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- **SUNDAY**—Read Genesis 1:1, 2.
What did God have to begin with when He started making the world? What does the fact that God made everything from nothing say about His power?
- **MONDAY**—Read Genesis 1:3-8.
What two important separations did God make in the first two days of creation? How does recognizing these separations remind you of God’s power today?
- **TUESDAY**—Read Genesis 1:9-13.
What did you do today? You couldn’t have done any of these things if God hadn’t thought of them first. How has God shown His love for you by the things He created?
- **WEDNESDAY**—Read Genesis 1:14-19.
Can you imagine the world without the sun and moon? Jesus is called the light of the world. How would you compare the sun and what it does with Jesus and what He does?
- **THURSDAY**—Read Genesis 1:20-23.
Think about the many differences in fish—their sizes, shapes, and colors. What do these differences tell you about God’s imagination?
- **FRIDAY**—Read Genesis 1:24-31.
What did God say people should do with the rest of His creation? What can we do to show God how thankful we are for all He has made and given us?
- **SATURDAY**—Read Genesis 2:1-3.
God made you! How can you show God that you want Him to be in charge of your life?

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- **SUNDAY**—Read Genesis 1:26, 27.
How are people different from other parts of creation? What does it mean to you to be made in God’s image?
- **MONDAY**—Read Psalm 8:3-9.
According to these verses, what role in creation did God give to people? What does this say about your importance to God?
- **TUESDAY**—Read Psalm 139:13-16.
God made you in a wonderful way! Because God was so careful when He created you, how do you think He wants you to treat your body and mind?
- **WEDNESDAY**—Read John 4:21-24.
What do you think verse 24 means when it says that God is spirit? Since we are made in God’s spiritual image, we can worship Him in a way that no other part of creation can. How can we worship God today?
- **THURSDAY**—Read Psalm 68:4-6.
Do you ever feel lonely or left out? What do you do when you have these feelings? Who do you talk to? How can these verses help you the next time you feel lonely?
- **FRIDAY**—Read John 14:15-21.
Jesus promises His love and God’s love to all who love and obey His commands. How does knowing that help you?
- **SATURDAY**—Read Galatians 1:1-5.
What is the greatest thing a friend has ever done for you? How does that compare with Jesus’ dying for you? Because Jesus died for you, what can you do to live for Him?



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- **SUNDAY**—Read Matthew 22:37-40.
How much do you love God? How does your love for Him effect the way you treat the people around you?
- **MONDAY**—Read Galatians 6:9, 10.
Do you ever get tired of doing what’s right? What reason does the Bible give in these verses for continuing to do what’s right?
- **TUESDAY**—Read 1 John 3:16-18.
What standard should we use to measure how strong our love is? How can we use what we have to help someone who has less than we have?
- **WEDNESDAY**—Read 1 John 4:7-12.
Why should we love each other? According to 1 John 4:12, when is God’s love made complete in us?
- **THURSDAY**—Read 1 John 4:19-21.
Are there people who are hard for you to love? What makes it hard to love them? How can God’s love for you make it easier for you to love those people?
- **FRIDAY**—Read 1 Peter 2:16, 17.
How do you feel when other people tell you what to do? What do these verses say about how you should treat others? Who do you need to show respect to?
- **SATURDAY**—Read 1 Corinthians 13:4-7.
What characteristics of love are mentioned in these verses? What changes do you need to make so that these verses describe you?

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- **SUNDAY**—Read 1 Corinthians 12:12-20.
Thank God for the way He arranged the parts of your body. How can you use your body for God this week?
- **MONDAY**—Read 1 Corinthians 12:21-27.
Do you ever wish that you could get rid of somebody who is bothering you? What do these verses teach about how important each person is when it comes to accomplishing great things for God?
- **TUESDAY**—Read Colossians 3:9-11.
What do Greeks, Jews, barbarians, and Scythians have in common? When you look at other Christians you know, what differences do you see? How might God use those differences to get things done in His kingdom?
- **WEDNESDAY**—Read Colossians 3:12-14
What characteristics do you need if you’re going to work well with other people? What can you do to show God’s love to people who are different from you?
- **THURSDAY**—Read Ephesians 2:19-22.
How are foreigners different from citizens? In what ways is God’s family like a household and a building? How do you think you fit into God’s household?
- **FRIDAY**—Read Ephesians 4:14-16.
What can you do to grow up in Christ? When can you speak “the truth in love”? Why is it important for each person to do his or her part of the work that needs to be done?
- **SATURDAY**—Read James 2:8, 9.
Are you ever tempted to treat some people better than you treat others? What does James say we’re doing if we show that kind of favoritism?

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- **SUNDAY**—Read Genesis 3:1-5.
Look back at Genesis 2:16, 17. What had God told Adam and Eve about the fruit of the tree in the middle of the garden? What lie did the serpent tell Eve? Why do you think that Eve believed him?
- **MONDAY**—Read Genesis 3:6, 7.
Eve pressured Adam to sin, and then they both realized their guilt. What can you do when you feel pressured to do the wrong things that others around you are doing?
- **TUESDAY**—Read Genesis 3:8-13.
How did Adam and Eve try to shift the blame for their sin? What can happen if you try to blame someone else when you’ve done something wrong?
- **WEDNESDAY**—Read James 1:13-15.
What can happen if you give in to that first temptation to sin? How can you keep temptation at a minimum in your life?
- **THURSDAY**—Read 1 John 2:15-17.
How long do the things of this world last? According to these verses, what is the result of following God rather than the world?

- **FRIDAY**—Read Romans 6:1-6.
What should your life be like after you have been baptized into Jesus? What should you no longer be a slave to?
- **SATURDAY**—Read Romans 6:11-14.
What should not be your master? In what ways can you use your body to serve God?



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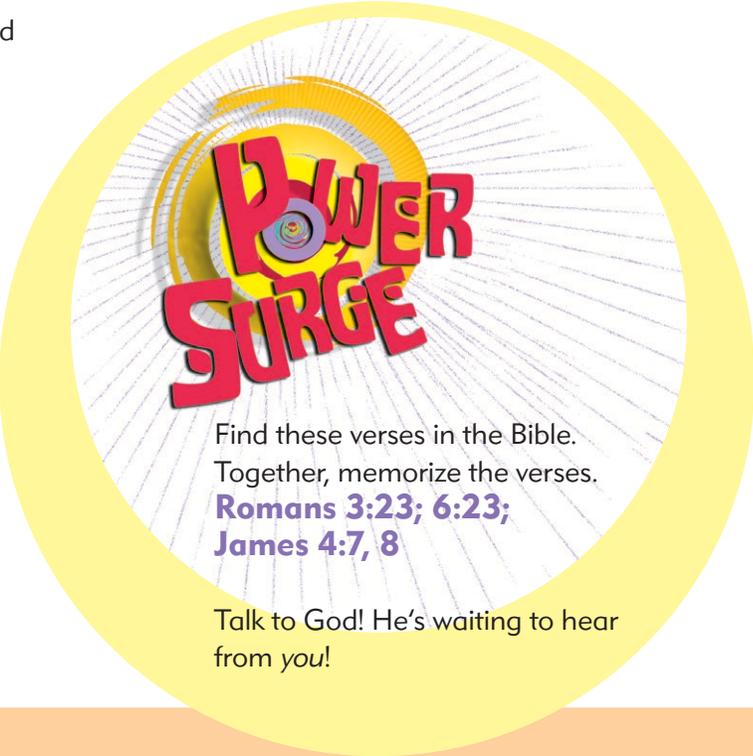
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What rules did God give the Israelites about what should be done with everything found in the city of Jericho? Why do you think it is important to follow God’s rules?
- **MONDAY**—Read Joshua 7:1-5, 19-21.
What happened in the battle against Ai? What did Achan do wrong? How can one sin lead to trouble for others or in other areas of your life?
- **TUESDAY**—Read Joshua 7:10-13.
What did God say had to be done before He would bless Israel again? How do you think God feels about unconfessed sins?
- **WEDNESDAY**—Read Joshua 7:24-26.
How complete was the punishment of Achan? What did God do to remove the punishment we deserve for our sins? (Read John 3:16.)
- **THURSDAY**—Read Hebrews 12:4-11.
Have you ever been disciplined? Did you deserve it? What does the fact that God allows you to feel the consequences of your sins say about how much He cares for you?
- **FRIDAY**—Read 1 Corinthians 15:33, 34.
How much do you think other people influence your life and the choices you make? Do the people you spend most of your time with lead you closer to God or farther away from Him?
- **SATURDAY**—Read Galatians 6:7, 8.
What is the result of living the way the world says to live? What is the result of living the way God says to live? Which way do you try to live?



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What was Jesus’ physical condition at the time of this temptation? How did the devil try to use that condition to his advantage? When are some times the devil tempts you?
- **MONDAY**—Read Matthew 4:5-7.
Why do you think the devil quoted Scripture as part of his temptation to Jesus? How can knowing God’s Word help you fight off Satan when you are tempted?
- **TUESDAY**—Read Matthew 4:8-11.
Do you think the devil could have given Jesus all that he promised? How can Jesus’ response to Satan help you if someone tempts you to do wrong by promising something that he or she can’t really give?
- **WEDNESDAY**—Read James 4:7-10.
How strongly should you resist temptations? How can having a close relationship with God help you to overcome temptation?
- **THURSDAY**—Read 1 Peter 5:8-11.
If you knew a lion was loose in your house, would anyone have to tell you to watch out for him? How does it help to know that other people go through the same kinds of temptations that you do?
- **FRIDAY**—Read 1 Timothy 6:9, 10.
How can always wanting more money keep someone from growing in his or her faith? What are some other temptations that might keep you from God?
- **SATURDAY**—Read 1 Corinthians 10:12, 13.
How can pride get in the way when we are trying to resist temptation? What is God’s promise concerning the temptations we face?

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- **SUNDAY**—Read Luke 15:11-16.
How did the younger son use what he had been given by his father? Have you ever spent money foolishly? How can God help you make wise choices?
- **MONDAY**—Read Luke 15:17-20.
The son accepted responsibility for the mistakes he had made. What will God do when you accept responsibility and honestly admit your mistakes to Him?
- **TUESDAY**—Read Luke 15:21-24.
How long did it take for the father to welcome his returning son? What does this story teach about God’s willingness to forgive us?
- **WEDNESDAY**—Read Acts 2:38-41.
What did Peter say had to be done for sin to be forgiven? How many people have the promise of being forgiven if they follow God’s plan?
- **THURSDAY**—Read Romans 3:22-26.
Who needs to be forgiven of sin? How did Jesus demonstrate God’s justice?
- **FRIDAY**—Read 2 Corinthians 7:8-10.
Paul’s first letter to the Corinthians called for them to get rid of the sin in their lives. According to these verses, did the Corinthians listen to Paul? Why is it important to be sorry for our sins?
- **SATURDAY**—Read 2 Timothy 2:20, 21.
Timothy said that in a house some things are useful, while others are not. What can you do to make yourself useful to God?

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○ **SUNDAY**—Read Acts 8:9-13.

Do you think some people were surprised when Simon, the primary sorcerer in Samaria, was baptized? What does this say about the power of the name of Jesus Christ?

○ **MONDAY**—Read Acts 8:18-22.

What big mistake did Simon make after he had become a Christian? What did he need to do to make things right again?

○ **TUESDAY**—Read 1 John 1:5-7.

What is the connection between God and light or darkness? What can we do to walk in light, rather than in the darkness of sin?

○ **WEDNESDAY**—Read 1 John 1:8-10.

Is it possible to hide sin? What happens when a person confesses his sins? How can we give God and His Word a prominent place in our lives?

○ **THURSDAY**—Read 1 John 2:1, 2.

When have you been in trouble and needed someone to defend you? As followers of Jesus, we know He speaks in our defense before God when we sin.

○ **FRIDAY**—Read 1 John 2:3-6.

Do you think you walk “as Jesus did”? What commands do you need to obey to demonstrate God’s importance in your life?

○ **SATURDAY**—Read Titus 3:4-7.

Who is the source of salvation? Can we ever be good enough to earn a place in God’s kingdom? What hope does Jesus give?



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How would you feel if you had a disease that was incurable? What would be your request to God? Do you have any hard thing in your life that you need to talk to God about today?

○ **MONDAY**—Read Luke 17:15-19.

How did the one man express his thankfulness to Jesus? How can you express thanks today for what Christ has done for you?

○ **TUESDAY**—Read Luke 11:9-13.

What does Jesus promise to anyone who asks, seeks, or knocks? What good gifts has God given to you?

○ **WEDNESDAY**—Read Romans 8:31, 32.

How has God already demonstrated His willingness to provide what you need? How can knowing that God is for you help you?

○ **THURSDAY**—Read Ephesians 2:8-10.

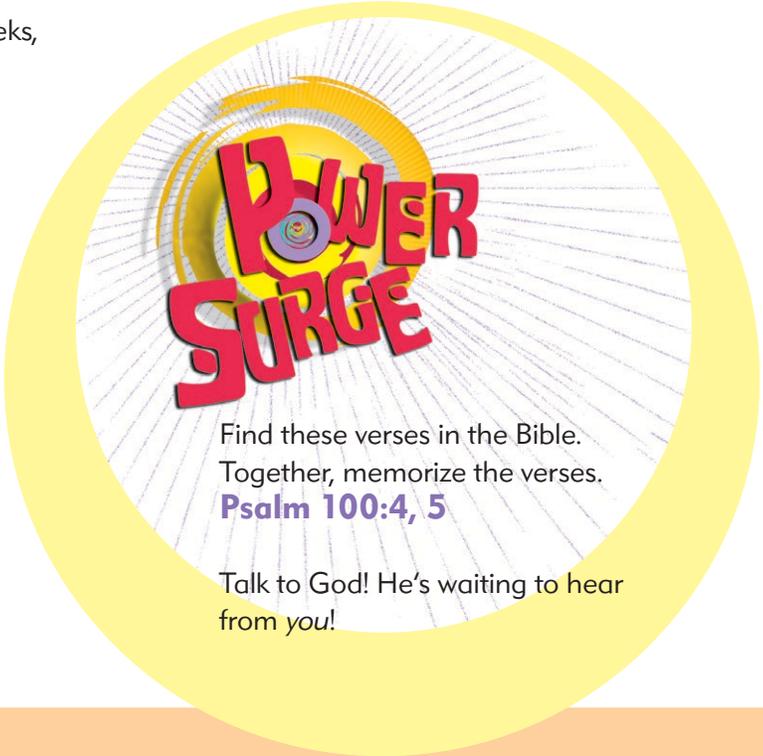
What is it that saves us? What good works did God prepare you to do? What good works are you doing for Christ’s sake?

○ **FRIDAY**—Read 2 Timothy 4:7, 8.

In what situations do you have to fight hard to keep your faith and live it out? How can looking forward to seeing Jesus help you during these hard times?

○ **SATURDAY**—Read James 1:16-18.

What do these verses say God has given you? How are you responding to His gifts?



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- **SUNDAY**—Read Psalm 100:1-3.
How should we praise God? What can we know about God?
- **MONDAY**—Read Psalm 100:4, 5.
What reasons do you have for giving thanks to God today? How has God demonstrated His faithfulness to our family?
- **TUESDAY**—Read Psalm 96:1-3.
What can you say about God to other people? Who have you talked to about God recently? Who still needs to be told?
- **WEDNESDAY**—Read Psalm 96:4-6.
What makes God greater than anyone or anything else? How do you feel when you think about God’s splendor and majesty?
- **THURSDAY**—Read Psalm 96:7-9.
What kind of offering can you give to God to show your thankfulness to Him? How can you worship the Lord today?
- **FRIDAY**—Read 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18.
When are we to be joyful, pray, and give thanks? Why is it important to do these things?
- **SATURDAY**—Read Colossians 3:15-17.
How can being with other Christians help you to be thankful? What can we do as a family to show our thanks to God?



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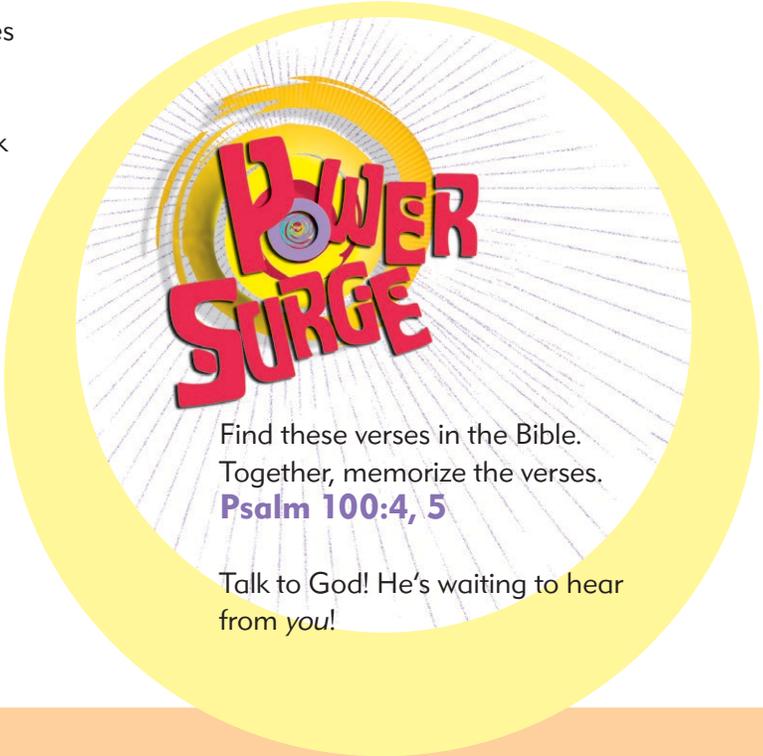
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- **SUNDAY**—Read Deuteronomy 16:13-15.
Who was to give thanks at the Feast of Tabernacles?
What can we do to make God the focus of our family celebrations?
- **MONDAY**—Read Leviticus 22:29-33.
What command did God give the Israelites regarding thank offerings? Reread verses 31 and 32. What do these verses say about showing thanks to God?
- **TUESDAY**—Read Nehemiah 12:44-47.
Why do you think it was important for the Israelites of Nehemiah’s time to restore the practice of appointing people to serve God as singers and gatekeepers? What can you do to serve and thank God today?
- **WEDNESDAY**—Read Psalm 69:30-32.
What does God value more than sacrifices?
What can you offer to God?
- **THURSDAY**—Read Psalm 95:1-5.
When you look around, what things do you see that you can thank God for? What parts of creation display His power?
- **FRIDAY**—Read Psalm 107:21, 22.
What reasons for thanking God are given in these verses? When has God done something special for you? Praise Him for the love He shows you.
- **SATURDAY**—Read Philippians 4:4-7.
How can prayer and thanksgiving replace worry? Even when we don’t understand what’s going on, God’s peace can help us. We can thank God for protecting us.



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What made Tabitha such a special person for those who knew her? What can you do to be a person who is known for helping others?
- **MONDAY**—Read 2 Corinthians 9:8-12.
How are you rich in the Lord Jesus Christ? What attitude should you have as you give to others?
- **TUESDAY**—Read 2 Corinthians 9:13-15.
Do people thank God because of the generosity you show? Who is praying for you because you show God’s grace to others?
- **WEDNESDAY**—Read Colossians 4:2-6.
Do you pray for people who teach others about Jesus? How can you “make the most of every opportunity” that God gives you to act and speak in His name?
- **THURSDAY**—Read Galatians 5:13-15.
We are to serve one another in love. What is the result when people do not love each other as God intends?
- **FRIDAY**—Read 1 Peter 4:8-11.
Whose strength do you rely on when interacting with others—God’s, or your own? What gifts have you been given that you can use to serve others?
- **SATURDAY**—Read Philippians 2:1-4.
Paul, the writer of Philippians, says his joy is complete when believers in Christ are one in spirit and purpose. Do you consider others before yourself? Do you look out for the interests of others?



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