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- **SUNDAY**—Read Romans 1:18-20.
How do you think created things (trees, plants, animals) prove that there has to be a creator? How can we see God’s power revealed in His creation?
- **MONDAY**—Read Psalm 33:6-9.
How does it make you feel when you think about all that God has made? What can we do today to show God how thankful we are for all He has created for us?
- **TUESDAY**—Read Colossians 1:13-17.
According to this Scripture, Jesus is the image of the invisible God. Knowing that Jesus is the supreme authority, what should be our attitude toward Him?
- **WEDNESDAY**—Read Genesis 1:27-31.
God saved the best creation for last. In what ways did God show His love for people? How does God show His love for us today?
- **THURSDAY**—Read 2 Peter 3:3-7.
According to this Scripture, what do people deliberately forget? How should this Scripture motivate us to live godly lives?
- **FRIDAY**—Read Luke 8:22-25.
Only the creator of the wind and water could do this miracle. How did the disciples react when Jesus calmed the storm? How do you react to this truth?
- **SATURDAY**—Read Ecclesiastes 12:1.
Why is it important for us to remember God while we are young? How can we improve our relationships with God, our creator?



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- **SUNDAY**—Read Genesis 1:20-25.
What does this Scripture say that God created?
What evidence do we have today that indicates this to be true?
- **MONDAY**—Read Job 40:15-18.
The creature described in this passage of Scripture is very powerful. God has no limit to what He can create. Name some animals that are still in existence today that show God’s power.
- **TUESDAY**—Read Psalm 148:1-10.
According to this Scripture, what sorts of things praise the Lord? According to verse 5, why do they praise the Lord?
- **WEDNESDAY**—Read Genesis 2:19, 20.
What do you think Adam thought when he first saw some of God’s great animals? Why do you think God created both big and small creatures?
- **THURSDAY**—Read Jonah 1:17.
Is there a size limitation on the kind of animal God can create? What is your favorite large animal that God created?
- **FRIDAY**—Read Psalm 74:12-14.
Who has the power to crush the heads of the leviathan? What are some traits of God that are seen in His creation?
- **SATURDAY**—Read Job 41:1, 2, 7-11.
How do we know that large sea creatures and dinosaurs existed? What evidence agrees with what the Bible teaches about dinosaurs?

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- **SUNDAY**—Read Genesis 2:7.
Who created mankind? What are some things we can do to thank Him for creating us?
- **MONDAY**—Read Genesis 1:26, 27.
We are created in the image of God. What does that mean? How does that make you feel?
- **TUESDAY**—Read Deuteronomy 32:3-6.
What characteristics are found in a good child-to-parent relationship? How should we act toward God, our heavenly Father?
- **WEDNESDAY**—Read Revelation 4:9-11.
Why do you think these created beings in Heaven are praising God? What are some reasons why we should praise God?
- **THURSDAY**—Read Romans 1:18-20.
According to this Scripture, what can be clearly seen? What makes it easy to see that there is a creator?
- **FRIDAY**—Read Psalm 139:13, 14.
How does it make you feel to know that God knew what you’d be like even before you were born? What can we do today to show our appreciation to God for giving us life?
- **SATURDAY**—Read Genesis 2:20-23.
How did God create the first woman? What was Eve to be for Adam? How do parents help each other?

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- **SUNDAY**—Read Daniel 3:1, 6, 7, 12-15.
What was it that Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego were asked to do? Do you think they felt pressured into following the crowd?
- **MONDAY**—Read Daniel 3:16-18.
Imagine for a moment that you were in one of these men’s shoes. Would you be tempted to bow down to the king’s image instead of standing up for the true God?
- **TUESDAY**—Read 1 Corinthians 16:13, 14.
Why do we need to stand firm in our faith? Name three obstacles that might tempt us to follow the crowd. How can we overcome such obstacles?
- **WEDNESDAY**—Read 1 Corinthians 10:13.
Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego were tempted to make a wrong choice when they were ordered to worship other gods. How does God help us when we are tempted to do wrong?
- **THURSDAY**—Read Ephesians 6:10-13.
According to this Scripture, what can help us stand firm in our faith? What are some things we can do every day to resist temptations?
- **FRIDAY**—Read James 1:12-14.
Where does temptation come from? If we stand up for God by loving and serving Him, what reward will He give us at the end of life?
- **SATURDAY**—Read Daniel 3:23-28.
What happened to Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego when they were thrown into the fire? How did King Nebuchadnezzar react? What does this account teach about God?

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- **SUNDAY**—Read Esther 2:1, 2, 8, 17.
What happened to Esther? How could God use our family to make a difference for Him?
- **MONDAY**—Read Esther 3:1-6, 8, 9.
Why did Haman want to kill all of the Jews? Have you ever been made fun of for being a Christian? What happened? How can our family stay faithful to God?
- **TUESDAY**—Read Esther 4:1, 6-17.
Why was Mordecai’s request such a risk for Queen Esther? Can other members of our family and friends see by the way we live how important God is to us?
- **WEDNESDAY**—Read Esther 7:1-6.
How did the king respond to Queen Esther’s request? What are some things we can do at home, work, or school to show our love for God?
- **THURSDAY**—Read Hebrews 12:1-3.
On whom should we “fix” our eyes? What kind of struggles did Jesus endure? How can Jesus help us endure our struggles?
- **FRIDAY**—Read Ephesians 5:1, 2, 15-17.
How does God want us to live? Whom should we imitate?
- **SATURDAY**—Read Psalm 27:1-3.
What sort of things are you afraid of? How can remembering this Scripture help us when we are afraid?

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○ **SUNDAY**—Read Acts 5:17-21.

The religious leaders did not want the apostles to speak about Jesus. What did God do to help the apostles? How did the apostles respond?

○ **MONDAY**—Read Acts 5:25-30.

Why were Peter and the other apostles not afraid of what might happen to them? In what ways can we show others that we are proud of our faith?

○ **TUESDAY**—Read Acts 5:40-42.

Has there ever been a time when you’ve suffered for doing the right thing? What happened? How did God use that situation for good?

○ **WEDNESDAY**—Read 2 Corinthians 4:7-10.

Who gives us the strength and power to stand up when we are being pushed down? How can we show God that we are thankful for His guidance?

○ **THURSDAY**—Read Acts 8:1-4.

Who was persecuting the church at this time? How is the church attacked today? What can we do to defend the church and our faith?

○ **FRIDAY**—Read Acts 13:42-46.

How did the Jews feel about Paul and Barnabas? Why did they feel that way? How do we react when we find out someone doesn’t like us?

○ **SATURDAY**—Read 1 Thessalonians 1:1-5, 7-9.

The Christians from Thessalonica were examples of faith and love to the people around them. Are we examples of faith and love to the people around us? Do our friends know what we stand for?

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- **SUNDAY**—Read Acts 23:1, 2, 6-10.
What kinds of persecutions did Paul face? What things might prevent us from doing what is right in God’s eyes? What can we do about these pressures?
- **MONDAY**—Read Acts 23:11-22.
How did Paul’s nephew help save Paul’s life? How important is it to tell the truth?
- **TUESDAY**—Read Galatians 6:9, 10.
Are there times in your life when you don’t feel like doing what’s right? What makes you feel that way? What does God promise if we don’t give up doing good?
- **WEDNESDAY**—Read Colossians 4:2-6.
What is Paul encouraging his readers to do in this Scripture? Do you think the people around us can tell from our words and actions that we love God?
- **THURSDAY**—Read Romans 15:1-5.
Do you know someone who needs encouragement today? How can we encourage our friends? family? teachers?
- **FRIDAY**—Read James 1:12-18.
How do you respond when you are tempted to do wrong? What is our reward for perseverance?
- **SATURDAY**—Read James 1:2-8.
According to this Scripture, how does having to face problems help us grow? What attitude should we have when we are confronted with troubles?

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- **SUNDAY**—Read 3 John 9-11.
Have you ever done something that might be considered evil? How did you feel? What good things can we do to make others want to be a part of the church?
- **MONDAY**—Read Romans 12:1, 2.
What do you think it means to give yourself as a sacrifice to God? How does Satan try to persuade us to follow worldly ways?
- **TUESDAY**—Read Luke 10:25-29.
What do these verses teach us about the Christian life? What good things happen when we give our lives to Jesus? Why does Satan try to keep us from loving Jesus?
- **WEDNESDAY**—Read Philippians 4:10-13.
What circumstances do you struggle with? How does God’s strength help us during hard times?
- **THURSDAY**—Read Ephesians 4:21-24.
Why is it a good thing to follow Jesus rather than the devil? What are some bad habits you are trying to break? What can we do to show others we are obeying Jesus?
- **FRIDAY**—Read Galatians 6:7-10.
Do any of your friends ever do things that mock God? What do some people do to please their “sinful nature”? When we make right choices and do good to others, how is God praised?
- **SATURDAY**—Read Philippians 2:14-16.
What does it mean to be blameless and pure? Why do we need to let our lights shine for Jesus? What “word of life” should we give to others?

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How would you describe the fame of Jesus? How was His fame different from the world’s view of fame? Why is it important not to worry about being famous?
- **MONDAY**—Read Acts 10:36-38.
What did Jesus do for people who were acting under the power of the devil? In what way does the devil work in the hearts of people today?
- **TUESDAY**—Read Matthew 14:34-36.
Why did people want to follow Jesus? What can we do for those who deal with physical diseases? How are people spiritually diseased today?
- **WEDNESDAY**—Read Mark 1:21-28.
What was it about Jesus that caused people to be amazed at His teaching? How do you think the evil spirits knew who Jesus was? Why did the news of Jesus spread so quickly?
- **THURSDAY**—Read 2 Peter 2:1-3.
What are some shameful things that other kids your age are doing? Has anyone ever tried to get you to do something that you know Jesus would not want you to do? What happened?
- **FRIDAY**—Read John 20:26-31.
Why do some people doubt that Jesus is the Son of God? Read verse 31 again. What is the “life” Jesus wants us to have?
- **SATURDAY**—Read Romans 1:16, 17.
If you’ve ever been ashamed of following Jesus, how did you act? What does it mean to “live by faith”?

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Why is it important to pray? What are the strengths that come with praying?
- **MONDAY**—Read 2 Corinthians 4:4-6.
How does Satan blind people? Who is the “light of the world”?
- **TUESDAY**—Read 1 Peter 5:8, 9.
What does it mean to be self-controlled? How do we know the devil is our enemy? Why do you think the devil is referred to as a “roaring lion”? What does it mean to resist the devil?
- **WEDNESDAY**—Read Philippians 4:13.
What things might cause us to lose our faith and trust in God? What can the strength of Jesus help us do?
- **THURSDAY**—Read Ephesians 6:10-18.
What are some of the devil’s schemes? Why is it important to stand our ground? Why do we need the “armor” mentioned by Paul?
- **FRIDAY**—Read Genesis 3:1-7.
What does the Scripture mean when it refers to the serpent being “more crafty”? How does the devil trick us into doing things God does not want us to do?
- **SATURDAY**—Read Matthew 4:1-11.
According to the text, what was the strength of Jesus against the tempter? How does Satan get us to doubt ourselves? How do we overcome temptation?



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How are we like sheep? What does a shepherd do for his sheep? What are some things Jesus taught about shepherds and sheep?
- **MONDAY**—Read Psalm 23:2, 3.
What do “green pastures” suggest about God’s care? What is significant about “quiet waters”? When might our souls need to be restored?
- **TUESDAY**—Read Psalm 23:4.
Why do we not like to think about death? What are some evils we face that could lead to death? What are some things Jesus did to calm people’s fears? What does “comfort” mean?
- **WEDNESDAY**—Read Psalm 23:5.
What “table” do you think the psalmist was referring to? Who are the enemies to God’s people? What did David mean when he wrote “my cup overflows”?
- **THURSDAY**—Read Psalm 23:6.
Why do we need goodness and love? What does God do for us every day? Where is the “house of the Lord”?
- **FRIDAY**—Read Psalm 25:1-5.
In whom should we trust? What does God want to teach us? When do we have hope in God?
- **SATURDAY**—Read John 14:1-3.
When might our hearts “be troubled”? What does it mean to believe? How would you describe Heaven?



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- **SUNDAY**—Read Psalm 27:1, 13, 14.
How is God our “stronghold”? What does it mean to wait on God?
- **MONDAY**—Read Proverbs 3:3-6.
Why does God want us to bind love and faithfulness around our necks? What happens when we lean on our own understanding? How many different ways can we acknowledge God?
- **TUESDAY**—Read Psalm 118:4-9.
What do you think it means to be a person who fears the Lord? What might some people try to do to keep us from trusting God? Why is it better to trust in God?
- **WEDNESDAY**—Read Isaiah 50:9, 10.
What does it mean to obey “the word of his servant”? When are some times we can rely on God? What is the “light” we walk in?
- **THURSDAY**—Read Job 13:15.
Job had lost his home, his belongings, and his children, yet he still trusted God. Why is it important to put our hope in God, even when things don’t go our way?
- **FRIDAY**—Read Nahum 1:7.
What good things have we received from God? What kinds of troubles do even good people have? In what way is God a “refuge”?
- **SATURDAY**—Read Proverbs 28:25-28.
What does it mean to “walk in wisdom”? How can walking in wisdom keep us safe? Who do you think “the righteous” are?

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How is God a “shield”? What do people sometimes do to hurt others? How does the Lord help us overcome our enemies?
- **MONDAY**—Read Romans 13:11-13.
What do you think are some “deeds of darkness” that we need to put aside? What does it mean to “behave decently”?
- **TUESDAY**—Read Psalm 62:5-8.
Why do you think David referred to God as a “rock”? When might we need to pour out our hearts to God?
- **WEDNESDAY**—Read Romans 6:13, 14.
How can we offer ourselves to God? Why is the grace of God so important to us?
- **THURSDAY**—Read Hebrews 2:9.
What were some things Jesus suffered? Why did Jesus die for us?
- **FRIDAY**—Read 1 Peter 1:8, 9.
Why do we love God even though we haven’t seen Him? How can we show our faith to others?
- **SATURDAY**—Read Psalm 37:37-40.
What end is reserved for the wicked? In what way does the Lord deliver us? When can we take refuge in Him?

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