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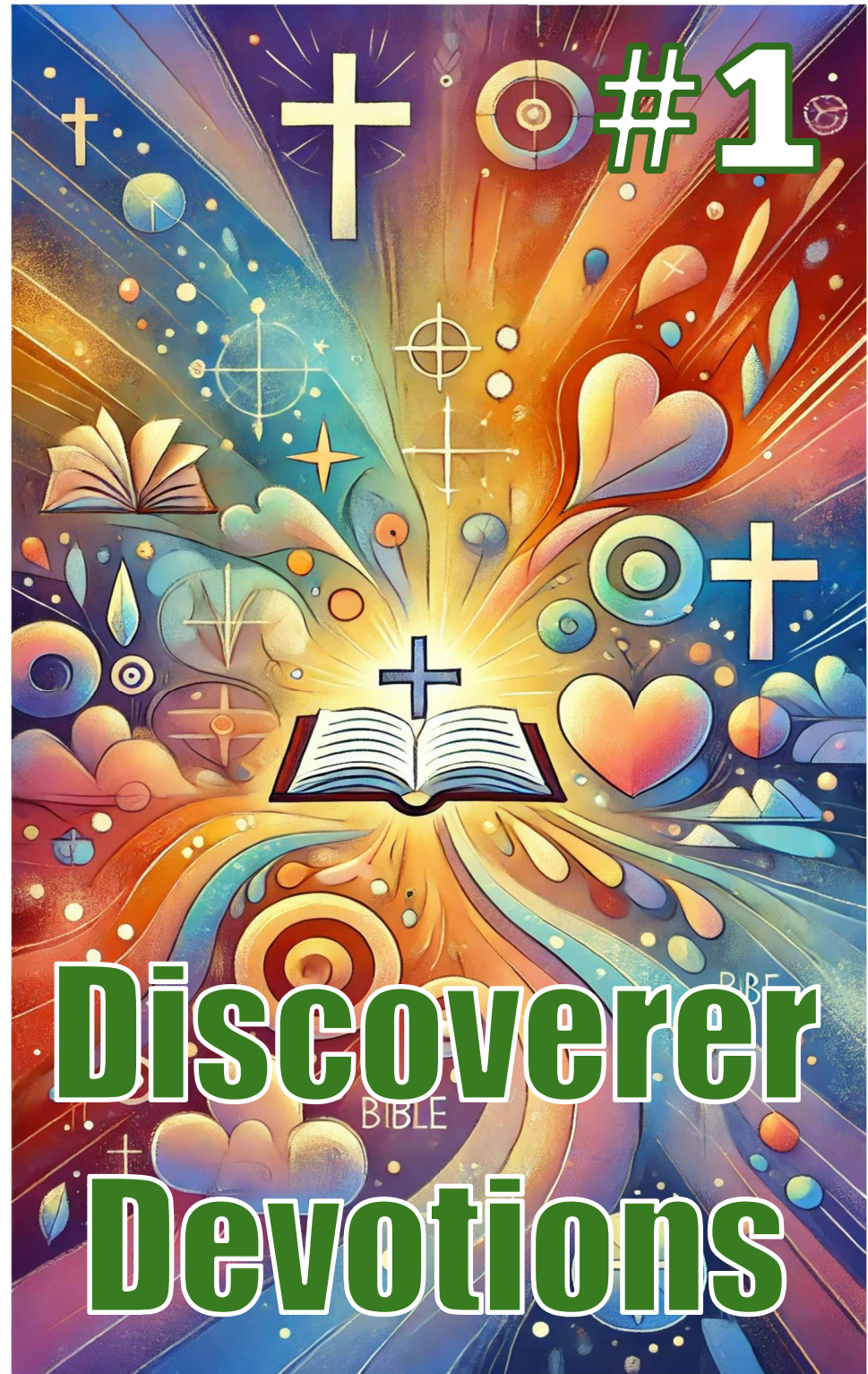


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How to Use...

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

Moses is Called

Bible Verse

...*"God called to him from the middle of the bush, 'Moses! Moses!' 'Here I am!' Moses replied."* – Exodus 3:4 (NLT)

Story

Caleb loved helping his dad fix things around the house. One day, while holding a toolbox, he asked, “Dad, how do you know which tool to use?”

His dad smiled. “Every tool has a purpose. You just have to know when and how to use it.”

That night, during family devotions, Caleb’s mom read about Moses. “Moses grew up in Pharaoh’s palace, but **one day Moses saw an Egyptian mistreating an Israelite. He tried to help, but he ended up killing the Egyptian and had to flee to Midian. Moses settled in Midian and married the daughter of a man named Jethro who was a priest in Midian and became a shepherd.**”

Caleb frowned. “So, Moses messed up and had to run away?”

“Yes,” Dad said. “But God wasn’t done with him. Years later, while Moses was watching Jethro’s sheep, **God appeared to Moses in a burning bush on Mount Sinai.** That’s when God called Moses to lead His people out of Egypt.”

Caleb’s eyes widened. “So, even though Moses made mistakes, God still had a purpose for him?”

“Exactly!” Mom said. “Just like every tool in the toolbox has a purpose, God has a purpose for each of us. Even when we make mistakes, He can still use us for something great.”

Faith Connection

Moses made mistakes and had to run away, but God still had a plan for his life. When the time was right, God spoke to him through a burning bush and called him to lead His people. No matter what we’ve done, God can still use us for His purpose!

Discuss It

Why do you think God chose Moses even though he had made mistakes? How can we listen for God’s calling in our own lives?

Prayer

Dear God, thank You for having a purpose for my life. Even when I make mistakes, help me to trust that You can still use me for good. Teach me to listen for Your voice, just like Moses did. Amen.

Live It

Think about a time when you made a mistake. Instead of feeling discouraged, ask God how He can still use you for something good. Remember, He has a purpose for you just like He did for Moses!

Jacob Moves to Goshen

Bible Verse

"Since Joseph was governor of all Egypt and in charge of selling grain to all the people, it was to him that his brothers came. When they arrived, they bowed before him with their faces to the ground." – Genesis 42:6 (NLT)

Story

Emma was nervous about her new school. She missed her old friends and didn't understand why her family had to move. "I just want things to go back to the way they were," she told her mom.

Her mom hugged her. "Sometimes changes feel hard, but God can turn even the hardest situations into something good."

That night, during family devotions, Emma's dad read about Joseph's family. "Years after Joseph became a ruler in Egypt, **Joseph's brothers came to buy food during the famine.** They didn't know it was him at first! Later, Joseph forgave them, and their father, **Jacob, moved the whole family to Egypt, settling in a place called Goshen.**"

Emma thought for a moment. "So even though Joseph went through hard times, it all worked out for good?"

Mom nodded. "Exactly! Many years later, when the Israelites lived in Egypt, **Pharaoh's daughter found baby Moses floating in a basket in the river.** That baby would grow up to be the leader who helped free God's people."

Emma smiled. "So, God was taking care of them, even when things looked bad?"
 "Yes!" Dad said. "And He is taking care of you, too. You might not see it yet, but God has a plan, just like He did for Joseph and Moses."

Faith Connection

Joseph's journey led to his family being saved from famine. Later, Moses' story began when Pharaoh's daughter found him in the river—God had a big plan for him too! Even when life brings changes or challenges, God is working everything for good.

Discuss It

Why do you think Joseph forgave his brothers? How can we trust God when things in life feel uncertain?

Prayer

Dear God, thank You for always having a plan. Even when things are hard or confusing, I know You are in control. Help me to trust You like Joseph did. Amen.

Live It

Think about a change in your life that was hard. How did God use it for good? This week, if something feels uncertain, pray and remember that God is always working behind the scenes!

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What is the Bible (2 Timothy 3:16)

- 001: The Bible is God's inspired Word and reveals His plan of salvation.
- 009: About 40 people were inspired by God to write the Bible.
- 010: It took approximately 1,600 years to complete the writing of the Bible.

Bible Structure (Hebrews 10:16)

- 002: The Bible contains 66 books.
- 003: It is divided into two parts: the Old Testament and the New Testament.
- 004: The word "testament" means covenant, or agreement.

The Old Testament (Psalm 119:105)

- 005: The Old Testament has 39 books.
- 006: Most of the Old Testament was written in Hebrew.
- 018: Psalms, a book of the Old Testament, is a collection of hymns and songs.

The New Testament (Revelation 22:12)

- 007: The New Testament has 27 books.
- 008: Most of the New Testament was written in Greek.
- 017: Revelation, a New Testament book, is filled with prophecies of the future.

God's Story and Plan (John 1:14)

- 011: Genesis tells about the beginnings of the world.
- 012: The four Gospels are Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John.
- 014: The theme of the Gospels is the life and teaching of Jesus.

Jesus and the Church (Acts 2:42)

- 013: The word "gospel" means good news.
- 015: Paul wrote more books of the Bible than any other person.
- 016: Acts tells about the beginnings of the Church.

Pharaoh Dreams

Bible Verse

"It is beyond my power to do this," Joseph replied. "But God can tell you what it means and set you at ease." – Genesis 41:16 (NLT)

Story

Liam and his class were working on a big puzzle. Some pieces were missing, and Liam felt frustrated. "How will we finish if we don't have all the pieces?" he asked.

His teacher smiled. "Don't worry! I know where the missing pieces are. Just trust me."

That night, during family devotions, Liam's dad read about Joseph in Egypt. "While Joseph was in prison, Pharaoh had a strange dream. **God helped Joseph understand it, and he told Pharaoh the dream meant there would be seven good years with lots of food, followed by seven years of famine.**"

Liam's eyes widened. "So, God gave Joseph the missing piece to the puzzle?"

"Yes!" Dad said. "**Pharaoh was so impressed that he put Joseph in charge of preparing for the famine. Joseph stored up food during the good years so people wouldn't go hungry later.**"

Mom added, "Later, **Joseph had two sons, Ephraim and Manasseh**, and God continued to bless him."

Liam smiled. "So, even when things didn't make sense at first, God had a plan?"

"Exactly," Mom said. "Just like the puzzle, we don't always see the whole picture, but we can trust that God is putting everything together."

Faith Connection

Joseph's life was full of ups and downs, but God was always in control. When Pharaoh needed answers, God gave Joseph wisdom. When famine came, Joseph was ready because he had trusted God's plan. Even when life doesn't make sense, we can trust that God is working for our good.

Discuss It

Why do you think Pharaoh trusted Joseph to prepare for the famine? How can we trust God's plan, even when we don't understand what's happening?

Prayer

Dear God, thank You for always having a plan, even when I don't see the whole picture. Help me to trust You and use wisdom like Joseph did. Amen.

Live It Think about a time when something didn't make sense at first but worked out later. Write it down and thank God for being in control. The next time you feel unsure about something, pray and trust that God knows the whole plan!

Joseph in Egypt

Bible Verse

"The LORD was with Joseph in the prison and showed him his faithful love. And the Lord made Joseph a favorite with the prison warden." – Genesis 39:21 (NLT)

Story

Ethan worked hard on his school project and was excited to show it to his teacher. But when his friend accidentally knocked it over and broke it, Ethan felt frustrated. "That's not fair!" he said.

That night, during family devotions, Ethan's dad read about Joseph. **"When Joseph was taken to Egypt, he became a servant in the house of a man named Potiphar. Joseph worked hard and did what was right."**

Ethan smiled. "So things got better for Joseph?"

Mom nodded. "For a while, but then **Potiphar's wife tried to get Joseph to sin. Joseph refused because he wanted to honor God. But instead of being rewarded, he was thrown into prison for something he didn't do.**"

Ethan frowned. "That's really unfair!"

Dad continued, "Even in prison, Joseph trusted God. **Joseph helped Pharaoh's cupbearer and baker by interpreting their dreams.** Joseph didn't know how long he would be in prison, but he still used his gifts to help others."

Ethan sighed. "So, even when bad things happened, Joseph didn't give up?"

Mom smiled. "That's right. And the Bible says that even in prison, God was with Joseph. God had a bigger plan, even when Joseph couldn't see it yet."

Faith Connection

Joseph's life had many unfair moments, but he kept trusting God. Even when things seemed hopeless, God was with him and had a plan. When we face hard times, we can trust that God is working, just like He was in Joseph's life.

Discuss It

Why do you think Joseph refused to sin, even though it cost him his freedom? How can you trust God when things seem unfair?

Prayer

Dear God, help me to trust You even when things don't seem fair. I know that You are always with me and that You have a good plan for my life. Amen.

Live It

The next time something feels unfair, stop and pray. Ask God to help you trust Him, just like Joseph did. Look for a way to help someone else, even when things aren't going your way!

What is the Bible

Bible Verse

"All Scripture is inspired by God and is useful to teach us what is true and to make us realize what is wrong in our lives. It corrects us when we are wrong and teaches us to do what is right." – 2 Timothy 3:16 (NLT)

Story

Liam was working on a school project about famous books. His teacher had explained how some books take a few months to write, while others might take years. "But," Liam asked his dad at dinner, "what's the most amazing book ever written?"

His dad smiled and said, "That's easy: the Bible!"

"Why?" Liam asked.

"Well," his dad explained, "it wasn't written by just one person. **About 40 people wrote it, and it took over 1,600 years to finish!** Even though they lived in different times and places, all their words fit together perfectly because God inspired them to write it."

"Wow!" Liam exclaimed. "So the Bible is like a letter from God?"

"That's exactly right," his dad said. "It's God's way of telling us about Himself and His plan to save us through Jesus."

Faith Connection

The Bible is no ordinary book. It's God's Word, written so we can know who He is and how much He loves us. Every part of the Bible points to Jesus and His sacrifice to save us from our sins. From the first books of the Bible to the last, God shows us His plan to rescue us and give us eternal life through Jesus.

Discuss It

Why is the Bible called God's inspired Word, and how can it help us know what is right and wrong?

Prayer

Dear God, thank You for giving us the Bible. Thank You for inspiring people to write it so we can know You and Your amazing love. Help me to read it and understand Your plan of salvation through Jesus. Amen.

Live It

Pick a favorite Bible story and ask someone to help you find where it's written. Talk about how it shows God's love and connects to Jesus' plan to save us. Share what you discover with a friend or family member!

Bible Structure

Bible Verse

"This is the new covenant I will make with my people on that day, says the Lord: I will put my laws in their hearts, and I will write them on their minds." – Hebrews 10:16 (NLT)

Story

Sophie was working on a giant puzzle with her grandpa. "There are 66 pieces in this puzzle," he said as they spread them out. "Each one fits together to make a big picture."

"Kind of like the Bible," her grandpa said.

"What do you mean?" Sophie asked, placing a corner piece.

"Well, **the Bible is made up of 66 books,**" her grandpa explained. **"It's divided into two parts: the Old Testament and the New Testament. 'Testament' means covenant or agreement,** and these two parts show us God's plan to save us. The Old Testament prepares us for Jesus, and the New Testament shows us how Jesus fulfills God's promises."

Sophie thought about the pieces in front of her. "So, it's like all the books in the Bible come together to make one big picture of God's love?"

"Exactly!" her grandpa said with a smile.

Faith Connection

The Bible is more than a book—it's God's way of showing us His plan. The Old Testament points to Jesus and prepares us for the Savior, while the New Testament reveals how Jesus fulfills God's promise to save us. Through Jesus, we have a new covenant with God—a promise of forgiveness and eternal life. The Bible is one big picture of God's love and salvation.

Discuss It

How does the Bible, with its 66 books written by different people over many years, fit together to tell one big story about God's love and plan to save us through Jesus?

Prayer

Dear God, thank You for giving us the Bible and showing us Your plan to save us. Thank You for the Old Testament, which prepares us for Jesus, and the New Testament, which shows us His love and sacrifice. Help me to trust Your promises and live for You. Amen.

Live It

Look at the Table of Contents in your Bible. Find one book in the Old Testament and one in the New Testament. Talk about how each book fits into God's big picture and plan to save us through Jesus.

Joseph Dreams

Bible Verse

"Jacob loved Joseph more than any of his other children because Joseph had been born to him in his old age. So one day he gave Joseph a special gift—a beautiful robe." – Genesis 37:3 (NLT)

Story

Noah loved soccer and dreamed of becoming the best player on his team. One day, the coach picked him as team captain! But soon after, he got sick and had to miss a big game. "Why would this happen now?" Noah wondered.

That night, during family devotions, Noah's dad read about Joseph. **"Joseph had big dreams that one day he would be a great ruler and his family would bow down to him. His father, Jacob, even gave him a special coat to show how much he loved him."**

Noah smiled. "That must have made Joseph feel really special!"

Mom nodded. **"It did, but Joseph's brothers were jealous. They took his coat and sold him as a slave to Egypt."**

Noah's eyes widened. "Wait—so even though Joseph had big dreams, things went really wrong?"

Dad nodded. "Yes, but God was still in control. Joseph's troubles didn't mean his dreams were over. God had a plan, even when things seemed bad."

Noah thought for a moment. "So, just because something bad happens doesn't mean God's plan is ruined?"

"Exactly!" Mom said. "Joseph's story reminds us that God is always working, even when we don't understand."

Faith Connection

Joseph had big dreams, but his journey was difficult. Even though his brothers betrayed him, God was still in control. We may not always understand why hard things happen, but we can trust that God has a good plan for our lives.

Discuss It

Why do you think Joseph's brothers were jealous of him? How can we trust God when things don't go the way we planned?

Prayer

Dear God, thank You for always having a good plan for my life. Help me to trust You, even when things don't go the way I expect. I know You are always working for my good. Amen.

Live It Think of a time when something didn't go the way you wanted. Pray and ask God to help you trust His plan. Remember that He is always in control, just like He was with Joseph!

Jacob Dreams

Bible Verse

"Your name will no longer be Jacob... From now on you will be called Israel, because you have fought with God and with men and have won." – Genesis 32:28 (NLT)

Story

Caleb had a habit of doing things his own way. One day, he tried to build a kite without following the instructions. "I don't need help," he said. But when he tried to fly it, the kite wouldn't stay in the air.

His dad smiled. "Sometimes, we think our way is best, but we need to follow the right instructions."

That night, during family devotions, Caleb's dad read about Jacob. "Jacob was on a journey when he stopped to sleep at a place called Bethel. **Jacob dreamed of a stairway reaching up to heaven, with angels going up and down.** God told Jacob He would bless him and his descendants."

Caleb's eyes widened. "That must have been amazing!"

Mom nodded. "Later, **Jacob had twelve sons, including the two youngest Joseph and Benjamin, whose mother was Rachel.** But before all that, **Jacob wrestled with God one night. He wouldn't let go until God blessed him. That's when God changed his name to Israel, which means 'one who struggles with God.'**"

Caleb thought for a moment. "So, Jacob tried to do things his way, but God had a bigger plan?"

"Yes," Dad said. "And even though Jacob made mistakes, God still loved him and had a plan for his life."

Caleb smiled. "Maybe I should follow directions more often—God's way is always better!"

Faith Connection

Jacob had big dreams, made mistakes, and even wrestled with God! But through it all, God had a plan for him. Just like Jacob, we may struggle at times, but when we trust God, He leads us in the right direction.

Discuss It

Why do you think God changed Jacob's name to Israel? How can trusting God's plan help us in our daily lives?

Prayer

Dear God, thank You for always having a plan for my life. Even when I make mistakes, help me to trust You and follow Your way. Amen.

Live It Think of an area in your life where you've been trying to do things your own way. Take a moment to pray and ask God to help you follow His plan instead.

The Old Testament

Bible Verse

"Your word is a lamp to guide my feet and a light for my path." – Psalm 119:105 (NLT)

Story

Emma loved listening to music, especially songs that made her feel happy. One day, her Sunday School teacher played a song from the Bible—a psalm! "Wait," Emma said, "the Bible has songs?"

"Yes," her teacher said. "The **Old Testament has a book called Psalms, and it's full of hymns and songs written to praise God,** ask for His help, or thank Him for His love."

Emma thought for a moment. "So, the people who wrote the Psalms loved God, just like I do?"

"That's right," her teacher said. "And the Psalms are part of **the Old Testament, which has 39 books and was mostly written in Hebrew.** It's full of stories, laws, and promises that all point to Jesus."

"That's amazing," Emma said. "It's like God wrote a songbook just for us!"

Faith Connection

The Old Testament is an important part of the Bible because it shows us God's plan for His people and His promise to send a Savior. Psalms reminds us to worship and trust God, even when life is hard. The entire Old Testament points forward to Jesus, the Savior who fulfills all of God's promises. Through Jesus, we have a reason to sing songs of joy and praise.

Discuss It

How does the Old Testament help us understand God's plan and promises?

Prayer

Dear God, thank You for giving us the Old Testament and showing us Your plan through its stories, songs, and promises. Help me to trust You and praise You just like the writers of Psalms did. Thank You for sending Jesus to be our Savior. Amen.

Live It

Read a psalm with a parent or teacher. Pick a verse that reminds you of God's love or goodness. Write it down or memorize it, and sing or say it as a prayer of praise to God!

The New Testament

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

Lucas loved reading adventure books, especially ones that ended with an exciting promise about what would happen next. One day, his mom read to him from the book of Revelation.

“Wait,” Lucas said, “this sounds like one of my stories! It’s about the future!”

“That’s right,” his mom said. **“Revelation is a book in the New Testament. It’s filled with prophecies, or promises, about what will happen when Jesus comes back.** It reminds us that Jesus wins and will make everything right.”

Lucas’s eyes lit up. “So, it’s like the last chapter in God’s big story?”

“Yes,” his mom replied. “The **New Testament has 27 books, written mostly in Greek,** and they all point to Jesus—His life, His love, and His promise to come back.”

Lucas grinned. “That’s the best ending ever!”

Faith Connection

The New Testament is an amazing part of the Bible. It shows us how Jesus came to save us and how His love changes everything. The book of Revelation reminds us that Jesus will return to make all things new and take His followers to live with Him forever. Through Jesus, we have the promise of salvation and hope for the future.

Discuss It

How does the book of Revelation describe what will happen when Jesus comes back, and what promise does this give us about the future?

Prayer

Dear God, thank You for giving us the New Testament to show us Your love and promise for the future. Thank You for sending Jesus to save us and for reminding us that He will come back. Help me to trust You and share Your good news with others. Amen.

Live It

Find the book of Revelation in your Bible. Read Revelation 21:1-4 with a parent or teacher. Talk about what it says about the future and what Jesus promises. Share one thing that makes you excited about Jesus coming back!

04 - (055-072)

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Jacob Dreams (Genesis 32:28)

- 055: Jacob dreamed of a stairway to heaven at Bethel.
- 056: Rachel was the mother of Joseph and Benjamin.
- 057: After wrestling with God, Jacob’s name was changed to Israel.

Joseph Dreams (Genesis 37:3)

- 058: Joseph’s dreams meant he would become a great ruler, and his family would bow down to him.
- 059: Jacob showed special love for Joseph by giving him a beautiful robe.
- 060: Joseph was sold as a slave into Egypt.

Joseph in Egypt (Genesis 39:21)

- 061: Joseph’s first master in Egypt was Potiphar.
- 062: When Joseph refused to commit sin with Potiphar’s wife, he was put into prison.
- 063: Joseph interpreted the dreams of Pharaoh’s baker and cupbearer while in prison.

Pharaoh Dreams (Genesis 50:20)

- 064: Joseph interpreted the king’s dream to mean seven good years followed by seven years of famine.
- 065: Pharaoh appointed Joseph to prepare for the famine.
- 066: Joseph’s two sons were named Ephraim and Manasseh.

Jacob Moves to Goshen (Genesis 42:6)

- 067: Joseph’s brothers went to Egypt to buy food during the famine.
- 068: Jacob and his family settled in Goshen when they moved to Egypt.
- 069: Pharaoh’s daughter found baby Moses floating in the river.

Moses is Called (Exodus 3:10)

- 070: Moses fled from Egypt after killing an Egyptian who mistreated an Israelite.
- 071: Moses’ father-in-law was Jethro, the priest of Midian.
- 072: God appeared to Moses at Mount Sinai in a burning bush.

Jacob and Esau

Bible Verse

"Then Jacob gave Esau some bread and lentil stew. Esau ate the meal, then got up and left. He showed contempt for his rights as the firstborn." – Genesis 25:34 (NLT)

Story

Noah and his little brother, Ethan, each got a chocolate bar. "Let's save these for later," Mom said. But Ethan got hungry and ate his right away. A little while later, Noah still had his, and Ethan begged, "Can I have yours?"

Noah shook his head. "You already ate yours."

Ethan sighed. "I should have waited instead of eating mine so fast."

That night, during family devotions, Dad read about Esau and Jacob. "**Isaac and Rebekah had twin sons, Esau and Jacob.** Esau was the oldest, which meant he had a special birthright—a double portion of the family's inheritance. But one day, **Esau came home hungry and sold his birthright to Jacob for a bowl of soup.**"

Noah's eyes widened. "He sold something super valuable for just one meal?"

Mom nodded. "Later, **Jacob also tricked their father, Isaac, into giving him the blessing that was meant for Esau, by making Isaac think he was Esau.**"

Ethan frowned. "So, Esau made a bad choice, and Jacob was sneaky?"

"Yes," Dad said. "Both brothers made mistakes, and their choices had big consequences. That's why it's important to think before we act."

Faith Connection

Esau made a foolish choice by trading something valuable for something temporary. Jacob got what he wanted by tricking his father, but it caused problems in his family. Our choices have consequences, so we should always think ahead and choose wisely.

Discuss It

Why do you think Esau gave up something so important for just one meal? How can we make wise choices instead of rushing into decisions?

Prayer

Dear God, help me to make wise choices and think about the consequences of my actions. Teach me to be patient and to honor You with my decisions. Amen.

Live It

The next time you have to make a decision—big or small—take a moment to stop and pray before choosing. Ask yourself, "Is this a wise choice that honors God?"

God's Story and Plan

Bible Verse

"In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth." – Genesis 1:1 (NLT)
"The Word became human and made His home among us. He was full of unfailing love and faithfulness."... – John 1:14 (NLT)

Story

Sophie loved hearing bedtime stories. One night, her dad said, "Let's read the greatest story ever told!"

"Is it a fairy tale?" Sophie asked.

"No," her dad said, smiling. "It's the Bible. It begins in **Genesis, where God creates the world** and makes everything good. Then, when people make mistakes, God has a plan to fix everything."

"Then what happens?" Sophie asked, leaning closer.

"Well," her dad explained, "**the Gospels—Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John—tell us about Jesus. He came to show us God's love, teach us how to live,** and save us from our sins by dying on the cross and rising again. Jesus is the center of the whole story!"

Sophie clapped her hands. "That's the best story ever!"

Faith Connection

The Bible is God's story, and it's all about His love for us. Genesis tells us how the world began and how sin entered the world, but it also shows God's plan to save us. The Gospels reveal the heart of that plan: Jesus. Through His life, teachings, death, and resurrection, Jesus shows us God's love and provides the way for us to be saved. God's story is about bringing us back to Him through Jesus.

Discuss It

How do you think the stories in the Old Testament prepare us for Jesus' coming in the New Testament?

Prayer

Dear God, thank You for creating the world and for loving us even when we make mistakes. Thank You for sending Jesus to save us and teach us how to live. Help me to follow Him and share Your amazing story with others. Amen.

Live It

Find the first chapter of Genesis and the first chapter of John in your Bible. Read a few verses from each and talk about how they both show God's plan. Share one thing you learned about God's love with a friend or family member!

Jesus and the Church

Bible Verse

"All the believers devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching, and to fellowship, and to sharing in meals (including the Lord's Supper), and to prayer." – Acts 2:42 (NLT)

Story

Liam was excited about the big game. His team had just won, and he couldn't wait to tell his friends all about it. "I've got such good news!" he shouted as he ran into the house.

His mom smiled and said, "That's how the early Christians felt when they learned about Jesus. They couldn't wait to tell everyone the good news—the gospel—that Jesus loves us and saves us from our sins."

"How did they share it?" Liam asked.

"Well," his mom explained, "**Paul was one of the people God used. He wrote more books in the Bible than anyone else,** and he traveled everywhere telling people about Jesus. **The book of Acts tells how the Church began** when people believed in Jesus and started meeting together to learn, worship, and share His love with others."

"So, the Church started because people shared the good news?" Liam asked.

"Exactly," his mom said. "And we're part of that story too!"

Faith Connection

The gospel is the good news that Jesus came to save us from sin and give us eternal life. The book of Acts shows how the Church began with people sharing this good news everywhere they went. Paul was one of the most important messengers of the gospel, writing letters that helped believers grow in their faith. Today, the Church continues to share the gospel so everyone can know about Jesus and be saved.

Discuss It

How can we be like the early Christians in the book of Acts and share the good news about Jesus with others?

Prayer

Dear God, thank You for the good news of Jesus and for starting the Church to share His love. Help me to be like Paul and the early Christians, sharing the gospel with others and showing them Your love. Thank You for saving me. Amen.

Live It

Read Acts 1:8 with a parent or teacher. Talk about how you can be a witness for Jesus by sharing the good news with someone this week. Think of one friend or family member you can tell about Jesus and His love!

Isaac is Born

Bible Verse

"The LORD kept his word and did for Sarah exactly what he had promised." – Genesis 21:1 (NLT)

Story

Emma's family had been saving up for a big vacation. "It feels like we've been waiting forever!" Emma sighed. "Will we ever go?"

Her mom smiled. "Sometimes, waiting is hard, but when a promise is made, we can trust that it will happen at the right time."

That night, during family devotions, Emma's dad read about Abraham and Sarah. "God promised Abraham that he would have a son, but they had to wait a long time."

Abraham was 100 years old and Sarah was 90 when Isaac was finally born!

Emma's eyes widened. "That's so old to have a baby!"

Mom nodded. "Yes, but God kept His promise, just like He always does. Later, when **Isaac grew up, he married a woman named Rebekah,** and God continued His plan through their family."

Emma grinned. "So even if it takes a long time, God's promises always come true?"

"Exactly!" Dad said. "We just have to trust Him."

Faith Connection

Abraham and Sarah waited a long time, but God kept His promise by giving them a son, Isaac. Even when things seem impossible, God always does what He says. We can trust Him no matter what!

Discuss It

Why do you think God sometimes makes people wait for His promises? How can you practice trusting Him in your own life?

Prayer

Dear God, thank You for always keeping Your promises. Help me to trust You, even when I have to wait. I know You have a perfect plan for my life. Amen.

Live It

Think about something you've been waiting for. Instead of getting frustrated, pray and trust God's timing. Write down one promise from the Bible to remind you that God always keeps His word!

Melchizedek Priest of God

Bible Verse

"And Melchizedek, the king of Salem and a priest of God Most High, brought Abram some bread and wine." – Genesis 14:18 (NLT)

Story

Jake and his friends were playing a board game when one of them started cheating. "That's not fair!" Jake said.

His dad overheard and smiled. "It's hard when people don't follow the rules, isn't it? That's why God cares about what is right and wrong."

That night, during family devotions, Jake's dad read about Abraham and some of the people he met. "Abraham met a man named Melchizedek, who was both a priest of God and the King of Salem. He was a righteous man who honored God."

Jake listened carefully. "So, Melchizedek was a good leader?"

"Yes," Dad said. "But not everyone Abraham met followed God. Abraham had a son named Ishmael with Hagar, Sarah's servant, because he and Sarah got impatient waiting for God's promise."

Jake frowned. "So, they didn't trust God's plan?"

Mom nodded. "That's right. And later, Abraham's nephew, Lot, lived in Sodom—a city full of wickedness. The people there didn't listen to God at all, so God destroyed Sodom and Gomorrah with fire because of their great wickedness."

Jake sighed. "It seems like trusting God's plan is always the best choice."

"Exactly!" Dad said. "When we follow God's ways, like Melchizedek did, we experience His blessings. But when people reject God, like those in Sodom, they face the consequences of their sin."

Faith Connection

God is righteous and always does what is right. Melchizedek followed God, but the people of Sodom rejected Him. Abraham and Sarah struggled with patience but learned that trusting God's plan is always best. When we follow God, we experience His blessings and protection.

Discuss It

Why do you think it's sometimes hard to wait for God's plan? What can we learn from the story of Sodom and Gomorrah?

Prayer

Dear God, help me to trust Your plan, even when it's hard to wait. Teach me to follow Your ways and make good choices. Thank You for always doing what is right. Amen.

Live It Think of something in your life where you need to trust God's plan. Instead of rushing ahead, pray and ask God to help you wait for His perfect timing!

02 - (019-036)

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The Psalms (Psalm 117)

- 019: King David wrote many of the Psalms.
- 021: Psalms is the longest book in the Bible.
- 022: The shortest chapter in the Bible is Psalm 117.
- 023: The longest chapter in the Bible is Psalm 119.

Letters and Prophecies (Acts 1:8)

- 020: An epistle is a letter sent by an apostle.
- 016: The book of Acts tells about the beginnings of the Church.
- 017: The book of Revelation contains prophecies about the future.

Creation, the Beginning of Sin (Genesis 1:1)

- 024:QQ God created the heavens and the earth.
- 025: Adam and Eve were the first people.
- 026: God created people in His own image, making them special.
- 029: Sin entered the world through the disobedience of Adam and Eve.
- 030: The tree of the knowledge of good and evil and the tree of life were part of man's first sin.

Cain and Abel (Genesis 4:7)

- 027: The first two brothers were Cain and Abel.
- 028: Cain was the first murderer.

Enoch Walks with God (Genesis 5:24)

- 031: Enoch walked with God until God took him to heaven without dying.
- 032: Methuselah lived 969 years, longer than anyone else.

Noah and the Great Flood (Genesis 6:8)

- 033: God sent a flood because people were wicked and thought about evil all the time.
- 034: God spared Noah and his family.
- 035: Noah's sons were Shem, Ham, and Japheth.
- 036: The rain lasted forty days and nights.

The Psalms

Bible Verse

Praise the Lord, all you nations. Praise him, all you people of the earth. For his unending love for us is powerful; the Lord's faithfulness endures forever. – Psalm 117 (NLT)

Story

Sophia loved writing in her journal. When she was happy, she wrote about her favorite moments. When she was sad or upset, she wrote her prayers to God. One day, her mom noticed Sophia writing and said, "You remind me of King David!"

Sophia laughed. "Me? Like a king?"

Her mom smiled. "Yes! **King David wrote many of the Psalms**, which are like prayers, songs, and poems to God. He wrote when he was happy, scared, or even when he made mistakes. The Psalms teach us how to worship God and trust Him in every part of life."

Sophia flipped open her Bible to Psalms and said, "This is a long book, there are a lot of chapters both short and long." She looked up and said, "Chapter 117 is only two verses long and look, 119 is 176 verses, Wow!"

"That's right," her mom said. "**Psalms is the longest book in the Bible it has 150 chapter with chapters 117 as the shortest and 119 as the longest.**"

Faith Connection

The Psalms show us how to worship and trust God. They remind us that God is faithful, loving, and always ready to forgive. Psalm 119 celebrates God's Word, which helps us live the right way. The Bible, including the Psalms, points us to Jesus, who came to save us from sin. Jesus is the ultimate example of God's love and faithfulness. When we believe in Him, we experience the wisdom and joy that the Psalms talk about.

Discuss It

- How can the Bible be like a light guiding your path in everyday life?
- Why do you think writing prayers or songs to God, like David did in the Psalms, can help us feel closer to Him?

Prayer

Dear God, thank You for the Psalms that help us worship You and remind us of Your love. Thank You for guiding us with Your Word and for sending Jesus to save us. Help me to trust You in every part of my life. Amen.

Live It:

Read your favorite Psalm or Psalm 117, then write a short prayer or poem to God about how you feel today. Share it with a parent or teacher and thank God for being with you.

Abraham's Family

Bible Verse

"At that time a severe famine struck the land of Canaan, forcing Abram to go down to Egypt, where he lived as a foreigner." – Genesis 12:10 (NLT)

Story

Sophia's family was going through a hard time. Her dad had lost his job, and they had to be extra careful with money. "I don't understand why this is happening," Sophia said to her mom.

Her mom nodded. "It's not easy, but we have to trust that God is taking care of us, even when we don't see the answer yet."

That night, during family devotions, Sophia's dad read about Abraham and Sarah. "**Abraham and his wife, Sarah, trusted God, but they still faced difficult times. When there was a famine, they had to go to Egypt to find food.**"

Sophia tilted her head. "So even people in the Bible went through hard times?"

"Yes," Dad said. "And Abraham's nephew, **Lot, made a bad choice. He moved to Sodom, a city where the people were very wicked and didn't follow God.** Instead of trusting God, Lot chose what looked easier and ended up in a dangerous place."

Sophia thought for a moment. "So, Abraham trusted God, even in hard times, but Lot didn't make a good choice?"

"That's right," Mom said. "We may not always understand why things happen, but if we trust God, He will take care of us."

Faith Connection

Abraham and Sarah faced challenges, but they trusted God. Lot, on the other hand, made choices that led him away from God's plan. We will all go through hard times, but when we trust God and follow His ways, He will lead us and take care of us.

Discuss It

Why do you think Abraham trusted God even when times were hard? What can we learn from Lot's bad choices?

Prayer

Dear God, thank You for always taking care of me, even when life is difficult. Help me to trust You and make good choices that follow Your plan. Amen.

Live It

If you're going through a hard time, take a moment to pray and trust God. Think about one way you can make a good choice this week, even when things don't go as planned.

Trusting God' Plan

Bible Verse

"The Lord had said to Abram, 'Leave your native country, your relatives, and your father's family, and go to the land that I will show you.'" – Genesis 12:1 (NLT)

Story

Liam's family was moving to a new town. He felt nervous about leaving his friends and his school. "What if I don't like it there?" he asked.

His dad smiled. "I know it's scary, but sometimes we have to trust that God has a good plan, even when we don't know what's ahead."

That night, during family devotions, Liam's dad read about Abraham. **"God told Abraham to leave his home and go to a land He would show him.** Abraham didn't know where he was going, but he trusted God."

Liam's eyes widened. "So, he moved without even knowing where?"

"Yes," Dad said. "And **Abraham's nephew, Lot,** went with him. **They traveled to a land called Canaan**—the place God had promised to Abraham and his descendants."

Liam thought about his own move. "So, if God had a plan for Abraham, He has a plan for me too?"

"Exactly," Mom said. "When we trust God, He leads us where we need to go."

Faith Connection

Abraham trusted God even when he didn't know where he was going. God had a plan for him, and He has a plan for us too. When we follow Him, we don't have to be afraid of the unknown—God will guide us just like He guided Abraham.

Discuss It

Why do you think it was hard for Abraham to leave his home? How can trusting God help when we face changes or unknown situations?

Prayer

Dear God, thank You for always having a good plan for my life. Help me to trust You even when I don't know what's ahead. I know You will guide me just like You guided Abraham. Amen.

Live It

Think about something in your life that feels uncertain. Ask God to help you trust Him, just like Abraham did. Write down one way you can show faith this week!

Letters and Prophecies

Bible Verse

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

Story

Ben loved checking the mailbox. One day, he found a letter from his cousin, Liam, who lived far away. The letter was filled with stories about Liam's adventures and ended with, "I hope to visit you soon!" Ben ran to his mom, excited to share the news.

His mom smiled and said, "Did you know **the Bible has letters too? They're called epistles, and they were written by apostles** like Paul to teach and encourage people in the early Church."

"Really?" Ben asked.

"Yes," his mom said. "**And in Revelation, God gave us a letter full of promises about the future.** It reminds us that Jesus will return one day and make everything right."

All of these letters are messages of hope and truth for us today."

Ben thought for a moment. "So, the Bible is like a big mailbox full of letters from God?"

His mom nodded. "Exactly! Every letter and prophecy help us know God better and trust Him more."

Faith Connection

The letters (epistles) in the New Testament teach us how to follow Jesus and live as part of God's Church. The **book of Acts shows us how the Church began to spread the good news about Jesus,** and Revelation reminds us of the hope we have in Jesus' return. All of these books point us to Jesus, who saves us from sin and gives us eternal life. God's Word is His way of speaking to us and guiding us in His love and truth.

Discuss It

- How can the Bible give us hope and encouragement when we face challenges?
- Why do you think God included letters in the Bible to teach us?

Prayer

Dear God, thank You for the letters and prophecies in the Bible that teach us about Your love and plan for our lives. Thank You for sending Jesus to save us and for the promise of His return. Help me to follow You and share Your hope with others.

Live It: Write a letter to someone you care about, including a lesson about God's love from the Bible. Share it with them to encourage them with God's truth!

Creation, the Beginning of Sin

Bible Verse

In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. – Genesis 1:1 (NLT)
“So God created human beings in His own image. In the image of God He created them; male and female He created them.” – Genesis 1:27 (NLT)

Story

Olivia loved playing in her backyard. One day, her mom gave her a special rule: “You can explore anywhere, but don’t go near the rosebush. It has sharp thorns, and I don’t want you to get hurt.”

At first, Olivia obeyed, but soon she became curious. “What’s so special about the rosebush?” she wondered. Ignoring her mom’s warning, she reached out to touch the roses—and a thorn pricked her finger. She ran inside crying, “I should have listened!”

Her mom gently cleaned the wound and said, “This reminds me of **Adam and Eve, the first man and woman.** God gave them everything in the Garden of Eden and **only one rule: don’t eat from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. But they disobeyed, and that’s how sin entered the world.**”

“Did God stop loving them?” Olivia asked.

“No,” her mom said. “God still loved them, just like I love you. But their disobedience had consequences, and that’s why we need Jesus to save us.”

Faith Connection

God created everything perfectly, including Adam and Eve, who were made in His image. He gave them a beautiful garden to live in and one simple rule. But when they disobeyed, sin entered the world, separating people from God. The good news is that God didn’t give up on us. From the very beginning, He had a plan to send Jesus to save us from sin and bring us back into a relationship with Him.

Discuss It

- How does knowing that God created you in His image make you feel?
- Why do you think disobeying rules can lead to consequences?

Prayer

Dear God, thank You for creating us in Your image and for loving us even when we disobey. Thank You for sending Jesus to save us from sin. Help me to make good choices and to follow You every day. Amen.

Live It:

Read Genesis 1:27 and Genesis 3:1-6 with a parent or teacher and discuss what it means to be made in God’s image and how Jesus saves us from sin. Share one thing you learned about God’s love with someone today!

Rainbows and Towers

Bible Verse

“I have placed my rainbow in the clouds. It is the sign of my covenant with you and with all the earth.” – Genesis 9:13 (NLT)

Story

Ethan and his friends were building a giant block tower. “Let’s make it the tallest ever!” he said excitedly. But as they stacked it higher and higher, the tower became wobbly. Finally, it crashed to the ground.

That night, during family devotions, Ethan’s mom read about the Tower of Babel. **“After the flood, God gave the rainbow as a promise to never destroy the world with a flood again.** But instead of trusting Him, the people decided to build a tower to make themselves famous.”

Ethan frowned. “Why did they want to do that?”

Dad explained, **“They wanted to show how great they were to make themselves famous instead of giving glory to God. So, God confused their languages, and they couldn’t understand each other.** That’s why people speak all over the earth and speak different languages today.”

Ethan thought for a moment. “So, they were trying to build themselves up instead of trusting God?”

Mom nodded. “Exactly. But God wants us to put Him first, not our own pride.”

Faith Connection

God gave the first rainbow as a promise of His faithfulness, but the people at Babel forgot to trust Him. Instead, they tried to make themselves great. God reminds us that true greatness comes from following Him, not from trying to be famous or powerful on our own.

Discuss It

Why do you think God gave the rainbow as a promise? What can we learn from the story of the Tower of Babel?

Prayer

Dear God, thank You for Your promises. Help me to trust You and not be proud or try to do things my own way. I want to follow You and give You glory in all I do. Amen.

Live It

Look for a rainbow this week, or draw one as a reminder of God’s promises. Also, think about one way you can put God first instead of trying to make yourself look great.

03 - (037-054)

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Rainbow and Towers (Genesis 9:13)

- 037: The first rainbow was God's promise to never destroy the world with a flood again.
- 038: After the Flood, the people rebelled by building a tower to make themselves famous.
- 039: God judged the people at Babel by confusing their languages.

Trusting God's Plan (Genesis 12:1)

- 040: God tested Abraham's faith by asking him to follow without knowing where he was going.
- 041: Abraham's nephew was Lot.
- 042: The land God promised to Abraham was originally called Canaan.

Abraham's Family (Genesis 12:10)

- 043: Abraham's wife was Sarah.
- 044: Abraham went to Egypt during a famine.
- 045: Lot lived in Sodom, where the people were very wicked and constantly sinned against the Lord.

Melchizedek Priest of God (Genesis 14:18)

- 046: Melchizedek was the Priest of God and King of Salem.
- 047: The son born to Abraham and Hagar was Ishmael.
- 048: God destroyed Sodom and Gomorrah because of their great wickedness.

Isaac is Born (Genesis 21:1)

- 049: The son born to Abraham and Sarah was Isaac.
- 050: Abraham was 100, and Sarah was 90 when Isaac was born.
- 051: Isaac's wife was Rebekah.

Jacob and Esau (Genesis 25:34)

- 052: Isaac and Rebekah had twin sons, Esau and Jacob.
- 053: Esau sold his birthright to Jacob.
- 054: Jacob tricked Isaac into giving him the blessing of the firstborn instead of Esau.

Cain and Abel

Bible Verse

"But if you refuse to do what is right, then watch out! Sin is crouching at the door, eager to control you. But you must subdue it and be its master." – Genesis 4:7 (NLT)

Story

Ethan and Jake were brothers who loved building blocks. One day, they both worked hard to build the tallest tower possible. But when Ethan's tower fell, he became angry and knocked over Jake's. "Why did you do that?" Jake cried.

Ethan looked down, feeling bad. "I was mad because mine broke," he admitted.

Their dad overheard and said, "Ethan, being upset is okay, but what you choose to do with your feelings matters. Anger can lead us to make bad choices, but we can stop and choose to do what's right instead.

Faith Connection

In Genesis 4, **Cain and Abel were the first brothers**. Abel gave an offering that pleased God, but Cain's didn't. Instead of fixing his mistake, Cain got angry and jealous. God warned Cain that sin was waiting to take control of him, but Cain didn't listen. In his anger, **Cain made a terrible choice—he hurt his brother**.

This story reminds us that sin, like anger, can lead to bad actions if we don't stop and choose to do what's right. Jesus came to save us from sin and help us make good choices. When we ask Jesus for help, He can change our hearts and give us the strength to overcome sin.

Discuss It

- What are some good choices you can make when you start to feel angry?
- Why is it important to think before we act when we have strong feelings?

Prayer

Dear God, thank You for teaching us about Cain and Abel. Help me to make good choices when I feel angry or upset. Thank You for sending Jesus to save me from sin and to help me do what's right. Amen.

Live It:

Recall a time you felt angry or upset and consider how you could respond better next time. Ask God for help and share your plan with a family member or friend.

Enoch Walks with God

Bible Verse

“Enoch lived 365 years, walking in close fellowship with God. Then one day he disappeared, because God took him.” – Genesis 5:23-24 (NLT)

Story

Lila loved walking to school with her grandpa. They talked about everything—school, friends, and even what animals they could spot along the way. Grandpa always said, “When we walk together, I feel close to you.”

One day during family Bible time, Lila read about Enoch. “What does it mean that Enoch walked with God?” she asked.

Her dad explained, “Enoch lived his life close to God. He prayed, obeyed, and trusted Him every day. God loved Enoch so much that He took him to heaven without dying!”

Lila thought about her walks with Grandpa. “So walking with God is like spending time with Him every day?”

“Exactly,” her dad said. “It’s about talking to Him, reading the Bible, and living in a way that pleases Him.”

Faith Connection

Enoch’s story reminds us that God wants a close relationship with us. Sin separates us from God, but Jesus came to restore that relationship. When we believe in Jesus, we can “walk with God” by living in obedience, prayer, and trust. **Methuselah, Enoch’s grandson, lived 969 years, longer than anyone else**, but what matters most is not how long we live, but how close we are to God. Jesus makes it possible for us to live forever with God in heaven.

Discuss It

- What do you think it means to “walk with God” in your daily life?
- How can spending time with God help you grow closer to Him?

Prayer

Dear God, thank You for loving us and wanting to be close to us. Help me to walk with You every day by trusting and obeying You. Thank You for sending Jesus to bring us back into fellowship with You. Amen.

Live It:

Take a walk with someone you love and talk about ways to stay close to God each day. Pray together, asking God to help you “walk with Him” like Enoch.

Noah and the Great Flood

Bible Verse

“But Noah found favor with the Lord.” – Genesis 6:8 (NLT)

Story

Maya loved playing with her friends at the park. But one day, a few kids started teasing another child. Maya didn’t join in, but she didn’t stop them either. At dinner, Maya told her parents about what happened. “It didn’t feel right,” she said.

Her dad nodded and said, “Sometimes, the **world around us can seem full of bad choices. That’s what happened in Noah’s time—people were so wicked that God sent a flood to destroy the world and start over. It rained for forth days and nights** and water covered the whole world. But because Noah chose to follow God, even when others didn’t, and God **used Noah to save the animals and his family including his three sons Shem, Ham and Japheth.**”

Maya thought about her choice. “So, God wants me to do what’s right even if others don’t?”

“Exactly,” her dad said. “God notices when we choose to obey Him, just like He noticed Noah.”

Faith Connection

The story of Noah and the Great Flood shows us how much sin hurts God’s heart. But it also shows His mercy. God didn’t destroy everything—He saved Noah and his family because Noah obeyed Him. Today, we all struggle with sin, but God provided a way to save us, just like He did with Noah. That way is through Jesus. Jesus came to rescue us from sin and give us a new start, just like the world had a new start after the flood.

Discuss It

- Why do you think God was pleased with Noah when others were making bad choices?
- What can you do when you see others making wrong choices, but you want to do what is right?

Prayer

Dear God, thank You for showing mercy, even when the world is full of sin. Help me to choose to obey You, just like Noah did. Thank You for sending Jesus to save us and give us a new start. Amen.

Live It: Find one way to stand up for what’s right, even when others don’t. Ask God for courage, like Noah, and share your plan with a parent or teacher!