

Kids Can! Devotions - INSTRUCTIONS

Hey there, kid, reading the bible is fun!
Did you know there's no better way to learn about God than
by reading your bible?! That's why Kids Can! Devotions are here to help.

**FOLLOW THESE
INSTRUCTIONS**

1. Read each day's scripture.
2. Think about what the verses mean and what God wants you to learn.
3. Pray and ask God to help you understand the scripture.
4. Answer the day's question in a notebook and act on what you know!

You'll remember
more, tell more,
and God will
use you more!

So prepare for
the awesome
things God will
do as you obey
him and study
his word.

LET'S GO!!!

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Repeat this process every day!
If you forget, no worries - just pick it
up again and you'll get back on track.
Once you've finished all the days,
it's time for a new devotion sheet!

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Month 1-----"What is Hope?"-----Issue 1

Week 1 - Hope Explained

Day 1 - 1 Corinthians 15:57-58 - Why do I have hope?

Day 2 - 1 Peter 1:3-5 - Why else do I have hope?

Day 3 - Romans 5:5 - Why is hope a good thing?

Day 4 - Romans 15:4 - How does knowing God's word give me hope?

Day 5 - Mark 4:30-32 - What does Jesus' parable of the mustard seed teach me about hope?

Day 6 - Jeremiah 29:11 - Why can I hope in the future?

Day 7 - Zephaniah 3:17 - How does God's presence give me hope?

Week 2 - Hope's Results

Day 1 - Isaiah 40:30-31 - What will happen when I "hope in the Lord?"

Day 2 - Psalm 33:20-22 - What will I do if I truly hope in the Lord?

Day 3 - Psalm 147:10-11 - How does God react to my hope?

Day 4 - 2 Chronicles 7:14 - What should I do when there seems to be no hope?

Day 5 - 1 Peter 3:15-16 - How should I tell others about my hope?

Day 6 - Romans 15:13 - What must I do to "overflow" in hope?

Day 7 - 1 Corinthians 13:4-7 - How do hope and love work together?

Week 3 - Hope for Noah

Day 1 - Genesis 6:9 - How is Noah described and how can I be more like him?

Day 2 - Genesis 6:11-14 - Why did Noah have hope?

Day 3 - Genesis 6:17-18 - Who benefitted from Noah's hope?

Day 4 - Genesis 7:20-24 - Why would it have been easy for Noah to lose hope?

Day 5 - Genesis 8:14-17 - Why did Noah have hope after the flood?

Day 6 - Hebrews 11:7 - How did Noah's faith result in hope?

Day 7 - Matthew 24:37-39 - How does Noah teach me to hope in Jesus' return?

Week 4 - Eternal Hope

Day 1 - 1 Corinthians 2:9 - Why can I hope in heaven?

Day 2 - Revelation 21:4 - How do I know things will be made right one day?

Day 3 - 1 John 3:2 - What will it be like to see Jesus face to face?

Day 4 - Daniel 2:44 - What will be the characteristics of God's future kingdom?

Day 5 - Titus 3:4-7 - How do I know I have the hope of eternal life?

Day 6 - John 3:16-17 - How does God's gift of Jesus give me hope?

Day 7 - 1 Timothy 4:10 - How should my earthly service be affected by hope?

Extras! - Hope for Sinners

Day 1 - John 4:13-14 - What is the "water" that Jesus provides?

Day 2 - Romans 10:9 - How does someone receive the hope of salvation?

Day 3 - Matthew 28:18-20 - How can I tell others about the hope of salvation?

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"What is Love?"-----Devotion #2

Week 1 - Love Explained

- Day 1 - 1 John 4:10 - What is the greatest love?
- Day 2 - 1 John 4:7 - Where does love come from?
- Day 3 - 1 John 3:16 - How do I know Jesus loves me?
- Day 4 - John 3:16 - How do I know God loves me?
- Day 5 - Psalm 36:7 - Describe God's love.
- Day 6 - Romans 5:8 - How did God prove his love for me?
- Day 7 - Romans 5:5 - Who did God give me to show me his love?

Week 2 - Love's Results

- Day 1 - 2 John 1:6 - How can I "walk in love?"
- Day 2 - 1 John 3:18 - How should I show love?
- Day 3 - 1 Corinthians 13:6 - What do love and truth have in common?
- Day 4 - Ephesians 4:15-16 - How does love help me become mature?
- Day 5 - 1 Corinthians 13:3 - Do I do things in love?
- Day 6 - Hebrews 1:9 - What will happen when I love godly things?
- Day 7 - 1 Corinthians 13:4-5 - List the qualities of love.

Week 3 - Love for God

- Day 1 - Mark 12:30 - How can I love God with my entire being?
- Day 2 - Luke 16:30 - Do I love anything more than I love God?
- Day 3 - Romans 8:28 - What does God do for those who love him?
- Day 4 - Galatians 2:20 - How can "Christ live in me?"
- Day 5 - Psalm 37:27-28 - What will happen when I "turn from evil and do good?"
- Day 6 - 1 John 2:4-6 - How is my love for God made complete?
- Day 7 - Jude 1:20-21 - How long should I "keep [myself] in God's love?"

Week 4 - Love for Others

- Day 1 - 1 John 3:23 - What must happen before I can love others?
- Day 2 - John 15:12 - How can I show love by making sacrifices for others?
- Day 3 - Galatians 5:14 - How can I love others like I love myself?
- Day 4 - John 13:34-35 - What will people learn about me when I love others?
- Day 5 - Ephesians 4:2 - How can I lovingly become more patient, humble, and gentle?
- Day 6 - Colossians 2:2-3 - What happens when believers are "united in love?"
- Day 7 - Romans 13:8-10 - What one command fulfills the law?

Extras! - Examples of Love

- Day 1 - 1 Samuel 23:16-18 - How do I know Jonathan truly loved his friend, David?
- Day 2 - Daniel 6:16 & 19-21 - How did Daniel show his true love for God?
- Day 3 - 2 Thessalonians 3:7-8 - How should I serve if I truly love God and others?

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"What is Trust?"-----Devotion #3

Week 1 - Trust Explained

- Day 1 - Psalm 118:8 - Who should receive our trust?
- Day 2 - Jeremiah 17:7 - What shows my trust?
- Day 3 - Psalm 19:7 - Why can I trust God?
- Day 4 - Isaiah 41:10 - Why else can I trust God?
- Day 5 - 1 Peter 5:7 - Why does God want my trust?
- Day 6 - Proverbs 28:26 - What will happen if I trust in myself?
- Day 7 - 2 Corinthians 4:18 - Why should I trust the "unseen" things of God?

Week 2 - Trust God

- Day 1 - Proverbs 3:5-6 - Why is my understanding flawed?
- Day 2 - Psalm 56:3-4 - When can I trust God?
- Day 3 - Isaiah 12:2 - What does the Lord give me?
- Day 4 - Psalm 111:7 - Describe God's "works."
- Day 5 - Hebrews 13:6 - Why can I trust God?
- Day 6 - Psalm 13:5 - Why can I trust in God's unfailing love?
- Day 7 - Revelation 21:5 - What can I trust God to do?

Week 3 - Trust in Jesus

- Day 1 - 1 Peter 2:6 - Why will I be protected from shame when I trust in Jesus?
- Day 2 - Acts 4:11-12 - Whose name was given by heaven so I could be saved?
- Day 3 - Ezekiel 36:27 - What will happen when I trust in Jesus for salvation?
- Day 4 - John 8:12 - What will happen when I follow Jesus?
- Day 5 - John 12:26 - How can I follow Jesus?
- Day 6 - Luke 21:8 - Whose name is the only name worthy of my trust?
- Day 7 - Mark 1:17 - What does it mean to "fish for people?"

Week 4 - Trust's Result

- Day 1 - Isaiah 26:3 - What will I have when I trust God?
- Day 2 - Psalm 25:2 - What will happen when I trust God?
- Day 3 - Proverbs 29:25 - What will God do when I trust him?
- Day 4 - Psalm 28:7 - How will my actions show my trust?
- Day 5 - Romans 15:13 - What will "overflow" when I trust God?
- Day 6 - Psalm 119:66 - What will God teach me when I trust him?
- Day 7 - 1 Corinthians 13:6 - How are love and trust related?

Extras! - Examples of Trust

- Day 1 - Luke 22:42 - What did Jesus entrust to God?
- Day 2 - James 2:21-23 - Who did Abraham entrust to God?
- Day 3 - 1 Peter 2:22-23 - How can I follow Jesus' example?

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"What is Perseverance?"-----Devotion #4

Week 1 - Perseverance Explained

- Day 1 - 2 Peter 3:8-9 - Why is God patient?
- Day 2 - Psalm 33:20 - What will God do when I wait on him?
- Day 3 - Deuteronomy 5:32 - What tries to get me off my path?
- Day 4 - Philippians 3:4 - Why should I work hard for my faith?
- Day 5 - Psalm 37:7 - When is it hard to wait on God?
- Day 6 - Hebrews 12:1-2 - What must I do to persevere?
- Day 7 - Romans 15:4 - What will help me persevere?

Week 2 - Reasons to Persevere

- Day 1 - 1 Corinthians 9:24 - Why should I persevere?
- Day 2 - James 5:11 - How does God respond when I wait?
- Day 3 - 1 Timothy 4:16 - How does my perseverance affect others?
- Day 4 - Romans 5:3-4 - What do I gain when I persevere?
- Day 5 - Hebrews 10:36 - What has God promised?
- Day 6 - 1 Corinthians 4:5 - What will the Lord do when he returns?
- Day 7 - Hebrews 12:3 - Who can I remember when I get tired of doing good?

Week 3 - What it Takes to Persevere

- Day 1 - Psalm 27:14 - What do I need when God asks me to wait?
- Day 2 - 2 Thessalonians 2:15 - What do obedience and perseverance have in common?
- Day 3 - 1 Corinthians 13:6-7 - What do love and perseverance have in common?
- Day 4 - 1 Peter 5:8-9 - How can I resist Satan?
- Day 5 - Proverbs 4:27 - How can I keep my "feet from evil?"
- Day 6 - 1 Corinthians 16:13 - How can I watch out for sin?
- Day 7 - Jude 1:20-21 - What can I do while persevering?

Week 4 - Results of Perseverance

- Day 1 - Hebrews 4:14 - How can I "hold firmly" to my faith?
- Day 2 - Psalm 119:31 - What will happen when I "hold fast?"
- Day 3 - James 1:12 - What will I receive for persevering during hard times?
- Day 4 - Proverbs 20:22 - What will happen when I refuse to get revenge?
- Day 5 - Isaiah 30:18 - How will God respond when I wait on him?
- Day 6 - Galatians 6:9-10 - What will come when I work hard at obedience?
- Day 7 - John 14:2-3 - What do I have to look forward to as I persevere?

Extras! - Examples of Perseverance

- Day 1 - Hebrews 11:24-27 - How did Moses persevere in his faith?
- Day 2 - 2 Timothy 4:7-8 - What did Paul mention he would receive for "keeping" the faith?
- Day 3 - Luke 2:36-38 - How did Anna persevere until she met Jesus?

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"What is Truth?"-----Devotion #5

Week 1 - Truth Explained

- Day 1 - Isaiah 45:19 - Who declares what is right and true?
- Day 2 - John 1:14 - Who is full of truth?
- Day 3 - Ephesians 1:13 - What is the "message of truth"?
- Day 4 - John 14:6 - How can I come to the Father?
- Day 5 - John 16:13 - How does the Spirit speak truth to me?
- Day 6 - Romans 15:8 - Why did Jesus become a servant?
- Day 7 - John 1:17 - Where does truth come from?

Week 2 - Results of Truth

- Day 1 - 2 Timothy 2:15 - What will happen when I correctly use truth?
- Day 2 - John 3:20-21 - What will others see when I "live by the truth"?
- Day 3 - 1 Corinthians 13:6 - How can I "rejoice with the truth"?
- Day 4 - Proverbs 12:19 - What will happen when I speak truth?
- Day 5 - 1 Peter 1:22 - What must I do before I can truly love others?
- Day 6 - John 7:18 - How can I become a person of truth?
- Day 7 - John 8:31-32 - What will happen when I obey Jesus' teachings?

Week 3 - Choosing Evil Instead of Truth

- Day 1 - Jeremiah 5:3 - Name some characteristics of a person who ignores the truth.
- Day 2 - Psalm 52:2-3 - What is an example of "loving evil"?
- Day 3 - Acts 20:30 - Why do some people distort the truth?
- Day 4 - John 8:44 - Who is the father of lies and hates truth?
- Day 5 - Jeremiah 9:5 - What bad habits will keep a person from the truth?
- Day 6 - Romans 2:2 and 2:8 - What will happen to those who reject the truth?
- Day 7 - 1 John 1:6-8 - What are some signs of rejecting the truth?

Week 4 - Acting on Truth

- Day 1 - Psalm 25:5 - What is God trying to teach me?
- Day 2 - Zechariah 8:16-17 - What should I do instead of plotting evil against someone?
- Day 3 - Psalm 119:43 - How can my words speak truth?
- Day 4 - Ephesians 4:15 - What is an example of "speaking the truth in love"?
- Day 5 - 2 Timothy 2:25 - Why is it important to be gentle with those who reject the truth?
- Day 6 - 1 John 3:18 - How can I act on the truth?
- Day 7 - James 5:19-20 - How can truth save those who have strayed from the faith?

Extras! - Examples of Truth

- Day 1 - Jeremiah 26:15 - What did Jeremiah face because he spoke the truth?
- Day 2 - Genesis 2:17-18 & 3:22-23 - What happened when Adam and Eve disobeyed the truth?
- Day 3 - Matthew 26:75 - What do I learn from Peter's denial of the truth?

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"What is Service?"-----Devotion #6

Week 1 - Service Explained

- Day 1 - Deuteronomy 13:4 - Who do I serve?
- Day 2 - Luke 4:8 - What does worship have to do with service?
- Day 3 - Psalm 119:91 - What/who serves God?
- Day 4 - Mark 10:45 - Why did Jesus come?
- Day 5 - 1 Peter 4:11 - What is the true goal of service?
- Day 6 - Colossians 3:23 - How should I serve?
- Day 7 - Acts 20:35 - Why should I work hard as a servant?

Week 2 - Reasons to Serve

- Day 1 - 1 Samuel 12:24 - What "great things" has God done for me?
- Day 2 - Psalm 130:4 - What does the Lord give me so I can serve?
- Day 3 - 1 Peter 4:10 - What does my service give to others?
- Day 4 - Hebrews 6:12 - How will I "inherit" God's promises?
- Day 5 - Ephesians 4:28 - What do I have that I can share with others?
- Day 6 - Romans 12:4-7 - Why is my unique service important?
- Day 7 - Revelation 22:3 - What do I have to look forward to in the future?

Week 3 - What it Takes to Serve

- Day 1 - Matthew 23:11-12 - What is required to be a great servant?
- Day 2 - Joshua 24:14 - What do I need to "throw away" so I can serve the Lord?
- Day 3 - Galatians 5:13 - What do I need to give up so I can serve someone today?
- Day 4 - Matthew 6:24 - What/who do I spend most of my time serving?
- Day 5 - Romans 1:25 - What happens when I serve something other than God?
- Day 6 - 1 Timothy 6:2 - How should I serve other believers?
- Day 7 - Romans 14:16-18 - What good things do I need to speak up for?

Week 4 - Results of Service

- Day 1 - John 12:26 - How do I receive honor?
- Day 2 - Matthew 20:25-26 - How do I become "great" in God's eyes?
- Day 3 - 1 Timothy 3:13 - How will service increase my faith?
- Day 4 - Proverbs 14:23 - What good can come from my service?
- Day 5 - Psalm 79:10 - What will God do for his servants?
- Day 6 - 2 Chronicles 30:8 - What will happen if I serve the Lord?
- Day 7 - Malachi 3:17-18 - What rewards will I receive for my service?

Extras! - Examples of Service

- Day 1 - Genesis 29:20 - What motivated Jacob's service?
- Day 2 - Daniel 3:17-18 - How do I know Daniel's friends were serious about serving God?
- Day 3 - Luke 1:35-38 - What was Mary's response to her calling?

8 Easy Tips for Family Devotions

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Two weeks ago, our family sat around the breakfast table and opened our first “Resurrection Egg.” I was so excited to break open these nifty little teaching tools, with elements of Christ’s journey to the cross, tucked inside. I had visions of dreamy Bible lessons and sweet little children soaking in every word. Well, it didn’t quite happen like I had imagined.

Instead, this is what ensued: A disagreement over who got to open the first egg; The donkey (it was Palm Sunday, after all) popping out of the egg and landing on the floor; Two children scrambling under the table to find the donkey first and one hitting his head in the process; One adamantly insisting that the donkey was a small dog; Scripture being read; Spilled milk; The three-year old donning on his roller skates while mom attempted a clean up; Haggling to get said child back to the table; Shortest Bible lesson ever; Several hours later, an onslaught of questions from the five-year old.

Let me tell you. It was far from the dreamy Bible lesson I had anticipated. However it was something. And, gauging from the questions that followed after the fact, that “something” managed to find its way into one heart (and completely over the other one’s head). The discussion with our five year old reminded me that God is working in our children’s hearts, even when we least expect it. Family devotions are worth every minute of set-aside time.

Here are some ways to initiate devotions with your family and how to keep them going strong:

1. **Keep Them Regular:** Set a specific time of day, such as during breakfast, after dinner, or before bed. Sticking to the routine will help you to incorporate it more regularly into your daily life.
2. **Keep Them Easy:** Have everything you need to do your devotions in a prominent place. For example, utilize a dining room table basket as a centerpiece and as reminder. In the basket, include napkins, salt and pepper shakers, a Bible, and a small devotional book. Even if the adults forget to initiate the devotions, your kids will see the visual and remember.
3. **Keep Them Engaging:** Cater your Bible teaching to the age of your children. Keep it relevant to their daily life. For younger children, keep the devotions short to coincide with their attention span. For older children, communicate with them as adults. Allow them to select topics, ask questions, and give them the responsibility of teaching occasionally.

4. **Keep Them Real:** Make sure your children know that you are not infallible. If you have wronged them in any way, ask for forgiveness and explain how you want to handle yourself next time. Provide a model of grace, humility, and forgiveness for them to follow.
5. **Keep Them Growing:** Think of practical ways that you can each apply what you have learned in the devotions. Be the first to apply the lesson. Deliberately look for love in action in your children or spouse. Encourage one another.
6. **Keep Them Flexible:** Inevitably, there will be days that will not fall into the routine. Be creative and do devotions on the run. Incorporate a favorite Bible verse or challenge into the plans for the night. Live out your faith in the drive thru, at the soccer game, and while grocery shopping. (Some of our best faith conversations have been in the car.)
7. **Keep Them Imperfect:** No one's family devotions will be perfect. Know that and keep trying anyway. Persevere and hold onto the truth that God's Word will not return void.
8. **Keep Them Fun:** The last thing you want is for your kids to roll their eyes during this time. You want them to eagerly anticipate the Bible teaching. Consider acting out lessons with dress up clothes and/or puppets, make verses hands on, create things together, have fun, and be silly.

Clearly, this is not an exhaustive list. So, what works for your family? We would love to hear your comments and suggestions! Thank you!

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