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- SUNDAY—Read Jonah 1:1-3. When God asks us to do something, how should we respond?
- MONDAY—Read Jonah 1:4-17.
 When have you disobeyed God? What were the results of your disobedience?
- TUESDAY—Read Jonah 2:1-6. Who do you go to when you need help? When have you asked God to help you?
- **WEDNESDAY**—Read Jonah 2:10–3:3. God gave Jonah a second chance to do His will. Do you give others a second chance when they hurt you?
- THURSDAY—Read Jonah 3:4-10.
 Do you need to ask God to forgive you for something you have done wrong? How do you think He will respond?
- FRIDAY—Read Jonah 4:1-4.
 What do these verses tell about God?
- **SATURDAY**—Read Jonah 4:5-11. God will always care about you. Thank Him.



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- **SUNDAY**—Read Isaiah 7:14; Matthew 1:22, 23. What does "Immanuel" mean? What does the promise of that name mean to your life?
- MONDAY—Read Micah 5:2, 4, 5a.
 The place of Jesus' birth is foretold in this passage.
 Where was Jesus to be born? How is Jesus described in these prophetic verses?
- **TUESDAY**—Read Isaiah 11:2, 3. What characteristics of Jesus are mentioned in this passage?
- **WEDNESDAY**—Read Isaiah 9:6, 7. What names are given to Jesus in this passage?
- THURSDAY—Read John 3:17.
 Why did God send Jesus to earth? What does this mean to you?
- **FRIDAY**—Read Isaiah 9:1, 2; Matthew 4:12-16. How can we let Jesus' light shine to our family, friends, and neighbors?
- **SATURDAY**—Read Psalm 16:9-11.

 David's psalm refers to Jesus' resurrection. What did Jesus' resurrection do for us?



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- **SUNDAY**—Read Acts 28:16, 30, 31. When can we be bold for Christ?
- MONDAY—Read Joshua 24:14, 15.
 How can our family serve God even when other families we know won't?
- **TUESDAY**—Read Psalm 27:1, 2. Do you sometimes fear those who do not follow God? Who can help us overcome our fears?
- **WEDNESDAY**—Read Acts 10:34-43. What would you say if you were asked to stand up and tell a crowd of people about Jesus?
- **THURSDAY** Read Luke 22:54-62. Share about a time when you missed an opportunity to stand up for Jesus. Ask God to forgive you.
- FRIDAY—Read 1 John 3:15-18. How can we show our love for Jesus?
- **SATURDAY**—Read Psalm 28:6, 7. Thank God for helping you stand up for right.



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- **SUNDAY**—Read Matthew 1:1, 16, 17.

 Jesus' family tree included people who made mistakes.

 Thank God for accepting and using us even though we sin.
- MONDAY—Read Luke 1:25-38.
 With God anything is possible. Name three things God has done that seem impossible.
- TUESDAY—Read Luke 2:1-20. As a family, read about Jesus' birth. Thank God for sending His Son, Jesus.
- O **WEDNESDAY**—Read Matthew 1:18-24. Joseph's decision required a lot of faith. How can we show faith in God?
- THURSDAY—Read Luke 2:1-7. Jesus slept in a manger because there was no guest room available. How can we make room in our lives for Jesus?
- FRIDAY—Read Luke 2:8-11.

 The angels brought the shepherds good news that was for all the people.

 How can we make sure our family, friends, and neighbors know about Jesus?
- **SATURDAY**—Read Luke 2:19.

 Mary quietly thought about all the events surrounding Jesus' birth. How do we spend our quiet times with God?



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- **SUNDAY**—Read Revelation 5:13. Who should praise God?
- → MONDAY—Read John 3:16; 1 Corinthians 1:9.
 Why should we praise God?
- TUESDAY—Read Psalm 33:1-3.
 Voices and instruments can be used to praise
 God. What talents and abilities can our family use
 to praise God?
- WEDNESDAY—Read Psalm 68:24-26. How do we praise God during worship services at church? How is our worship the same or different from worship in Old Testament times?
- THURSDAY—Read Psalm 9:1, 2. Praise includes a humble attitude, a love for God, and telling others about Him. In what situations can we praise God today?
- **FRIDAY**—Read Psalm 92:1-3. When can we praise God?
- **SATURDAY**—Read Psalm 63:3-8. How long should we praise God?



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- SUNDAY—Read Acts 9:36.
 How can we follow Tabitha's example of helping the poor?
- MONDAY—Read Matthew 6:1-4.
 God doesn't want us to boast about our good deeds.
 According to these verses, what will God do if we give to others humbly?
- **TUESDAY**—Read Romans 12:4-8. Each of us has different gifts. How can we use our individual talents to help others?
- **WEDNESDAY**—Read Acts 20:34, 35. Everyone likes to receive gifts. What did Jesus say was more blessed: giving or receiving?
- THURSDAY—Read Luke 10:25-37.
 Think of three ways we can show compassion to someone who is hurting.
- FRIDAY—Read Matthew 22:34-40.
 A *neighbor* can be any human being. Do you love others as much as you love as yourself? How can we show love to others?
- **SATURDAY**—Read Luke 12:13-21. We are not to keep everything for ourselves. How can we share with others and with God?



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- **SUNDAY**—Read Hebrews 10:24, 25. Why is meeting with the church family on a regular basis so important?
- MONDAY—Read Acts 2:42-47.What are some things Christians can do together?
- TUESDAY—Read 1 Thessalonians 5:11-18. How can we encourage others in the church family?
- **WEDNESDAY**—Read Psalm 96:1-3. What are some of your family's favorite praise songs? Sing them to God today.
- **THURSDAY**—Read 2 Corinthians 9:6, 7. What does it mean to be a cheerful giver?
- FRIDAY—Read 1 Corinthians 11:23-26. What does communion, or the Lord's Supper, help us remember?
- **SATURDAY**—Read Acts 12:5-12. Who in our congregation needs prayer? Pray for those people today.



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- **SUNDAY**—Read John 3:14-16. Through whom do we gain eternal life?
- MONDAY—Read 1 Peter 5:8-10.
 What can we do now so that we will be ready to resist the devil when he tries to turn us away from God?
- TUESDAY—Read 2 Thessalonians 1:6-10. What will happen to people who don't know God?
- **WEDNESDAY**—Read Romans 3:23; 6:23. Thank God for His gift of eternal life.
- **THURSDAY**—Read 1 John 1:7-9. What do these verses say about God's willingness to forgive our sins?
- **FRIDAY**—Read Acts 2:38, 39. What do people receive from God when they are baptized?
- **SATURDAY**—Read Revelation 3:3, 5. If we live our lives for Jesus, what is His promise to us?



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 How many of the lepers thanked Jesus for healing them?

 What are some things our family can thank God for?
- MONDAY—Read Mark 7:31-37.
 Hearing and speech are gifts from God. Name four reasons to be thankful for these gifts.
- TUESDAY—Read John 5:1-9.
 How did Jesus heal the man at the pool? Praise Jesus for His power over sickness.
- **WEDNESDAY**—Read John 4:46-54. How has Jesus shown His power in the lives of members of our family?
- THURSDAY—Read John 9:1-7.
 Why was the man in this story blind? What can we tell people when they are surprised because of what Jesus does for us?
- FRIDAY—Read John 11:38-45.
 Many people put their faith in Jesus after Lazarus was brought back to life.
 What helps you believe in Jesus?
- **SATURDAY**—Read Matthew 9:18-26. How can we spread the news of Jesus' great power? Who can we tell about Jesus?



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- SUNDAY—Read Matthew 16:13-16.
 Who do some people today think Jesus is? Who do you think Jesus is?
- MONDAY—Read John 20:24-31. Jesus showed that He is the Son of God. What are some of the miracles Jesus did while He was on earth?
- **TUESDAY**—Read Matthew 4:18-20. What does it mean to fish for people?
- **WEDNESDAY**—Read Matthew 4:21, 22. What would you be willing to give up to follow Jesus?
- THURSDAY—Read Matthew 9:9-13.
 How can we follow Jesus' example of spending time with people who others don't want to be around? Who can we invite to our home?
- **FRIDAY**—Read Matthew 25:34-40. As a family, what can we do to meet some of the needs mentioned in this passage?
- **SATURDAY**—Read Matthew 28:18-20. These verses give us some of Jesus' last instructions while He was on earth. How can we follow them?



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- **SUNDAY**—Read Philippians 2:3-5. What does it mean to be humble? How can we show humility?
- MONDAY—Read 2 Corinthians 1:3, 4.
 What makes you sad? How does God comfort you? How can we be used by God to comfort others?
- TUESDAY—Read Psalm 37:10, 11.
 What does it mean to be meek? What is promised to the meek?
- **WEDNESDAY**—Read Proverbs 11:18-21. What characterizes the life of a righteous person? What are the rewards of the righteous?
- THURSDAY—Read Romans 12:18. It is better to be a peacemaker than to cause trouble. How can we help keep the peace in everyday situations?
- → FRIDAY—Read Acts 14:19-22.
 Has anyone made fun of you for loving Jesus? What did you do?
 What can we do to encourage other Chrstians?
- **SATURDAY**—Read Romans 12:12-16.

 Name specific times when we can demonstrate some of the qualities listed in these verses.



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- SUNDAY—Read John 14:6, 23. How can we show others that we believe in Jesus?
- → MONDAY—Read 1 Peter 1:8, 9.
 Why should loving Jesus bring us joy?
- TUESDAY—Read Psalm 8.
 What are some things for which we can praise God?
- O WEDNESDAY—Read Matthew 6:25-34.
 God wants to take care of us. What can we do when we start to worry about the situations around us?
- **THURSDAY**—Read Psalm 100:4, 5. God is good. What can we do to thank God for everything He does for us?
- FRIDAY—Read 2 Peter 1:3, 4.

 When has God's power helped you escape the world's corruption? What are some of God's great promises for His people?
- **SATURDAY**—Read John 14:1-4. How does it make you feel to know that Jesus is preparing a place in Heaven for you?



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- MONDAY—Read Isaiah 40:28-31.
 God provides strength. When has God given you the strength to get through a tough situation?
- TUESDAY—Read 1 Peter 5:6, 7.
 No one cares for us the way God does! What are some ways He has shown His love for our family?
- **WEDNESDAY**—Read 2 Chronicles 7:14. God answers the prayers of His people. How has God answered some of your prayers?
- THURSDAY—Read Psalm 20.
 Who do you go to when you need help? Why should we put our trust in God rather than in the things of this world?
- FRIDAY—Read 1 Chronicles 29:10-13. We can praise God when we pray. What are some things we can praise Him for?
- **SATURDAY**—Read Hebrews 13:7, 8. The best way to praise God is to imitate Jesus Christ. In what situation might we imitate Jesus today?



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