demons**, but those who **reject Jesus** will also be **separated from God forever**. The good news is that **God offers salvation through Jesus**, giving us the **choice to follow Him and spend eternity in Heaven**.

### Discuss It

Why do you think God **warns us about hell**? How does knowing that **Jesus saves us from sin** give us hope?

### Prayer

Dear Jesus, thank You for **loving me and making a way for me to be with You forever**. Help me to **choose You every day** and share Your love with others. Amen.

### Apply It

This week, take time to **thank Jesus for saving you**. If you know someone who doesn't know Jesus, **pray for them and look for a way to share God's love**.

## 14 – (445-456)

These devotions are built around Bible Fact-Pak 20-point questions. To use them effectively, keep a copy of the Fact-Pak Study Guide nearby for reference. If you don't have one on hand, the summary below provides an overview of the questions to help you understand the origin of these devotions.

### Healing and Hope (James 5:14)

- 445: James instructs us to ask the elders to anoint us with oil and pray for healing when we are sick.
- 446: The Christian's Blessed Hope is the return of Jesus Christ.

### The Rapture (1 Thessalonians 4:16-17)

- 447: The Rapture is when Jesus returns to take His Church out of the world.
- 449: The coming of Jesus should not surprise Christians because they live in the light and are prepared.

### Only God Know (Matthew 24:36)

- 448: Only God the Father knows when the Rapture will occur.
- 450: After the Rapture, Christians will face judgment and celebrate the wedding feast of the Lamb.

### Tribulation and Antichrist (Matthew 24:21)

- 451: The Great Tribulation is a time of extreme trouble and turmoil before the final judgment.
- 452: The Antichrist will be a world ruler during the Great Tribulation who will attempt to make people worship him as God.

### Millennium and Satan (Revelation 20:1-2)

- 453: The Millennium is a future 1,000-year period when Jesus will rule over the earth.
- 454: During the Millennium, Satan will be imprisoned in a bottomless pit so he cannot tempt people.

### Judgement and Eternity (Hebrews 9:27)

- 455: At the end of the Millennium, Satan will be released but will be completely defeated by Jesus.
- 456: Everyone will face two appointments—death and judgment.

## Healing and Hope

### Bible Verse

*"Are any of you sick? You should call for the elders of the church to come and pray over you, anointing you with oil in the name of the Lord."* – James 5:14

### Story

Noah had a **bad cold** and had to stay home from school. His mom made him **hot soup**, and his dad **prayed for him**. "God cares about you when you're sick," his dad said. "That's why we pray and ask for His healing."

That night, during family devotions, Noah's dad read **James 5:14, where James instructs believers to ask the elders of the church to anoint them with oil and pray for healing when they are sick.**

Noah tilted his head. "So, when we are sick, we should **ask for prayer, just like I did today?**"

"Yes!" Mom said. "God hears our prayers, and He can **heal in many ways**—through prayer, medicine, or even rest."

Dad continued, "But do you know what **our greatest hope** is? **The Christian's Blessed Hope is the return of Jesus Christ.** One day, Jesus will **come back and make everything new**—no more sickness, pain, or sadness."

Noah grinned. "So, we can **ask for healing now**, but one day, **Jesus will take away all sickness forever?**"

"Exactly," Mom said. "Until then, we **pray for healing and trust God**, knowing that **Jesus is coming back one day.**"

### Faith Connection

James teaches that when we are sick, we should **ask the elders of the church to anoint us with oil and pray for healing.** While God can heal now, our greatest hope is **the return of Jesus Christ.** The **Christian's Blessed Hope** is that one day, Jesus will come back and **take away all sickness and pain forever!**

### Discuss It

Why does God want us to **pray for healing when we are sick?** How does knowing that **Jesus will return one day** give us hope?

### Prayer

Dear Jesus, thank You for **caring for me when I am sick.** Help me to **trust You for healing and to always look forward to Your return.** Amen.

### Apply It

This week, if you or someone you know is sick, **pray for them and ask God for healing.** Also, take time to **thank God for the Blessed Hope—that Jesus is coming back!**

## Death and Evil Defeated

### Bible Verse

*... "The last enemy to be destroyed is death."* – 1 Corinthians 15:26 (NLT)

### Story

Noah and his friends were playing a **board game.** One player seemed to be winning, but in the last move, Noah made a **winning play** that changed everything. "I thought the game was over, but you won in the end!" his friend said.

That night, during family devotions, Noah's dad read **1 Corinthians 15:26,** which says **the last enemy to be destroyed is death.**

Noah tilted his head. "So, even though death feels like a **big loss,** Jesus has already **won in the end?**"

"Yes!" Mom said. "Death **came into the world because of sin,** but Jesus **defeated death** when He rose from the grave."

Dad continued, "And do you know who **else Jesus defeated? The devil. Some people think the devil is as powerful as God, but he's not. He is a created being and was defeated when Jesus died and rose again.**"

Noah grinned. "So, even though it **might look like Satan is winning,** we know that **Jesus already won the battle?**"

"Exactly," Mom said. "One day, **death and evil will be completely destroyed** forever, and Jesus will rule forever in victory."

### Faith Connection

The Bible says that **the last enemy to be destroyed is death,** but Jesus has **already won the victory** through His resurrection. The **devil is not as powerful as God**—he is only a **created being** and was **defeated when Jesus died and rose again.** One day, **Jesus will remove death and evil forever, and His victory will last for eternity!**

### Discuss It

How does knowing that **Jesus defeated death and the devil** give us hope? Why do you think some people believe the devil is as powerful as God when he has already lost?

### Prayer

Dear Jesus, thank You for **defeating death and the devil** so I don't have to be afraid. Help me to **trust in Your victory** and live with hope every day. Amen.

### Apply It

This week, when you feel afraid or discouraged, **remember that Jesus already won the battle.** Read **1 Corinthians 15:26** and thank God that **one day, death and evil will be gone forever!**

## Living Pure for Jesus

### Bible Verse

*"And all who have this eager expectation will keep themselves pure, just as he is pure."* – 1 John 3:3 (NLT)

### Story

Mia's family was expecting a **special visitor**—her grandparents were coming to stay! Before they arrived, Mia cleaned her room, helped cook, and made a welcome sign. "I want everything to be **ready for them**," she said excitedly.

That night, during family devotions, Mia's dad read **1 John 3:3**, which says that **those who look forward to Christ's return keep themselves pure**.

Mia tilted her head. "So, just like I **prepared for Grandma and Grandpa**, we should **prepare for Jesus' return**?"

"Yes!" Mom said. "When we know Jesus is coming back, we want to **live in a way that honors Him**, making sure our hearts are **pure and ready**."

Dad continued, "And the most important thing is to **have our names written in the Lamb's Book of Life**. Those who accept Jesus as Savior **will spend eternity in Heaven with Him**."

Mia smiled. "So, when we **follow Jesus**, we're not just **waiting for Him**—we're **getting ready for eternity**?"

"Exactly," Dad said. "We keep ourselves **pure, live for Him**, and look forward to **being with Him forever**."

### Faith Connection

Those who are **waiting for Jesus' return** keep their lives **pure and focused on Him**. The Bible teaches that **everyone who accepts Jesus as their Savior will have their names written in the Lamb's Book of Life, meaning they will spend eternity in Heaven**. We don't just wait for Jesus—we live in a way that prepares us for His coming!

### Discuss It

How does knowing that **Jesus is coming back** help us make **good choices**? Why is it important to have our **names written in the Lamb's Book of Life**?

### Prayer

Dear Jesus, thank You for the promise of **Your return**. Help me to **live pure, make good choices, and always be ready** to be with You forever. Amen.

### Apply It

This week, think about **one way you can live purely for Jesus**—maybe by **praying, making good choices, or sharing His love with others**. **Are you ready for His return**?

## The Rapture

### Bible Verse

*"For the Lord himself will come down from heaven with a commanding shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trumpet call of God. First, the believers who have died will rise from their graves. Then, together with them, we who are still alive and remain on the earth will be caught up in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. Then we will be with the Lord forever."* – 1 Thessalonians 4:16-17 (NLT)

### Story

Mia's family was **going on vacation**, and her parents told her to **be packed and ready** because they would leave early in the morning. Mia didn't know exactly **what time they would leave**, but she packed her bag the night before and set her alarm so she would be **ready whenever they called her**.

That night, during family devotions, Mia's dad read **1 Thessalonians 4:16-17**, which talks about **the Rapture—when Jesus returns to take His Church out of the world**.

Mia tilted her head. "So, the Rapture is when Jesus comes back for everyone who believes in Him?"

"Yes!" Mom said. "That's why we call it **the Blessed Hope**—because one day, Jesus will return to **take His followers to be with Him forever**."

Dad continued, "And just like you didn't know exactly **when we were leaving for vacation**, the Bible says we **don't know the exact time of Jesus' return**. But we should **be ready** at all times."

Mia grinned. "So, Christians shouldn't be surprised when Jesus comes back, because we're already **living in the light and prepared**?"

"Exactly!" Mom said. "We **stay ready** by following Jesus, loving others, and sharing the Good News."

### Faith Connection

The **Rapture is when Jesus returns to take His Church out of the world**. For Christians, this is called the **Blessed Hope**—knowing that **Jesus will come back for us**. **The Bible says that His coming should not surprise us because we live in the light and are always prepared by following Him**.

### Discuss It

How can we **stay ready** for Jesus' return? Why do you think the Bible calls His return **the Blessed Hope**?

**Prayer** Dear Jesus, thank You for **the promise of Your return**. Help me to **stay ready by following You, loving others, and sharing the Good News**. Amen.

**Apply It** This week, think about **one way you can stay ready** for Jesus' return—by praying, reading the Bible, or sharing Jesus with a friend. **Remember, He is coming back for us!**

## Only God Knows

### Bible Verse

*"However, no one knows the day or hour when these things will happen, not even the angels in heaven or the Son himself. Only the Father knows."*— Matthew 24:36 (NLT)

### Story

Noah's teacher announced a **surprise quiz** coming soon. The students didn't know **which day it would be**, but the teacher told them to **always be ready by studying a little each day**.

That night, during family devotions, Noah's dad read **Matthew 24:36**, which says **that only God the Father knows when the Rapture will happen**.

Noah tilted his head. "So, even **Jesus doesn't know when the Rapture will happen**—only God?"

"Yes," Mom said. "That's why we must **always be ready** by following Jesus and living for Him."

Dad continued, "**And after the Rapture, Christians will stand before Jesus for judgment—not to be punished, but to receive rewards for what we did for Him. Then, we will celebrate the wedding feast of the Lamb**, a great celebration in heaven with Jesus!"

Noah smiled. "So, just like my teacher's **surprise quiz**, we don't know **when** Jesus is coming back, but we should **always be prepared**?"

"Exactly," Mom said. "And the best part is, when He comes, it will be **a time of joy and celebration** for everyone who follows Him!"

### Faith Connection

The Bible says that **only God the Father knows when the Rapture will happen**, so we must **always be ready**. After the Rapture, Christians will **stand before Jesus to receive rewards** and **celebrate the wedding feast of the Lamb** in heaven. It will be a **joyful time with Jesus forever!**

### Discuss It

Why do you think **God wants us to always be ready** for Jesus' return? How does knowing that **we will celebrate with Jesus in heaven** give us hope?

### Prayer

Dear Jesus, thank You for **Your promise to return**. Help me to **live for You every day** and always be ready for the joy of **being with You forever**. Amen.

### Apply It

This week, think about **one way you can stay ready** for Jesus' return—maybe by **praying, reading the Bible, or sharing Jesus with a friend**. Remember, **God's timing is perfect!**

## Promise of Heaven

### Bible Verse

*"He will wipe every tear from their eyes, and there will be no more death or sorrow or crying or pain. All these things are gone forever."*— Revelation 21:4

### Story

Noah and his family were going on a **big vacation** to a place he had never been before. His parents showed him **pictures of the beach, fun activities, and delicious food**. "It's going to be amazing!" his dad said. "We've planned everything to make it perfect for you."

That night, during family devotions, Noah's dad read about **Heaven—a place of eternal joy that God is preparing for those who love Him and accept Jesus as Savior**.

Noah tilted his head. "So, Heaven is a **real place**, and God is **getting it ready for us**?"

"Yes!" Mom said. "And the best part is, **there will be no tears, death, sorrow, pain, or evil**. Everything will be **perfect forever**."

Dad continued, "Just like we showed you **pictures of our vacation**, the Bible gives us **glimpses of Heaven**. It's more wonderful than anything we can imagine!"

Noah grinned. "So, Heaven is even **better than the best vacation ever**?"

"Exactly," Mom said. "It's not just a **place to visit**—it's our **forever home with Jesus!**"

### Faith Connection

Heaven is a **real place of eternal joy** that **God is preparing** for everyone who loves Him and accepts Jesus. The Bible says that in **Heaven, there will be no more tears, death, sorrow, pain, or evil**—only **perfect joy with Jesus forever!**

### Discuss It

Why do you think **God wants us to know about Heaven**? How does knowing that **Heaven is our forever home** help us live for Jesus now?

### Prayer

Dear Jesus, thank You for **preparing a place for me in Heaven**. Help me to **follow You every day** and to look forward to the **eternal joy of being with You forever**. Amen.

### Apply It

This week, think about what **makes you excited about Heaven**. Share with a friend or family member **why Heaven is such a special promise for those who love Jesus!**

## 15 – (457-468)

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### Promise of Heaven (Revelation 21:4)

- 457: Heaven is a place of eternal joy that God is preparing for those who love Him and accept Jesus as Savior.
- 460: Heaven will have no tears, death, sorrow, pain, or evil.

### Living Pure for Jesus (1 John 3:3)

- 458: Those who look for Christ's return keep themselves pure.
- 459: Those who accept Jesus as Savior and have their names written in the Lamb's Book of Life will spend eternity in heaven.

### Death and Evil Defeated (1 Corinthians 15:26)

- 461: The last enemy to be destroyed is death.
- 466: The devil is not as powerful as God because he is a created being defeated by Jesus' death and resurrection.

### Hell is Real (Revelation 20:10)

- 462: Hell is a place of eternal fire, punishment, and torment.
- 463: God prepared hell for the devil and his demons.

### Danger of Rejecting Christ (Revelation 20:15)

- 464: Those who refuse Jesus as Savior and whose names are not in the Lamb's Book of Life will spend eternity in the lake of fire.
- 465: The devil was an angel who was punished for trying to make himself greater than God.

### God is Greater (1 John 4:4)

- 467: Evil powers cannot control a Christian because the Holy Spirit within them is greater than the spirit in the world.
- 468: Christians should avoid spiritism, astrology, and occult practices because Scripture forbids them.

## Tribulation and Antichrist

### Bible Verse

*"For that will be a time of greater anguish than any since the world began. And it will never be so great again."* – Matthew 24:21 (NLT)

### Story

Mia's class was **doing a fire drill** at school. The alarm was loud, and everyone had to move quickly, but Mia wasn't scared because she **knew her teacher had a plan** to keep them safe.

That night, during family devotions, Mia's dad read about **the Great Tribulation, a time of extreme trouble that will happen before God's final judgment.**

Mia tilted her head. "So, the Great Tribulation is like a really **difficult time for the world** before the final judgement?"

"Yes," Mom said. "The Bible says it will be a **time of great turmoil and suffering**, but God already **has a plan** for His people."

Dad continued, "During this time, a **world ruler called the Antichrist will rise.** He will try to **make people worship him as God.**"

Mia frowned. "That sounds scary."

"It does," Mom said. "But we don't have to be afraid. The Bible says that **Jesus will defeat the Antichrist** and bring justice in the end."

Mia smiled. "So, just like my teacher had a **plan for the fire drill**, God has a **plan to protect His people?**"

"Exactly," Dad said. "That's why we **trust in Jesus and stay close to Him.**"

### Faith Connection

**The Great Tribulation will be a time of trouble and turmoil before God's final judgment. During this time, the Antichrist will rise and try to make people worship him instead of God. But in the end, Jesus will return, defeat evil, and bring justice forever.** We don't have to be afraid because **God's plan is always in control!**

### Discuss It

Why do you think the Bible **warns us about the Great Tribulation?** How does knowing that **Jesus will return and defeat evil** give us peace?

### Prayer

Dear Jesus, thank You for **being in control** even in troubled times. Help me to **trust You and stay close to You** no matter what happens. Amen.

### Apply It

This week, take time to **thank Jesus for His power over evil.** When you feel **worried or afraid**, remember that **God's plan is always good, and Jesus will return as King!**

## Millennium and Satan

### Bible Verse

*"Then I saw an angel coming down from heaven with the key to the bottomless pit and a heavy chain in his hand. He seized the dragon—that old serpent, who is the devil, Satan—and bound him in chains for a thousand years."— Revelation 20:1-2 (NLT)*

### Story

Noah's family was **setting up for a party**. They were cleaning, decorating, and preparing food. "It's going to be so fun once everything is ready!" Noah said excitedly.

That night, during family devotions, Noah's dad read about **the Millennium, a future 1,000-year period when Jesus will rule over the earth**.

Noah tilted his head. "So, after all the trouble in the world, Jesus will come back and **bring peace for 1,000 years?**"

"Yes!" Mom said. "Jesus will **rule with justice and love**, and **during that time, Satan will be locked away in a bottomless pit so he cannot tempt or hurt people.**"

Dad continued, "It will be a time of **peace, joy, and God's perfect rule**. People will get to see what the world looks like when **Jesus is in charge of everything.**"

Noah smiled. "So, it's like **getting everything ready for a big party**, but instead of just one day, it lasts **1,000 years?**"

"Exactly," Mom said. "And at the end of the Millennium, **God's final victory over Satan will happen, and His kingdom will last forever!**"

### Faith Connection

The **Millennium is a future 1,000-year period when Jesus will rule over the earth**. During that time, **Satan will be imprisoned in a bottomless pit**, unable to **tempt or harm people**. It will be a **time of peace and joy**, as Jesus reigns in perfect love.

### Discuss It

Why do you think **Jesus ruling the earth for 1,000 years** is important? How does knowing that **Satan will be locked away** give us peace about the future?

### Prayer

Dear Jesus, thank You for Your promise to **rule with love and peace**. Help me to **trust Your plan for the future** and to always follow You. Amen.

### Apply It

This week, **thank Jesus for being in control**. Think about how you can **live today with hope**, knowing that **Jesus will one day rule over the whole earth!**

## Judgment and Eternity

### Bible Verse

*"And just as each person is destined to die once and after that comes judgment."— Hebrews 9:27 (NLT)*

### Story

Mia's school had a **big test** coming up. The teacher reminded everyone, "The test is coming, and you'll all have to take it. Make sure you're ready!" Mia studied hard because she wanted to be **prepared**.

That night, during family devotions, Mia's dad read **Hebrews 9:27**, which says that **everyone has two appointments—death and judgment**.

Mia tilted her head. "So, just like I knew the **test was coming**, we all know that **one day we will stand before God?**"

"Yes," Mom said. "The Bible says that **at the end of the Millennium, Satan will be released for a short time, but Jesus will completely defeat him forever.**"

Dad continued, "Then comes **the final judgment**—everyone will stand before God. Those who followed Jesus will have **eternal life with Him**, but those who rejected Him will be separated from Him forever."

Mia thought for a moment. "So, we should **be ready now** by following Jesus, because we don't know when that day will come?"

"Exactly," Mom said. "When we **trust in Jesus**, we don't have to be afraid—we can **look forward to eternity with Him!**"

### Faith Connection

At the **end of the Millennium, Satan will be released for a short time, but Jesus will defeat him forever**. **Everyone has two unavoidable appointments—death and judgment**. Those who **trust in Jesus** will spend **eternity with Him**, while those who reject Him will be **separated from God forever**. The good news is, **we can be ready now by following Jesus!**

### Discuss It

Why do you think the Bible tells us about **judgment and eternity**? How can we **be ready** for the day we stand before God?

### Prayer

Dear Jesus, thank You for the promise of **eternity with You**. Help me to **live for You every day** and to be ready to **stand before You with faith and joy**. Amen.

### Apply It

This week, think about how you can **prepare your heart** by **praying, reading God's Word, and sharing Jesus with others**. **Are you ready for eternity?**