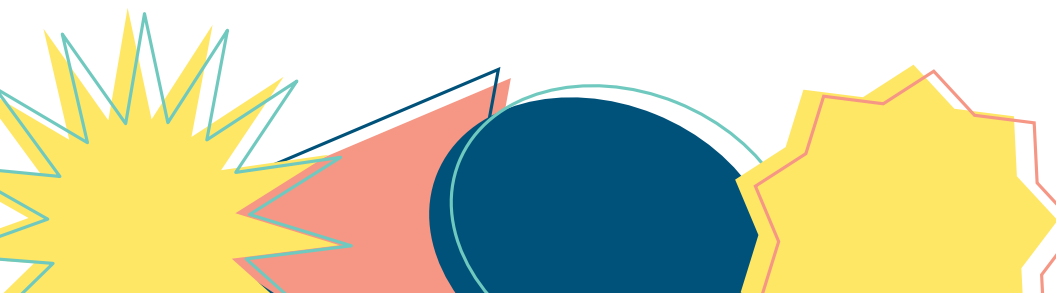


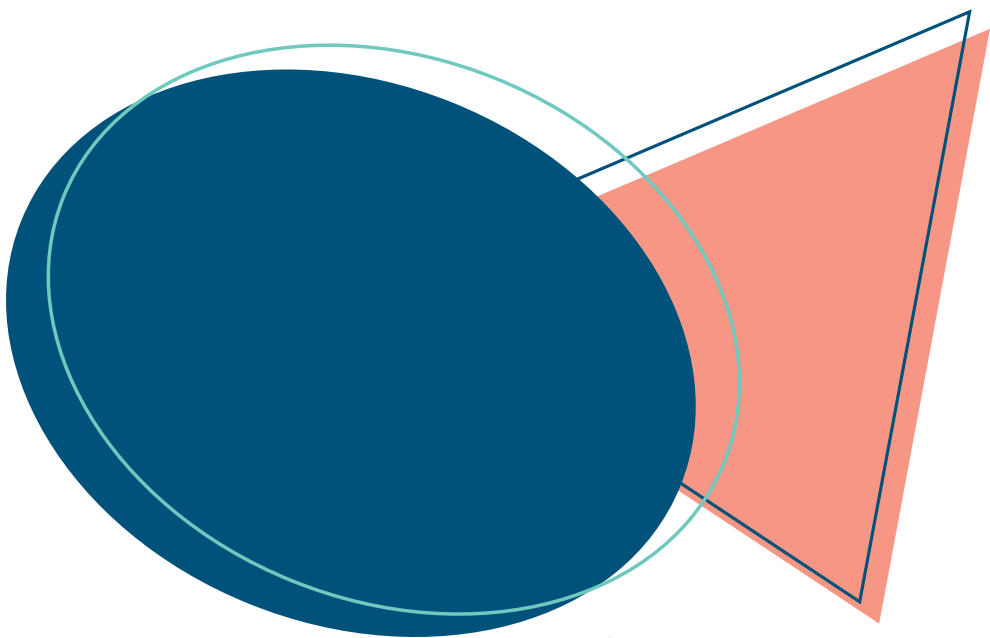
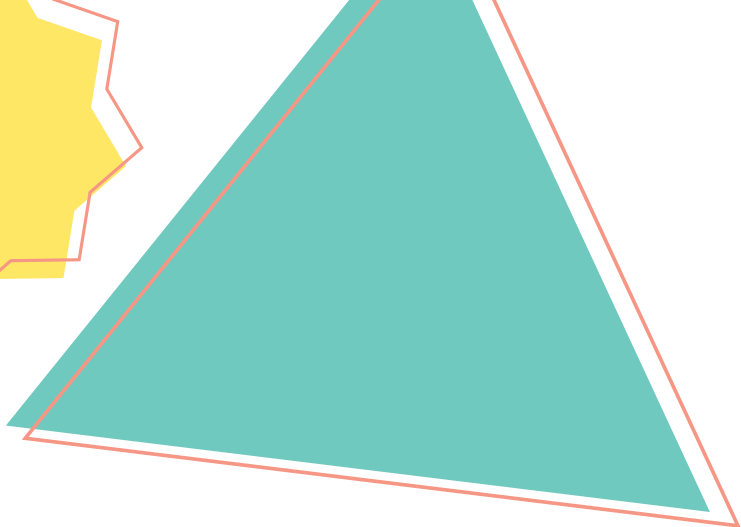
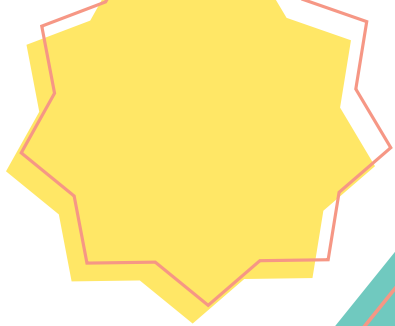
14 Days of Prayer

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Day 1 - What Do You See?

Read: Nehemiah 1:1-11 & Proverbs 29:18

Devotional: The passage we read in the Book of Proverbs gives us an important reminder that we have a hard time looking UP to God unless we obey him. There is a man in the Bible named Nehemiah who understood this even as he served a king in another country.

In Nehemiah 1, we start to understand that God's people did not obey God and were taken to a land far away from their home in Israel. As Nehemiah hears about the condition of Israel, his heart is broken. His eyes were opened to what God sees, and because he saw the need, he knew he needed help. However, before he could help, he knew that he had to look up to see God's plan.

Nehemiah had a vision of what God wanted Him to do. God has a vision for our lives, too! All we have to do is look to God and ask Him for His vision. Then let Him lead us where He wants us to go.

Let's take a moment to pray like Nehemiah did and ask for God's vision and help for our day.

Prayer: Lord, You are the God of heaven. You are a great and wonderful God. You keep the covenant You made with those who love You and obey Your commandments. You show them Your love. Please pay careful attention to my prayer. I know I haven't always obeyed the commands, rules, and laws You give me. I do take delight in bringing honor to Your name. Help me to see how I can serve You even today. Give me success today when I go about my day.

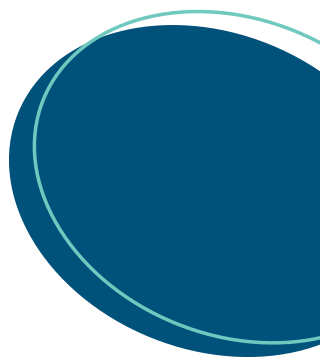
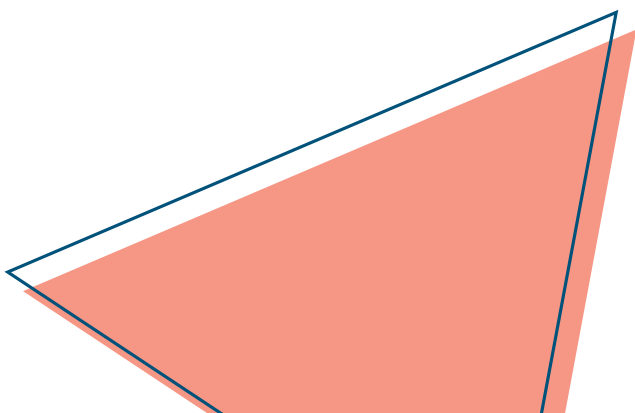


Activity: Vision

What You Need: A Friend or A Family Member

What You Do:

- Try giving someone a High Five. That seems simple enough.
- Now try giving that same person a High Five with your eyes closed. How did that go? Chances are that you probably struggled.
- Without our vision, it is hard to know where we are going and what we are supposed to be doing. The same is true when we don't look for the vision God has for our lives.
- In the space below, take some time to write or draw out what your vision is for this year. While you are working, ask God to show you His vision for you this year.



Day 2 - P.R.A.Y

Read: Mark 1:35

Devotional: When you're getting ready for school, what's the first thing you do? Do you start with your devotional? Brush your teeth? Take a shower to wake yourself up? I bet you follow the same routine almost every day.

But what if I told you that Jesus had a routine, too—just like you and me? It might sound a little crazy, but it's true! When Jesus was here on earth, He slept, woke up, and started His day just like we do. I think it's pretty amazing that before Jesus did anything else, He chose to spend time with God. That way, no matter what came His way, He was already in tune with His Father.

Now, you might be wondering, 'That's awesome that Jesus prayed to God, but how can I do that? I'm just a kid!' Let me remind you—praying is simply talking to God. One simple method is called the P-R-A-Y model. Each letter in PRAY gives us an easy action that helps us talk to God in prayer.

P = Pause: To start your prayer time, push your “pause” button. You can head to a quiet space, take a few deep breaths, and close your eyes to help focus your heart and mind on God.

R = Rejoice: Rejoice and thank God for who He is and what He has done. You can also praise God for what He hasn't done yet and for what He will do.

A = Ask: God wants you to share everything with Him. Every good thing, every silly thing, every hard thing, every sad thing... EVERYTHING. He loves you so much that He wants you to share



everything with Him!

Y = Yield: God also wants us to trust Him. God wants you to take time to yield or surrender to Him. As you yield in your prayer, you pause and listen to what God is saying to you.

Jesus had a routine of prayer in His life because He wanted to be close to God, and God wanted to be close to His one and only Son. And guess what? God wants to be close to you, too! So when you spend time with God today, put P-R-A-Y into practice: **Pause, Rejoice, Ask, and Yield.**

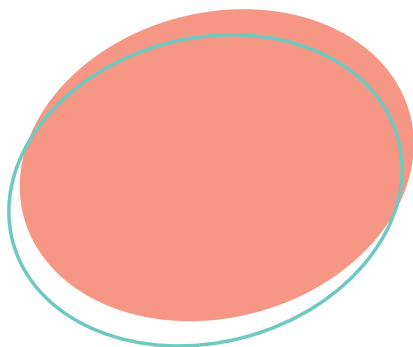
Prayer: Dear God, thank You for loving and caring for me so much. Thank You that You want to draw close to me, just as You drew near to Your Son, Jesus. Will You help me today pause, remember, ask, and yield in You today? In Your mighty name, Amen.

Activity: P-R-A-Y Bookmark

What You Need: A Piece of Paper, Stickers, and Coloring Supplies

What You Do:

- Using the supplies, make a bookmark to remind you what P-R-A-Y stands for.
- Put your bookmark in your Bible and use it to help you during your time with God each day.



Day 3 - Press Pause

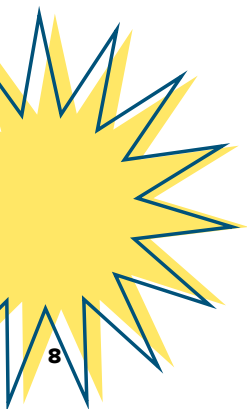
Read: Psalm 46:10

Devotional: Life can be very fast-paced, and it can be really hard to focus on being still. Whether it's homework, a sports game, or working to be a good friend, sometimes being still is the last thing on our minds. But this word from the Bible says that we must be still and know that He is God!

What does this show us? It shows us that knowing God requires us to pause in the middle of the craziness of life to understand Him more deeply. It's hard to run and try to read the Bible. It can feel really difficult to pray to God while you're distracted with all the things you need to get done. Sometimes, we might choose to be still and know our video game a little better instead of seeking after God.

Whatever it may look like for you today, take a moment to reflect on who God is and what He is speaking to you. As we rest in Him, we will find peace and comfort in the goodness of who He is.

Prayer: God, help me to be still. Help me to seek You by pausing in Your presence. As I stop to learn more about You, I pray that You should show Yourself to me and help me know You a little bit better. In Jesus' Name, I pray, Amen.



Activity: Pause

What You Need: No Supplies Needed

What You Do:

- Take 5-10 minutes to find a quiet space to pause and talk to God.
- Pray and ask Him to show Himself to you as you take this time to be still.



Day 4 - Rejoice!

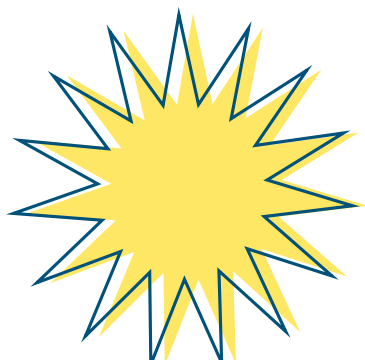
Read: Philippians 4:4

Devotional: It's easy to be full of joy and rejoice when we have a good day. Spending time with family and friends. Building a sand castle at the beach. A movie night with popcorn and candy. Winning your soccer game.

But how can we find joy when we are having a tough day? A friend was mean to you. You received a bad grade on a test. Someone took your favorite toy and broke it. You got in trouble at home. These things can hurt and feel like the worst day ever. But if we stop, breathe, and pray, we can change how we see things. Our situation may not change, but how we see it and handle it will.

When we keep our eyes on the Lord and always remember He loves us and has amazing plans for us, we can overcome anything. You see, God is our Source of joy, not our situation. We only need to focus on Him and ask the Holy Spirit to help us find peace and joy. Then, we can rejoice knowing He is our source of joy every day.

Prayer: God, help me keep my eyes on You and find joy in Your love for me. I know bad things may happen, but You are always there for me. Thank You for loving me. Fill me with joy and peace today and always. Amen.

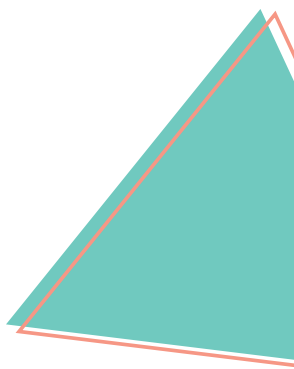


Activity: Worship Time

What You Need: Your Favorite Worship Song

What You Do:

- Find a worship song.
- Get up and sing along. Raise your hands. Dance around.
- You will soon find joy taking over!



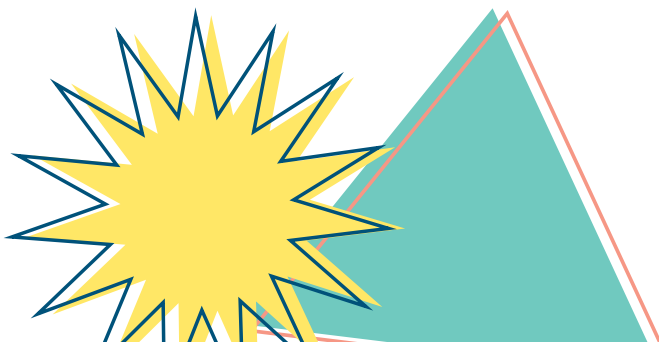
Day 5 - Ask, Seek, Knock

Read: *Philippians 4:6*

Devotional: Did you know that kids, just like you, ask about 100 questions a day? I'm sure you've already asked a few questions yourself today, like "Do I have to get up?" "What's for breakfast?", and "Why do I have to brush my teeth?" Every time we ask a question, we are expecting to receive an answer. Maybe it's a solution to the problem we are facing. Maybe it's to help us understand why. Whatever it might be, our questions are important.

Did you know that Jesus wants to hear our questions and asks, too? In the verse we read for today, Paul reminds us that we can present our requests to God. When you pray, you are talking to God. He wants to hear what is on your mind and what you need. If you're hurt or someone you love is sick, you can ask God for healing. You can ask God for help. Maybe you have a test at school, and you can't concentrate. If you're afraid, you can ask God for courage. The Bible tells us not to worry about anything, but to bring **EVERYTHING** to God in prayer. And we are to do it with a thankful heart. I know that sounds crazy when you think about it because worrying and giving thanks don't go together. They are like opposites. But when we take the time to be thankful, even when we are worried, it puts our focus back on the One who can help us and gives us peace about each situation.

One last thing I want you to remember is to never give up. When you don't think your prayer is going to be answered, keep praying.



It brings you closer to God. God hears you, and He will take care of you because He loves you!

Prayer: God, I am so glad I can come to You when things in my life are hard. I am thankful for Your help, that You heal me when I am hurt or sick, and that You love me no matter what. Help me not to worry but to come to You with my “asks” and remind me of what I can give thanks for. Amen.

Activity: Prayer Time

What You Need: No Supplies Needed

What You Do:

- Get into a quiet space.
- Take a minute to ask God about anything.
 - ◊ It can be about something you need, a request you have, or just a question you need His help to answer.
- Then pause and listen for what He might want to speak to you.

Day 6 - Yield

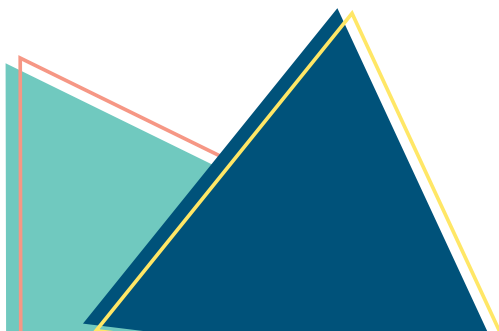
Read: James 4:6

Devotional: When you hear the word “yield,” you might think of a traffic sign. It means - slow down, pay attention, and let someone else go first. In the Bible, yielding is not about weakness. It is about humility. It is choosing to let God go first. James 4:6 says, “God opposes those who are proud. But He gives grace to those who are humble.” When we yield to God, we change the posture of our heart to say, “God, Your way before mine.”!

In the Old Testament, Isaiah gives us a beautiful picture of what this looks like. He writes, “Lord, you are our Father. We are the clay. You are the Potter!” (Isaiah 64:8). If you have ever played with clay, you know: clay does not shape itself. It doesn’t fight the potter or demand its own way. Clay is soft! It yields to your hands! And in the Potter’s hands, something ordinary becomes beautiful, with new purpose.

Prayer is a great place to start when we want to learn how to yield to God. When we pray to God, we often come with requests and our own plans. But prayer can also be that moment where we ask God to shape us, to lead us, and show us HIS plan. When we yield to God in prayer, we can still be bold in our faith! But it also means that we trust God. We believe that God the Father, the Potter, sees the whole design, even when we cannot.

In the New Testament, Paul adds even more! In 2 Corinthians 4:7, he writes that we have treasures in jars of clay. This means that God not only shapes us - He fills us! What He creates and forms, He fills with His spirit, His love, and His power. This treasure is meant to shine through our lives! When we pray with yielded hearts, we make space for GOD to do just that.



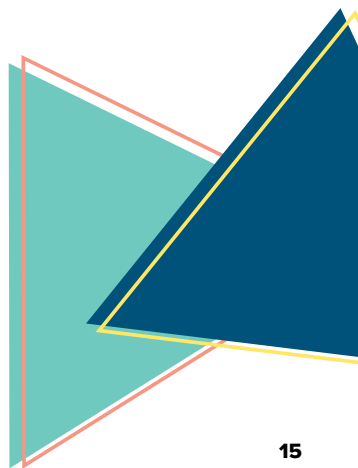
Prayer: God, we are clay in the Potter's hands! We bring our requests before You, but we also yield to Your will and Your plan. Shape my desires, my steps, and my heart.

Activity: Pottery

What You Need: Clay or Play-Doh, a Plate, and Paint

What You Do:

- Take a few minutes to create your own piece of pottery, using clay or play-dough.
 - ◊ Think about how you are the potter, and how the clay yields to your hands. The clay is soft, and you get to make your own beautiful design!
- Every time you look at your pottery, be reminded of how, when you yield to God in prayer, He will continue to form and shape your life for His glory.



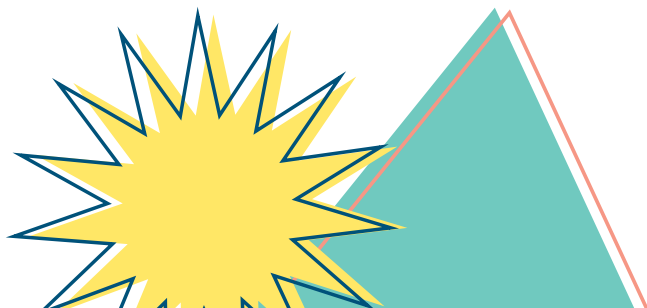
Day 7 - Staying Connected to Jesus

Read: Matthew 4, John 15:1-17, & John 10:10

Devotional: Every year, my family gets a real Christmas tree for Christmas. I love real Christmas trees! I love how they look, I love how they smell, I love everything about them. But as amazing as they look and smell, the truth is they're dead. They might not look dead yet, but from the moment they are cut down and disconnected from the roots that are planted in the ground, they're removed from everything that is keeping them alive.

Jesus tells his followers that He is the vine and they are the branches. Just like Christmas trees need to stay connected to their roots and be planted in the ground, we need to stay connected to Jesus and be planted in him to bear fruit and be spiritually alive. Fasting helps us do that. So how do we stay connected to Jesus? Here are 3 ways that we all can stay connected to Jesus:

- **Listen to Jesus:** Plants need water and sunlight regularly to stay alive, and the same is true for us. We need to spend time reading and memorizing God's word regularly to grow spiritually. When Jesus was tempted in the desert, He used scripture to fight back against the enemy. When we know God's Word, we can use it to fight back against the enemy, too.
- **Talk to Jesus.** Jesus wants to hear from us. Prayer is just a conversation between you and Jesus. No request, question, or problem is too big for God. There's nothing that we can't bring to him. When we take the time to talk to Jesus and bring all of our thoughts and feelings to him, we stay connected to him.



- **Worship Jesus.** Worship puts God in His rightful place in our hearts. It's a way to honor God for who He is and thank Him for everything he's done for us. It reminds us of God's truth and focuses our hearts and minds on Him. He created the entire universe, but He also created each of us because He wants to have a relationship with us. Worshipping Jesus keeps us connected to Him.

Prayer: Dear Jesus, thank You for loving me and creating me to have a relationship with You. Help me to make time to read Your Word, pray, worship, and stay connected to You. Thank You for promising to always be with me. Amen.

Activity: Word Search

What You Need: Pencil

What You Do: Search for these words to remind yourself to stay connected to Jesus:

◊ Vine, Branches, Prayer, Fasting, Bible, Worship, & Love

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Day 8 - Let's Get Quiet

Read: Luke 5:16, Matthew 14:23, Matthew 4, & 1 Kings 18

Devotional: Do you ever feel that life is too loud? There are sounds everywhere: horns honking, birds chirping, planes flying, phones ringing. Sometimes it can be overwhelming. And sometimes, when we are surrounded by noise, we can't hear the things that matter most.

Think about a time when you were somewhere loud, and someone was trying to talk to you. Maybe it was at a birthday party, in the cafeteria, or even on a Sunday at church. It's hard to hear when there are a lot of distractions, isn't it? Even if we really want to hear what someone else has to say, all the noises and activities around us keep us from being able to really focus and listen.

Did you know that Jesus struggled with this, too? Jesus' life was very full (and probably pretty loud!). There were always people who wanted to talk to Him, to be healed by Him, or to listen to Him preach. And Jesus spent a lot of time talking, healing, and preaching. But He also spent a lot of time being quiet, all by Himself, so that He could listen to God.

Wow. Jesus is literally God's Son, and He STILL needed to get away by Himself so that He could focus on God! That's what this time is all about: removing some of the things that distract us from hearing from God. Don't miss this - It's not because God doesn't want us to enjoy the things that He gives us. We do this because we want to put aside all those other things that make us happy so that we can get quiet and hear from God.

There's a story in 1 Kings 18 where God tells the prophet Elijah that He likes to speak in a whisper. (Go read it for yourself!) When someone whispers, we have to get really quiet so we can hear them. God wants us to take the time to get quiet so we can hear Him speak!

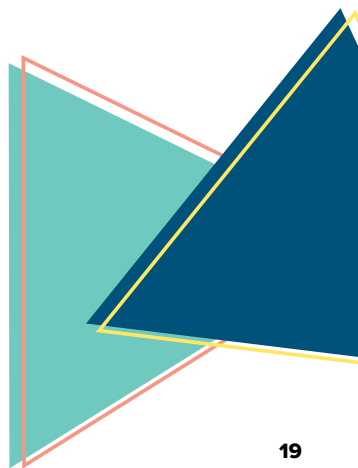
Prayer: Dear Jesus, thank You so much for loving me. Thank You for wanting to spend time with me. Holy Spirit, help me to remove all the distractions that keep me from being alone with You. Today I quiet my heart. I want to hear Your voice. Here I am, Jesus. Speak, and I will listen.

Activity: A Quiet Place

What You Need: Paper and a Pencil

Directions:

- Find a quiet place, it could be your room or maybe outside.
- Ask God to speak to you, and then take 3 minutes and just be quiet and wait for the Holy Spirit to speak.
- With your paper and pencil, write down what you think God spoke to you.
- Come back to this spot every day when you read your devotions or pray.



Day 9 - Time is Ticking

Read: Luke 5:16, Luke 4:14-16, & Luke 6:12

Devotional: Did you know that on average, a kid your age spends anywhere from 4-6 hours a day on an electronic device? We are living in a time where the amount of distractions in our lives is at an all-time high. Some of these distractions are not bad! But if we are not careful and not intentional, these distractions will consume all of our time, leaving us without time for God. God wants to be at the center of our lives, but we have to make it a priority to spend time with Him.

When we look at the life of Jesus, He actually had spiritual practices that helped Him keep God at the center. There would be times when He was busy with people, healing, and teaching. But then there were times when He would often get away from the busyness and all of the people to pray to His Father in heaven. He went to the temple each week. He read the Scriptures. He found spaces in His day and His week to make God a priority.

So today, I want to encourage you to find spaces in your day to get away from the busyness to spend time with God. Read your Bible and pray. Attend church and learn all you can about God and His one big story. As you make God a priority in your life, you'll start to deepen your relationship with Him and grow into the follower He wants you to be.

Prayer: Dear Jesus, thank You for loving me. Today I come to You. Help me slow down and spend more time with You. I want to know more of You and always prioritize You in my time. I love You. Amen.

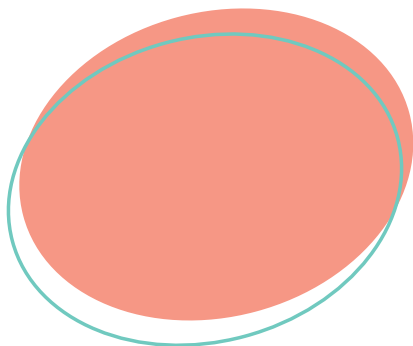


Activity: Daily Schedule

What You Need: A Piece of Paper and Colored Pencils

- **What You Do:**

- With your family's help, create a schedule of what you do each day.
 - ◊ It does not have to be specific, just enough to give you a picture of how you are spending your time.
- Take a look at the schedule and figure out when you are going to spend time with God.
- Write it in your schedule really big so it stands out.
- Put your schedule in a place where it will remind you when you need to spend time with God.



Day 10 - The Truth Will Set You Free

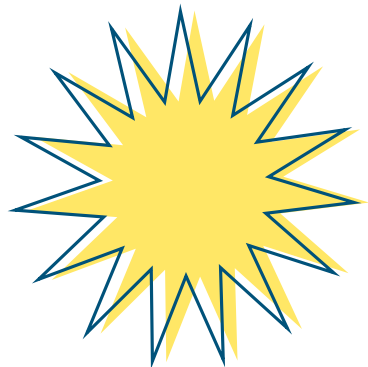
Read: *Philippians 4:8, John 8:32, & 2 Corinthians 10:5*

Devotional: Sometimes, we hear things that just aren't true. People might say things that make us feel bad, or we might think things like, "I'm not good enough," or "I can't do this." These are lies that can make us feel sad, worried, or unsure of ourselves. But guess what? God's truth is so much stronger than any lie!

God's ways and thoughts are higher than yours. This is why it is so important in your life to know God and create a relationship with Him, to grow closer to Him as He grows closer to you. This way, we can trust in Him instead of relying on our own knowledge.

When you trust in God and know His Word, it can speak to your life. When you believe in the Word of God, it gives you a new understanding of who He is. This is the time when you can start learning how to focus on His Word. Then, you can replace lies you hear with the truth. The enemy might throw some distractions or lies your way, but you'll be ready to fight against them all when you know the truth that God has for you.

Prayer: Heavenly Father, You are an awesome and Mighty God. I am so thankful for all You have done in my life. Please help me to eliminate any distractions that may keep me from You. Help me to know the difference between the lies and truths so I can apply Your truths to my life. In Jesus' name I pray, Amen.

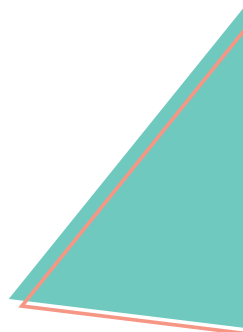


Activity: Truth Cards

What You Need: Index Cards or Small Pieces of Paper and Coloring Supplies

What You Do:

- On one side of the cards, write down some lies you have heard or some distractions that keep you from God.
- On the other side, write down the truth of God's Word that you can use to replace the lies or eliminate the distractions.
- Put those cards in a place where you will use them to remind you of the truth from God's Word.



Day 11 - Seek And You Will Find

Read: Jeremiah 29:13

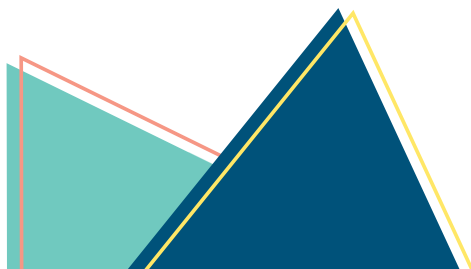
Devotional: My favorite game growing up was hide and seek. I loved finding a really great place to sneak away, but even more than hiding, I LOVED being the seeker. The reward of finding who I was looking for after giving my all to find them was an amazing feeling.

The Bible says that when we seek him with all of our heart, we'll find Him. The best thing about God, though, is that as we chase after Him, He also comes closer to us. In our lives, we chase after a lot of things. Maybe we're chasing after peace because we are holding onto a lot of fear. Maybe you're holding onto sadness because a lot is going on in your life right now.

When we seek God through prayer and walking with Him daily, not only do we find Him, but we find all of the characteristics of God that heal us, restore us, and revive us. We can find peace for our anxiety, hope for our doubt, love for our loneliness - anything that we're looking for or chasing after, we find in God as we seek Him.

When we play hide and seek, sometimes we have to give up because the person has hidden away a little too well. But God promises that when we search for Him, we will find Him. This is an amazing promise that we can trust in today.

As you seek God, you will find Him!



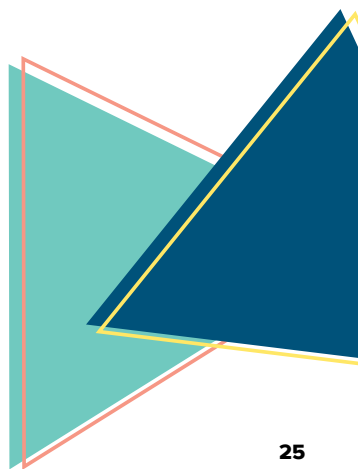
Prayer: God, I pray that as I seek You, You will make Yourself known to me. Help me to know that I can trust in You every day of my life and in every area of my life. As I seek You, help me to grow closer to You. Renew my heart and help me to be more like You every day. Amen.

Activity: Hide and Seek

What You Need: Friends or Family

What You Do:

- Gather some friends or family members and play a game of hide and seek.
- Continue playing as time and interest allow.



Day 12 - Expectation

Read: *Matthew 21:22 & Romans 12:12*

Devotional: Picture this... It's Christmas morning. All season long, you've been telling your parents about this new Lego set you've been wanting. You wrote it on your wish list. Every time you see it in the store, you take your parents to see it. You've told all your friends about how your parents are going to get it for you. Now, under the tree, you see a box that is the same shape and size as the set. As you reach for the box, you hear what sounds like Legos inside. And when you open it, it's the exact set you had been asking for.

Now, let's take a few steps back. If you had only asked for it one time, would you have expected to get that Lego set? Probably not, right? But because you had asked for and talked about it, you were expectant.

In the passages we read today, God tells us that this same idea applies to our prayers. Romans 12:12 tells us that we need to be faithful when we pray. And Matthew 21:22 reminds us that if we believe, we will receive what we ask for when we pray. When we are intentional with our prayers, when we take the time to pray specifically and continually for what we need, God will answer us.

Now, if you asked God to give you a pony every day for a year, or you asked God to help you make good grades in school every day this year, He might answer them in different ways. The key to our expectant prayers is if they fall in line with His plan. A couple of days ago, we talked about what it means to yield to God's plan. Our expectant prayers need to line up with God's plan.



God's not a genie. We can't come to Him and expect to have all of our wishes granted. Instead, He asks us to bring Him our needs continually, but ultimately, submit to His will for our lives. So what do you need to pray expectantly for this week?

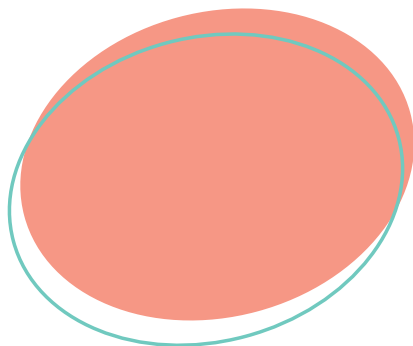
Prayer: God, we are so grateful that You allow us to present our requests to You. We thank You that You never get tired of hearing our prayers and that You are ready to answer us in Your timing and Your will. Help us to remember that we can pray continually to You, expectant for how You are going to work in the situations we bring You. In Your name, we pray, Amen.

Activity: Expectant Prayers

What You Need: No Supplies Needed

What You Do:

- In the space below, write down your expectant prayer.
- Every day this week, come back and pray that prayer.



Day 13 - Who Are You Carrying?

Read: Luke 5:17-26

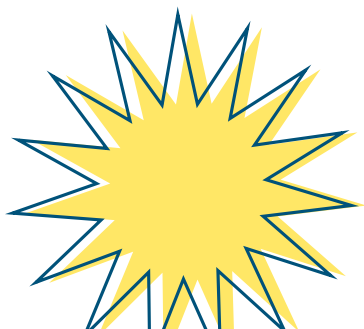
Devotional: Think about a time when you've been playing with your friends and suddenly got hurt. Did your friends come over to help get you up and bring you home to your parents? Your friends knew where and who to bring you to get help when you got hurt.

In today's reading, we saw four friends who helped bring their friend who was paralyzed to the One who could help him- Jesus! These friends did everything, including lowering their friend through the roof, to get him the help he needed.

Can you imagine having friends like them? We can learn a lot from them. They had faith that Jesus could heal their friend. They didn't give up even when it looked impossible. And they figured out a way to help their friend get close to Jesus.

So, who are the friends around you that are helping you grow closer to Jesus? And, who do you need to help grow closer to Jesus?

Prayer: Dear God, Thank You for creating us to be in community with one another. We thank You for the friends You have brought into our lives that help bring us closer to You. We pray that You make us good friends to help bring those who don't know You yet closer to You. We love You, and in Jesus' name, AMEN!



Activity: Friend List

What You Need: Pencil

What You Do:

- Who are three friends who help you grow closer to Jesus?
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- Who are three friends you need to be a good friend to?
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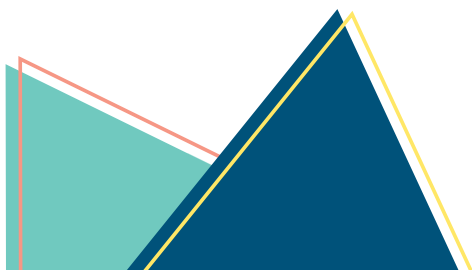
Day 14 - Go and Tell

Read: *Matthew 28:18-20*

Devotional: Have you ever seen a commercial and wanted to go somewhere so bad? It was almost as if you could smell the food in the air and hear the sounds of the activities all around you. And, all you wanted to do was go and experience it for yourself. Just like that commercial shared what you could be a part of by going on that vacation, we also get an opportunity as believers to share the best news ever with someone. This is the news that will outlast any trip we could go on. It is the greatest news of all time.

As followers of Christ, we are called to share the good news with others. Scripture is very clear, and it says “go.” This isn’t meant to be something complicated or challenging. But instead, we are called to share with others what Jesus has done in our lives. As you head into your classrooms this week or practice on the sports fields, look for opportunities that you can share about Jesus with others. Let your actions display what God has done for you so that you can be a messenger through your words and actions each and every day.

Prayer: Dear Lord, thank You for sending Your Son to die on the cross for us so that we can have an eternal relationship with You. I pray that we will look for opportunities to share with others what You have done in our lives. Equip me with the strength and courage to boldly share Your good news with others. Use me to be a messenger for Your kingdom. In Jesus’ name, Amen.



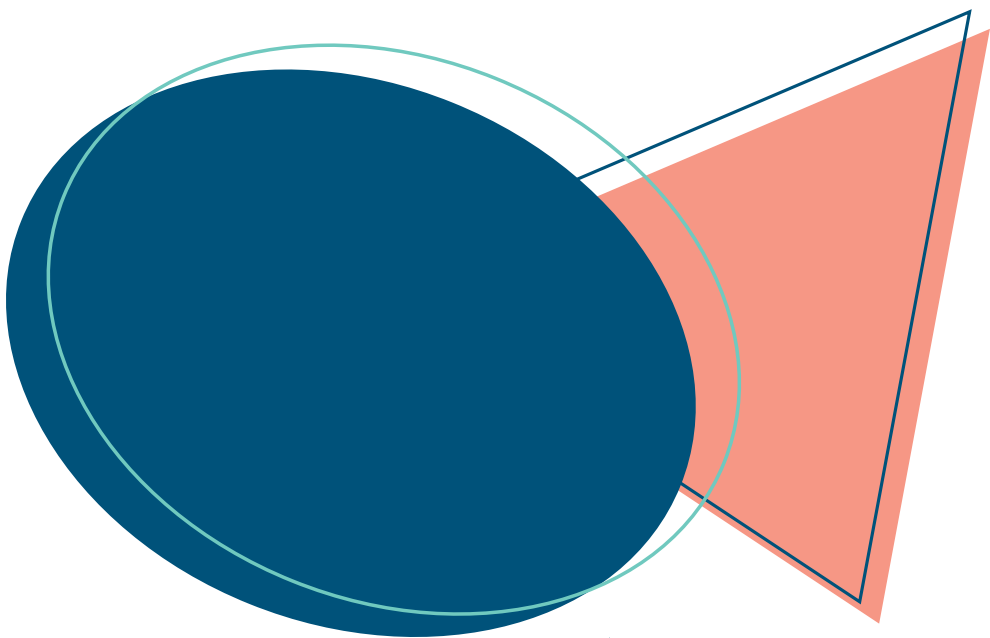
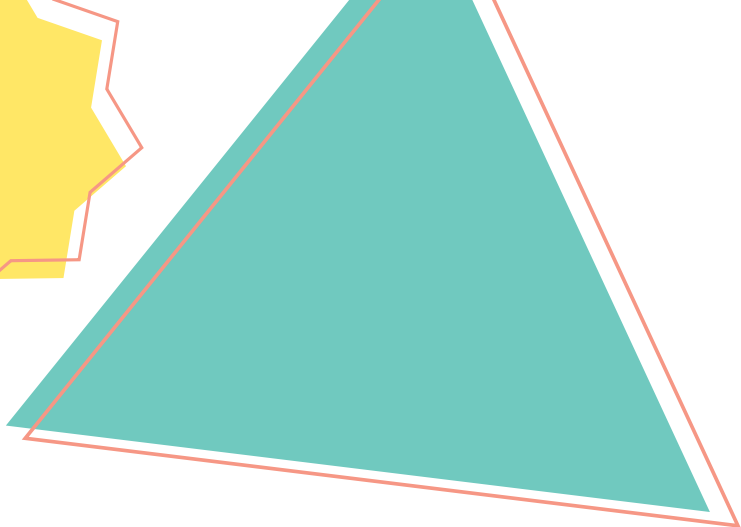
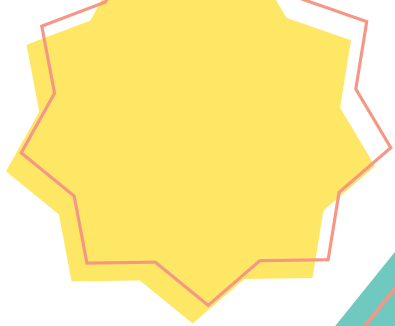
Activity: Discussion Questions

What You Need: Family or Friends

What You Do:

- Take some time this week to talk about these questions with your family or friends.
 1. What is your key takeaway from Matthew 28:18-20?
 2. What are two ways that you can share the good news this week?
 3. Get creative and create a card to invite someone to church.
 4. Who is it that you can pray for?







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