

THE BIBLE AND MY LIFE

Rahab helped the spies. They promised to be kind to her family when the Israelites took over Jericho. We all should show kindness to people who help us.

Lawrence Shows Kindness

Lawrence worked in a laundry. He folded towels and sheets. Michelle was Lawrence's job coach. Michelle taught Lawrence how to do his job. Michelle introduced Lawrence to other workers. She showed Lawrence around the building.

Lawrence wanted to thank Michelle for all her help. He always said thank you, but Lawrence wanted a special way to say thanks.

Lawrence learned Michelle's birthday was soon. *We can have a party*, he thought. *We can have a cake and ice cream.*

Lawrence's family helped him bake a cake. Lawrence took the cake to work. At break time Lawrence insisted Michelle join him. When Michelle entered the room, everyone shouted "Happy Birthday!"

"Thank you for the cake," Michelle said. "You have been kind to me. You made my birthday special."

"Thank you for being a great job coach," Lawrence said. "You are special to all of us."

My Turn

Who helps you? Write someone's name on each person below.



Tell a way you will show kindness to each person who helps you.

MY DAILY BIBLE READINGS

DAY 1

Read Joshua 2:2-7. How did Rahab help the spies?

Who has helped you today?

DAY 2

Read Joshua 2:12-14. Why did the spies promise to show kindness to Rahab?

What have you promised to people who help you?

DAY 3

Read Joshua 2:14. Name a way you will show kindness to someone who helps you.

DAY 4

Read Joshua 2:14. Make a thank you card for someone who has helped you.

DAY 5

Read Joshua 2:14. Have you ever spoken meanly to someone who was helping you? One way to show kindness is by using kind words. What will you say to helpers today?

DAY 6

Read Joshua 2:14. Pay it forward. Each time someone helps you, say thank you. Then help someone else.

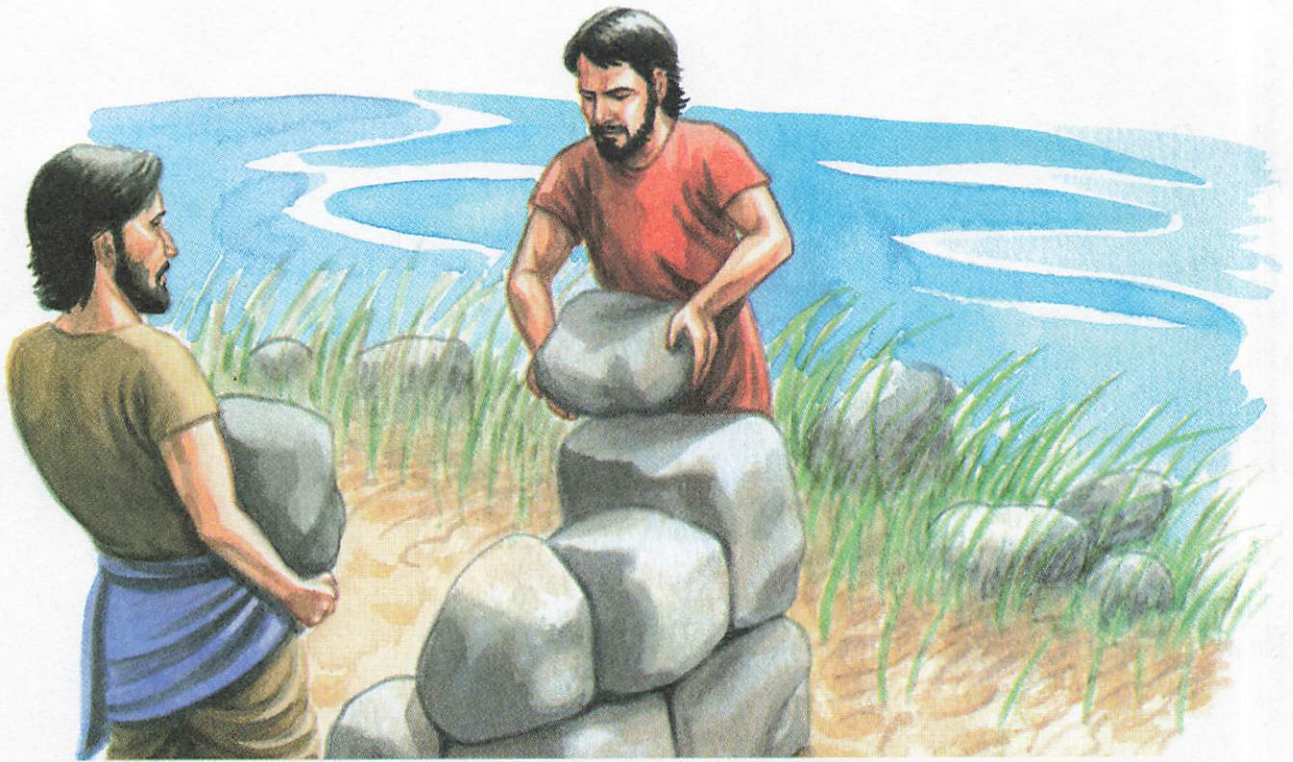
Read Joshua 1.

This Week's Prayer List

Get Ready for Next Week's Bible Study

Read Joshua 3:1–4:18 before going to your Bible study group.

CROSSING THE JORDAN



Read Joshua 3:1–4:18 in your Bible.

“God has everything ready for us,” the spies said. “God will help us take over the promised land.” Joshua knew it was time for the Israelites to go to Jericho. It was time to cross the Jordan River.

The water in the river was very high. God told Joshua exactly how to cross the river. Joshua told the priests to carry the ark of the covenant to the edge of the river. The ark of the covenant reminded the people God was with them wherever they went.

The priests stepped into the rushing water. The water instantly stopped flowing! The riverbed was dry. The priests walked to the middle of the river. They stood still until every Israelite crossed the riverbed. They all walked on dry ground. Not one person got wet feet.

Joshua gave another command. He told twelve men: “Go back into the dry river. Each of you pick up a large stone from the dry river. Bring it to the shore. We will stack all the stones together.” Each man did exactly what Joshua said.

The men stacked the stones. Then Joshua told the priests to step out of the river. As soon as they did, the water flowed again.

Joshua told the people: "See the stones. They will help us remember what God did today. God helped us cross the Jordan River. Every time you see these stones, remember. Tell your children and grandchildren what God did for you today. God helped us safely cross the river. Now He will help us take back the promised land!"

BIBLE VERSE

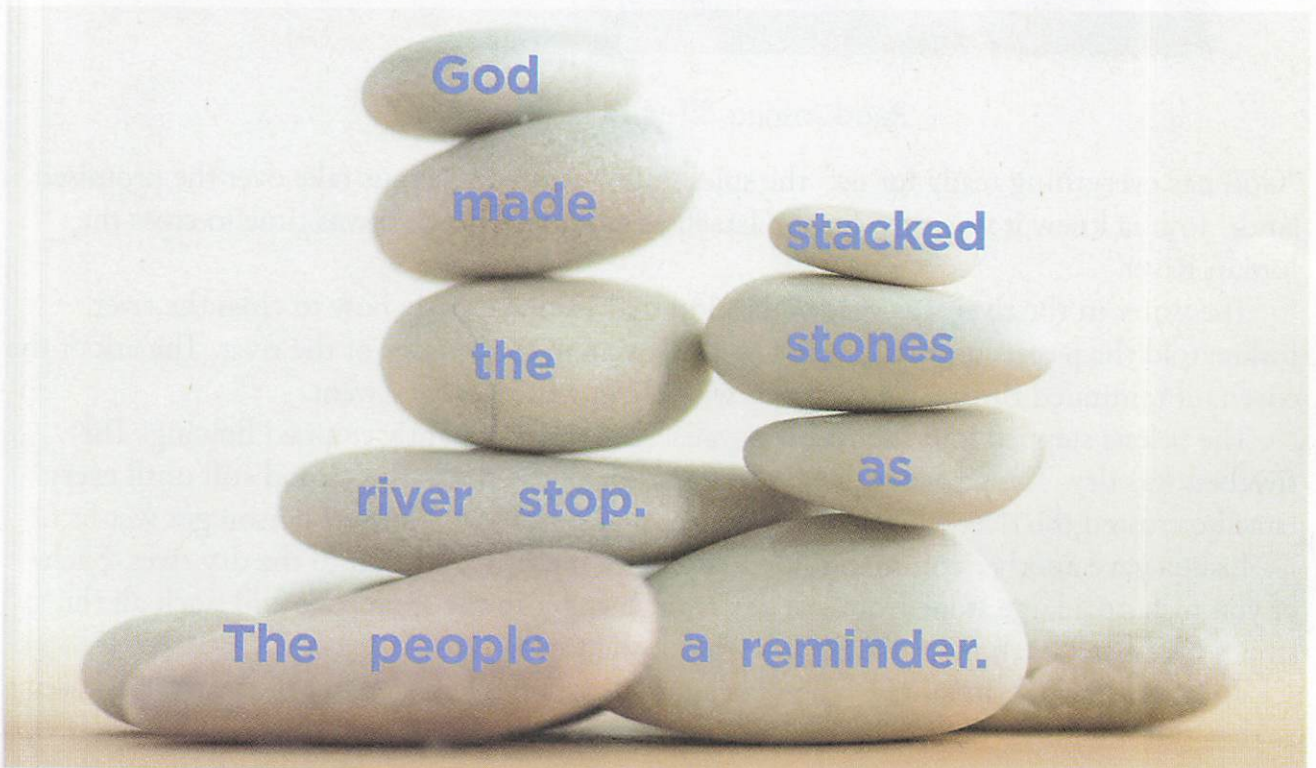
WRITE THE VERSE IN YOUR OWN WORDS.

*Bless the LORD, and
do not forget all his
benefits.*

Psalm 103:2

A Memorial

Read the stones. Remember the Bible story.



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God wanted the Israelites to remember what He did for them.
God wants you to remember what He has done for you.
What will help you remember?

Joe's Memory Box

Joe was cleaning his room. He noticed a box in the closet corner. It was a decorated shoebox. Joe pulled out the box. "I remember this," Joe said. "This is a memory box I made at camp last summer."

Joe looked inside the box. The memory box was filled with items that helped Joe remember something about God. Joe picked up the small sticks and dried leaves. *I remember the beautiful trees at camp,* thought Joe. *God made those trees.*

Next Joe took out a few acorns. *I remember feeding the squirrels,* thought Joe. *God made the animals.*

Joe picked out a paper heart and a small cross. *I remember Jesus when I see the cross,* thought Joe. *I remember how much Jesus loves me when I see the heart.*

Joe continued to look at the items in the box. He stopped and prayed to God. Joe thanked God for Jesus and for a great week at camp.

Certificate of Remembrance

Think of three things God has done for you. Fill in the blanks to complete your certificate.

CERTIFICATE OF REMEMBRANCE

I remember when God ...

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

MY DAILY BIBLE READINGS

DAY 1

Read Joshua 3:17-4:7. The stones would remind the people that . . .

Do you have any souvenirs or reminders of special happenings in your life?

DAY 2

Read Joshua 4:8-9. What did the men do with the stones? What did Joshua do with some more stones? Tell about a memorial you have seen.

DAY 3

Read Joshua 4:15-24. Joshua built a stone memorial to help the people remember what God did for them. What reminds you of what God has done for you?

DAY 4

Read Psalm 103:2. Name one thing God has done for you. What will help you remember?

DAY 5

Read Psalm 103:2. What is your favorite Christian song? What does the song help you remember about God?

DAY 6

Read Psalm 103:2. Make a cross. Use it to remember God sent His Son to save you from sin.

Compare the crossing of the Jordan River with the Red Sea crossing. See Exodus 14.

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JERICHO



Read Joshua 6:1-25 in your Bible.

It was time. The spies told Joshua all about Jericho. Then God helped the people cross the Jordan River. It was time for the Israelites to take over the promised land. Jericho was the place to begin.

The people of Jericho were afraid of the Israelites. They locked the city gates. No one went into the city. No one left.

God told Joshua: “I am giving you this city. Here is what you should do. Line up everyone. First are half the soldiers. Next are priests with trumpets. Then come the priests carrying the ark of the covenant. Last are the rest of the soldiers.

“March around the city one time. Do not say a word. Do not even whisper. The only sound will be the horns. March once, then return to camp. Do the same thing every day for six days. On the seventh day, march around the city seven times. After the priests blow the horns, tell everyone to shout as loud as they can. The walls will fall down. The city will be yours.”

Joshua told the people what God said. “Obey God’s instructions exactly!” Joshua warned.

The people obeyed. The people marched one time around the city. No one spoke. They returned to camp. They did the same thing six days in a row.

On the seventh day, Joshua reminded everyone God had different orders for this day. “March around the city seven times today. The priests will blow a long note from the

horns. Shout as loud as you can. God will knock down the city walls. Go in and destroy everything. But rescue Rahab first. She helped our spies. We will keep our promise to her. We will make sure everyone in her house safely escapes the city.”

The Israelites obeyed God’s orders. They marched and shouted. God knocked down the city walls. The people rescued Rahab, then destroyed the city.

Finally the people were home. They were back in the promised land.

BIBLE VERSE

WRITE THE VERSE IN YOUR OWN WORDS.

*Help me
understand your
instruction, and
I will obey it.*

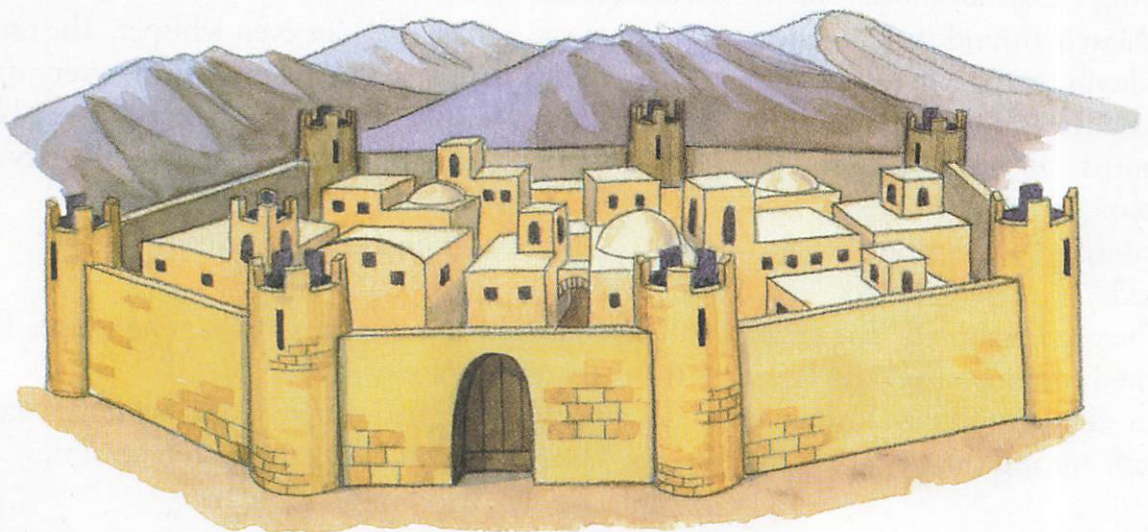
Psalm 119:34

Around the Wall

How many days did the people march around Jericho? Write your answer on the wall.

How many times did the people go around the wall on Days 1–6? Use your finger to circle the city the correct number of times.

How many times did the people march around Jericho on Day 7? Use a pen to circle the city the correct number of times. What happened next?



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The Israelites had to obey God completely to take over Jericho. They did not change God's commands. They did not do things their own way. What about you? Are you ready to do exactly what God says to do?

A Recipe for Disaster

Sally wanted to bake cookies. She looked for a box of cookie mix. She could not find one. "I need the box," Sally said to herself. "The box has directions on the back. Maybe I can remember how to make cookies. Maybe I can make the cookies without directions."

Sally found a big bowl. She poured in a lot of flour. Then Sally added some milk. Next she added chocolate chips.

"This looks like soup," said Sally. "I will add something else. Maybe more flour." Sally added more flour. She added cinnamon. She added salt and pepper.

This looks better, thought Sally. Then she tasted the batter. "Yuck," she said. "I think it needs sugar." So Sally added sugar.

Sally baked the cookies. She tasted one. "These taste yucky!" she said. Sally threw the cookies in the trash.

Later Sally told Mom about the cookies. Mom laughed. "Cookbooks help me remember directions. I am sorry your cookies turned out yucky. But this is a good reminder it is important to follow directions. Now let's find a cookbook. We will follow the directions to make yummy cookies!"


Believe It or Not

Where can you find God's instructions and commands for living? Find the right book. To obey God's instructions and commands, you must know them.



How many days will you read God's Book this week?.

MY DAILY BIBLE READINGS



Learn God's instructions and commands this week. Read these Bible verses.

DAY 1

Read **Zechariah 8:16**. Will you obey and speak only the truth?

DAY 2

Read **Ephesians 4:32**. Will you obey and be kind to others?

DAY 3

Read **James 5:16**. Will you obey and pray for others?

DAY 4


Read **1 Peter 2:17**. Will you obey and show respect for everyone?

DAY 5

Read **Matthew 6:31**. Will you obey and trust God?

DAY 6

Read **Romans 12:2**. Will you obey and be different from people who are not Christians?



Learn more about how the Israelites took over the promised land. Read the rest of **Joshua**.

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Read **Joshua 8:1-2, 18-19, 26-27, 30-34** before going to your Bible study group.

STORIES ABOUT SETTLING THE PROMISED LAND

Memory Verse

Do what is right and good in the LORD's sight.
Deuteronomy 6:18



MAY 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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5	6	7	8	9	10	11
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MOTHER'S DAY						ARMED FORCES DAY
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	31	
	MEMORIAL DAY					

CONQUEST OF AI

Read Joshua 8:1-2,18-19,26-27,30-34 in your Bible.

Joshua was in charge of the Israelites. He wanted to lead the Israelites to victory over their enemies. One day God told Joshua: “Be brave. Take all of the men in your army and set up a surprise attack against Ai. I have given it all to you.”

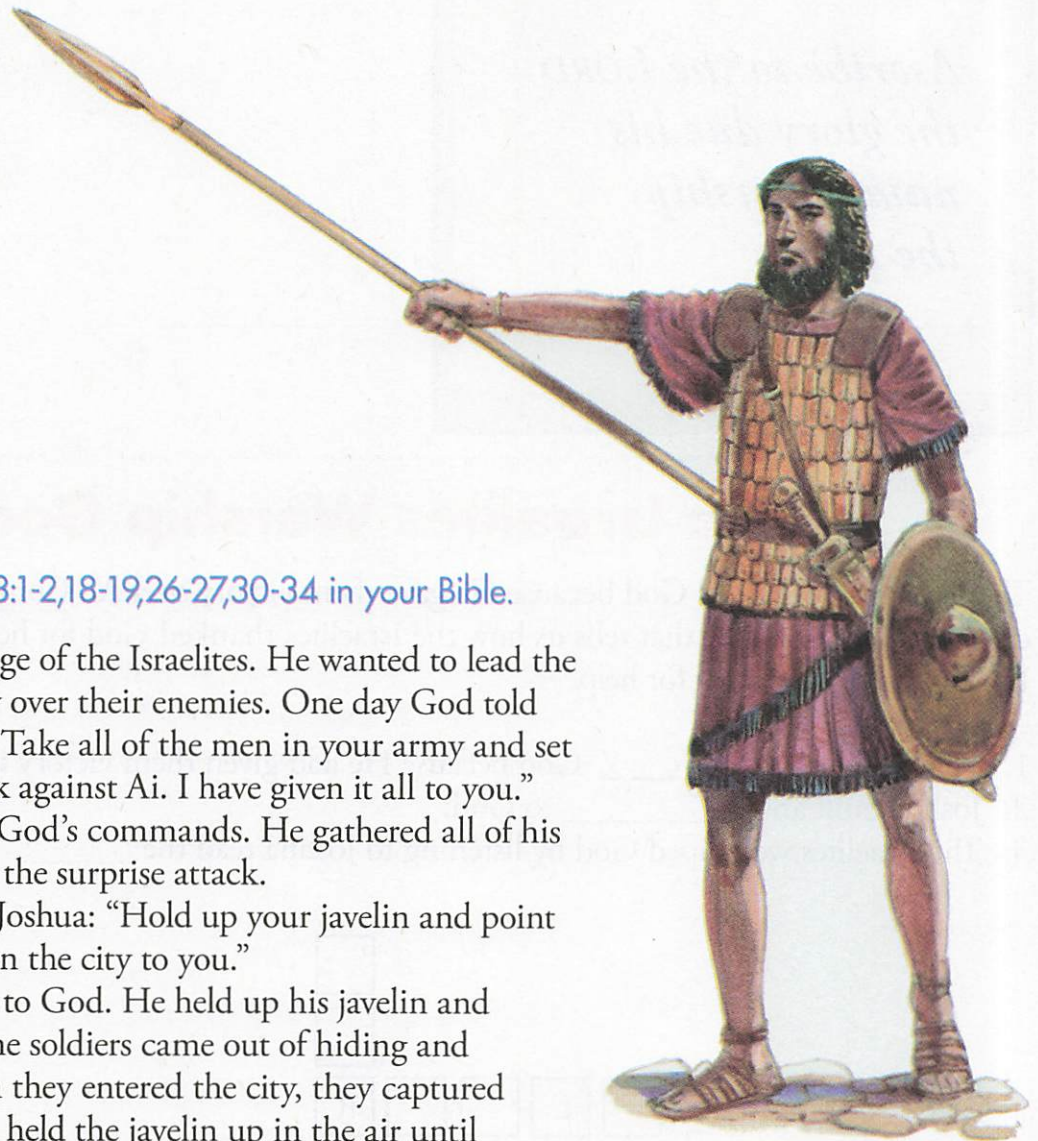
Joshua obeyed God’s commands. He gathered all of his soldiers and set up the surprise attack.

God then told Joshua: “Hold up your javelin and point it at Ai. I have given the city to you.”

Joshua listened to God. He held up his javelin and pointed it at Ai. The soldiers came out of hiding and attacked Ai. When they entered the city, they captured everything. Joshua held the javelin up in the air until everyone was destroyed. The Israelites obeyed God’s commands and only took with them what God had told them to take.

After they had won the battle, Joshua built an altar to God just like Moses had told him to do. The Israelites gave burnt offerings to the Lord. Joshua copied the law of Moses onto the stones. Then every Israelite—men, women, and children—gathered on either side of the ark of the Lord’s covenant. Joshua read all of the law, the good and bad parts, out loud for all of Israel to hear.

The Israelites worshiped God because He had given them victory in their battle. They worshiped God by bringing Him offerings and by listening to Joshua read the law.



BIBLE VERSE

WRITE THE VERSE IN YOUR OWN WORDS.

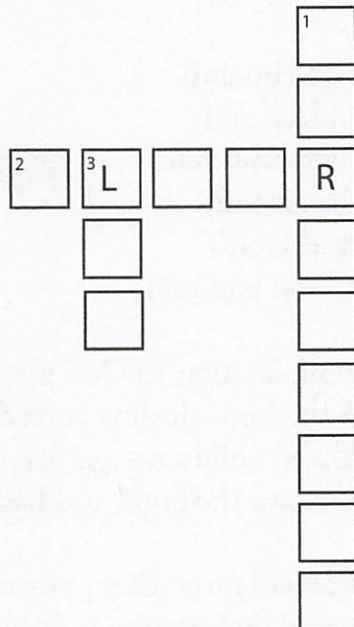
*Ascribe to the LORD
the glory due his
name; worship
the LORD.*

Psalm 29:2a

The Israelites Worship God

The Israelites worshiped God because He gave them victory over Ai. Complete the crossword puzzle below that tells us how the Israelites thanked God for helping them. Hint: Look back in your story for help.

1. The Israelites _____ God because He had given them victory in their battle.
2. Joshua built an _____ to God.
3. The Israelites worshiped God by listening to Joshua read the _____.



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God gave the Israelites victory.
They responded by worshiping Him.
How can you praise God for what He has done?

Thank You, Lord

“Leah, there is someone from the grocery store on the phone for you!” called Leah’s roommate, Addie. Leah nervously took the phone from Addie. She had interviewed for a position at the local grocery store earlier in the week and had prayed everyday that she would get the job.

When the manager offered her the job, Leah excitedly said, “Yes!” Leah could not wait to tell Addie the news.

“Addie, I got the job!” Leah exclaimed.

“That is great news,” Addie cheered. “I am so glad the Lord provided you with this job. What should we do to celebrate?”

“First, I think I should pray and thank God for giving me this opportunity. I could not have done this without Him!” said Leah.

“I think that is the best way to celebrate. I’ll pray with you,” said Addie.

Leah prayed: “Thank you, Lord, for helping me in my interview. You are the one who allowed me to get this job, and I praise you for that. Amen.”

Leah knows that it is important to praise God for the things He has done for us.

Praise God!

There are many ways that we can praise God for all that He has done for us. Look at the pictures. Count the different ways we can praise God.



What are some other ways we can praise God?

MY DAILY BIBLE READINGS

DAY 1

Read Joshua 8:1. God told Joshua to “not be afraid.” Think of a time that God helped you overcome a fear. Pray and thank God for helping you during that time.

DAY 2

Read Psalm 29:2a. This verse talks about giving God glory. Make a list of things that you can give God glory for doing.

DAY 3

Read Luke 4:8. Whom does Jesus say we should worship?

DAY 4

Read Psalm 138:1-3. What ways does this verse say we can worship?

DAY 5

Read Psalm 136:1. Why does this verse tell us to give thanks to God? Pray and give God thanks for His faithful love.

DAY 6

Read 1 Corinthians 10:31. This verse commands us to do everything for the glory of God. How can you praise God with your actions today?

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CALEB PREVAILS



Read Joshua 14:1-15 in your Bible.

The Israelites were going to be given their inheritance, their gift, from God. The priests would divide the land between all of the tribes, except for the Levites, just as God had commanded.

Caleb, who was in the tribe of Judah, came to Joshua one day. He told Joshua: “You know what the Lord has promised me. When I was forty years old, I was sent into the land to bring back a report of what I saw. I gave a true report of what I saw, even when the other scouts did not. I have followed the Lord completely. Moses promised me that since I had followed the Lord wholeheartedly, the land that I walked on would be an inheritance for me and my descendants forever.”

Caleb also told Joshua: “The Lord has let me keep living for forty-five more years. I am now eighty-five years old, and I am still very strong. I can still go into battle. Give me the land the Lord promised me, and God may allow me to defeat the people who live there.”

Joshua listened to Caleb. Joshua gave Caleb the land that was his inheritance from God. The land was called Hebron. Hebron still belongs to the descendants of Caleb, because he followed the Lord completely. The land had rest from war after this.

BIBLE VERSE

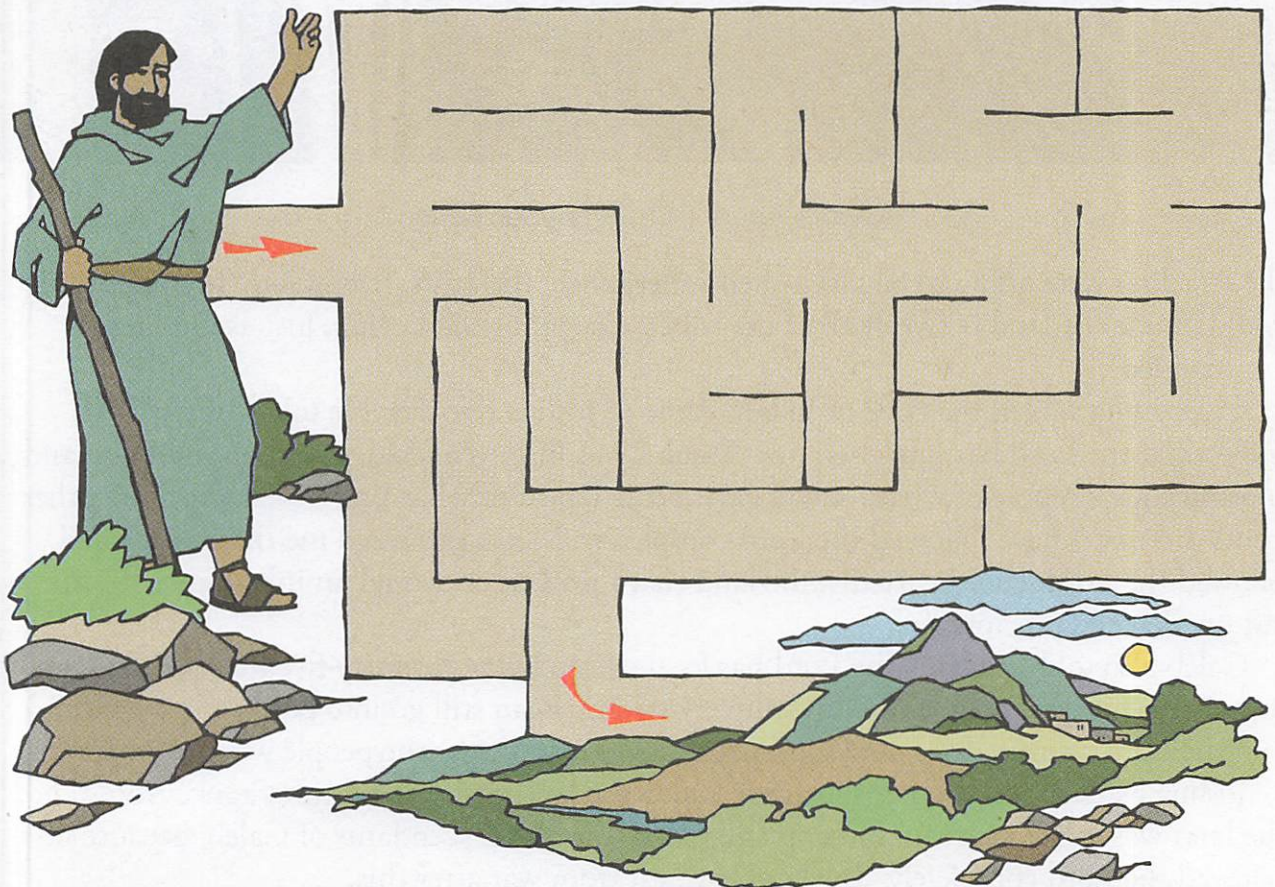
WRITE THE VERSE IN YOUR OWN WORDS.

*Happy are those who
keep his decrees and
seek him with all
their heart.*

Psalm 119:2

Caleb Follows God

Caleb followed the Lord with all of his heart. Because he followed God completely, he was blessed with an inheritance. Help Caleb through the maze to get to his inheritance from God.



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Caleb received his inheritance because he followed God completely. How can you follow God wholeheartedly?

Joey's Decision

"Joey, have you decided if you're going to come to the movie premiere with me yet?" asked Trent.

"I just can't decide," replied Joey. "I already said I would help out at a camp at church, but a movie premiere sounds like it would be more fun."

"Listen, just tell them that you have something more important to do," said Trent. "Once we are at the movie, you won't feel bad for choosing it over something at church."

"Let me think about it for a little longer, and I'll call you back," Joey said.

Joey knew it was wrong to go to the movie instead of helping like he said he

would. The camp was a great opportunity to help students in their walk with God. Joey also knew that Trent might be upset with him for not going to the premiere. Joey had to choose whether he was going to follow his friend's advice or follow what the Holy Spirit was leading him to do.

"Hey, Trent, I'm going to have to miss this movie premiere," Joey said as he called his friend back.

Joey knew that following God completely was more important than anything else.

Following God

There are many things we can do that help us follow God with all our heart. Unscramble the words to find some of those things.



ARYPER



LBBIE



HHCURC



PSWOHRI



YBOE



EVGI

MY DAILY BIBLE READINGS

DAY 1

Read Joshua 14:9. Why did Moses say that Caleb was receiving the land as his inheritance?

DAY 2

Read Jeremiah 29:13. How can you seek Jesus with all of your heart?

DAY 3

Read Proverbs 3:5-6. This verse talks about trusting the Lord will all your heart. Pray and ask God that He would help you to trust Him with all your heart.

DAY 4

Read Luke 10:27. What three things does this verse tell us we can love God with?

DAY 5

Read Exodus 20:4-6. God told the Israelites that they should not worship any idols. They should only worship and follow God. Pray and ask God to reveal what you might be making an idol above Him.

DAY 6

Read John 8:12. Jesus says that when we follow Him, we will always walk in the light. Pray and thank Jesus for saving you from the darkness when you follow Him.

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Read Ruth 1:1-22 before going to your Bible study group.

LOYAL



Read Ruth 1:1-22 in your Bible.

There was a famine in the land of Judah. Elimelech and his wife Naomi left their home and went to settle in the land of Moab so that their family would have food to eat. Their two sons went with them. Naomi's husband died, and her two sons took care of her. Her sons married women from Moab. Their names were Orpah and Ruth. After about ten years, both of Naomi's sons also died.

Naomi prepared to travel back to Judah. She said to Orpah and Ruth: "Go back home to live with your mothers. You will find new husbands. May the Lord show faithful love to me, as you have shown my sons and me." She kissed them, and the three women cried together.

Orpah went home to her mother, but Ruth decided to stay with Naomi. Ruth said: "Do not try to talk me into leaving you. Wherever you go, I will go. Wherever you live, I will live. Your people will be my people. Your God will be my God. Where you die, I will die."

Naomi and Ruth traveled together back to Judah, to the town of Bethlehem. The people of Bethlehem were glad to see them. The famine was over. They arrived just before it was time to harvest the barley.

BIBLE VERSE

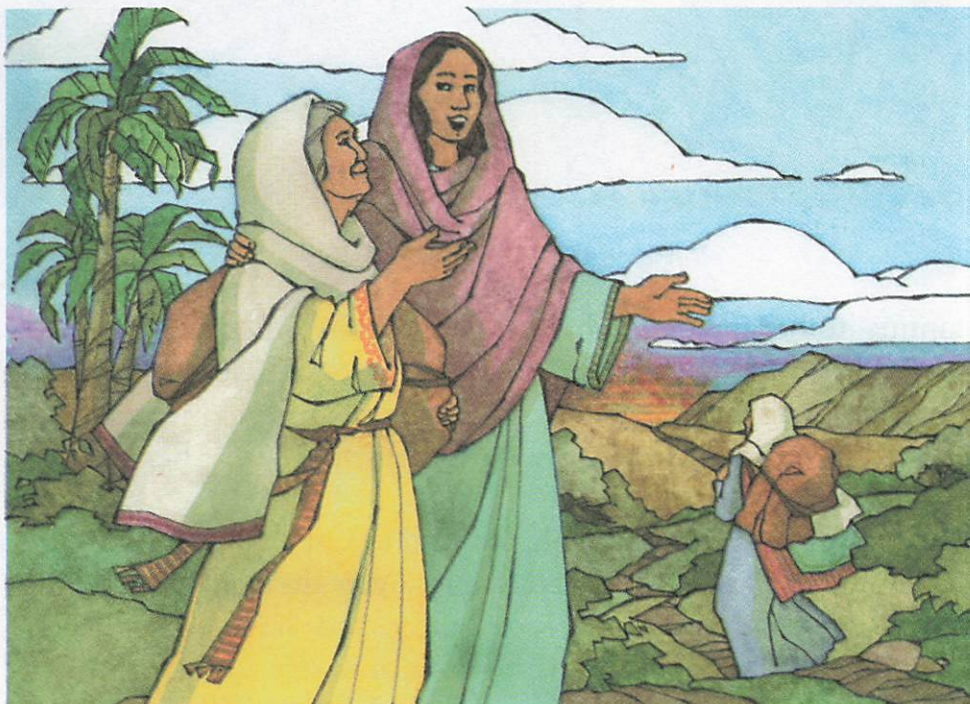
WRITE THE VERSE IN YOUR OWN WORDS.

*Your people will be
my people, and your
God will be my God.*

Ruth 1:16b

A Loyal Choice

Naomi had two daughters-in-law. Which one decided to return to Bethlehem with Naomi? She was loyal to her mother-in-law, Naomi.



NAOMI

RUTH

ORPAH

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Ruth and Naomi loved one another. When it was time for Naomi to return to her homeland, Ruth decided to go with her. Think of people who have been good to you and who love you. You can decide to be faithful and devoted to these people too.

A Choice to Be Loyal

On Tuesday afternoons, Mrs. Roberts picks up Allison at the group home and takes her on an outing. Sometimes they go out for ice cream or coffee. Sometimes they go shopping at the mall. Alison likes talking with Mrs. Roberts. She looks forward to Tuesday afternoons.

One Tuesday, Allison was invited to go to a movie with a friend from church and her mother. Allison wanted to go. Then she

remembered that Mrs. Roberts would be coming to take her on their weekly outing. She told her friend: "Thank you for inviting me to the movies. Mrs. Roberts always saves her Tuesday afternoons for me. She is a special friend to me. I have decided not to cancel the plans I have made with Mrs. Roberts. Maybe we can go to a movie another time."

Loyal Words

Find the word *loyal* in the word search. Then find the other six words. Each of these words helps describe what it means to be loyal to God and others.

faithful
devoted

steady
constant

committed
kind

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K	X	X	X	X	E	X	X	E	X
I	X	X	X	X	A	X	X	D	X
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MY DAILY BIBLE READINGS

DAY 1

Read Ruth 1:16b. Name the three people closest to you. Thank God that they are devoted, faithful, and kind to you.

DAY 2

Read Ruth 1:16b. Name three people who worship God with you. Thank God that your church is a place where you can worship with other Christians.

DAY 3

Read Mark 12:30. Find in this verse a description of four ways you can be loyal to God.

DAY 4

Read Proverbs 17:17. It is easy to be devoted to a friend when you are having fun together. Ask God to help you be a loyal friend when someone you love is having a bad day.

DAY 5

Read Psalm 78:8. Think of a person who sets a good Christian example for you to follow. Ask God to give you a loyal heart so that others will look to you as an example of a faithful Christian.

DAY 6

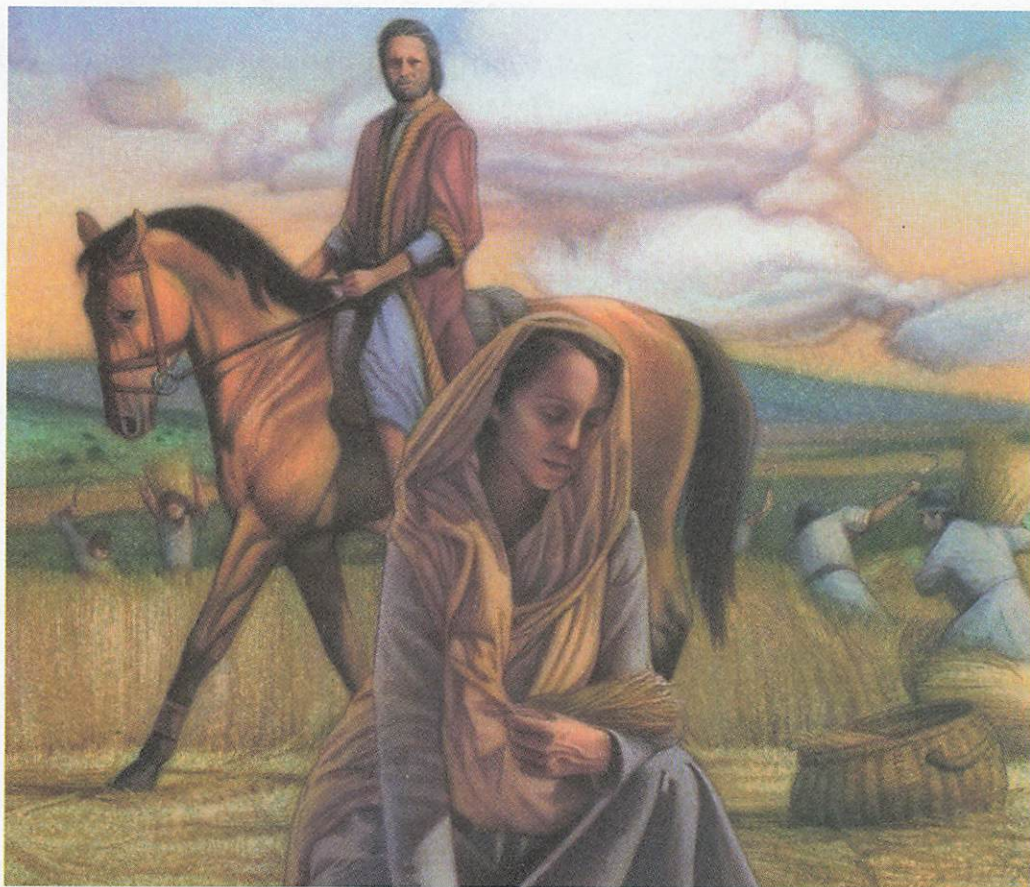
Read Psalm 84:11. Read this verse as a promise to you about how God will bless you if you are loyal to Him and live in ways that please Him.

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Read Ruth 2:1–3:11; 4:13–17 before going to your Bible study group.

HELPFUL



Read Ruth 2:1–3:11; 4:13-17 in your Bible.

Ruth was Naomi's daughter-in-law. Both Ruth and Naomi were widows. Their husbands were dead. Ruth could have gone home to her family so they could take care of her. Instead Ruth chose to live with Naomi. Ruth took care of Naomi.

Ruth and Naomi needed food. Ruth went to the harvest fields. She picked up the leftover grains. The owner came by. His name was Boaz. He saw Ruth. He asked: "Who is she?"

Boaz was happy to hear it was Ruth. He had heard about her. He knew Ruth was taking care of Naomi. Boaz went to meet Ruth. He said: "Please keep working in my fields. My workers will make sure you are safe. You can drink our water too."

"Why are you being so nice to me?" asked Ruth.

"I have heard how much you are helping Naomi," answered Boaz. Then he invited Ruth to lunch. After lunch, he told his workers to leave behind extra grain for Ruth to pick up.

At the end of the day, Ruth took all the grain home to Naomi. She told Naomi about Boaz. Naomi praised God for Boaz's kindness. She encouraged Ruth to keep working in Boaz's fields. And Ruth did. She worked every day until the harvest was over.

At the end of the harvest, Boaz and Ruth got married. They invited Naomi to live with them. They took care of Naomi the rest of her life. Naomi helped Ruth and Boaz too. When baby Obed was born, Naomi helped take care of him.

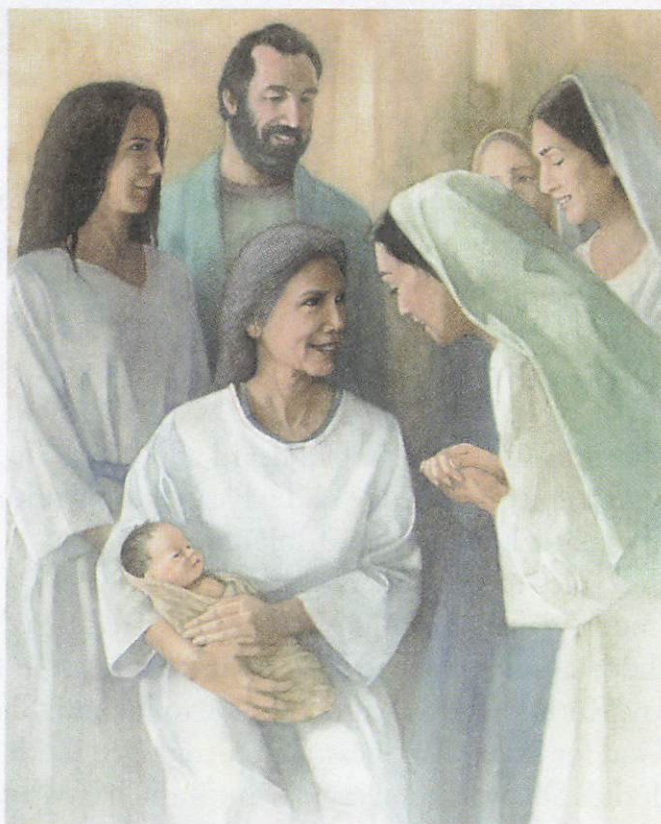
BIBLE VERSE

WRITE THE VERSE IN YOUR OWN WORDS.

*Carry one
another's burdens.
Galatians 6:2*

Caretakers

Tell how Ruth, Naomi, and Boaz took care of each other.



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Ruth, Boaz, and Naomi took care of each other. They helped one another. The Bible teaches us to take care of our families. How can you take care of your family?

Grandma Nan Needs Help

After Grandpa died, Grandma Nan could not live by herself. She needed help getting around. Grandma Nan could not drive her car anymore. Grandma Nan came to live with Trey's family. Grandma Nan moved into the extra bedroom. She brought her own furniture. She decorated the room with lots of pictures.

Trey loved Grandma Nan. He visited with her every day. They took walks together. They played games together. They watched TV together. They became good friends.

When Grandma Nan could not get out of bed, Trey watered her plants. Trey

brought Grandma Nan lunch on a bed tray. Trey took good care of Grandma Nan.

Trey liked to push Grandma Nan's wheelchair. Trey took Grandma Nan to her Sunday School class. After Sunday School, Trey pushed Grandma Nan to the worship center for church. Trey took good care of Grandma Nan.

Trey brought the paper and the mail to Grandma Nan. Trey collected the trash. He helped clean Grandma Nan's room. Trey especially liked to vacuum. Trey took good care of Grandma Nan.

My Family

Read each way to help take care of your family. If you will do this for your family, color the green circle. If you will not do it, color the red circle.

- Make a bed
- Say nice things
- Clean a bathroom
- Invite to church
- Vacuum a rug
- Cooperate
- Take out the trash

- Hug
- Set the table
- Listen
- Feed the pet
- Remember birthdays
- Do the laundry
- Pray

MY DAILY BIBLE READINGS

DAY 1

Read Ruth 2:2. Ruth wanted to provide food for Naomi. How can you provide food for your family?

DAY 2

Read Ruth 2:8-9. Boaz provided a safe place for Ruth to work. How can you help keep your family safe?

DAY 3

Read Ruth 4:16. Naomi helped care for Obed. How can you help care for children in your family?

DAY 4

Read Galatians 6:2. Your parents do a lot. How can you help them?

DAY 5

Read Galatians 6:2. Think of a way to help each of your brothers and sisters.

DAY 6

Read Galatians 6:2. Who in your family needs the most help? What will you do about it?

Enjoy the whole story. Read all four chapters of Ruth.

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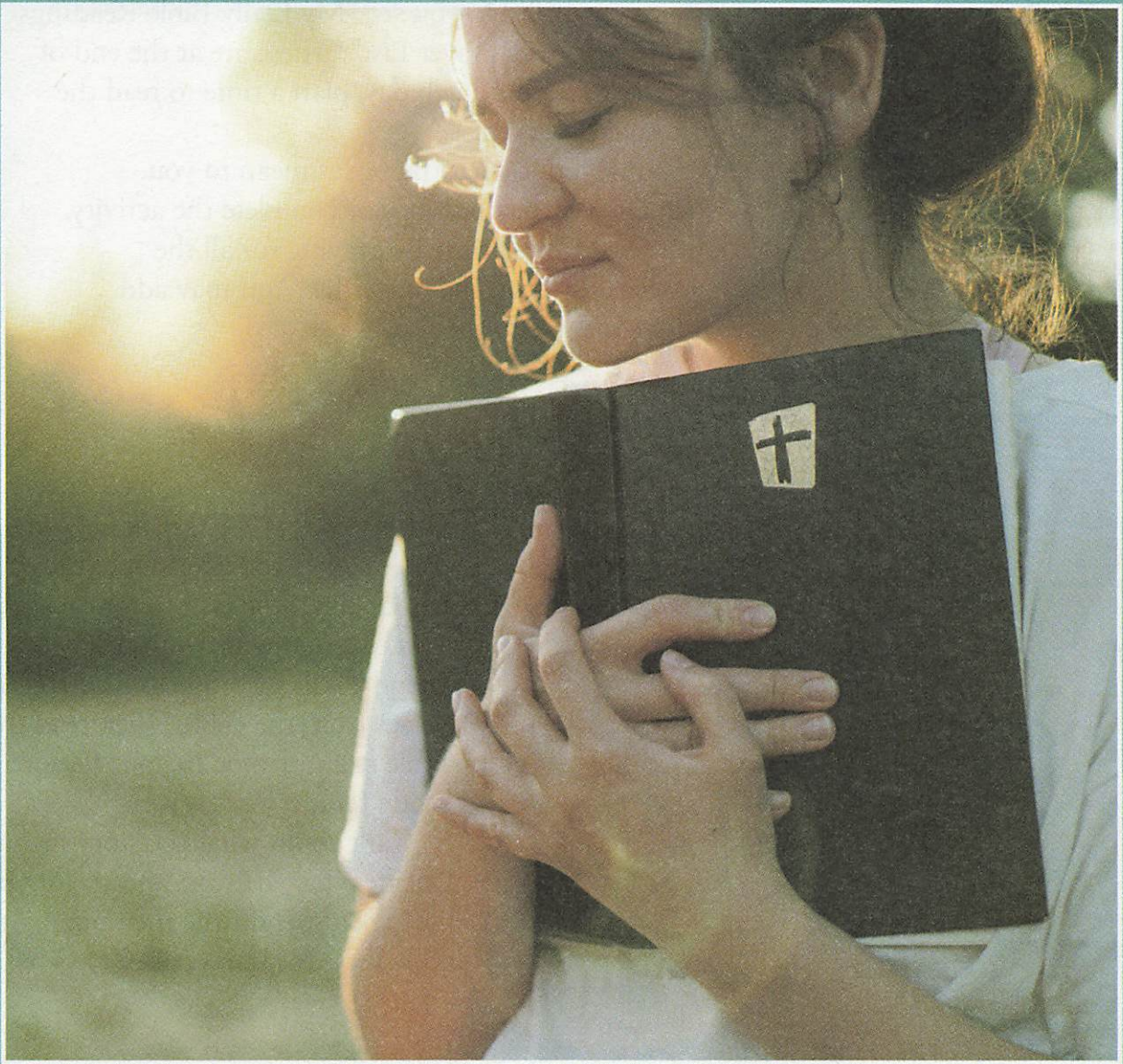


BIBLE FUN FACTS

1. Did James and John ask to be Jesus's most important helpers?
2. Did Jesus say yes to James and John?
3. What did Jesus ask Bartimaeus?
4. What did Jesus do for Bartimaeus?
5. Did Jesus watch people give their offerings?
6. What did the poor woman offer?
7. How did the disciples feel about the way Mary used the perfume?
8. Why did Jesus think Mary did a wonderful thing?
9. What happened to Jesus on the cross?
10. What did the women find at the tomb?
11. Do the angels know when Jesus will return?
12. Are you ready for Jesus's return?

13. Who helped the spies while they were in Jericho?
14. What did the spies promise Rahab?
15. Why did Joshua tell the men to stack the twelve stones?
16. Who helped the Israelites safely cross the river?
17. Who told Joshua how to take over the city of Jericho?
18. What did Joshua hold out towards Ai?
19. What did the Israelites build to thank God?
20. How old was Caleb when he was a scout?
21. How did Caleb follow the Lord?
22. Where did Naomi and Ruth go to live?
23. Why did Boaz help Ruth?

Answers: 1. yes; 2. no; 3. "What do you want Me to do for you?"; 4. He healed him; 5. yes; 6. two tiny coins; 7. upset; 8. she had prepared His body to be buried; 9. He died; 10. an angel; 11. no; 12. [various answers]; 13. Rahab; 14. everyone in her house would be safe; 15. to remember what God had done for them; 16. God; 17. God; 18. a javelin; 19. an altar; 20. forty; 21. completely; 22. Judah; 23. he heard how she was helping Naomi!




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Read Your Bible Daily

Studying the Bible every day is important. The more you study the Bible, the more you know about how God wants you to live. How can you study the Bible every day? Your Personal Study Guide can help you.

WEEK OF MARCH 3

JAMES AND JOHN WANT GREATNESS



Read Mark 10:35-45 in your Bible.

James and John were brothers. They were two of Jesus's disciples. They worked with Jesus for almost three years. James and John learned many things from Jesus. They saw Jesus do many miracles. James and John thought Jesus was great. They wanted to be great too.

James and John asked, "Jesus, will You do something for us?"

"When You are King, will You let us be Your two most important helpers?" James and John wanted everyone to know they were special and important to Jesus.

Jesus told them, "You do not know what you are asking for. He would not be a King like the Roman king. He would not have money and large armies. Jesus would be a heavenly King. He would suffer and die to show how much He loves people. His helpers would suffer too. Jesus tried to explain this to James and John. They still wanted to be great and important.

The other disciples were listening. They got mad at James and John. Why should James and John be more important than any of them?"

From Personal Study Guide 7

Plan A

Turn to page 10. Do you see "My Daily Bible Readings" and "This Week's Prayer List"? These are at the end of each week's lesson. Each day, plan a time to read the suggested Bible verses.

Think about what the verses mean to you.

Then answer the questions or complete the activity.

Finish your Bible time by praying for all the concerns listed on the prayer list. You may add other concerns to the list.

Jesus called all His helpers together. He said, "In the Roman kingdom, the rulers are powerful. They make people do whatever they want them to do. That is not the way for us. If you want to be truly great, you must serve others. Follow My example. I did not come to earth so other people can serve Me. I came to serve others. I came to give My life for others."

BIBLE VERSE WRITE THE VERSE IN YOUR OWN WORDS

Serve one another.
Galatians 5:13

The Secret to Greatness

Use the code. Write the correct letter in each blank.

Code
1 = A 2 = E

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THE BIBLE AND MY LIFE

Jesus said to serve others. That means you help others. You take care of others before you take care of yourself. Are you ready to serve others?

Serving Mrs. Jones

Diane lives on a country road. The homes have lots of trees and big yards. Diane and her dog have fun playing in her yard. Diane loves her dog. Diane also loves her neighbor, Mrs. Jones. Mrs. Jones is an old lady. She has a hard time walking. Mrs. Jones sees a walker. Mrs. Jones is kind to Diane. Diane and her dog often visit Mrs. Jones. One rainy day Diane saw Mrs. Jones walking to her mailbox. Mrs. Jones could not walk well in the rain. Her walker got stuck on the rocks and mud. Mrs. Jones needed help. Diane had an idea. Diane was going to serve Mrs. Jones. Diane went over to Mrs. Jones's house. Diane said, "Mrs. Jones, I want to pick up your mail. I will bring it to you every day." "Thank you, Diane," Mrs. Jones said. "I would like that very much." Diane was happy she could serve her friend.

Tools for Serving

Draw a circle around the tools you can use to serve others.



From Personal Study Guide 9

Plan B

Turn to pages 7-8. Do you see the Bible story? Your Personal Study Guide has a Bible story for each week. Get together with your family or friends. Ask someone to read the Bible verses from the Bible. Then read the Bible story printed in your Personal Study Guide.

Talk about what the story means. Decide what the story means for your life. Then spend time memorizing the Bible verse for the week.

MY DAILY BIBLE READINGS

This Week's Prayer List

DAY 1
Read Mark 10:42-43. Many people think a great person has power, money, or fame. Jesus said a great person is someone who...

DAY 2
Read Mark 10:42-44. What does it mean to serve others?

DAY 3
Read Mark 10:42-45. Who set the example for how to serve others? Tell about a way Jesus served others.

DAY 4
Read Galatians 5:13. Name someone in your home you will serve. How will you serve this person?

DAY 5
Read Galatians 5:13. Name someone in your neighborhood you will serve. How will you serve this person?

DAY 6
Read Galatians 5:13. Name someone in your church you will serve. How will you serve this person?

Read another example of Jesus telling the disciples to serve others. Read John 13:1-20.

Get Ready for Next Week's Bible Study
Read Mark 10:46-52 before going to your Bible study group.

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Plan C

Turn to page 9. Do you see the story at the top of the page? This is a real-life story about someone just like you. Your Personal Study Guide has a real-life story for each lesson. The real-life story shows how a person can live out the truth of the Bible story you have studied.

Read the story with a friend. Talk about it. What good thing did the person do? What could the person have done differently?

Decide how your life can be different because of what you have studied. Do you see the activity at the bottom of page 9? Each week's lesson has an activity. Complete this activity to understand how God can change your life.



HEAVEN AND EARTH WILL PASS AWAY, BUT
MY WORDS WILL NEVER PASS AWAY.

MARK 13:31

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