A colorful cartoon illustration of Jesus with a long brown beard and a white robe with an orange sash, standing with three young children. One child has red hair and a green shirt, another has blonde hair and a red tunic, and the third has dark skin and a blue tunic. They are all smiling and have their arms outstretched. The background is a bright blue sky with white clouds, and the foreground is a green grassy hillside with a few small flowers.

Childrens Devotional Guide

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CHILDREN'S DEVOTIONAL GUIDE

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Dedicated to
my parents,
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FOREWORD

I recommend *CHILDREN'S DEVOTIONAL GUIDE*, authored by Sheila Addo, to parents, who desire to help their children build and keep a solid Christian and Bible-based foundation for their lives.

Its content are simply crafted to catch a child's attention, easy to understand and apply to daily living. There are content related and diagnostic questions, as well as prayer points to ensure full application of lessons learnt.

CHILDREN'S DEVOTIONAL GUIDE is a precious gift any child should get hold of.

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INTRODUCTION

Children's *Devotional Guide* is an excellent devotional for children at any age. The Word of God has been simplified to the barest understanding of your child. It also has questions that, we are convinced, will tickle your child's mind, as well as offer answers to help your child develop an in-depth knowledge of the Word of God. The book has been designed in such a way that children from age six and beyond, who can read on their own, can easily do devotion with it with little or no supervision.

I respect children so much and I love them; they carry God's glory and He loves them too. Get a copy of this book for your child/children, their friends, the children in your community, and the children in your church. In the first place, you will be leading them to find God's will for their lives and secondly, you will be empowering them with the most important habit in the world: reading! God will bless you and, together, we can raise children who are scripture-minded, Spirit-filled, well-nurtured and who love God to the full.

God bless you abundantly.

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NOTE TO PARENTS/TEACHERS

Always start your devotion with a word of prayer, followed by a simple worship song [one or two], to put your child in a worship mood and also create the right atmosphere for your devotion.

Let your child read the scripture on his or her own. Follow it up with the reading of the illustrations or the explanations given in the book.

Ask your child to explain or tell you what he or she understands by the scripture and the illustration given.

Parents should explain further: Questions in the book can be asked by parents and children should be allowed to answer them, based on the scripture reading and the illustration. Children may be guided to colour or solve puzzles or answer questions posed.

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DAY 1

THEME: GOD LOVES YOU

TOPIC: A HAPPY NEW DAY

BIBLE PASSAGE: PSALM 136:1

*Oh, give thanks to the Lord, for He is good!
For His mercy endures forever.*

You have every cause to thank and praise God for another day. He is good to you all the time. He watches over you and your family and provides you with all that you need. He watches over you during the day and at night, when you sleep.

Maybe, you can think of times when you were ill and God healed you. How important it is to reflect on how God has been faithful to us!

What else did God do for you in the past?

Let us remember the many things He has done for us in the past and thank Him. Then, we will have the courage and hope for the present and the future.

It is so comforting to know that God's mercy towards those who love Him will last forever.

In Lamentations 3:22 & 23, His mercies are described as being unfailing, as well as "new every morning". The Psalmist describes Him as the God of gods and the Lord of lords (Deuteronomy 10:17).

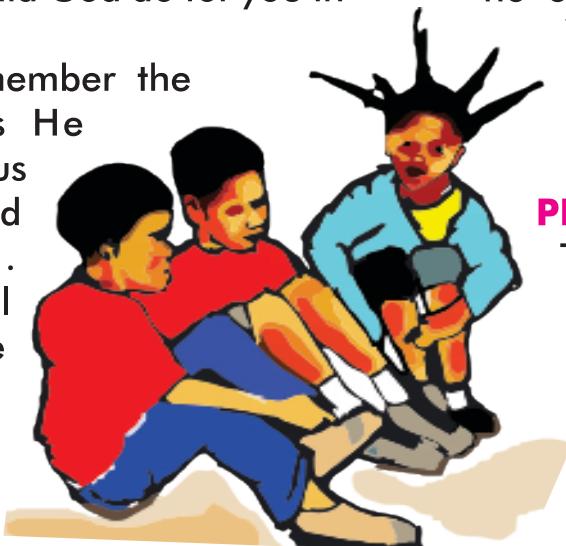
God deserves our thanks, our worship and our respect. There is no other God besides Him.

Your life is a gift from our loving Father. May His name be praised!

PRAYER

Thank You, Lord, for who You are and for the many things You have done for me.

Blessed be Your name forever!



DAY 2

THEME: GOD LOVES YOU TOPIC: JESUS IS THE PROVISION FOR SIN

BIBLE PASSAGE: JOHN 3:16

For God so loved the world that he gave his only son Jesus. That whosoever believes in him will not perish but have eternal life.

What is the world? God created it and all the beautiful things in it. He made the sun, moon and stars and placed them in the sky. He spoke and the earth appeared with its mountains and valleys. He created all kinds of plants, animals and birds. God created the sea with different kinds of fishes.

He created man in His image and put him in a beautiful Garden called Eden. He asked man to take care of it. Everything He created was good! He gave man the power to name all that He had created and to rule over them. Let us read from the Bible:

The Lord God placed the man in the Garden of Eden to tend and watch over it. But the Lord God warned him, 'You may freely eat the fruit of every tree in the garden — except the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. If you eat its fruit, you are sure to die' (Genesis 2:15-17).

Unfortunately, deceived by the serpent, Adam and Eve ate that fruit. So, SIN entered the world! God hates and punishes sin. Death

is the punishment for sin. However, God loves man so much that He made a plan to bring us back to Himself.

He sent Jesus to come on earth and die to pay for man's sins.

QUESTIONS

1. What made God the Father send Jesus to die for your sins? _____
2. Whom does God love? _____

PRAYER

Thank You, Jesus, for dying for my sins. You are my Hero!



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DAY 3

THEME: GOD LOVES YOU

TOPIC: JESUS IS THE ONLY SOURCE OF SALVATION

BIBLE PASSAGE: JOHN 3:16

For God so loved the world that he gave his only son Jesus. That whosoever believes in him will not perish but have eternal life.

In God's own time, Jesus was born in Bethlehem by a virgin called Mary through the power of the Holy Spirit. The Bible says Jesus grew up physically, socially, spiritually and intellectually.

While on earth, Jesus taught people about God and His kingdom and did lots of miracles. He healed the sick, raised the dead and fed many people with very little food – to show us His love.

One day, some evil people arrested Jesus. They whipped, mocked and spat on Jesus. Finally, they nailed Him to a cross and He bled and died.

Although He was buried, the Good News is that, He rose up again from the grave on the third day. He was seen by many people, including His disciples.

The Bible says, without the shedding of blood, there is no forgiveness of sin. Yes, Jesus died that every person will be forgiven

their sins, including you. He died also for us to be reunited with God.

Do you believe that Jesus is the Son of God? Do you want to become a child of God? Think about this very personal and important decision you will have to make.

PRAYER

Dear God, please help me to make the important decision of asking Jesus to be my Lord and Personal Saviour. Help me to live for Him everyday.

QUESTIONS

1. Who is God's only son? _____
2. Can you have eternal life apart from Jesus? _____
Why not? _____
3. What did Jesus teach people on earth? _____
_____.

DAY 4

THEME: GOD LOVES YOU

TOPIC: ACCEPTING JESUS AS PERSONAL SAVIOUR AND LORD

BIBLE PASSAGE: JOHN 1:12

*Yet to all who received him, to those who believed in Him
He gave the right to become the sons of God.*

Have you made up your mind to accept Jesus as your Lord and personal Saviour? That is a wonderful decision to make.

There are three simple steps to follow to become God's child, namely,

A: Accept that you are a sinner (Romans 3:23).

B: Believe that Jesus is the Son of God whose blood alone can wash your sins away (1 John 1:7).

C: Confess Jesus as your Lord and Saviour (Romans 10:9-10).

Are you ready? Then say the following prayer with all your heart:

Lord, I accept that I am a sinner and I cannot save myself.

I believe that Jesus is God's Son who died to pay for my sins.

Jesus, please, come and live in my heart. Make me Your child and write my name in the Lamb's Book of Life. In Jesus' name I pray. AMEN.

This is called "The Sinner's Prayer". If you prayed with all your

heart, then you have been born again into God's family. God's Spirit is now in your heart, and you will live with Him eternally in Heaven!

So, whose child are you now? God's child, of course! "I will never leave you nor forsake you, I will help you" (Hebrew 13:5). Halleluiah! You do not have to fear anything again.

Pray and thank God for giving you eternal life.



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DAY 5

THEME: GOD LOVES YOU TOPIC: A NEW DAY, A NEW BEGINNING

BIBLE PASSAGE: ROMANS 10:13

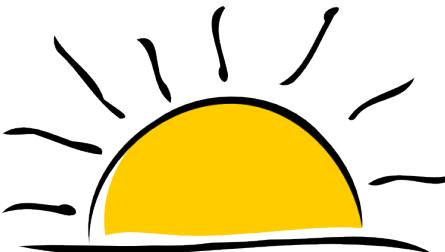
For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved.

Today is a new day. Some did not live to see this day, but some see it as the beginning of another period of loneliness, fear and pain. Listen! Each day offers new opportunities that we need to seize.

As a child, you may be happy to have your parents and siblings all around you, but in your heart, you may be hurting. You wish you could stop being naughty and making your parents and people around you sad.

This should not be just a mere wish. Jesus has actually made a new life possible. As you have read previously, this is the reason why Jesus was born – so that you can leave your old life of sin, fear and pain, and receive a new life of faith, joy and hope. It does not matter the terrible mistakes you have made in the past – Christ can forgive you all your sins.

Right now, think about your sins, fears and hurts. Just turn them over to Jesus. Ask Him to forgive you. If



you have never asked Him to come into your heart and save you, do so now. You can say this prayer:

Dear Jesus, I am sorry for all the bad things I have done against You. Please, forgive me. Come into my heart. I receive You as my Lord and Personal Saviour. Thank You for taking care of all my fears and hurts, in Jesus' name. Amen.

Praise the Lord and tell yourself: "I'm starting all over again with Jesus".

QUESTIONS

1. "For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved" (Romans 10:13). Who is the whosoever? _____
2. Do you think you can start all over again by yourself? _____
3. Will Jesus save everyone who calls on His name? _____

DAY 6

THEME: GOD LOVES YOU

TOPIC: GOD WANTS YOU TO HAVE ETERNAL LIFE

BIBLE PASSAGE: JOHN 14:3

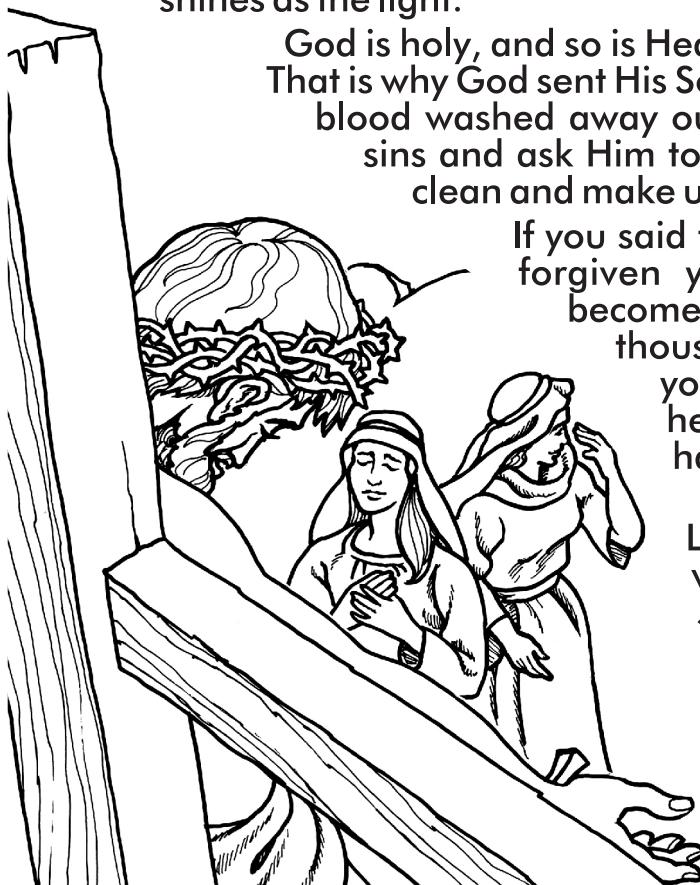
*I go to prepare a place for you. And if I go to prepare a place for you,
I will come back again and receive you unto myself;
that where I am, there ye may be also.*

Heaven is a wonderful place where God lives with His Son Jesus and the angels. The streets are made of gold. There is no sickness nor crying nor sorrow. There is no hunger. No one dies in heaven. The Bible also says there is no darkness in heaven, because Jesus Christ shines as the light.

God is holy, and so is Heaven. Sin cannot enter heaven. That is why God sent His Son Jesus to die on the cross. His blood washed away our sins. If we are sorry for our sins and ask Him to come into our hearts, He will clean and make us ready for heaven.

If you said the "Sinner's Prayer", God has forgiven you all your sins. You have become God's child. The Bible says, thousands of angels rejoiced over you, because you are now an heir to God's kingdom and He has a place for you in heaven.

When you sin now, tell the Lord you are sorry you did what was wrong and the blood of Jesus will cleanse you from it.



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PRAYER

Thank You, God, for giving Your Son, Jesus Christ, to die for me.

DAY 7

THEME: GOD LOVES YOU TOPIC: LOOK UP AND LIVE

BIBLE PASSAGE: ISAIAH 40:31

But those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint.

Cheer up! Do you not know and have you not heard? Well, the Everlasting Father, the Creator of the ends of the earth, will never ever grow too tired or weary to listen to you (Isaiah 40:28). Look up! Get your eyes on Jesus who is the author and finisher of your faith (Hebrews 12:2). Do not be discouraged by all the many negative things going on all around you. Consider the Word of God concerning your life.

Jesus is saying to you right now, "I will never leave you, I will help you, I will uphold you with my right arm. I know the thoughts I have concerning you; they are thoughts that will bring you success" (Isaiah 41:13; Jeremiah 29:11).

Do not be afraid (Isaiah 41:14). God, your Divine source, will provide your every need, no matter what happens. So, stand tall and stop looking down on yourself.

Christ has defeated Satan on the cross for you (Colossians 2:15). Victorious Jesus has already placed

you on top of **all the issues**. You are, therefore, all set to walk in confidence at home, at school and at play.

ACTIVITY

Check the following scriptural passages, and fill in the promises Jesus Christ has made to you:

1. "I will never _____ you nor _____ you" (Hebrews 13:5b).
2. "The Lord is my _____" (Hebrews 13:6).
3. "Therefore I say to you, do not _____ about your life ..." (Matthew 6:25a).
4. "Then Jesus said, 'Come to me, all of you who are weary and ..., and I will give you _____'" (Matthew 11:28).
5. "I am with you _____" (Matthew 28:20).

PRAYER

Thank You, Lord, for Your wonderful promises to me.

DAY 8

THEME: THE FINISHED WORK OF JESUS TOPIC: JESUS CAME TO SEEK AND SAVE THE LOST

BIBLE PASSAGE: REVELATION 3:20

*Behold I stand at the door and knock,
if anyone hears my voice and will open the door, I will come in to him.*

When Adam and Eve disobeyed God, the relationship between God and man was broken. Sin and its punishment (death) entered the world. Jesus willingly gave His life as a ransom for many (Mark 10:45). He paid for the release of man with His blood and set him free from the bondage of sin. This is God's free gift to you and anybody who is ready to receive it.

Jesus is ready to save all those who are ready to receive His gift of forgiveness, and this includes you: "For the Son of Man came to seek and save those who were lost" (Luke 19:10).

So, Jesus is ready. He is standing at the door of your heart and knocking. He wants to come into your life. If you will

only open the door for Him to come in, His gift of salvation will be yours, right now. If you have not done so yet, today is another chance for you to do ask Jesus to forgive your sins and come into your heart.

However, if you have already received Him, then believe that you received God's special gift of forgiveness, restoration and eternal life the day you did. You are saved and born anew! You are God's child forever and ever!

Pray and thank God for saving you from sin.

QUIZ

1. Who were the first people to disobey God? _____ and _____.
2. Why did Jesus come into this world? _____



DAY 9

THEME: THE FINISHED WORK OF JESUS

TOPIC: JESUS IS THE OUR HIGH PRIEST

BIBLE PASSAGE: HEBREWS 4:15, NLT

This High Priest of ours understands our weaknesses, for he faced all of the same testings we do, yet he did not sin.

Jesus Christ came to earth and lived as a human being just like you, to identify with your weaknesses. So, He was tempted in all the ways you are: in His flesh, in His thoughts, with pride, jealousy, hatred, stealing, etc., yet, He did not sin. He felt what you feel; **He did what you would normally do**, yet He did not give in to sin.

Do you struggle with sin? Follow the example of Jesus. He fought temptation every time with God's Word, saying, "It is written".

Though He was God, He agreed to die for us. He never fought the soldiers who took Him in the Garden of Gethsemane. They beat Him and spat on Him, but He did not fight back.

On the cross, He forgave His

enemies, saying, "Father, forgive them for they know not what they do". For His obedience and humility, God exalted Him to the highest position of High Priest in heaven (Acts 5:31), giving Him a Name above every other name! So, at the mention of the name JESUS, every knee in heaven, on earth and under the earth bows (Philippians 2:6-11)!

What are you afraid of? Is it your studies or the bullies at school? Just pray to God in the Name of Jesus. God will answer you. He will help you.

Like King David, when you are afraid, trust in the Lord (Psalm 56:11).

Go ahead, pray and talk to Him now. Tell Him exactly how you feel.

DAY 10

THEME: THE FINISHED WORK OF JESUS TOPIC: JESUS FREES YOU FROM THE POWER OF SIN

BIBLE PASSAGE: EPHESIANS 2:8

*For by grace are ye saved through faith;
and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God.*

Adam and Eve put themselves in bondage to Satan. Nobody could pay the price to set man free from sin and death.

But Jesus Christ came on earth to die to clear off the debt with His blood. He died on the cross to pay the penalty for sin which is death. When you accept Him as your Saviour and Lord, He sets you free from your guilt and shame, and gives you new life.

God does not forgive our sins because of our good works or the sacrifices we make. God loves us

and saves us by grace. Grace is “receiving favour from God which we do not deserve”.

God's love for man was shown by allowing His Son to die a shameful death – bleeding on the cross to wash away our sin.

The Bible says that, though salvation is free, it is up to you to receive it by confessing with your mouth that Jesus is LORD and believing in your heart that God raised Him from the dead (Romans 10:9-10).

Pray and thank God for allowing His Son to come and die for you.

Do you have a friend who does not know Jesus? He or she is still living in sin. Your friend is not a child of God. What can you do about that?

You can help them by sharing Christ with them. Do that now! Tell them Jesus alone can set them free from sin and death.



DAY 11

THEME: THE FINISHED WORK OF JESUS TOPIC: JESUS CONQUERED DEATH

BIBLE PASSAGE: HEBREWS 2:14-15, NLT

Because God's children are human beings ... the Son also became flesh and blood. For only as a human being could he die, and only by dying could he break the power of the devil, who had the power of death. Only in this way could he set free all who have lived their lives as slaves to the fear of dying.

Jesus was born to save mankind. When Jesus Christ died, He was buried. In the grave, He conquered DEATH. He then took the keys of death from Satan, and came back to life again on the third day.

By this act, Jesus opened the prison doors for all who are held prisoners by Satan and set them free from spiritual bondage.

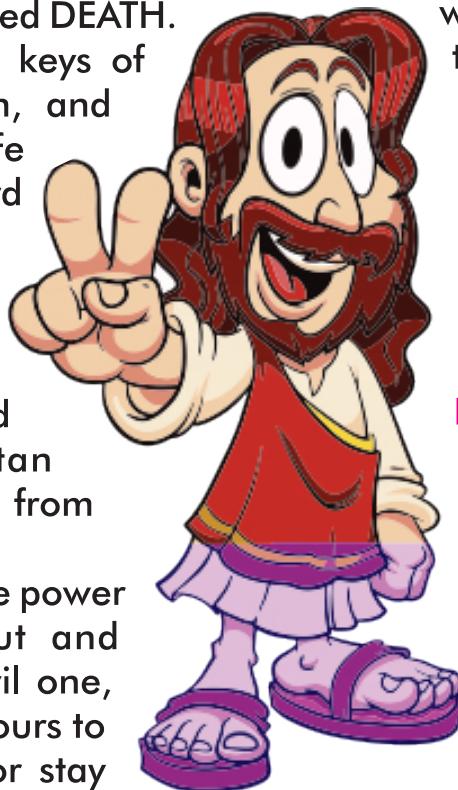
He gives you the power now to come out and trample on the evil one, but the choice is yours to either come out or stay there.

By His victory, every man and woman, boy or girl has been set

free from the slavery to sin and has victory over death.

The Bible says, one day, Jesus will return. At the sound of a trumpet, all believers, who are dead, shall rise from their sleep and meet Jesus in the air. Praise the Lord!

Who can do all this for you, but Jesus! Yes, He is the only One.



PRAYER

Thank You, Lord, for the freedom You have given me over sin and death.

DAY 12

THEME: THE FINISHED WORK OF JESUS (*THE JUDGE*)

TOPIC: JESUS CHRIST, OUR INTERCESSOR

BIBLE PASSAGE: ROMANS 8:34

Who is he that condemns? Christ Jesus, who died – more than that, who was raised to life – is at the right hand of God, interceding for us.

The day you prayed and said, "Yes, Lord, come into my heart", you were born into God's family.

As a Judge, Jesus rules the world, sitting at God's right hand. As a Mediator, He is interceding for you and me. That means, when you sin, you only tell God you are very sorry, and Jesus wipes your sins away with His blood. He enables you, with His power through the Holy Spirit, to obey God every day.

Jesus is also your Saviour, who watches over you and protects you from evil people who want to harm you. One day, He is coming back to take you to

Himself, so that you shall live with Him forever.

If Jesus, the Great Judge, does not condemn you when you sin, as a child of God, who then can? Well, neither Satan nor anyone else can. Yes, no one, including your friends, can point a finger at you to call you a sinner.

What then must we do to show our gratitude to God?

God wants us to follow Jesus' examples of humility and obedience in all we do.



Colour the picture.

PRAYER

Thank You, God, for sending Christ to die for us.

DAY 13

THEME: JESUS, THE ONLY WAY TO HEAVEN

TOPIC: JESUS IS THE LIGHT

BIBLE PASSAGE: PSALM 27:1

The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear.

What was the first thing you did when you were with either your brother or sister at home, and the lights suddenly went out and there was a very scary total darkness? More than likely, a frantic search began for either a flashlight or some matches to light candles! Light helps us to see and also gives us a sense of security and safety.

The Bible likens darkness to evil and what is sinful. We are more familiar with being lonely and scared when the lights go out, than with being without God? Sin blinds us from seeing the truth about ourselves and God.

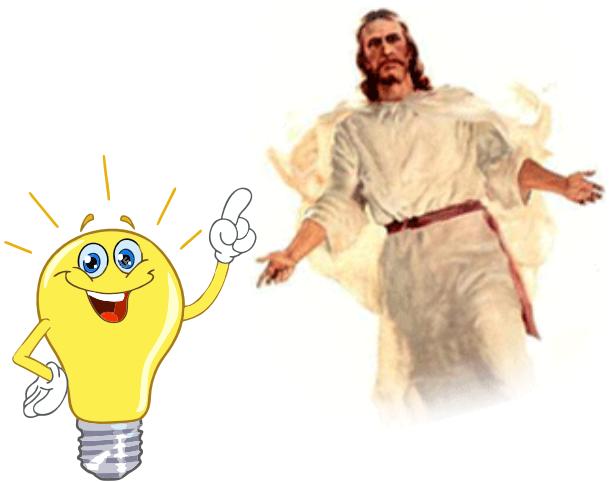
The Bible says we were once in darkness, but now, through Jesus Christ, we are in the light. We were just like Bartimaeus (Matthew 10:46-52), who was physically blind and in darkness, Yes, He had a greater problem of having

darkness in his heart, because of sin. Blind Bartimaeus, believed that only Jesus could take away both his darkness within and without. So, he called on Jesus to have mercy on him.

God says, your dark heart can only be lit up by Jesus, Who is the light of the world.

Like Blind Bartimeus, will you call on Jesus to have mercy on you?

Pray and thank the Lord for providing Jesus Christ as our Light.



DAY 14

THEME: JESUS, THE ONLY WAY TO HEAVEN

TOPIC: JESUS IS THE WAY

BIBLE PASSAGE: JOHN 14:6

*Jesus said to him, I am the way the truth and the life.
No one comes to the Father except through me.*

Jesus is the only way to go to heaven. Salvation is in no other person, but Jesus, the Son of God (Acts 4:12).

You must accept Him as your Lord and Saviour in order to go to heaven. Jesus is the only way to God the Father, heaven and eternal life. He is the Truth of the Gospel, the Promised One and the Messiah.

Have you heard about the "broad" and "narrow" ways? The Bible says that, many are those who travel on the "broad" way which leads to hell. But those, who travel on the "narrow" Way, are those who find Christ and walk with Him to heaven (Matthew 7:13)

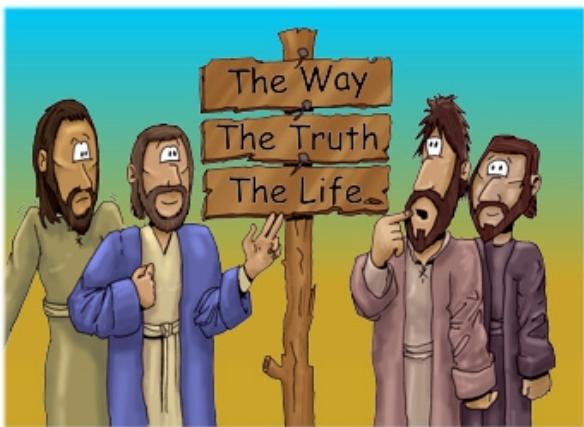
Jesus is the Way, look for Him and He will take you safely to heaven. Remember, there's no other way!

Jesus is also saying, He is the

Truth and the Life. Do not pay Him mere lip service: trust Him with every part of your being always. His Word is true. He alone can give you life.

Stop looking at your troubles, fears and pain. When you do things His way, you will find Him bigger and more powerful than the things that make you afraid and you do not fully understand!

When you are afraid, just trust in Jesus. Pray that you will follow Jesus everyday.



DAY 15

THEME: JESUS, THE ONLY WAY TO HEAVEN

TOPIC: JESUS IS THE TRUE VINE

BIBLE PASSAGE: JOHN 15:9

As the Father loved me, I also have love you; abide in my love.

A vine is a plant that has long, thin and weak stems. It gets support by attaching itself, by climbing or twining, around other plants and trees. The vine has branches which it nurtures and feeds. Without the vine plant, its branches would die.

Jesus is giving us this picture to help us understand our relationship to Him. He is the Vine and we are the branches. He is our source of life. When we break away from Him, we will not produce any fruit and we will also die.

He says also that, God the Father, is the Vinedresser or Gardener. As the Good Gardener, God, sometimes, trims the branches so that they will bear more fruits. Jesus calls it "Pruning". As His children, God prunes us by correcting us. He then cleans us so that we can bear more fruits. Though we may not welcome

pruning, our Father does it out of love for us, when we need it (Hebrews 12:5-8).

Jesus says we should "abide" in Him. What does that mean? "Abide" means, to "stay continually", "dwell" and "settle down" and "make yourself at home"!

Jesus wants us to be very close to Him. He wants to talk to us. He wants to lead us. He wants to know how much He loves us. He wants to help us. We are nothing and can do nothing without Him, so He invites us to form a healthy attachment to Him.

We can do this through reading, meditating on His WORD and prayer. He wants us to worship and serve Him always. He wants us to bear good fruit to serve others with.

Pray that you will stay connected to God always.

DAY 16

THEME: GOD'S SALVATION LASTS FOREVER TOPIC: CHOOSING THE RIGHT PATH

BIBLE PASSAGE: PSALM 1:1-2

Blessed is the man who does not walk in the counsel of the wicked or stand in the way of sinners or sit in the seat of mockers but his delight is in the law of the Lord.

After we have believed in Christ, we must desire to choose God's path and live by faith and in righteousness.

Think of three characters from the Bible, including Daniel, who lived their lives for the Lord and were blessed! Do you remember Judas? He walked with Jesus, but what happened to him? He betrayed Jesus for 30 pieces of silver (Matthew 26:14-16)!

What path are you on? God wants us to be different from those who have not received Him as Lord and Saviour.

What kind of friends do you have? Friends play a very important role in helping us to walk in

the right path. Some friends will help build up your faith. Others will tease you about your faith and trick you to do the wrong things. A true friend, who encourages and supports your walk with God, will draw you closer to Him.

It is worth noting that, in Psalm 1:1, you are warned not to start walking, then standing and sitting

with sinners. Curiosity will draw you into bad conversations and following foolish desires.

God has promised to help you walk the right path. Read His Word. Think about it. He will direct your path.

Pray that God will help you to choose good friends who will help you to live for Jesus.



DAY 17

THEME: GOD'S SALVATION LASTS FOREVER TOPIC: SALVATION, A PROTECTION FOR THE BELIEVER

BIBLE PASSAGE: EPHESIANS 6:17

Put on salvation as your helmet and take the sword of the spirit, which is the Word of God.

What is a helmet? A helmet is a covering to protect the head from injury.

When you confess your sins and ask Jesus to come into your heart, God gives you salvation. Like a helmet, salvation makes you know that you belong completely to Christ, and have a part in His inheritance. It is your protection from sin.

Also, as a believer, the blood of Jesus Christ, which covers you completely, hides you in Christ and in God. Thus, you are kept safe from all evil attacks by the enemy; no one can touch you! You are protected, both physically and spiritually. Do you believe this?

You must, certainly, walk confidently in the

Lord, believing that you are fully covered by our God's saving grace, in the Name of Jesus.

However, salvation becomes a helmet only when you walk in righteousness, that is, when you keep away from sin and stay under God's cover. Then, He will keep you from falling into sin.

Jesus, your Saviour, is watching over you and protecting you from all evil. He is preparing a place for you in heaven. One day, He will come back and take you to live with Him forever.



PRAYER TIME

- Thank God for giving you His gift of salvation.
- Ask God to keep you close to Himself.

DAY 18

THEME: GOD'S SALVATION LASTS FOREVER

Topic: DO NOT BE AFRAID IF GOD IS YOUR SALVATION

BIBLE PASSAGE: PSALM 27:1

*The Lord is my light and my salvation so why should I be afraid?
The Lord is my fortress protecting me in danger, so why should I tremble.*

While Ephesians 6:17 teaches that salvation is a believer's protection, there is assurance also in today's scripture that, since the Lord is your salvation, you need not fear anything.

Listen now to the LORD saying, "I am the Lord your God who takes hold of your right hand and says to you, 'Do not fear, I will help you'" (Isaiah 41:13).

- Are you afraid you will lose a loved one?
- Are you afraid of death?
- Are you afraid of that bully in your school?

God, to whom all power belongs, has become your friend. He will take good care of you. You need not be afraid.

The enemy may try to scare you or threaten to harm

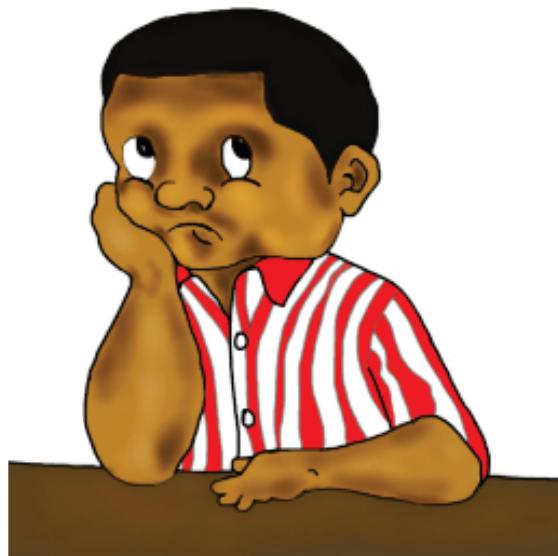
you. God will keep you safe. Do not be afraid.

Do you remember Joseph, the son of Jacob? The enemy tried to destroy his life, just because his father loved him very much. When he shared the dreams God had given him about his life, his brothers were very upset. They tried to kill him. Then, they sold him. He became a slave in Egypt.

He went to prison for not agreeing to do wrong with his master Portiphar's wife. But God

brought him out of prison. Guess what? He became a Prime Minister in Egypt. God used him to save his brothers and his whole family (Genesis 37, 39-50).

Pray for God's protection upon your life everyday.



DAY 19

THEME: GOD'S SALVATION LASTS FOREVER

Topic: NO ESCAPE FOR THOSE WHO IGNORE GOD'S SALVATION

BIBLE PASSAGE: HEBREWS 2:3

How shall we escape if we ignore such a great salvation? This salvation, which was first announced by the Lord, was confirmed to us by those who heard him.



So, what makes us think we can escape, if we ignore this great salvation, first announced by the Lord Jesus Himself and passed on to us by those who heard Him?

Give your life to Christ, if you have not yet done so. Today is another day of salvation and opportunity for you to do so. Pray to God to help you to understand the real cost of salvation, and to long for it, seeing how precious it is.

Can you believe that some people do hear the message of salvation and refuse to give their

lives to Christ? They think confessing Christ is just too simple to be real. Others also choose to just enjoy the good things of this life, saying salvation is only for the poor.

Do you think God is happy when they refuse to come when He calls them? No! For, it is not His will that any person should perish! Yet, still, no one can escape His punishment, if they refuse to accept His invitation. For those who sin walk on the "Broadway of Immorality" and their end is hell.

Before that end, what are some of the things God is likely to punish such people with? Definitely, diseases, barrenness and even death!

PRAYER TIME

- Thank Jesus that you know Him as Lord and Saviour.
- Ask God to save all your family members and friends.
- Pray that God will help you to grow in grace and the knowledge of Jesus Christ, our Lord (2 Peter 3:18).

DAY 20

THEME: GOD'S SALVATION LASTS FOREVER Topic: JESUS, OUR SALVATION

BIBLE PASSAGE: PSALM 118:14

The Lord is my strength and my song. He has become my salvation.

Dear one, has the Lord BECOME YOUR ALL IN ALL? Have you fully embraced His salvation as a gift? If you have accepted Jesus Christ as your Lord and Saviour, you can say with confidence that He is your salvation, as well as your strength.

Pray and thank God that He has become your salvation.

Ask Him to help you tell others about Him.

Find the words listed in the puzzle. Look for the words diagonally, backward, upward and downward.

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DAY 21

THEME: GOD'S SALVATION LASTS FOREVER TOPIC: YOU ARE MADE RIGHT WITH GOD

BIBLE PASSAGE: ROMANS 10:10

For it is by believing in your heart that you are made right with God and it is by confessing with your mouth that you are saved.

Have you ever said the "Sinner's Prayer"? Did you believe you had become God's child? How did you feel? Were you joyful and peaceful?

In fact, rather than a physical or outward feeling, there is a good feeling within. Sometimes, you may even feel nothing. Yet, a change takes place when we come to Jesus, both in our hearts towards the things of the Lord and in our relationship with others!

Indeed, your past sins are all gone! God does not remember them any longer. Does any past sin keep coming back? Jesus says, He died to take care of it. He says, He has paid for your sin and pardon! When you sin now, just tell God, your heavenly Father, that you are sorry, and ask Him to forgive and cleanse you. Then, every guilt will be taken away and you will be at peace with God (Romans 5:1).

The Bible says that, those who are in Christ Jesus are no more judged guilty. By His death, Jesus closed the gap between you and God. He cleansed you from any form of sin and made you a new person. Now, made right with God, with the relationship between you and God restored, you are a child of God and your name is written in Heaven!

Pray and thank God that your name is written in the Lamb's book of Life.



DAY 22

THEME: RECEIVING THE HOLY SPIRIT

TOPIC: THE SPIRIT OF GOD PROMPTS AND GUIDE US

BIBLE PASSAGE: JOHN 14:26

But the Comforter, which is the Holy Ghost, whom the Father will send in my name, He shall teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance, whatever I have said unto you.

Children, when we give our lives to Christ, the Holy Spirit of God comes to dwell in our hearts. This Spirit divine is the Third Person of the Holy Trinity, so, He is God. He is eternal and present everywhere. As a Person, the Holy Spirit knows everything and has great power. He raised Jesus Christ from the grave!

Now, the Holy Spirit does so many things in the Christian's life. When we are tempted to sin, He helps us to overcome. He helps us to take the right decisions and do the right things. He helps us to understand the

truths in the Bible and to pray well. He even prays for us.

The Spirit of God warns us when there is trouble ahead, and we do not know what to do or how to pray about the situation. As a Good Teacher, the Holy Spirit teaches us to obey God's Word and behave as God wants us to.

If we would listen to God every day, His Spirit would prompt us and enable us to live victorious lives, free from sin. He will teach us to live right. He will help us to take the right decisions.



PRAYER

Thank You, God, for sending Your Spirit to teach and guide us each day. Help us to obey Him quickly.

DAY 23

THEME: RECEIVING THE HOLY SPIRIT

TOPIC: BAPTISM OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

BIBLE PASSAGE: MATTHEW 3:11

But someone is coming soon who is greater than I am. So much greater that I'm not worthy even to be His slave and carry His sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and with fire.

God never leaves us the same when we accept His Son Jesus Christ as our Lord and Saviour. He baptises or fills us with His Holy Spirit to make us bold to tell others about Christ, and to serve Him better in the church and wherever we find ourselves.

The Holy Spirit wants to fill you today. When He fills you, He also gives you a special gift to serve God. Yes, children can also be filled with the Holy Spirit and be given the unique gifts from God.

Have you been filled with the Holy Spirit? If "Yes", then the Lord wants you

to bless His church with your gift. If "No", go ahead then and ask Him to fill you and give you your special gift to serve Him.

He commands that you be filled, so He will hear and fill you (Ephesians 5:18). The Bible also says, "If you, sinful as you are, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask for Him"! (Luke

11:13)

God will not deny His children good things. Go ahead now and ask Him to fill you with His Spirit. He will, surely, do it! Tell Him to let His Spirit fill your home also.



DAY 24

THEME: GROWING IN THE LORD TOPIC: GOD WANTS YOU TO GROW

BIBLE PASSAGE: PHILIPPIANS 2:12

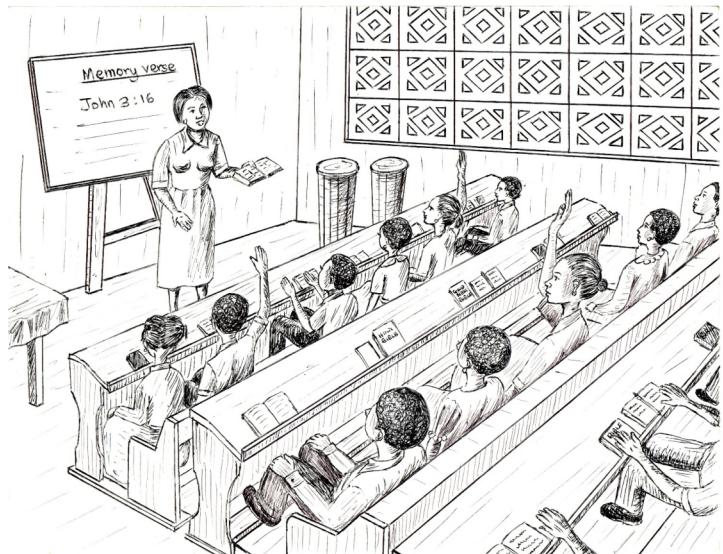
Therefore, my beloved, as you have always obeyed, not as in my presence only, but now much more in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling.

As God's child, He wants to help you to grow in Him. Why? Because He is holy and He wants you to live a holy, righteous life each day. The Bible encourages you not to relax with just receiving the Lord Jesus Christ as your Lord and Saviour. What does this mean? Like a new baby, you must grow.

To grow in Christ, you must:

- ★ Spend quality time with the Lord every morning. This is called the Quiet Time. This is when you read your Bible and pray. You can also sing a song of worship and learn a memory verse.
- ★ Pray about every situation during the day.
- ★ Choose to do the right thing every time, with God's help.
- ★ Obey your parents in the Lord.
- ★ Be kind to others, remembering that, sharing is caring. Jesus Christ willingly gave Himself as a sacrifice, because He loves you.
- ★ Above all, you must tell others the Good News about Jesus Christ, at home, at school, in the community and everywhere.
- ★ Go to church every Sunday. Save your own money for the offering.

Pray and ask God to help you grow in wisdom and spiritual maturity.



DAY 25

THEME: KNOWING GOD'S WORD TOPIC: FILL YOURSELF WITH GOD'S WORD

BIBLE PASSAGE: PSALM 119:11

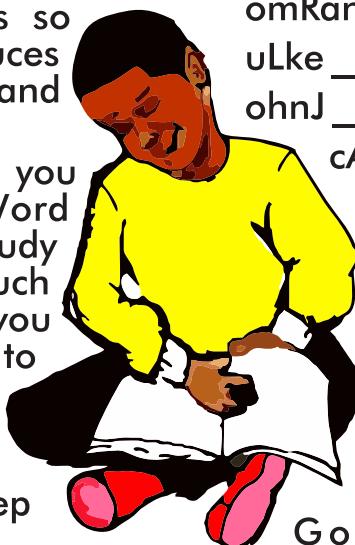
*I have hidden your word in my heart
that I might not sin against you.*

The Holy Bible contains the Word of God. 2 Timothy 3:16 says that, "All scripture is inspired by God", so the Bible is trustworthy, eternally fixed, perfect and complete, reliable and true, a sure guide for life. Those who read it will, certainly, become wise.

Can you tell me why? It is because it "is useful to teach us what is true and to make us realize what is wrong in our lives; it strengthens us out and helps us do what is right" (2 Timothy 3:16-17, TLB).

The word of God is so powerful that it produces results when we hear it and obey!

God is encouraging you today to read His Word often. Make time to study and memorise it, as much as possible? The more you allow the Word of God to fill you, the more His Spirit grows in you. The Word of God will strengthen you and keep



you from doing what will make Him unhappy. When you fill your heart with the Word of God, it will keep you spiritually alive!

Pray and thank God for giving us His Word.

Word Game

Unscramble the following words to find some books in the Bible.

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God bless you.

DAY 26

THEME: KNOWING GOD'S WORD

TOPIC: GOD'S WORD IS A GUIDE

BIBLE PASSAGE: PSALM 119:105

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

Jesus compares the Word of God to a lamp shining to guide us in the darkness. A lamp lights up our path, helping us to avoid coming to any harm by tripping and falling over objects in the dark.

If we really want to walk with the Lord, let us obey His Word. Let us be children of light, shining for our friends to see their way in the darkness.

When you do not store the Word of God in you, you die spiritually. Then the devil will use you as his tool to do evil things!

When you store the Word of God in you, it will help you know how to avoid Satan's traps of temptations and wicked attempts to destroy your life. It

will keep you from bad friends and make you very successful in everything you do.

Therefore, it is very important that you keep the Word of God in you to light up and brighten your path to safety!

God's Word will help you to discover all truth, give you the strength to overcome evil and help you live a righteous life.

Read the Word of God every day and keep it in your heart.



PRAYER TIME

Thank God for sending Jesus as the Light of the world.

Ask God to help you walk in the light.

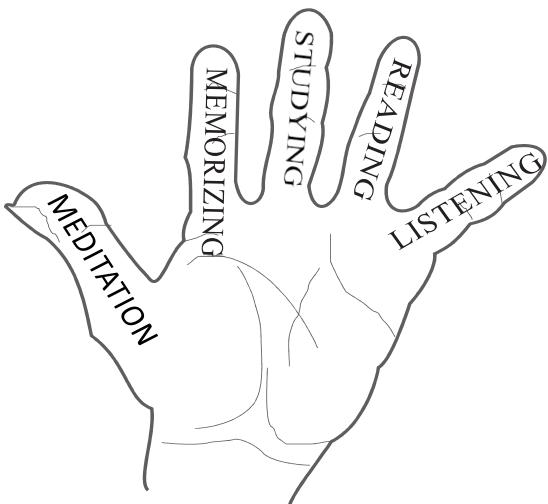
Pray that the Lord will let your light shine, so that others will find Christ.

DAY 27

THEME: KNOWING GOD'S WORD TOPIC: THE WORD OF GOD GIVES LIFE

BIBLE PASSAGE: PHILIPPIANS 2:16

Hold firmly to the word of life, then on the day of Christ's return I will be proud that I did not run the race in vain and that my work was not useless.



The Bible tells us that the Word of God is the word of life, meaning that, you have new life each day, as you read your Bible.

Children, make an effort to understand what you read every day to produce fruit that will last. The new life in Christ produces a right attitude, which helps us to overcome temptation to sin, at any time. It means having peace, joy and being in good health.

When Jesus was tempted by Satan, He used God's Word, saying, "It is written"! (Matthew 4:4)

When Joseph was tempted, he also decided, "I will not sin against my God!" (Genesis 29:8). God, indeed, rewarded Joseph's faithfulness and made him a Prime Minister in Egypt! This means that, it is only as we live in obedience to God's Word that He will see us through temptations.

It is important to read, walk and grow in the Word of God. There are five ways to do this:

1. Listen to the Word of God.
2. Read the Bible everyday .
3. Study the Bible.
4. Learn a memory verse.
(Memorise it).
5. Meditate on (think about) the Word.

DAY 28

THEME: KEEPING GOD'S WORD TOPIC: DON'T JUST HEAR THE WORD, KEEP IT

BIBLE PASSAGE: LUKE 11:28

But he said, more than that, blessed are those who hear the word of God and keep it.

Children love going to Sunday School to listen to the WORD of God. How difficult it is, however, to "keep" the Word of God! Try reciting one memory verse. Is it difficult?

Today, the Bible passage encourages us to "keep" what we read in the Bible. "Keeping" the Word of God means, we do not only listen to it being read or reading it ourselves. It means, paying good attention when the Bible is being read, and we also making time to read it, study it, think about it and doing our best to practise it. We will even need to memorise it, so that we can remember it easily, when the need arises. Then, we can also share it easily with others.

Children, you know what? "Keeping" the Word of God daily draws you close to Jesus. He is so pleased when you listen to His Word and "keep" it in your heart, than just listening, getting excited, making beautiful comments about it and not practising it.

When we keep the Word, we will be able to do as Jesus did, when Satan tempts us to do wrong: We can quote the Word and say to him, "It is written ...!" (Matthew 4:4).

Pray and ask God to help you "keep" His Word in your heart.



DAY 29

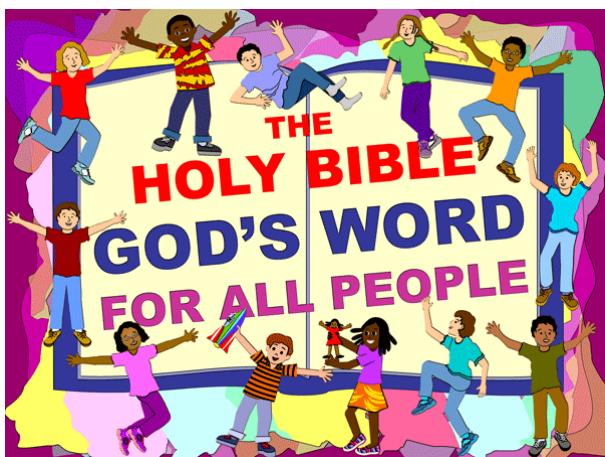
THEME: KEEPING GOD'S WORD

TOPIC: DO WHAT THE WORD SAYS

BIBLE PASSAGE: JAMES 1:22

Do not merely listen to the word, and so deceive yourselves. Do what it says. We shouldn't be only listeners of the word but doers.

In our previous reading, we saw how God is pleased when we keep His Word in our hearts by memorising it. Well, every child of God must know the following basic truths from the Word of God:



1. God created the world and everything in it.
2. God lives in heaven and wants you there with Him one day.
3. God is holy and hates sin.
4. God sent Jesus, His Son, to come and die to take away the punishment of sin.
5. God comes to live in your heart

when you confess Christ as the Son of God.

These are only some of the many things God wants you to know from His Word.

In Sunday School, you are taught to obey your parents in the Lord and not to fight with your friends or steal. You are to love your friends and share what you have with the needy. At home, Mummy and Daddy also teach you many good things during your family devotions.

God will bless you as you practise these important truths.

TEST

If someone asks you to cheat during examinations, will you do it? Well, the devil can give you the reason: "You are to honour Daddy you know, so go ahead and cheat!" Well, child of God, tell that deceitful enemy, "No! For, it is written, 'thou shall not steal'!"

Pray and ask God to help you to obey His Word.

DAY 30

THEME: KEEPING GOD'S WORD TOPIC: TREASURE GOD'S COMMANDS

BIBLE PASSAGE: PROVERBS 7:1

My son, keep my words and treasure my commands within you.

Children, the Word of God is a treasure, because those who read and apply it to their lives have success! Those who treasure the Word of God truly know their God. They really know Him as a very loving, gracious and merciful God. They know that “*the law of the Lord is good, giving new life to the soul*” (Psalm 19:7, BBE).

Do you treasure the commands of God? Read it, cherish it, meditate on it day and night, and learn to memorize it and it will direct your path. It will be your sure guide in living a godly life.

Do you remember the three Hebrew boys and Daniel? Even in a foreign land, they kept the Word of God. They would not do anything that God did not like, even when it meant being thrown into a fiery furnace and a lion's den. God also kept them safe from all the dangers and they were promoted.

You must also really treasure God's command and practise it and it will be well with you.

Pray and thank God for giving us His WORD. Ask Him to help you read and keep it.



DAY 31

THEME: KEEPING GOD'S WORD TOPIC: BE AN AMBASSADOR FOR CHRIST

BIBLE PASSAGE: 2 CORINTHIANS 5:20

Now then, we are ambassadors for Christ

Do you know you are an ambassador for Jesus Christ? An ambassador represents his or her country.

Well, having made Him Lord of your life, God is sending you to represent Him in this world! So, as a nation sends its ambassador to represent and defend its interests in another country, so are you being sent by God to do the same for Him and His Kingdom.

How about that! How exciting that whether at school, home and at play, you are representing the KING of kings and the LORD of lords! What a very high honour!

Do you see it as a very difficult task? Well, God has already equipped you very well with the following:

- He has put His Spirit in you to give you the power to talk about Him.
- He has given you His power through His Name. So, as the mention of the name Jesus, every knee must bow (Philippians 2:10-11).
- He has given you His Word to guide and protect you.
- He promises to be with you always (Matthew 28:20).

What are you waiting for? Go now with the Word of God. As you make the interests of the kingdom your focus, God will help you.

Just believe and pray, saying,

"Lord, do show me the way to live as your ambassador. Amen."



DAY 32

THEME: OBEYING GOD'S INSTRUCTIONS

TOPIC: OBEY YOUR PARENTS

BIBLE PASSAGE: EPHESIANS 6:1

Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right.

In Deuteronomy 20:12, the LORD commanded the children of Israel to obey their parents. In Ephesians 6:1, God is repeating the same instruction. It is the only commandment with a promise.

Indeed, we must honour our

parents, because without them we would not be in this world. Obeying our parents means, respecting them in all ways possible. Some of the ways we show such respect and our love are:

- We must not talk back to them.
- We must obey them in the things that are right in the sight of God.
- We must run errands for them.
- We must never insult them, nor anyone else.
- We must thank them.
- We must thank God for their lives.
- We must say sorry to them when we do the wrong things.
- We must forgive them.
- We must be bold to say the truth all the time.
- We must seek their permission before we go out of the house.

GOD wants you to boldly and respectfully say, "NO" to your parents when they ask you to do something the Bible does not allow. For example, when your

Daddy wants you to cheat in your examinations or tell a lie, say 'no'.

Pray and ask God to help you obey your parents everyday. Pray for your parents to do what is right.

DAY 33

THEME: OBEYING GOD'S INSTRUCTIONS

TOPIC: LISTEN TO YOUR PARENTS' INSTRUCTIONS

BIBLE PASSAGE: PROVERBS 1:8-9

My son, hear the instruction of your father, and do not forsake the law of your mother. For they will be graceful ornament on your head, and chains about your neck.

Learn to listen to the instructions of your parents. You know, they were once children like you, and they made some mistakes. They do not want you to repeat their mistakes. The Lord has asked them to also learn His Word and teach you the correct way to go. So, their pieces of advice are worth listening to.

The Bible says, "Whoever loves instruction loves knowledge, but he who hates correction is stupid" (Proverbs 12:1). God instructs parents to use the cane for correction. So, when they fail to discipline you and you turn out bad, God will hold them responsible!

The Bible also says, "Obedience is better than sacrifice" (1 Samuel 15:22). This means,



God is greatly pleased when you obey everyday.

Parents are happy when their children go to bed early and also walk with good friends.

Mummy would dearly love that you stop going out without permission.

She wants to see you living as a good person and dropping all bad habits.

Pray and ask God to help you take the corrections of your parents seriously.

QUIZ

1. Why is obedience to our parents important? _____

2. Why do we have to make good friends? _____

DAY 34

THEME: OBEYING GOD'S INSTRUCTIONS TOPIC: LISTEN TO GOD'S INSTRUCTIONS

BIBLE PASSAGE: LUKE 17:32

Remember lot's wife.

Do you remember Lot, Abraham's nephew? He once lived with his wife and children in the twin-cities of Sodom and Gomorrah. The people were very cruel and immoral.

God sent two angels to tell Lot and his family to leave, because He was going to destroy the cities. They were asked to flee to the mountains and not to look back as they went. However, curiosity got the most of Lot's wife and she turned around and looked back, and she became a pillar of salt! (Genesis 18:16-33).

This should be a big lesson to Christians who disobey God when He says, "Don't steal; don't tell lies, don't bear false witness against your friends; don't fight and don't insult others!"

Children, learn to be "doers of the word" in obedience to God, so that He will bless you.

Jesus is coming soon! Many who neither live nor obey His instructions will be destroyed! Are you ready for Jesus? Ask Mummy and Daddy if they are ready for Him.

Pray and ask God to make you an obedient child.



DAY 35

THEME: PRAYER

TOPIC: GOD ALWAYS ANSWERS PRAYER

BIBLE PASSAGE: JEREMIAH 33:3

Call unto me and I will answer you and show you great and unsearchable things you do not know.

Today's scripture makes it so clear that God is ever ready for us to talk to Him, so He will answer. You need to know, then, that He is always listening when you pray! But His answers may not come in the time or way you may expect them to.

At one time, He may answer, "YES, but WAIT, and at the right time, I will do it for you". And so, along the way, you may feel He has not answered. At another time too, the Lord answers as soon as you pray and it feels so good. Now, since in either case the LORD does answer, our relationship with Him must go beyond just expecting to receive everything we ask for in prayer.

Prayer involves both talking and listening, so we need to train our ears to listen and hear God's voice. For God will speak in answer to prayer. The Lord spoke to Samuel,

who was a young boy, so He will speak to you too, when you listen (1 Samuel 3).

Jesus says, "I am the good Shepherd, and my sheep know my voice" (John 10:27). God is faithful. He will never go back on His word! He says, "Talk to Me and I will answer you". Will you speak to Him today?

Pray and tell Him your problems.

ASSIGNMENT

Fill in the missing letters. Cover up the clue from the passage.

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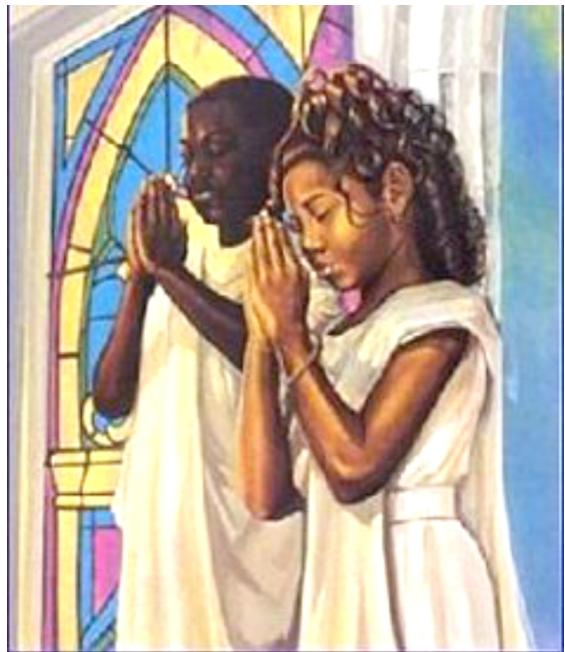
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DAY 36

THEME: PRAYER TOPIC: PRESENT YOUR REQUEST TO GOD

BIBLE PASSAGE: PHILIPPIANS 4:6

Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your request be known to God.



Prayer is talking to God and also listening for His answer. He wants you to talk to Him just as you with your parents every day. Talk to Him about yourself, your parents, friends, country, community and, of course, the people in your church.

Go humbly to God and present whatever bothers you – your

needs, future plans and whatever else. God is saying, instead of being either anxious, or worried about them, you must bring your requests to Him for answers.

Do you know that Jesus always went to a quiet spot to talk to His Father God (Mark 6:46)?

Do you remember that the soldiers went to arrest Him in the Garden of Gethsemane? He had gone there to pray. He was asking God for strength to bear the pain and suffering ahead of Him, and God answered Him (Luke 22:39-55).

You know what? Just pray to God anytime and He will give you the desires of your heart, for God always does what is best for us. Pray to Him and ask for whatever you need now.



DAY 37

THEME: PRAYER

TOPIC: ASK AND GOD WILL PROVIDE

BIBLE PASSAGE: MATTHEW 7:7

Ask and it will be given to you, seek and you will find, knock and it will be opened to you.

Are you feeling sad? Is there a problem? Are you having difficulty studying at school? Are you having difficulty doing what God wants you to do? There is only one way out – go to the Lord in prayer!

God says, "Ask", and He is ever ready to answer your prayers. He says, "Seek", meaning, make time to both search for, and call on Him morning, noon and night! There are times when you have to fast to ask Him to help you to find answers to certain problems. Jesus also says "Knock", and He will hear you. So, God knows all about your problems, but He, still, wants you to, audibly, ask (Matthew 7:7).

All you have to do is, simply, obey Him. For, it will please Him to



see you coming to Him in prayer. Your faith will also cause Him to answer.

Do not be afraid – go boldly into the presence of God your Father! Since Jesus said, "If you ask anything in my Name, I will do it", ask, believing, and you will receive (John 14:13-14).

Pray and thank God that He is always ready to hear you when you pray.



DAY 38

THEME: PRAYER

TOPIC: DO NOT STOP PRAYING

BIBLE PASSAGE: 1 THESSALONIANS 5:17

Pray without ceasing.

There is no special age limit for prayer. Though you are young, still make time to pray. In the morning, when you wake up, the first thing you must do is to pray. Thank God for taking you through the night and ask Him to lead you through the day. At night, when you are going to bed, thank Him for how He kept you safe and provided for you throughout the day. Ask Him to protect you through the night also.

Pray without ceasing. This means, you should pray always, about everything. God is very close to you. Talk to Him in prayer every time. Pray before and after you eat, when going to school, at school and at play.

Prayer is conversing with God. Why does God want to converse



with you? He is your Father. He wants to be close to you. He wants to hear your voice too. He wants you to trust Him and depend on Him.

So, then, pray anywhere, anytime. Join your friends at church to pray publicly. Pray alone, where nobody can disturb you. What is most important is praying with your whole heart.

Say this simple prayer whenever you are going to bed: "Lord Jesus, protect me through the night, in Jesus' Name. Amen".

QUIZ

1. What does it mean to pray without ceasing? _____

2. Why should you pray? _____

DAY 39

THEME: PRAYER

TOPIC: DON'T GIVE UP ON PRAYING

BIBLE PASSAGE: LUKE 18:1

Then he spoke a parable to them that men always ought to pray and not lose heart.

The Lord Jesus said we should never give up when we pray. He used the story of a widow and a judge to explain this truth to His followers.

In the same city were a judge who feared neither God nor man, and a widow who had a problem that only the judge could solve. So,



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she kept on going to him. For a while, the judge did not mind her. Fearing that the widow would keep bothering him, he decided to help her!

In the same way, God will answer us, when we pray about our heart's desires. We should never give up. Also, He will give us more than we can ask or even think of (Ephesians 3:20).

So then, let nothing hold you back from praying in the morning, afternoon, evening and at night when going to bed. Expect God to answer.

What is your problem? Pray about it right now.

QUIZ

Fill in the missing words:

1. fol__ow__r__
2. he__rt
3. ju____e
4. f__ar__d
5. __rom__ses
6. __orn__ng

DAY 40

THEME: PRAYER TOPIC: THE LORD'S PRAYER

BIBLE PASSAGE: LUKE 11:1

Lord, teach us to pray.

Jesus showed how important it for a Christian to pray. Thus, the disciples asked Him to teach them how to pray. In answer to their request, Jesus taught them the Lord's Prayer. Read Luke 11:1-8.

- Who is prayer directed to? We are to pray to God, the Father.
- What do we pray for? Give thanks, ask for forgiveness, daily needs, protection from evil, peace (1 Timothy 2:1-3), and pray about our burdens (Philippians 4:6).
- Where do we pray? Anywhere (Matthew 6:6 says in secret or privately).
- When do we pray? Anytime (1 Thessalonians 5:17 – "Pray without ceasing").
- Why do we pray? We pray for peace, forgiveness, good health, to know God and ourselves better, to put our trust in God, etc.

Remember, "and forgive our sins, for we also forgive everyone who is indebted to us". Well, that clearly shows that, before we can boldly ask God to forgive our sins, we should have forgiven our brothers who have wronged us!

Do you know how to say the Lord's Prayer?

Let us look at what it teaches and what we should do when we pray the Lord's Prayer.

Child of God, learn how to forgive easily. Pray to God every day.

Can we say the Lord's prayer together ...?

"Our Father"

DAY 41

THEME: JESUS, THE HEALER TOPIC: JESUS WILL HEAL ALL YOUR INFIRMITIES

Bible Passage: MATTHEW 8:7

And Jesus said to him, I will come and heal him.

Whenever you are sick at home, you tell Mummy or Daddy. If you fall ill in school, you quickly tell your teacher. Sometimes, you are sent to the doctor who may give you medicine. But do you know that Jesus can heal?



When Jesus was on this earth He healed a girl, a boy and some adults too. He even raised Lazarus from death to life! He heals and loves to heal children. Jesus does not only heal our physical bodies, but our emotions too.

Make Jesus your Friend and let Him heal you today. When Mummy or Daddy is sick, pray for them in the Name of Jesus and He will heal them.

The Bible says, “I wish above all that you prosper and be in health, even as your soul prospers” (3 John 2).

Pray and thank God for Jesus who is our Healer.

Do you know some people who are sick? Okay, write their names here and pray for them.

DAY 42

THEME: JESUS, THE HEALER TOPIC: THE PRAYER OF FAITH WILL HEAL YOU

BIBLE PASSAGE: JAMES 5:15

*And the prayer of faith will save the sick, and the Lord will raise him up.
And if he has committed sins, he will be forgiven.*

We have already read that we can ask God to heal us when we are sick. We have also learnt that it is God's will that we stay healthy. Jesus is saying, we must believe that whatever we ask for in prayer, in His Name, He will do it.

In Matthew 8:5, a centurion believed that Jesus had power to heal his servant right where He was, rather than going to his house to pray for him. Jesus expressed great surprise at his faith and healed the servant immediately! We see that God's healing power does not know distance.

The scripture today says a prayer of faith will always heal the sick. "Faith is being both sure of what we hope for and certain of what we do not yet see" (Hebrews 11:1). That is only still confirming that, Jesus expects us to believe that whatever we ask for in prayer will be done.



God is ever ready not only to heal, but to forgive us every sin we repent from. Can you remember anyone in the Bible that God healed? He healed Job. Do you know of others too that Jesus healed?

WORD GAME

Fill in the missing letters to find some people whom Jesus healed.

1. Blind _art_ meus
2. 10 l_epe_s
3. C__pp_ es
4. D_af and d_mb
5. J__rus' daughter
6. P_t_r's mother-in-law

DAY 43

THEME: JESUS, THE HEALER TOPIC: GOD HEALS ALL DISEASES

BIBLE PASSAGE: PSALM 103:2-3

*Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all His benefits:
Who forgives all your iniquities, Who heals all your diseases.*

Dear children, our God can heal all diseases, no matter how serious they are! You only have to believe Him, and He will, surely, heal you. May God ever bless you with healing.

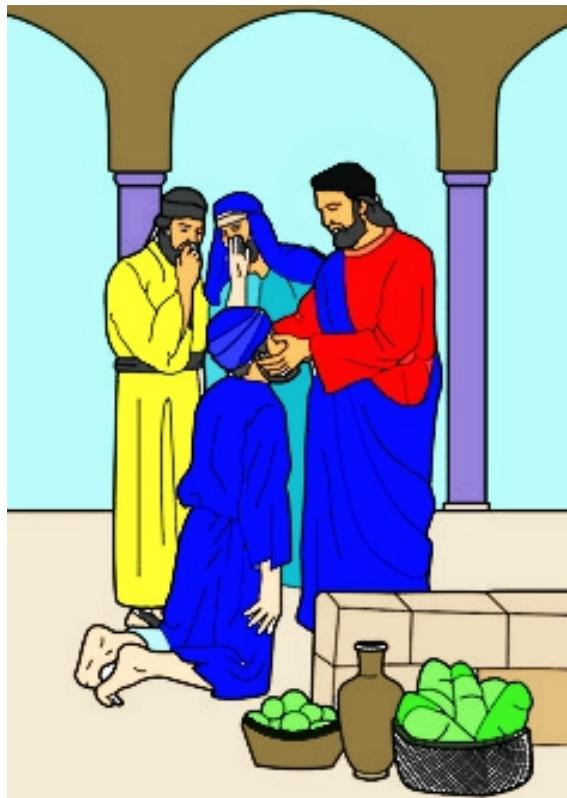
Can you think of any diseases God can heal? Headache, fever, colds, joint pains, cancer, are only a few examples.

Jesus healed many people who were ill or filled with demons. Some of the people had faith in Him. Some did not. News about Him spread all over and many people, who were ill, were brought to Him.

Jesus is in Heaven now, but the Bible says in Exodus 15:26 that

He still heals those who believe in His Name. He says: "I am the Lord that healeth thee".

King David confirms it in Psalm 103:3: "My soul bless the LORD who forgives my sin and heals all my diseases".



PRAYER TIME

- Ask God to forgive all your sins.
- Ask Him for faith to believe His Word.
- Are you sick? Ask Him to heal you and every sick person.

PRAYER

God, You said You heal all our diseases. Please, heal me of (name the disease), in Jesus' Name. Amen.

DAY 44

THEME: WINNING SOULS FOR CHRIST

TOPIC: WIN ONE SOUL FOR THE LORD TODAY

BIBLE PASSAGE: LUKE 15:10

Likewise I say to you, there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents.

When the Lord Jesus was about to leave His disciples for heaven, He commanded them to go into the world to make disciples of those who will believe in His Name. That is called the "Great Commission". Children are also expected to obey Christ's command.

Christ desires that all people will be sorry for their sins and come to Him. So, He wants all Christians to tell others the "Good News" so that they will believe and be saved.

Jesus is the "Good Shepherd" who would leave ninety-nine sheep, to go and look for just one sheep that has lost its way! He

asks, "If you had twenty coins and you lost one, will you not be overjoyed if you found it?" (Luke 15:8-10).

Well, go and tell the "Good News" to those in your school and the many children in your community, who neither go to church nor know about Jesus. The Lord will greatly reward you!

Write down the names of three friends you want to share the Good News about Christ with. Pray for boldness to tell them today about Christ.



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DAY 45

THEME: WINNING SOULS FOR CHRIST

TOPIC: FISH FOR MEN TODAY

BIBLE PASSAGE: MARK 1:17

Then Jesus said to them, follow me and I will make you fishers of men.

Jesus called His disciples to train them to go and share the Good News with other people. Some of them were fishermen. He asked them to follow Him and fish for men.

Even as young as you are, Jesus wants you to win souls for Him. How? Well, by sharing the Word of God you hear at Sunday school, with your friends at school! The Gospel Hand below will also help you to easily tell your friends about Jesus. Pray and gently go through with your friends.

THE GOSPEL HAND

1. **God loves you.** "For God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten Son: that whosoever believes in him should not perish, but have everlasting life" (John 3:16).
2. **You have sinned** (done what is wrong). "For all have sinned and come short of the glory of God" (Romans 3:23).
3. **JESUS died for you.** "Christ died for our sins according to scriptures" (1 Corinthians 15:3).
4. **Just receive Him.** "But as many as received him, to them he gave the power to become the children of God, even to those who believed on his name" (John 1:12).
5. **You are saved** (by just praying and asking Him to forgive your sins – bad acts and habits – and come into your heart. "Behold, I stand at the door and knock: if any man hear my voice, and open the door, I will come in to him, and will sup with him and he with me" (Revelation 3:20).

Ask them: "Are you ready to accept Christ as your Lord and Personal Saviour?". Let those who are ready pray the following prayer after you:

Dear Jesus, I want to be your friend. Wash my heart from every sin. Come and live in my heart. I give you my life. Help me live for you all the days of my life. Amen!

If they pray with all their heart, they can be sure that Jesus will, indeed, come to live in their heart. Jeremiah 33:3 says: "Call unto me, and I will answer you ...".



DAY 46

THEME: WINNING SOULS FOR CHRIST TOPIC: NEVER BE ASHAMED TO SHARE THE WORD

BIBLE PASSAGE: LUKE 9:26

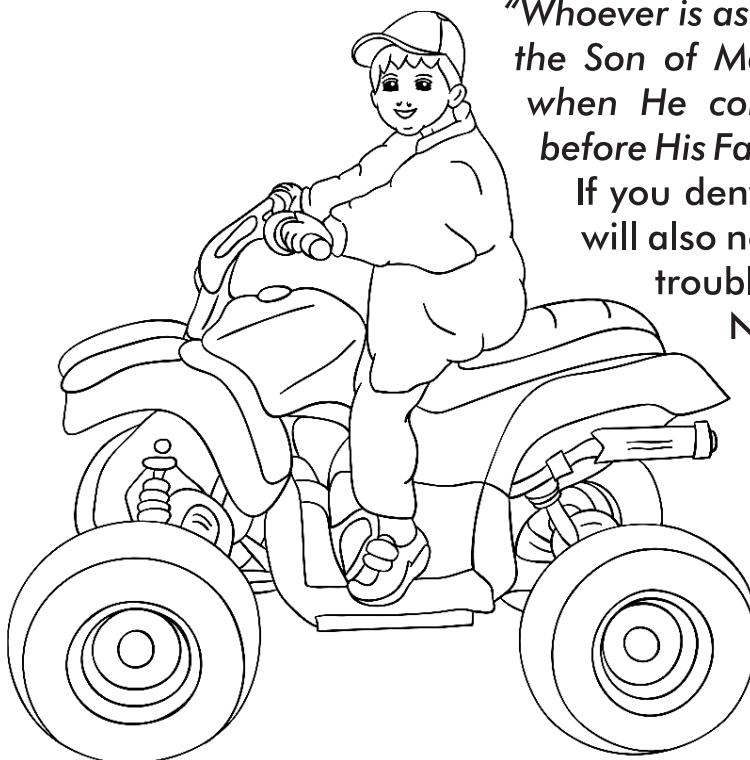
For whoever is ashamed of me and my words, of him the Son of Man will be ashamed when He comes in His own glory.

Children, is it not true that, though we have learnt that we should share the Word of God with our friends, we do not do so? Why? Often, it is because we either feel people will not listen to us or we will not know what to say. We are also not seen as "Children of Light" or "Followers of Jesus", for people to ask why we are so different.

No matter our excuses, we are disobeying Jesus. Jesus made a very important statement about people who do not talk about Him. He said:

"Whoever is ashamed of Me and my words, the Son of Man will be ashamed of him when He comes in His own glory and before His Father and of the angels"!

If you deny you are a Christian, Jesus will also not mind you when you are in trouble! Is that what you want? No!



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Well, since we all want to be with Him in heaven forever, do not be ashamed to let your friends know you love Jesus, and that He loves them too.

Pray and ask God to help you share His Word wherever you are.

DAY 47

THEME: GIVING TO THE LORD TOPIC: GOD WANTS YOU TO GIVE

BIBLE PASSAGE: LUKE 21:3

So he said, truly I say to you that this poor widow has put in more than all.

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While waiting for prayer time in the temple, Jesus sat, talking to His disciples. Looking up, He saw a poor widow come to put just a small amount of money

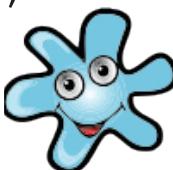
in the offering box. Jesus said, though it was very small, it was all she had!

Jesus is saying, "Don't worry when your Mummy gives you little money for Sunday School. Do not keep it. Put it in the offering bowl". Jesus is also saying that we should share whatever we have with others, no matter how little.

The Lord wants us to give with joy. He is always looking at your heart, and He will bless you for giving cheerfully. It is not the size of your gift that matters; it is your attitude with which you give.

Go ahead and give your friend that little extra food you have, for the desire alone is so beautiful to God who will, surely, reward you!

Pray and ask God to help you to always give your best to Him.



DAY 48

THEME: GIVING TO THE LORD TOPIC: GIVE MORE, YOU WILL REAP MORE

BIBLE PASSAGE: 2 CORINTHIANS 9:6

But this I say, He who sows sparingly, will also reap sparingly, and he who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully.

Though we are children, we need to learn to give, especially, as offertory and towards Missions and Fund-Raising at church.

God is happy when we give offering we have saved from our pocket money and gifts from others. The Bible says, it is more blessed to give than to receive.

Do you know of any other way we can give to the Lord? God wants us to give to all people, especially, to believers: "Be ye kind one to another", He says (Ephesians 4:32). Learn to share what you have with your friends.

Watch out for needy children in your school and share your food with them. The Bible says, you must not get tired of "doing good because at the proper time you will reap bountifully" (Galatians 6:9). This means, the faithful God, in time, will give you back in different forms of blessings: money, good health, long life and many more,

for all you have sown as a young person.

Pray and ask God to help you give Him your best always.

Word Game

Unscramble the following gifts which you can SHARE freely with other people: **SEMIL, FDOO, EESWTS, HGU, HLEP, PAREYR, EPN, PNCEIL, RASERE, JYO.**

What did you find? Write them on the lines below.



DAY 49

THEME: GIVING TO THE LORD

TOPIC: GIVE TO THE POOR

BIBLE PASSAGE: LUKE 16:22

So it was that the beggar died and was carried by the angels to Abraham's bosom.

Jesus told a beautiful story to explain the need to share whatever we have happily. He said:

"There was once a rich man who dressed in the most expensive clothes and lived in great luxury every day. There was also a poor man named Lazarus, covered with sores, who used to be brought to the rich man's door, hoping to eat the bits of food that fell from the rich man's table. Even the dogs would come and lick his sores.

"The poor man died and was carried by the angels to sit beside Abraham at the feast in heaven. The rich man died and was buried, and in Hades, where he was in great pain, he looked up and saw Abraham, far away, with Lazarus at his side.

"So he called out, 'Father Abraham! Take pity on me, and send Lazarus to dip his finger in some water and cool off my

tongue, because I am in great pain in this fire!'

"But Abraham said, 'Remember, my son, that in your lifetime you were given all the good things, while Lazarus got all the bad things. But now he is enjoying himself here, while you are in pain.' (Luke 16:19-26, TEV)

Jesus is saying, we should happily share what we have with the poor. We should also learn to treat everybody well.

Pray and ask for God's help to always share what you have with others.



DAY 50

THEME: GIVING TO THE LORD TOPIC: GIVING BRINGS BLESSINGS

BIBLE PASSAGE: PROVERBS 25:21

*If your enemy is hungry give him food to eat,
if he is thirsty give him water to drink.*

The Jews and Samaritans were not friends. One time, Jesus was travelling from Judea to Galilee. They had to pass through Samaria. Jesus stopped to rest by a well, called Jacob's well, while His disciples went to town to buy food.

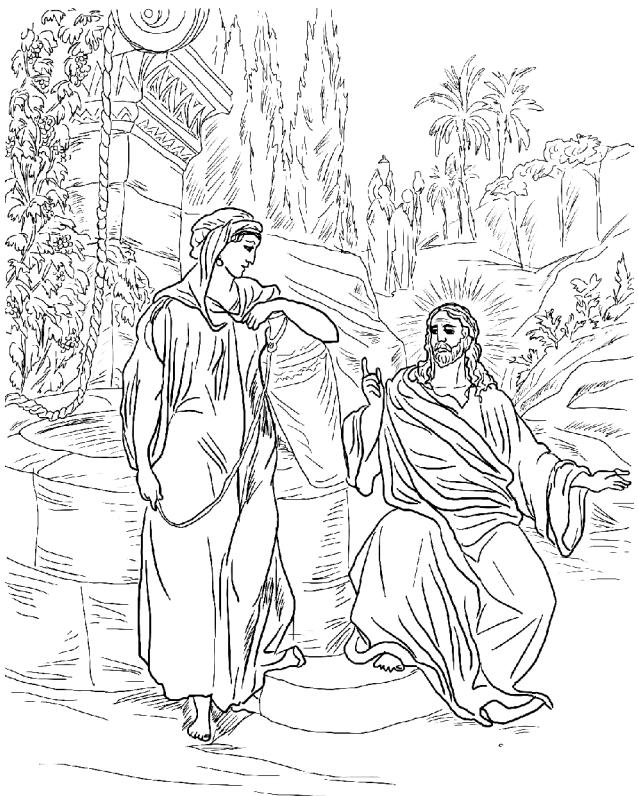
Jesus was thirsty. A woman from Samaria came to fetch water from the well. Jesus asked her to give Him some water to drink. "The woman answered, 'You are a Jew, and I am a Samaritan — so how can you ask me for a drink? (Jews will not use the same cups and bowls that Samaritans use.)'" (John 4:9, GNT)

Jesus did not get angry. He continued to chat with the woman. He wanted to give her something more special. When the woman saw who Jesus was — the Saviour — she ran to town to call the people to come and meet Jesus.

Jesus showed love to this Samaritan woman. It did not matter to Jesus that this woman was from a different tribe. It did not matter that she was a woman. It did not matter that she was not

living a good life. Jesus wants us to do the same. We should be ready to give to anybody, no matter who they are.

Pray and ask God to help you show love and give to everybody.



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DAY 51

THEME: GIVING TO THE LORD

TOPIC: GIVE TOWARDS MISSIONS

BIBLE PASSAGE: 2 CORINTHIANS 8:7

I want you to excel also in this gracious act of giving.

Who is a Missionary? He is someone who leaves his country or town to travel to another country or town, to tell the people about Christ and also help them in different ways. In their work, missionaries build schools, hospitals, dig boreholes and get involved in many other projects.

As they obey God and travel away from home with their families, the following are some of the needs that their churches have to help them meet:



1. Money for their food, clothing and shelter.
2. Resources to help the needy who accept Jesus as Lord and Saviour.

Church members give towards these needs in obedience to God. Children can also give to help missionaries do their work very well. God is pleased when we give towards "Missions"!

But what can children give? With Mummy and Daddy's permission, you can happily give away your old clothing, toys and some of your pocket money. God will record it in heaven! We can even pray that God will use us as missionaries, one day. Yes, God can call only a child to do missions!

May God truly reward you as you respond to Him.

Pray for God's help to give to support His work.

DAY 52

THEME: THE TWO NATURES TOPIC: THE FLESH AND THE SPIRIT

BIBLE PASSAGE: ROMANS 7: 25

I thank God, through Jesus Christ our Lord! So then, with the mind I serve the law of God, but with the flesh the law of sin.

The day you give your life to Jesus Christ, the Holy Spirit gives you a new desire to do only what is right. It is called the new nature. For a few days or weeks or months, all seem to be going well. But not too long after that, there is a struggle to do what is right. The old nature that loves to do bad things fights against the new nature in Jesus that loves to do what is good.

Do we have to give in to the old nature and continue to do what Jesus does not like? NO WAY! The Holy Spirit helps us to live to please God and to bear fruit. So, our new nature is much more powerful than the old!

Have you ever been mean to your brother and sister, or talked back to your Mom and Dad and wished you hadn't? Are you always getting into trouble in your family? Finding yourself in that spot is the

very sure sign to stop, pray and ask the Holy Spirit to help you.

Stop feeding your old nature with bad movies, speaking bad language and listening to bad music. Instead, read your Bible everyday, pray and think about things that are good and pure.

Pray and ask God to help you to live completely for Him. Ask Him to help you choose to do what is right always.



DAY 53

THEME: LIVING A LIFE THAT PLEASES GOD
TOPIC: FILL YOUR HEART WITH GOD'S WORD

BIBLE PASSAGE: PSALM 119:11

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

God created the world and everything in it by His Word. He made some godly men write down His Word which we call, the Bible. Isn't it amazing! So, what the chosen godly men wrote, helps us to live as God wants. Therefore, God's word is true and powerful, able to change our lives, heal, direct our paths and make our ways straight. And, since it is so reliable, it must be read always and its message must be kept in our hearts.

Children, when you read the Bible everyday, you will know what God wants you to do and how He wants you to live to please Him. You will also know the blessings He has for you. God's Word will keep you from doing wrong. When you keep His Word in your heart, by obeying it, you will become wise. Before you read the Bible, pray that God will help you understand and also practise it.

Pray that God will fill your heart with His Word.



DAY 54

THEME: LIVING A LIFE THAT PLEASES GOD

TOPIC: LET YOUR LIGHT SHINE

BIBLE PASSAGE: MATTHEW 5:16

Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father in heaven.



Jesus said, "You are the light of the world" (Matthew 5:14). What does that mean? The sun makes us see everything clearly – the form, beauty, good sides and bad sides, etc.

Jesus Christ is the Light of the world. He came on earth to make us see how bad we are and how we can become as good as God wants us to be. This is only possible when we are sorry for the wrong things we do and ask Him to forgive us and come and live in our heart. That is, when we accept Him as our personal Lord and Saviour.

When He comes into our heart, He helps us to do good works for others to see. What are some of those good works? They include loving others, forgiving, being respectful and obedient to the elderly. The Holy Spirit helps us to bear good fruit, also known as the "fruit of the Spirit" (Galatians 5:22-23). So, we will be more loving, kind, gentle, humble, peaceful, etc. People will notice the good change in us and give glory to God.

Pray and ask God to help you live a life that will let people glorify Him.



DAY 55

THEME: LIVING A LIFE THAT PLEASES GOD

TOPIC: DO NOT LOVE THE WORLD

BIBLE PASSAGE: 1 JOHN 2:15

*Do not love the world or the things in the world.
If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in Him.*

Children, a lot of attractive things in the world are not good for you! The Bible says, "There is a way that seems right to man but leads to death" (Proverbs 14:12). Some of those things are very attractive or eye-catching, but they would destroy one in the end!

Take the internet, for example: It is very good, because it makes you learn many new things. But, it also has bad sites that can teach you very dangerous things. Just as you can have good friends through the internet – Facebook, Twitter, etc. – you can also pick bad friends who will draw you away from Jesus Christ.

Everyday, something new comes up – new hairstyles, music, clothing, drugs, etc! The Bible reminds us that, not everything we see is good for us. When Jesus was on earth, He often taught His disciples to stay away from things that will not be helpful to them. He wants us to know good things that will help us to live for Him. We can find them all in the Bible. Fear God and love the things of God.

Pray that the good Lord, in His mercy, will keep you away from loving the things of the world.



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DAY 56

THEME: LIVING A LIFE THAT PLEASES GOD

TOPIC: GOD'S EYES ARE ON THE RIGHTEOUS

BIBLE PASSAGE: 1 PETER 3:12

*For the eyes of the Lord are on the righteous,
And His ears are open to their prayers.*

Children, God is always watching those who do what He wants. He hears their prayers. Remember the story of Noah? Let us read parts of it from the Bible:

"When the Lord saw how wicked everyone on earth was and how evil their thoughts were all the time, he was sorry that he had ever made them and put them on the earth. He was so filled with regret that he said, 'I will wipe out these people I have created, and also the animals and the birds, because I am sorry that I made any of them.' But the Lord was pleased with Noah" (Genesis 6:5-8, TEV).

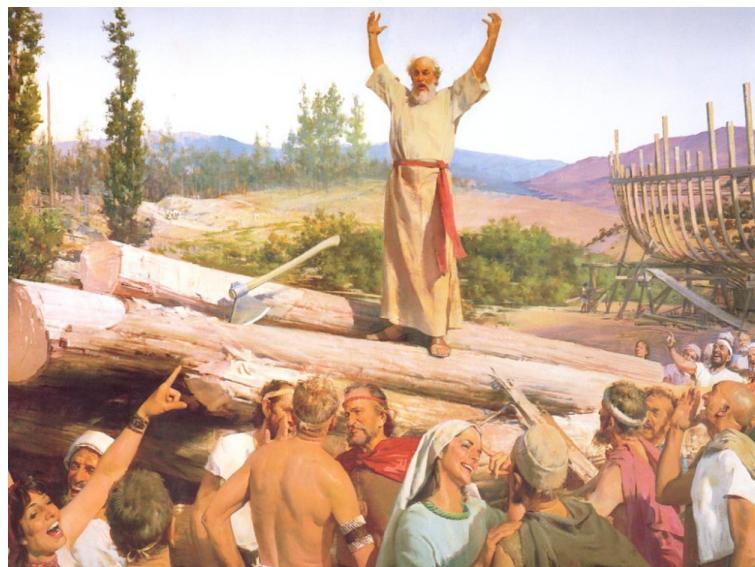
God asked Noah to build an ark and put a pair of every kind of animal in it. Well, people made fun of him, when he told them God was going to destroy the world with rains. They had never seen rain before, so they just could not understand him. Then the rains actually came! With water

everywhere, everything was destroyed.

So, among all the people on earth, only Noah and his family were saved!

In the same way, since you have asked Jesus to be your Saviour and Lord and you are doing what He wants, the Lord is watching you. He will help you to do what is right.

Pray and ask God to help you live a righteous life.



DAY 57

THEME: LIVING A LIFE THAT PLEASES GOD

TOPIC: DEPART FROM EVIL

BIBLE PASSAGE: PROVERBS 3:7

Do not be wise in your own eyes. Fear the Lord and depart from evil.

God loves all children, whether they come from a rich or a poor home, whether they are small or big, short or tall. When Jesus was on earth, He asked that the children be brought to Him. He even carried some on His laps. God is not happy when children are naughty, and do not do the things He likes.

One way of knowing what is right to do is having wisdom. Wisdom helps us to choose to live according to God's plan and will for our lives. Job says: "*The fear of God is the beginning of wisdom*" (Job 28:28). So, we can only have wisdom when we fear God. That means, we will choose to do what He wants. We will respect our parents and be happy when we do wrong and we are corrected.

When we fear God, we will like to stop every bad habit that makes God unhappy. The Holy Spirit will help us.

Ask God to give you a wise heart.



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DAY 58

THEME: LIVING A LIFE THAT PLEASES GOD

TOPIC: SUBMIT YOURSELF TO THE LORD

BIBLE PASSAGE: JAMES 4:7

Therefore, submit yourself to the Lord, resist the devil and He will flee from you.

To “submit yourself” means, to “humble yourself”. The Bible says we must be humble (James 4:10). Like a soldier does in the army, we must obey God’s command quickly. It means we must do exactly as the Word of God says.

We often give excuses when we do the wrong things. We blame our friends and even Satan. Today, we know that when we ask Jesus to take over our lives fully, He will give us power over Satan’s tricks and lies.

Moses led the children of Israel out of slavery in Egypt to go into the Promised Land. He was very obedient to God. One day, the Israel-

ites needed water. God asked Moses to get water from a rock by speaking to it. Moses was very angry at the troublesome Israelites. In anger, he hit the rock with his rod. God was not happy with Moses. He told him, he would not enter into the Promised Land (Numbers 20:1-13).

So, Moses saw the land from Mount Nebo and died there (Deuteronomy 34:1-8).

Children, God will not accept your excuses for doing what is wrong. Stop it. Do not give in to Satan’s temptations to do what is wrong.

Ask God to help you submit to Him always.



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DAY 59

THEME: LIVING A LIFE THAT PLEASES GOD

TOPIC: SUBMIT YOURSELF TO YOUR AUTHORITIES

BIBLE PASSAGE: 1PETER 2:13-14a, BBE

Keep all the laws of men because of the Lord; those of the king, who is over all, And those of the rulers who are sent by him

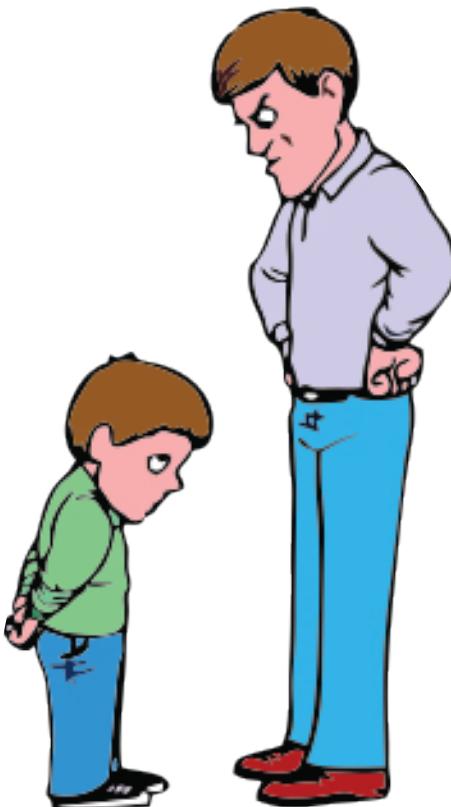
The Bible says it is God who builds countries and chooses their leaders. Every country has its own laws that help the people live in peace.

Today, the Lord is saying, "Child, submit yourself to those who are leading you". These include your parents, Pastors, School and Sunday School Teachers and all the elderly people in your community.

In school, some of the laws could be:

- Keep quiet and listen attentively, while teaching is going on.
- Raise your right hand, if you wish to speak, and wait till you are permitted to speak.

- Do not pass notes round, while lessons are going on.
- Do not drop litter anywhere except in the rubbish bins.
- Do not bully.
- Do not fight.
- Do not steal.
- Study ahead of your teachers.
- Do not attempt to cheat during tests and examinations.



Children, when we obey authority, we obey God, because He put them over us.

Pray and ask God to help you obey the leaders.

DAY 60

THEME: LIVING A LIFE THAT PLEASES GOD

TOPIC: SHOW HUMILITY EVERYWHERE

BIBLE PASSAGE: LUKE 14:8

When you are invited by anyone to a wedding feast, do not sit down in the best place, lest one more honourable than you be invited by him.

Haman became very proud when King Artaxerxes made him the highest official and commanded everyone bow to him. However, "God-fearing" Mordecai, the Jew, refused to bow. Haman got so angry that, he planned to destroy all the Jews in the kingdom! He even prepared a special place (gallows) to hang Mordecai (Esther 3-7).

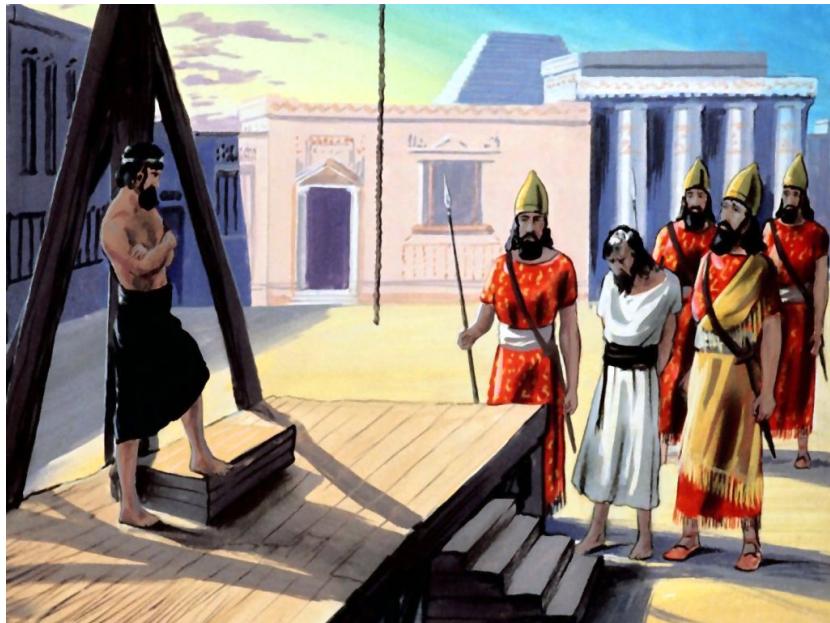
Queen Esther led the Jews to fast and pray and ask God for help. God heard them and protected them from wicked Haman. The king asked that Haman be hanged on the gallows he had built to hang Mordecai on!

The Bible says, "Pride goes before a fall" (Proverbs 16:18). So, humble yourself! When we are humble, it will show in the way we behave.

In today's passage, we are warned not to go and sit at the "High Table",

when we attend a party. Even if you feel you are a special guest, wait till you are asked to sit at the special place. Also, do not rush for front seats meant for those in authority at church programmes. Always show adults respect by also offering them your seats.

Ask God to help you humble yourself to please Him.



DAY 61

THEME: FORGIVENESS TOPIC: OUR GOD FORGIVES

BIBLE PASSAGE: MARK 2:10

*But that you may know that the Son of Man has power on earth to forgive sin,
He said to the paralytic, rise up, take your mat and go.*

God is merciful, gracious and quick to forgive. Due to His bountiful love, He always forgives our sins (Romans 5:8).

God showed that great love when Adam and Eve first sinned in the Garden of Eden. Instead of sending them away naked, God killed an animal and used its skin to cover their nakedness (Genesis 3:21). Then, God promised that, at the right time, He would send His Son to save us from our sins (Romans 4:4-5).

At the appointed time, He sent the Son, Jesus Christ, born of virgin Mary, to die and shed His blood to wash away our sins! It is only the blood of Jesus Christ that can wash away our sins (1 John 1:7).



Now, those who have accepted Jesus as Saviour, only have to confess when they sin. God is faithful and just to forgive and cleanse them from all their sins (1 John 1:9).

But, watch out, you who deliberately do bad things, thinking, "God will forgive me when I confess!" For, the Bible says, "Stop deceiving yourself that you are born of God! Those who are born of the Spirit of God will always choose to obey God."

Children, our God will always forgive us when we, genuinely, repent of our evil ways.

Pray that you can always say "no" to sin. Ask God to help you say sorry when you do what is wrong.

DAY 62

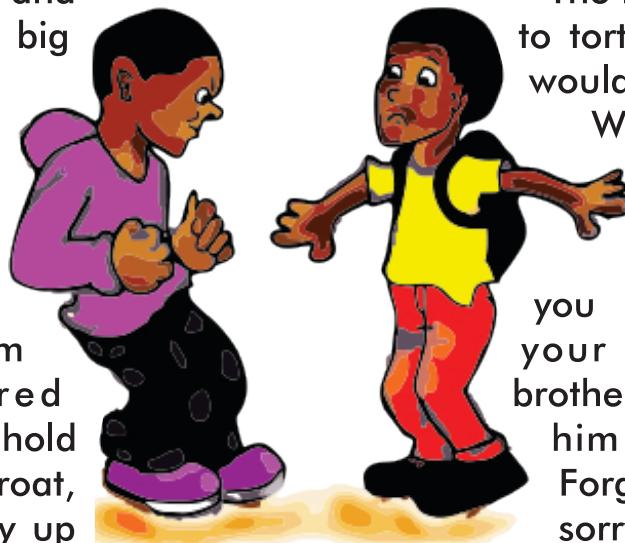
THEME: FORGIVENESS TOPIC: FORGIVE OTHERS THEIR WRONGS

BIBLE PASSAGE: MATTHEW 18:35

So my heavenly Father also will do to you if each of you, from his heart does not forgive his brother his trespasses.

Acertain king decided to settle accounts with his servants. One of them was brought who owed ten thousand talents! Since he could not pay, the king commanded that he, his wife and children be sold to settle the debt! The servant's pleas softened the king's heart and he forgave the big debt.

No sooner had he left the king than he met another fellow servant, who owed him only a hundred denarii. He got hold of him by the throat, demanding, "Pay up what you owe me!" He turned a deaf ear to his fellow servant's pleas and threw him into prison till the debt would be paid!



Upon hearing about it, the king got very angry and had the wicked servant brought before him and said, "You wicked servant! I forgave you all that massive debt because you begged me! Couldn't you have forgiven your fellow servant?"

The king delivered him to torturers till the debt would be cleared!

Watch out, for God your Father, certainly, will not forgive you, if you do not forgive your brother! If your brother offends you, let him know his fault. Forgive him when he is sorry.

Pray and ask God to give you a forgiving heart. Ask God to help you forget the wrong things people do against you.

DAY 63

THEME: FORGIVENESS TOPIC: MAKE PEACE NOW

BIBLE PASSAGE: MATTHEW 5:23-24

So if you are about to offer your gift to God at the altar and there you remember that your brother has something against you, leave your gift there in front of the altar, go at once and make peace with your brother, and then come back and offer your gift to God.

Ephesians 4:32 says, "Be ye kind one to another, tender hearted, forgiving one another even as God for Christ's sake has forgiven you". What a beautiful passage!

It means, anytime your friend hurts you, just look at him with a heart full of love and forgive him!

Remember in an earlier lesson, how Adam and Eve sinned and God clothed them with the skin of an animal. (Genesis 3:21). Remember how God promised to send His Son Jesus to take our punishment. So, Jesus died on the cross just to forgive our sins (1 Corinthians 15:3).

Well, God expects

you to also forgive others who may hurt you.

When you also wrong someone, be quick to say sorry and seek forgiveness. Treat others as you expect them to treat you. You will receive God's mercy, even as you show mercy to others.

The Bible says, "Unforgiveness" prevents God from answering our prayers!

Pray for a heart that easily forgives.



DAY 64

THEME: BEARING GOOD FRUIT

TOPIC: YEARN TO BEAR FRUIT IN YOUR LIFE

BIBLE PASSAGE: MATTHEW 13:8

*But others fell on good ground and yielded a crop.
Some a hundred fold, some sixty, some thirty.*

The Parable of the Sower is found in the passage for today. In this story, Jesus said, a man went sowing, scattering seed as he went. The seeds fell in different types of soils. Jesus made it clear that those that fell in good soil germinated and produced a good crop.



Colour the Sower.

By this parable, Jesus drew the picture of a man who hears the Word of God, understands it and practises it.

Children, anytime we hear the Word of God in Sunday School, our teachers are “planting” good seeds into our hearts and lives. We must, therefore, listen attentively.

We should then allow the Holy Spirit to both give us a clear understanding and produce good character in us. When others see the beautiful change in our lives, they will also give their lives to Christ.

Can you read Matthew 13:3-23 and identify which group of seeds you belong to? If you are among the group that fell in good soil, then tell others in your school and community the Good News about Christ.

Bring them to church, if possible, and God will be happy you did. Pray and ask God to help you produce a good crop.

DAY 65

THEME: BEARING GOOD FRUIT

TOPIC: YOU WILL REAP EXACTLY WHAT YOU SOW

BIBLE PASSAGE: GALATIANS 6:7

Don't deceive yourself. No one makes a fool of God; a person will reap exactly what he sows.

The principle of having a ball bounce back when it is thrown at a wall, works perfectly with both our good and bad actions.

Let us look at it in farming. Can you imagine a farmer standing in his sprouting field of corn, angrily shouting, "Why aren't cucumbers growing, I don't understand it!" He would look pretty silly, wouldn't he? He planted corn. Corn will grow.

In the same way, what you plant in your life is what you will reap. If you sow sin (disobedience to God) into your life, bad things will grow out of it. When you do not study for your examinations, you will fail. Do not insult and treat your parents



badly. Why? Oh, your children will do the same to you one day.

What does the Bible mean by,

"Don't deceive yourself"? God is saying, "Do not think you are getting away with the wrong things you are doing. I know all about them".

How can you fool God to whom nothing is hidden, and who knows all about our thoughts, words and deeds in the past, present and future!

Be careful then, for unless you change, the All-Seeing One will let you reap what you sow.

Pray for God to help you sow good seeds.

DAY 66

THEME: BEARING GOOD FRUIT TOPIC: BEARING THE FRUIT OF THE SPIRIT

BIBLE PASSAGE: LUKE 6:43

*For a good tree does not bear bad fruit
nor does a bad tree bear good fruit.*

When we become born again, the Spirit of God comes to live in our hearts. The proof that the Holy Spirit is living in our hearts is the fruit He bears.

In Galatians 5:22-23, the Apostle Paul names the fruit of the Spirit as follows:

- **Love** – showing a deep interest in others.
- **Joy** – being happy and content.
- **Peace** – being settled in your heart that it is well, no matter what (serenity).
- **Gentleness** – being calm and collected (not needing to force your way in life).
- **Patience** – a willingness to stick with things.
- **Kindness** – doing things that show you care (a sense of compassion in the heart).

- **Goodness** – doing good to others, even when they do not deserve it (willing to help others).
- **Self-control** – being able to control and direct our energies wisely.

The fruit of the Spirit shows through our character and attitude, that we are children of God.

Make up your mind to please the Lord with your life, by allowing the Holy Spirit to take control of your life and bear His fruit through you. Also, be careful what you listen to and read. Allow only good things to enter your hearts and minds.



Prayer Time:

Pray and ask the Holy Spirit to help you bear His fruit.

DAY 67

THEME: BEARING GOOD FRUIT TOPIC: YOU ARE THE SALT OF THE EARTH

BIBLE PASSAGE: MATTHEW 5:13

You are the salt of the earth.

Jesus said, "You are the salt of the earth". Are you wondering what that means? The taste of salt is unique. We say sugar is sweet, lemons are sour, but there is no word to describe salt. It is just "salty".

In making us a special people and a royal priesthood, God turned us Christians into having the qualities of salt to cause the world to see the uniqueness in our attitudes. Salt is also used to preserve food to keep it from rotting. Rotten food can either make you sick or even kill you. (Sin, like rotten food, is, also, the source of spiritual sicknesses and spiritual death!)

When we stand up for things that are right, rather than those that are evil, we help to preserve our world. With regard to salt giving flavour, can you imagine food without salt? There will be no taste.

In fact, there is hardly a recipe that would not demand a pinch of salt! Ephesians 4:29 says, "Don't let any evil talk come out of your mouths". Can you remember the times when your words were so hurting? Are you still well known for your use of bad language at home! Are you still insulting others?

Obedience to God makes us His salt in the world. When Jesus tells us to be like salt, He is simply calling us to live as He has already created us – unique beings with a special purpose.

Pray and ask Him to help you live as you were created to live.

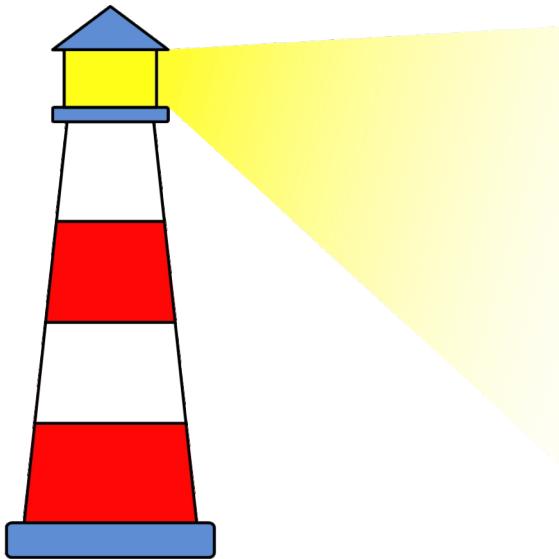


DAY 68

THEME: BEARING GOOD FRUIT
TOPIC: YOU ARE A LIGHT OF THE WORLD

BIBLE PASSAGE: MATTHEW 5:14

*You are the light of the world.
A city that is set on a hill cannot be hidden.*



As believers in Christ, Jesus says, we are the light of the world. The fruit of the Spirit that we bear makes others see Christ in us. We, therefore, shine "like the stars!" You shine when you do not tell lies, and you obey your parents.

When you live a godly life in school, you become both unique and as light among your peers. So,

when you are tempted to go back to the bad, old ways, say a very big, "No!"

Remember that Jesus died on the cross to set you free forever. He laid down His perfect life for you to live a life you, otherwise, could never have lived! Do not throw it away! Continue to work hard, holding firmly to the Word of God.

Yes, Christ wants us to show our friends our brand new attitudes and life in Him. So, let us shine, above all, as believers, showing kindness and forgiveness to each other, as Christ did.

Finally, God wants us to tell our friends the Good News about Jesus Christ. If they listen and receive Christ as their Lord and personal Saviour, their sins will be forgiven and they will escape the judgement of eternal death!

Pray and ask Him to give you the grace to shine for Him each day.

DAY 69

THEME: BEARING GOOD FRUIT TOPIC: GUARD YOUR LIPS

BIBLE PASSAGE: ISAIAH 6:1

In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord sitting on a throne, high and lifted up, and the train of His robe filled the temple.

King Uzziah was a godly and great man in Judah. However, he became a leper due to his disobedience and pride!

God “called” Isaiah to be a prophet, just around the time King Uzziah died. At that time, the people of Judah were sinning against God.

The very day God called him and set him apart as His “chosen” vessel, Isaiah noticed that he was sinful too and not good enough for God to use. But God cleansed him right there and then, and used him mightily, the rest of his life, as His special Prophet! This meeting with God filled him with such humility.

How did God do this? While the glory and holiness of the LORD was revealing Isaiah’s sinful nature to him, God touched his lips with a hot coal!

We may boast about how good we are, but when we go before

God sincerely, we will see our real sinful nature. No man has truly ever seen God and continued to be proud. For, apart from the cleansing in the blood of Jesus, there is no other way to approach God in His holiness!

Isaiah, being a sinner like you and I, recognised and confessed his sin right there before God. God purified him by touching his lips as a “chosen” vessel to take His word to His people! Let us, therefore, agree with Isaiah and say, “Woe is me, for I am undone! Because I am a man of unclean lips!” God has not changed. He will hear us. He will clean us. He will use us.

Pray and ask Him to touch your lips, so that they will be pure for Him. Ask God to help you say the right things at the right time. “A word spoken at the right time is like golden apples on a silver tray” (Proverbs 25:11).

DAY 70

THEME: ESTEEMING OTHERS BETTER THAN YOURSELF

TOPIC: AN EXAMPLE IN HUMILITY

BIBLE PASSAGE: PHILIPPIANS 2:3

Let nothing be done through selfish ambition or conceit, but in lowliness of mind let each esteem others better than himself.

God is telling us today, to “esteem” others more than ourselves. This means, we are to see others as being “more important” than ourselves!

Jesus is our perfect example of humility. Though He was the Son of God, He, willingly humbled Himself to die a criminal's horrible and shameful death on the cross, for our sakes! (Philippians 2:5-8). That is how humble we should be: we should put the needs of others before our own!

During His lifetime on earth, rather than speak just mere words, Jesus practised the many lessons He taught. Most often, we do not only see ourselves as being higher than others, but we are so selfish it causes conflicts! God says we should be humble and He will lift us up (James 4:10).

Where is our “lowliness of mind”? Child of God, learn from Jesus who humbled Himself in obedience to the Father, when it even meant laying down His life on the cross.

Pray and ask God to help you humble yourself like Jesus.



THEME: ESTEEMING OTHERS BETTER THAN YOURSELF TOPIC: LOVE, AN EXAMPLE BY CHRIST

BIBLE PASSAGE: I CORINTHIANS 13:13

*And now abide faith, hope, love, these three;
but the greatest of these is love.*

What Is Love? Is it an emotional attraction between two or more people? Well, there are four different types:-

- “Phileo” is how you feel about someone – a close personal friendship.
- “Eros” is the love between a husband and a wife.
- “Storge” is a kind of family and friendship love. This is the love that parents naturally feel for their children; the love that members of the family have for each other; or the love that friends feel for each other.
- “Agape”, as the “Love of God”, is unconditional and reaches out to even the unlovable! Let us read all about “Agape Love”: The Book of Corinthians says, it “That LOVE.....

*Love is patient and kind.
Love is not jealous, it does not brag, and
it is not proud.
Love is not rude, is not selfish, and does
not get upset with others.*

*Love does not count up wrongs that have been done.
Love is not happy with evil, but is happy with the truth.
Love patiently accepts all things. It always trusts, always hopes, and always
remains strong. (1 Corinthians 13:4-7, NCV)*

What does each phrase mean, and how can you be an example of each one of them? Ask your Mummy or Daddy to explain them to you. Pray and thank God for the great love He has shown us.



DAY 72

THEME: ESTEEMING OTHERS BETTER THAN YOURSELF TOPIC: SHOW LOVE TO SOMEONE

BIBLE PASSAGE: 1 JOHN 4:7

Beloved, let us love one another, for love is of God, and everyone who loves is born of God and knows God.

By saying, "Love is of God," the Bible means, "Love comes from God!" God so loved mankind that He gave His only begotten Son to die on the cross! (John 3:16)

When you ask Jesus to come into your heart, God places His love in you. He expects you to show His love to others. So, why are you finding it hard to show love to

others, if the God of love is in your heart?

Remember, the Bible says, "Love is kind" (1 Corinthians 13:4). Well then, obey and be kind. Be excited that "love is of God" and let it flow from Him in your heart to others, as 1 Corinthians 13 says!

Do you believe that loving God is knowing Him? Do you know that God loves children; in fact, all the children of the world? Yes! Jesus loves you so much, no matter where you come from – whether you are poor or rich.

Well, be like Him and do not hate that friend who wronged you, or insulted you a while ago, either. Love covers all sins (Proverbs 10:12; 1 Peter 4:8). "God is love," so show love to everyone, no matter how they behave towards you.

Pray and thank God for His love for you. Ask Him to help you show love to others.



DAY 73

THEME: ESTEEMING OTHERS BETTER THAN YOURSELF

TOPIC: LOVE THOSE WHO HATE YOU

BIBLE PASSAGE: MATTHEW 6:44

But I say to you, love your enemies, bless those who hate you, and pray for those who spitefully use you and persecute you.

The story of the Good Samaritan is a very good example the Lord Jesus used to show us how much we should love those who hate us. (See Luke 10:30-37.)

The Samaritans and the Jews hated each other and would not want to do anything with each other. But, one day, a Jew was attacked by armed robbers on a lonely road. A Levite and a priest, who knew the Word of God, passed by, without helping him.

Then came a Samaritan on his donkey. When he got to the wounded man, he got down from his donkey, washed the wounds of the man, dressed it and took him to an Inn. He paid the Innkeeper and asked him to take good care of

the wounded man. He promised to pay any other extra charge.

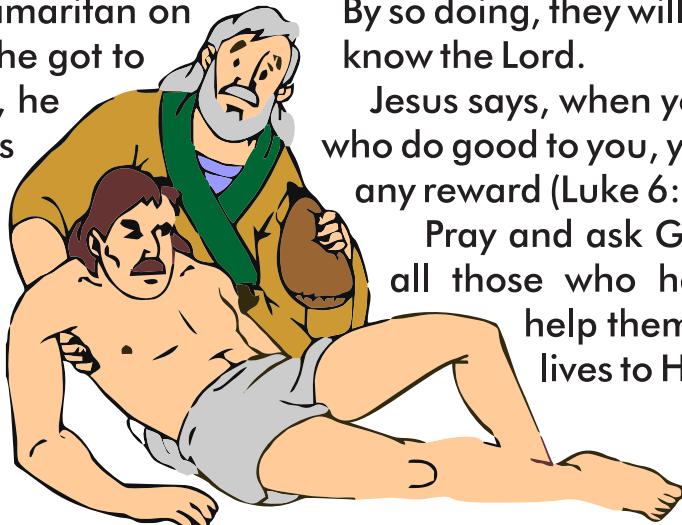
Children, this is what God wants us to do: to do good to those who hate us. Jesus even added that we should pray for those who mock us. We are also to forgive seventy seven times seven.

Is there anybody in your school who keeps bullying you? Is there someone who always wants to disgrace you?

The Bible says, do good to them. By so doing, they will also come to know the Lord.

Jesus says, when you love those who do good to you, you do not get any reward (Luke 6:32-36).

Pray and ask God to forgive all those who hate you and help them to give their lives to Him.



DAY 74

THEME: ESTEEMING OTHERS BETTER THAN YOURSELF

TOPIC: TREAT OTHERS THE WAY YOU WANT TO BE TREATED

BIBLE PASSAGE: MATTHEW 7:12

*Therefore, whatever you want men to do to you, do also to them,
For this is the Law and the Prophets.*

In our reading today, Jesus is saying, "Be careful how you treat others, because they will treat you the same way." Tell me, for example, would you like to be beaten by your friend? Why then do you beat him? Would you like to be cheated by your brother? Why then do you cheat him?

Jesus is also teaching us that when your friend is in need, you be the one to help him by sharing what you have with him.

If you refuse to help, nobody will help you when, one day, you are in need also. And when a friend tells you something about himself, keep it to yourself and pray with him about it. If you go about letting out the secrets of others, someone will do the same to you. So, learn to treat others the way you expect them to treat you, and God will bless you.

Write the names of three friends. Do you love them? Pray and ask God to help you to be sincere to them.



DAY 75

THEME: CHOOSING YOUR FRIENDS TOPIC: BAD COMPANIONS DESTROY GOOD CHARACTER

BIBLE PASSAGE: 1 CORINTHIANS 15:33

Don't be a fool, bad companions destroy good character.

In today's scripture, God cautions you in three ways. First, He says, "Don't be a fool!"

Who is a fool? A fool is someone who does stupid things that God says we should not do – like speaking silly or foolish words, and being disobedient to our parents or the Word of God.

Secondly, God says, "Be careful whom you call a friend". God wants you to avoid friends who waste time fooling around, always behaving silly just to make people laugh, and stealing money from their parents to spend foolishly! There is a serious warning in God's voice that such people would normally think all is well, but are wrong!

Thirdly, God speaks through Paul, saying, "Do not mix in with such people, for not only will they destroy the good things God has put in you to prevent you from

growing in the Lord, but you will lose your good character, ending up like them!"

Who are your friends? Repeat the warnings God gives us in 1 Corinthians 15:33. Repeat what bad companions can do to you.

Pray and ask God to help you choose friends who fear the LORD.



DAY 76

THEME: CHOOSING YOUR FRIENDS TOPIC: CHOOSE YOUR FRIENDS CAREFULLY

BIBLE PASSAGE: PROVERBS 12:26

The righteous should choose friends carefully, for the way of the wicked leads them astray.

Who is a friend? He is someone you know very well, like very much and enjoy spending time with. We refer to them in various ways – “best friends”, “sticking closer than brothers” (Proverbs 18:24) and “childhood friends we have walked with for many years”.

Yesterday, God said, “Choose good friends”. But, who is a good friend? Having a good friend means, finding someone who has also received Christ as Lord and personal Saviour and is obeying His Word.

A good friend is obedient to the parents, respects both young and old and does not pick up fights with people. A good friend should be one who readily says, “I’m sorry”, when he is at fault.

Finally, find one who will always give you good advice and not lead you to wrong places and into wrong situations.

Pray and thank God for your good friends. If you do not have a friend, ask God to lead you to choose a good one. Pray that you will also be a good friend to others.



DAY 77

THEME: CHOOSING YOUR FRIENDS TOPIC: DON'T GIVE IN WHEN SINNERS ENTICE YOU

BIBLE PASSAGE: PROVERBS 1:10

My son, if sinners entice you do not consent.

Often, we want to make friends with the “popular” pupils at school, and we very easily copy their bad behaviours. We see them as our heroes. Some of these same popular ones in our communities are known as “Area Mamas” and “Area Boys”. How sad that some children will find any excuse to keep company with such “area boys”!

Watch out for those friends, both in your class and neighbourhood, who are living bad lives, and who would mislead you. Do not ever give in to them! Do not be attracted by their beautiful things, for you do not know how they got them! They will steal, lie and even fornicate (have sex before marriage). Resist them! Do not play with them.

Pray and ask God to help you not to follow them and copy their bad behaviour.



Colour the picture.

DAY 78

THEME: STORING YOUR TREASURE IN HEAVEN

TOPIC: SEEKING FIRST THE KINGDOM OF GOD

BIBLE PASSAGE: LUKE 12:31

Seek ye first the Kingdom of God and its righteousness and all other things shall be added onto you.

The Lord Jesus told His disciples not to worry about many things in life, like the food to eat and the clothes to wear. Jesus is saying, "There are more important things than worrying about lack of money for Mummy to either buy some food or your dress".

Jesus wants you to be concerned about making Him happy with your life. He wants to help you do that. When you know Jesus, He will help you to pay special attention to obeying His Word! He will give you the desire to please Him alone. Your friends and others will see that you are different. You will not insult your friends, fight, gossip, cheat or steal.

As you do what makes Jesus happy, He says, you should not worry about anything. He will take care of you. Jesus said, "Look at the birds in the air. They don't plant or harvest or store food in barns, but your heavenly Father feeds them.



And you know that you are worth much more than the birds" (Matthew 6:26, NCV).

Pray and ask Jesus to help read the Bible everyday so that you will know God's will and also do it.

DAY 79

THEME: STORING YOUR TREASURE IN HEAVEN TOPIC: WHERE IS YOUR HEART?

BIBLE PASSAGE: MATTHEW 6:21

For where your treasure is, there will your heart also be.

"TREASURE" is anything cherished as extremely valuable. What do you value and cherish so much?

Give some of them away to your friends rather than keep them, and God will both record such kindnesses and keep your treasure in heaven!

Giving away your treasure is not easy, so desire strongly to store them in heaven. Jesus says, "When you keep your treasure in heaven:

1. Your hearts will be after things in heaven.
2. Moth and rust cannot destroy what is in heaven.
3. You will be rewarded one day in heaven.

What treasures can we keep in heaven?

- Share your food and drink with your poor friends.
- Be nice to people by greeting them and saying nice things to them.

- Do things for people without expecting them to pay back.
- Drop your offering in the offering bag at church. Do not spend it on ice cream or sweets. Please, save your own money for offering.

Pray and ask God to help you store up more treasures in heaven.



DAY 80

THEME: THANKSGIVING TOPIC: THANK GOD FOR HIS GOODNESS

BIBLE PASSAGE: LUKE 17:17

*Jesus asked, were not all ten cleansed?
Where are the other nine?*

As Jesus entered a certain village, near Samaria, ten lepers, standing far, shouted loudly to Him, saying, "Jesus, Master, have pity on us!" In response, Jesus told them to go and show themselves to the High Priest.

On their way, they got healed! However, only the Samaritan among them returned to thank Jesus. The Lord was amazed. "Jesus said, "Weren't ten men healed? Where are the other nine?" (Luke 17:17, NCV). This warns us against the ingratitude of the other nine!

Do you thank God for waking you up in the morning? Remember: Not everyone wakes up when they go to sleep! Do you thank Jesus for the providing your daily needs, being your friend, watching over you every day and healing your sicknesses? Jesus desires you to thank Him for every good thing He does for you.

Do you thank your parents anytime they give you food or clothing?

Children, whether it is big or small, never ever forget to say, "Thank you", for whatever anyone does for you.

Go ahead, pray, thanking God right now!



Colour the picture.

DAY 81

THEME: THANKSGIVING TOPIC: USING THE WEAPON OF PRAISE

BIBLE PASSAGE: PSALM 147:1

Praise the Lord, for it is good to sing praises to our God.

Praising God is a spiritual weapon that causes God to answer our prayers and bless us in many ways.

We can praise God through songs and prayer. We can also give a thanks offering at church.

Praising God is more than just singing pleasant tunes to God. When we praise Him from the heart, we declare how good, kind, loving and great God is. A throne is raised for Him! When we worship Him truly, we throw an "invitation" to Him. With great pleasure, He takes His seat, and His very presence drives away our enemies and sicknesses!

Therefore children, rather than only singing at church on Sundays, learn to sing and praise God always – at home, school, at play, and in the morning, afternoon and evening! Never cease singing praises to God and He will richly bless you!

Praise God, no matter what is happening to you. God is very pleased when we praise Him in our time of trouble.

Praise God now and tell Him how much you love and adore Him. What song will you sing for Him now? Go on!



DAY 82

THEME: THERE IS GREATNESS IN YOU TOPIC: LIVE IT BY FAITH

BIBLE PASSAGE: HABAKKUK 2:4

*Behold the proud, His soul is not upright in Him;
But the just shall live by his faith.*

Habakkuk was a prophet with strong faith. He liked to ask God questions. During his time, an evil king reigned and people turned away from God, serving idols and living sinful lives! He was so sad and questioned God about it. He asked: "Why do you allow your people to live wickedly without punishment? Don't you care? How long will you put up with all of it?"

Have you ever felt like questioning God over something? As Christians, sometimes, we all do the same thing. We wonder when the Lord will stop all the wicked things happening around us and also punish the wicked people.

Did God answer Habakkuk? Yes, He

did. The Lord told him many things and also added: "Behold, as for the proud one, His soul is not right within him; But the righteous will live by his faith" (Habakkuk 2:4, NASU).

God is not upset when we also ask Him about things we do not understand. Like Habakkuk, He wants us to continue to trust Him, no matter what.

Be assured: God is for us. So, walk by faith! Do not doubt Him. For, invisibly, right behind the scenes, God is working things out for good, just for you! Child of faith, lean on the LORD, for He is in perfect control of all things.

Pray and ask God to help you walk by faith, even when times are rough.



DAY 83

THEME: THERE IS GREATNESS IN YOU

TOPIC: YOU ARE NEVER THE LEAST, IF YOU HAVE CHRIST JESUS

BIBLE PASSAGE: MATTHEW 2:16

But you Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are not the least among the rulers of Judah? For out of you shall come a ruler who will shepherd my people Israel.

In our scripture for today, God is encouraging the people of Bethlehem, not to see themselves as the least among the rulers of Judah, since, in His plans, they are great! For the King of kings and the Lord of lords (Jesus Christ) would come from Bethlehem!

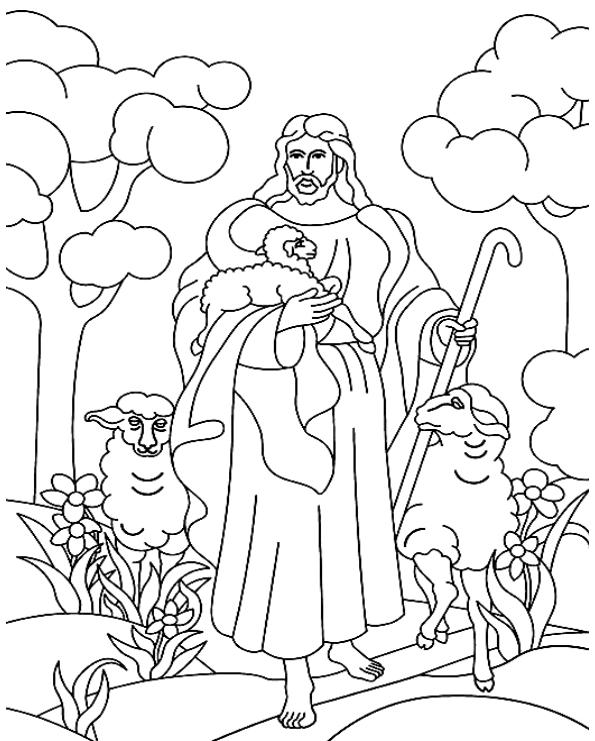
King David said in Psalm 18 that, because he had chosen and made Jehovah his God, He armed him with strength; being near made him to overtake all. God equipped him with wisdom, making him victorious in all he did. Whoever is born of God has His character in him.

Since God is great, so are you, because you choose to walk with Him and witness for Him.

Children, never ever see yourselves as the least, either in your class, among your friends or siblings. Do not look down on yourself, for, in God's plans, you are

great! Always remember that and learn hard, as you fear Him and do what He says. Then God will make you a great person in future. Amen.

Thank God for making you great in Christ.



Colour the picture.

DAY 84

THEME: THERE IS GREATNESS IN YOU TOPIC: SHARE YOUR GREATNESS

BIBLE PASSAGE: PSALM 35:27

Let the Lord be magnified, Who takes pleasure in the prosperity of His servants.

Today's scripture is very exciting, for God is saying, it is His pleasure to prosper you! In the process, your well-being, progress in school and parents being in a position to provide all your needs, will be taken care of by Him! No matter your situation now, He is saying, He holds the world in His hands and turns things around.

Though you are a child of a single parent, He can still give you a happy home. Daddy does not have a job? Well, He can give him

one. Is your step-mother always picking on you? No problem, for the LORD will be your joy, even as He gives you a better future.

Do you know why? The reason is: Jesus loves little children and desires that they enjoy their childhood.

Here are some scriptures to prove that Jesus, indeed, desires to make you happy:

- Psalm 23:1 – “The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not be in want”.
- Philippians 4:19 – “My God will use his wonderful riches in Christ

Jesus to give you everything you need”.

- Psalm 84:11 – “The Lord God is our sun and our strength: the Lord will give grace and glory: he will not keep back any good thing from those whose ways are upright”.

Praise God for His love for you. Ask Him to help you share your greatness.



DAY 85

THEME: GOD'S HIDDEN THINGS

TOPIC: REVELATIONS FROM GOD

BIBLE PASSAGE: MATTHEW 16:17

*Jesus replied, Blessed are you Simon son of Jonah,
for this was not revealed to you by man.*

From infancy, we use the natural and everyday-accepted-ways to learn, “know” and say the alphabets at school. And, while growing, we enlarge what is “natural knowledge” that most people have. But in the Kingdom of God, the way of “knowing”, is the opposite way – it works its way out from the inside, rather than from outside. So, what is acquired, therefore, is “revelation knowledge”.

In Matthew 16:13-20, Jesus shows us how we get to “know” important truths from the Lord. When He asked, “Who do you say I am?”, Peter declared, “You are the Christ, Son of the Living God”. Jesus responded that His Heavenly Father showed him that truth; it did not come to him naturally. He did not learn that from teachers or other people, rather, Peter received the answer directly from God!

Often, God shows us these important truths, so that we can trust Him more! God will not give you revelations when you are forever glued to the television! We will see these truths in the Bible. Start meditating on the Word, praying and fellowshipping with the Lord, and He will, definitely, speak to you too.

Fill in the missing words. Before you start, cover up the clue from the above text. When you are finished, check your answers.

1. H_ av_ nly	2. Re_ e_ ation	3. __ord	4. Liv_ n_
5. Op_ osi_ e	6. Kin_ d_ _	7. N_ t_ ra_	
8. Know_ _d_ _	9. Inf_ n_ y	10. Al_ hab_ ts.	

DAY 86

THEME: GOD'S HIDDEN THINGS TOPIC: CREATION OBEYS GOD'S ORDER

BIBLE PASSAGE: MATTHEW 13:31

The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed which a man planted on his field.

Creation obeys God's order. This is shown in how, ever since His commands went out to the sea, sun, moon and stars, they have continued obeying them without fail! So, the sea has not taken over the land, and the stars have kept their distance, shining far up in the night sky on man. Wild animals have stayed in the forest, and the air we breathe has not lessened! Have you any idea how these work? "No," of course, not! For, only Jehovah God knows!

Jesus once compared the Kingdom of Heaven to what happens to a very small seed, planted in a garden, which grows up to become a big tree – obeying laws that God has laid down, without complaint!

Children, God is working in your lives in the same way. No matter what form it takes, be assured He is turning you out as best as you could ever be! Just surrender and believe with your whole heart in this wonderful God of creation!

Pray that God will bring to pass all His plans concerning you and help you to grow in Him.



Colour the picture.

DAY 87

THEME: KNOWING MORE ABOUT JESUS TOPIC: THE BIRTH OF JESUS

BIBLE PASSAGE: MATTHEW 1:12

She will have a son, and you will name him Jesus — because he will save his people from their sins.

This is how the birth of Jesus Christ came about. His mother Mary was engaged to marry Joseph, but before they married, she learned she was pregnant by the power of the Holy Spirit. Because Mary's husband, Joseph, was a good man, he did not want to disgrace her in public, so he planned to divorce her secretly.

While Joseph thought about these things, an angel of the Lord came to him in a dream. The angel said, "Joseph, descendant of David, don't be afraid to take Mary as your wife, because the baby in her is

from the Holy Spirit. She will give birth to a son, and you will name him Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins" (Matthew 1:18-21, NCV).

When He grew up, evil men arrested Him, beat Him up and nailed Him on a tree. Yet, He died to take away the sin of the world — my sins and your sins!

God sent His only Son on earth, just to die for your sins. Do you know Him? Have you asked Him to be your Saviour and Lord? Are you obeying His Word daily?

Quiz

1. What was the name of Jesus' mother? _____
2. Who was David? _____



DAY 88

THEME: KNOWING MORE ABOUT JESUS TOPIC: JESUS IS THE GOOD SHEPHERD

BIBLE PASSAGE: PSALM 23:1

The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want.

An ordinary shepherd is someone who takes care of sheep, making sure they are well fed, protected and led to safety. He locks the gate of their pen, so no thief can steal them. But, how different a "Good Shepherd"! For, He knows the voice of the sheep and calls them by name. The sheep, in turn, know their Master's voice and will not follow a stranger!

Jesus is the "Good Shepherd" who laid down His life for His sheep. He would leave ninety-nine sheep to seek out the one sheep that is gone astray! (Matthew 18:11-14)

The Bible says, like sheep, we were all lost. Jesus, the Good Shepherd, came to look for us. He died to pay for the punishment for our sins. He is looking for us. He wants to save us and bring us back to God.

Children, as the Good Shepherd, Jesus takes good care of us, protects and provides our daily needs. God can and will, surely, give you everything you want as His child. He knows all about your need and intends to provide them before you even ask Him!

Children, how about that!



DAY 89

THEME: KNOWING MORE ABOUT JESUS TOPIC: JESUS IS THE TEACHER

BIBLE PASSAGE: LUKE 3:23

Now Jesus himself began his ministry at about thirty years of age, being (as was supposed) the son of Joseph.

Children, Jesus was a child like you and He grew up in stature, wisdom and favour with God and men (Luke 2:52).

The Bible records that He started His ministry at thirty years old. He chose 12 men to be His disciples, taking time to teach them about God. As Teacher, Jesus went round the towns and villages, teaching and preaching about the Kingdom of God.

He performed lots of amazing miracles, including healing the

sick, raising the dead and feeding thousands of people! No greater teacher has ever lived who taught about love, forgiveness and seeking the Kingdom of God, like Jesus!

Quiz

1. How old was Jesus when He started His ministry?

2. What are some of the miracles He performed?

3. Who was Jesus' "supposed" father?



DAY 90

THEME: KNOWING MORE ABOUT JESUS

TOPIC: JESUS WORKED MIRACLES

BIBLE PASSAGE: MARK 4:39

Then he arose and rebuked the wind, and said to the sea, peace be still. And the wind ceased and there was a great calm.

Children, yesterday we learnt that Jesus performed lots of amazing miracles. One such miracle happened when a great storm arose, while He was crossing a lake with His disciples in a boat, along with other boats! But, all that while, when waves were pouring into their boat, Jesus was fast asleep! The terrified disciples, battled very bravely, but helplessly with the storm! At a point, when it seemed they would, definitely, sink, they cried out, waking Him up, "to do something"!

Well, Jesus got up and calmed the storm! He told the storm to be quiet, and it did.

The disciples were so surprised and said, "What manner of man is this? Even the wind and sea obey Him!" (Mark 4:41)

Jesus can save you from every physical or spiritual storm in your life. He still performs miracles! Our God is the "Miracle-Working God"!

Do you have a need? Pray and tell Jesus about it. He will answer you.



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