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# GROW

It's awesome that you want to grow your friendship with God! This devotional will help you ...

G - Get Quiet

R - Read God's Word

O - Open Up Your Heart

W - Worship God

... each day. When you do, your friendship with God will grow in amazing ways.

#### DAY 1: GOD LOVES YOU AND WANTS TO BE YOUR ERTEND

## GET QUIET

Take three deep breaths and get quiet. Think about one of your best friends. If you got to spend the whole day together, how would you feel?

## READ GOD'S WORD

Read John 15:15 (ERV) "I no longer call you servants, because servants don't know what their master is doing. But now I call you friends, because I have told you everything that my Father told me."

Read Romans 5:10 (NCV) "While we were God's enemies, he made us his friends through the death of his Son ... "

## OPEN UP YOUR HEART

God loves you and wants to be your friend! Check anything below that is a characteristic of a good friend:

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	Fun
	Scary
	Honest
	Mean
	A good listener
	Generous
	Caring
	Gossips
	Encouraging
	Rude
	Enjoys spending time with you

All of the things you checked about a good friend are true about God! He is the most kind friend who cares about you and enjoys spending time with you.

He is a good listener and everything He says is honest and caring. God is the best friend you could ever have!

Pray: Dear God, thank You for being my friend. Please help our friendship grow every day. I love You! Amen.

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#### WORSHIP GOD

Worship is anything we do to show God we love Him. Just like a friend may like when you color them a picture, you can color a picture for God!

Color a picture of these two friends playing to help you remember that God wants to be your friend.



#### DAY 2: YOUR SIN HURTS YOUR FRIENDSHIP WITH GOD

## GET QUIET

Where is the best place for you to get quiet? Go there now!

## READ GOD'S WORD

Read Romans 3:23 (NIRV) "Everyone has sinned."

Read Isaiah 59:2 (NIRV) "But your sins have separated you from your God."

Read Micah 7:18 (NIRV) "Lord, who is a God like you? You forgive sin. You forgive your people when they do what is wrong."

#### OPEN UP YOUR HEART

What is SIN? Sin is any wrong thing we do instead of doing what God says is right.

Circle the actions below that God says is RIGHT for us to do and cross out the ones that are WRONG.

Tell the truth Disobey

Complain

Be thankful

Be kind

Tell a lie Share

Obey

Hurt others

Do your best

If you lied to a friend, would it help your friendship or hurt your friendship? Circle your answer below:

HURT

#### HELP

In the same way, our sin hurts our friendship with God. Thankfully, God is always willing to forgive us and still be our friend.

Pray: Circle one thing from the list on the last page that you've done wrong, then tell God two things:

- 1) I'm sorry for \_\_\_\_\_\_\_. (whatever sin you circled)
- 2) Please help me do the right thing instead.

## WORSHIP GOD

Worship is anything we do to show God we love Him. You can show God you love Him today by choosing to do things His way!



#### DAY 3: GOD MADE A WAY FOR YOU TO BE HIS FRIEND

GET QUIET

Take 30 seconds to get comfortable. You can count to 30 in your head or set a timer.

## READ GOD'S WORD

Read John 3:16 (ERV) "Yes, God loved the world so much that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him would not be lost but have eternal life."

#### OPEN UP YOUR HEART

When God made you, He loved you and wanted to be friends with you forever.

On the opposite page, draw yourself on top of the world.

Your sin hurts your friendship with God, and it needs to be fixed.

Color in the word SIN.

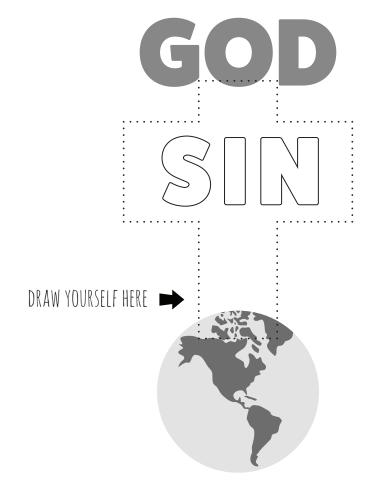
God knew that we would need someone to fix our friendship with Him, so He sent His Son, Jesus. When Jesus died on the cross and took the punishment for our sin, He made a way for us to be friends with God again.

Trace the cross over the word SIN that connects God and the picture of you!

When you believe that Jesus died to take the punishment for your sin, you can be friends with God forever.

Fill in today's verse with your name:

"Yes, God loved	so much that he gave						
his only Son, so that _	who believes in						
him would not be lost but have eternal life" - John 3:16							



WORSHIP GOD

Worship today by finding the song "God Made A Way" on the KidSpring App or YouTube Channel and singing it!



#### DAY 4: ADMIT YOU'VE DONE WRONG THINGS AND ARE TRULY SORRY

## GET QUIET

Get quiet as you think about a time when you did something you weren't supposed to do. How did you feel after you did it? Write your answer on the line below.

## READ GOD'S WORD

Read 1 John 1:9 (ERV) "But if we confess our sins, God will forgive us. We can trust God to do this. He always does what is right. He will make us clean from all the wrong things we have done."

#### OPEN UP YOUR HEART

There is a difference between making a mistake and sinning. For example, if you were to spell the word "SNOW" like this, "SNO," would that be a sin or a mistake? Circle your answer below.

### SIN MISTAKE

It would be a mistake. We don't need to tell God we're sorry for mistakes we make, but we do need to ask for His forgiveness when we've done something wrong.

On a scale of 1 to 10, how easy is it for you to admit you've done something wrong? Circle your answer below.

Easy Hard
1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10

It might be hard or scary to admit we've done something wrong, but you can trust that God will not be mad at you when you tell Him. He will forgive you!



## WORSHIP GOD

One way we worship God is by saying we're sorry for the wrong things we've done and thanking Him for forgiving us.

Fill in the blanks with three wrong things you've done this week, and then say out loud, "Thank You God for forgiving me," after each one.

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God, I'm sorry for
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Thank You God for forgiving me!



#### DAY 5: BELIEVE IN YOUR HEART

## GET QUIET

Circle the things you believe:

Snow is cold

Penguins can swim

Rocks are hard

Polar bears drink hot cocoa

Ice is frozen

Reindeer can fly

Rain is wet

Winter is hot

S'mores are gooey

## READ GOD'S WORD

Read 1 Corinthians 15:3b-4 (NIRV) "Christ died for our sins, just as Scripture said he would. He was buried. He was raised from the dead on the third day, just as Scripture said he would be."

## OPEN UP YOUR HEART

In the Bible verse above, circle three things that Jesus Christ did.

Scripture said that Jesus did these three things so that you can be friends with God. Do you believe that Jesus did these things for YOU?

Do you believe that Jesus died for your sins?	Yes	No
Do you believe that Jesus was buried?	Yes	No
Do you believe that Jesus was raised from the dead?	Yes	No

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## WORSHIP GOD

Talking to God is one way to worship Him. It shows that we believe in Him and trust that He's listening to us. Write God a note and tell Him what you believe about Him and His Son, Jesus.

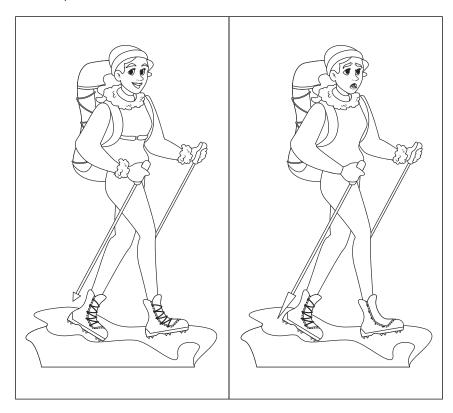




#### DAY 6: COMMIT TO FOLLOWING JESUS AS THE LEADER AND LORD OF YOUR LIFE FOREVER

## GET QUIET

Get quiet by finding five things that are different in these two pictures.



## READ GOD'S WORD

Read Romans 10:9–10 (NCV) "If you declare with your mouth, 'Jesus is Lord,' and if you believe in your heart that God raised Jesus from the dead, you will be saved. We believe with our hearts, and so we are made right with God. And we declare with our mouths that we believe, and so we are saved."

## OPEN UP YOUR HEART There are two things in this verse that let us know we are saved. What are they? Look at the verse and fill in the blank to find out! 1. Declare with your \_\_\_\_\_\_, "Jesus is Lord." When you say that Jesus is Lord, you are saying that you want Him to be the leader of your life. 2. Believe in your \_\_\_\_\_ that God raised Jesus from the dead. Following Jesus is very simple! You make Him your leader by saying it with your mouth and by believing it in your heart. If you are ready to start following Jesus, all you need to do is tell Him. Here is what you can say: God. I know that You love me. I admit that I have done wrong things, and I am very sorry. I believe in my heart that Jesus, Your Son, died for me and that You brought Him back to life. I commit to following You, Jesus. You are the leader and Lord of my life! WORSHTP GOD One way we worship God is by talking to others about Him. Who can you talk to today about God? \_\_\_\_\_ Check the things you are going to talk to them about: If you have decided you're ready to start following Jesus, tell them about it. (Be sure to tell a grown-up at home or at church!) What you have been learning in this devotion

Something you love about God or Jesus

#### DAY 7: THE FIRST STEP IN FOLLOWING JESUS

## GET QUIET

Get quiet by closing your eyes and thinking about your favorite thing to do in the snow. Do you like to go sledding, throw snowballs, or make a snowman or snow angel?

## READ GOD'S WORD

Read Matthew 3:13–17 (ERV) "Then Jesus came from Galilee to the Jordan River. He came to John, wanting John to baptize him. But John tried to stop him. John said, 'Why do you come to me to be baptized? I should be baptized by you!' Jesus answered, 'Let it be this way for now. We should do whatever God says is right.' Then John agreed. So Jesus was baptized. As soon as he came up out of the water, the sky opened, and he saw God's Spirit coming down on him like a dove. A voice from heaven said, 'This is my Son, the one I love. I am very pleased with him.'"

Read Matthew 28:19 (ERV) "So go and make followers of all people in the world. Baptize them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit."

#### OPEN UP YOUR HEART

Being baptized in water is one of the first steps you take in following Jesus. The number one reason you should get baptized is because Jesus did. When you follow Jesus, you decide to follow His example and do what He says. Jesus was baptized, so you should be too!

On the next page, draw yourself at the top of the maze. Then find your way to Jesus getting baptized at the bottom.





#### WORSHIP GOD

One way we worship God is by talking to Him! Ask God a question: *How can I follow Jesus today?* 

Sit still for a few minutes. Listen for His answer.

Write down anything He tells you.

If you don't hear anything, that's OK. Maybe He wants to tell you later! Listen to His voice throughout your day.

#### DAY 8: WHAT IT MEANS TO BE BAPTIZED

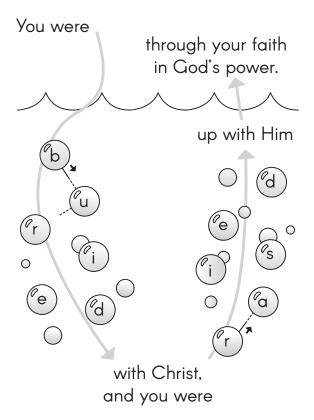
## GET QUIET

Get quiet by pretending to catch a snowflake in your mouth.

## READ GOD'S WORD

Read Colossians 2:12 (NCV) "When you were baptized, you were buried with Christ, and you were raised up with him through your faith in God's power that was shown when he raised Christ from the dead."

Below, complete the picture of this verse by joining the bubbles in the correct order:

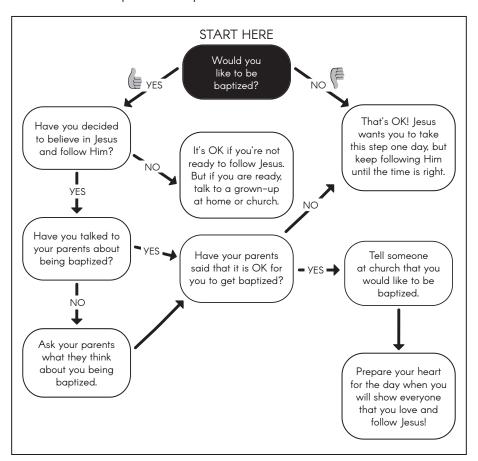


#### OPEN UP YOUR HEART

Baptism is just an outward picture of what Jesus did inside your heart when you started following Him.

When you go under the water, everyone sees a picture of how your old life and all your sins were buried with Jesus. When you come up out of the water, you are showing everyone that you believe God raised Jesus from the dead and that He has given you a new life.

Follow this question map to know what to do next:



Keep going on the next page!

#### WORSHIP One way

One way we worship God is by showing others that He loves them. Choose one way to do that today:

If you have made a decision to follow Jesus and are
ready to get baptized, invite your family and friends
to be there! Your baptism will show them how
powerful God's love really is.
Do something to show God's love like share help

- Do something to show God's love like share, help or give a compliment.
- Invite someone to church with you so they can hear about God's love.





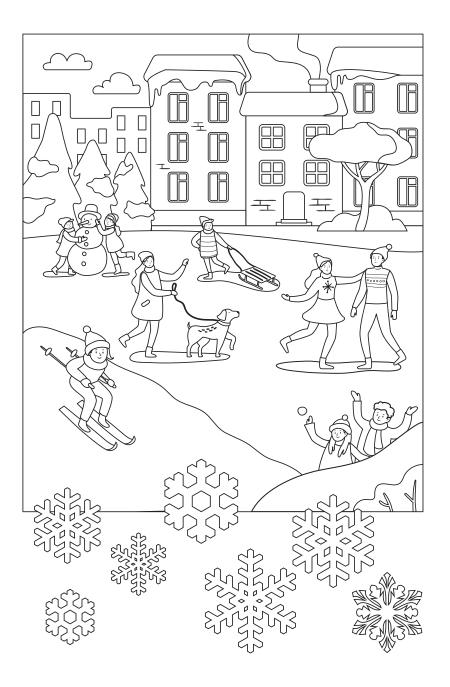












#### DAY 9: YOU ARE A PART OF GOD'S FAMILY

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Get quiet as you draw a picture of a family in the snow.

## READ GOD'S WORD

Read Acts 2:46–47 (ERV) "The believers shared a common purpose, and every day they spent much of their time together in the Temple area. They also ate together in their homes. They were happy to share their food and ate with joyful hearts. The believers praised God and were respected by all the people. More and more people were being saved every day, and the Lord was adding them to their group."

#### OPEN UP YOUR HEART

Everyone who believes in Jesus and follows Him is part of God's family. That's one big, happy family! This verse tells us that we should spend time together with other people who follow Jesus.

We can do that any day of the week and especially when we come to church.

Here are some things we can do together as a family of believers. Find them in the word search below:

Sing • Serve • Eat • Pray • Listen • Learn • Give											
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Pray: God, thank You for letting me be a part of Your family. Please give me people to spend time with that follow You. I love You! Amen.



#### WORSHIP GOD

One way we worship God is by going to church. Choose two things from the word search to do at church this Sunday:

1.			
2.			

#### DAY 10: YOU HAVE A HELPER WHO IS ALWAYS WITH YOU

## GET QUIET

Count to 10 and listen to hear any wind that might be blowing outside.

## READ GOD'S WORD

Read John 14:26 (NIRV) "But the Father will send the Friend in my name to help you. The Friend is the Holy Spirit. He will teach you all things. He will remind you of everything I have said to you."

Read Romans 8:11a (NIRV) "The Spirit of the God who raised Jesus from the dead is living in you."

#### OPEN UP YOUR HEART

We've learned about God the Father and God the Son, Jesus. There is a third part to who God is – the Holy Spirit!

When you were getting quiet, you listened for the wind, but could you see it? No! It's the same with the Holy Spirit. We cannot see Him, but He is always working inside our hearts.

Think about a good helper. What do they do? Five of these things are true about how the Holy Spirit is a good Helper, and two are false. Think about each one and circle T for true or F for false:

- T F He helps you understand what you read in the Bible.
- T F He gives you good or bad feelings to help you know the right thing to do.
- T F He tries to confuse you.
- T F He reminds you of what God says in His Word.
- T F He helps you trust God each day.
- T F He tempts you to do wrong things.
- T F He talks to God for you when you don't know what to pray.

The Holy Spirit will never confuse you or tempt you to do wrong things. The rest of those statements help us understand what a friend we have when the Holy Spirit lives inside of us. Everyone who believes in Jesus has the power of the Holy Spirit in them, and He is the best helper!



#### WORSHIP GOD

One way we worship God is by talking to Him. Sometimes, we may not know what to say, but God's Holy Spirit can help us. Complete the sentence below, and then say it in your heart to God. God will hear you because His Holy Spirit is in your heart and knows what you're saying!

God, thank You for giving me	Your Holy Spirit to	help me every
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Please help me do the right thing. Amen.



#### DAY 11: SPENDING TIME WITH GOD HELPS YOU HEAR HIS VOICE

GET QUIET

Be very still. What sounds do you hear? Is there a more quiet place you can go right now? If so, go there.

READ GOD'S WORD

Read Isaiah 28:23 (NIV) "Listen and hear my voice; pay attention and hear what I say."

OPEN UP YOUR HEART

God wants to speak to you! When you spend time with Him each day, you will learn how to hear His voice.

The Bible says that God speaks in a still, small voice. So being still and quiet will help you hear His voice.



Use the key above to decode the words missing from this sentence:

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Think about what happened today or yesterday: Did you **almost** do something you knew was wrong? Did the words of a parent, teacher, or friend come to your mind to help you know the right thing to do?

Was there a time your heart showed love or you had good thoughts that you don't usually have?

Do you think that was God putting ideas in your mind or guiding your heart? Circle one: Yes No Maybe

Sometimes it can be hard to know if we are hearing God's voice. Here are three ways you can know what God's voice sounds like. Use the same key on the other page to decode the missing words below:

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Pray: God, I want to hear Your voice. Help me to know when You are speaking to me. I love You. Amen.



#### WORSHIP GOD

Be still and listen to a worship song. What do you hear God saying to you in the song?

You will know it's God's voice if it agrees with the Bible, is kind, and is truthful.

#### DAY 12: YOU CAN SPEND TIME WITH GOD FACH DAY

## GET QUIET

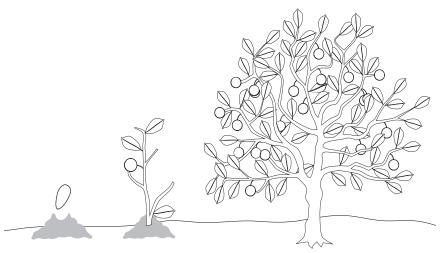
Take a deep breath and close your eyes. Count to 10 and then open your eyes.

## READ GOD'S WORD

Read Psalm 46:10 (NCV) "God says, 'Be still and know that I am God."

### OPEN UP YOUR HEART

When we get still and spend time reading God's Word, opening up our hearts to Him, and worshipping Him, our friendship with Him will grow!



Think about how God made the cherry tree to grow:

- 1 It starts out as a seed. Color in the seed.
- 2 Then it turns into a small tree. Add some small leaves to the small tree.
- 3. And finally, it grows into a big tree full of cherries. Color the big tree and add some cherries.

But when you look at a tree, can you see it growing? No! It is very still. In the same way, your friendship with God will grow when you are still and spend time getting to know Him.

When is a good time of day for you to spend a few minutes growing your friendship with God? Circle the one that would work best for you:

When I wake up

As I eat breakfast

When I get home from school

Before I go to bed

## WORSHIP GOD

You can be still and worship God at the same time! We have learned so many great things over the last two weeks about who God is. Be as still as you can for the next minute, and worship God by telling Him the things you've learned about Him.

Below are some things you could tell Him:

- God, I'm so glad You want to be my friend.
- It's amazing how You sent Your Son, Jesus, to take the punishment for my sin so I can be forgiven.
- I'm amazed by how You brought Jesus back to life! You're so powerful!
- Jesus, You set the best example for me to follow.
- Thank You for always giving me what I need.
- I'm so glad You gave me the Holy Spirit to be my friend and my helper.

#### DAY 13: TO GROW YOUR FRIENDSHIP WITH GOD, YOU NEED TO "GET QUIET"

## GET QUIET

Take a minute to listen. Are there any noises distracting you? If so, move to a quieter place, or cover yourself with a blanket.

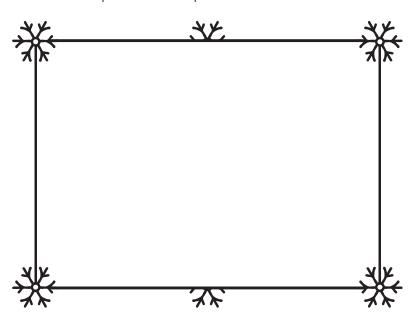
## READ GOD'S WORD

Read Luke 5:15–16 (NIRV) "But the news about Jesus spread even more. So crowds of people came to hear him. They also came to be healed of their sicknesses. But Jesus often went away to be by himself and pray."

#### OPEN UP YOUR HEART

Why do you think it was important for Jesus to be by Himself to pray?

Where is a quiet place you can go to pray and spend time with God? Draw a picture of that place!



## WORSHIP GOD

When you are by yourself in a quiet place, sing a song to God! If you don't know what song to sing, find "Good, Good Father" on the KidSpring App and sing along.



DAY 14: TO GROW YOUR FRIENDSHIP WITH GOD, YOU NEED TO "READ GOD'S WORD"

GET QUIET

Find somewhere quiet to sit for a few minutes. When you get there, take three deep breaths.

## READ GOD'S WORD

Read Psalm 119:11–12 (CEV) "I treasure your word above all else; it keeps me from sinning against you. I praise you, Lord! Teach me your laws."

#### OPEN UP YOUR HEART

Underline the word "treasure" in the verse above. When we treasure something, we treat it as if it's something very special.

What does Psalm 119:11-12 say we should treasure above all else?

God's Word is very special, because it's not just letters on a page. God told people to write these words down just for us!

There are many things God wants to tell us. Find out what those are by using the key below to decode the words on the next page!



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Because the Bible is God's Word to us, we should treasure it and read it every day. When we do, our friendship with Him will grow.

Pray: Father, thank You for giving me Your Word to read. Help me to treasure it!



#### WORSHIP GOD

Find "Follow You" on the KidSpring App or YouTube Channel and worship God by singing!



#### DAY 15: "OPEN UP YOUR HEART" AND THINK ABOUT GOD

## GET QUIET

Get quiet and put two fingers on your neck, just beside your throat. Can you feel your heart beating?

## READ GOD'S WORD

Read Colossians 3:2 (NIRV) "Think about things that are in heaven. Don't think about things that are only on earth."

## OPEN UP YOUR HEART

To grow your friendship with God, you need to open up your heart, but not like a surgeon or a doctor does! You can open up your heart to God by thinking about Him.

Think about someone you know here on Earth. Write down three things you know about them:

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When you think about someone, you remember things you know about them, and sometimes you realize things about them that you have never noticed before. In the same way, when you think about God, the Holy Spirit will help you remember things you know about Him and realize new things as well.

Now think about God and write down three things you know about Him:

1.	
2.	
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There are so many great things you can get to know about God, but you have to spend time with Him and open up your heart to what He wants to say. When you do that, your friendship with God will grow!

## WORSHIP GOD

Singing a worship song about God will help you think about Him! Open up your heart and think about God by singing "My Faith Is In You." You can find it on the KidSpring App or YouTube Channel.



#### DAY 16: "OPFN UP YOUR HEART" AND TALK TO GOD

## GET QUIET

Get quiet and think about one friend you like talking to. Who is it?

## READ GOD'S WORD

Read Matthew 6:6 (NIRV) "When you pray, go into your room. Close the door and pray to your Father, who can't be seen. He will reward you, because He sees what you do secretly."

#### OPEN UP YOUR HEART

Just like you can talk to a friend, you can talk to God! Even though you can't see your heavenly Father, does He see you and hear you?

#### YES NO

Jesus spent a lot of time talking to God, and He knew that your friendship with God will grow when you do the same thing. God is listening and loves to hear you. If you could talk to God right now about anything, what would it be?

#### WORSHIP GOD

Praying is one way to worship God. Jesus knew His followers might not always know what to say when they pray. In Matthew 6:9-13, He teaches us a simple way to pray. It's as easy as following a map! Follow this map and fill in the blanks with your own words or pictures:



#### DAY 17: TO GROW YOUR FRIENDSHIP WITH GOD, YOU NEED TO "WORSHIP"

۔ ا	GET QUIET  Get quiet and turn on some music.
	READ GOD'S WORD  Read Psalm 100:1–2 (NIRV) "Shout for joy to the Lord, everyone on earth. Worship the Lord with gladness. Come to him with songs of joy."
	OPEN UP YOUR HEART Draw a picture of nature below and include these things:
	□ moon □ icicles □ deer   □ stars □ trees □ mountains   □ snow □ owl □ rabbit
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Now add yourself to the picture! Everything in this picture is something God created, and everything God created was made to worship Him. YOU were made to worship God!

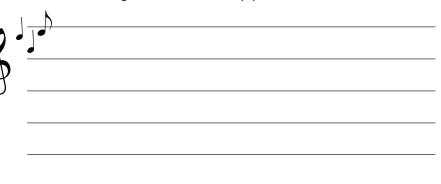
When we worship God, we show Him that we love Him more than anything or anyone else.

Write down three things you love about God:

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## WORSHIP GOD

One way we can worship God is by singing to Him. Write a song for God or play one of your favorite worship songs and sing it. Tell Him how great He is and why you love Him!





#### DAY 18: LOOK INSIDE YOUR HEART

## GET QUIET

Tuck your chin into your chest as if you are looking into your own heart. Then lift your chin toward the ceiling. Do this three times!

## READ GOD'S WORD

Luke 6:45 (CEV) "Good people do good things because of the good in their hearts. Bad people do bad things because of the evil in their hearts. Your words show what is in your heart."

#### OPEN UP YOUR HEART

If you were at a party and there was a piñata, what would you want to come out of it?



- ☐ Candy
- Toys
- ☐ Mud
- Money
- Rotten eggs
- ☐ Dirty socks
- ☐ Bubble gum
- ☐ Jewelry
- ☐ Trash

It would be awful if someone put trash inside a piñata and it came falling out instead of fun prizes! In the same way, we have to make sure that what we're putting in our hearts is good, because whatever is in our hearts comes out through our words and actions.

Think about some good things that God can help you put into your heart, and write them in the heart below.



## WORSHIP GOD

When our hearts are full of what God says is good, we can't help but worship Him! Find the song "Raise a Hallelujah" on the KidSpring App or YouTube Channel.

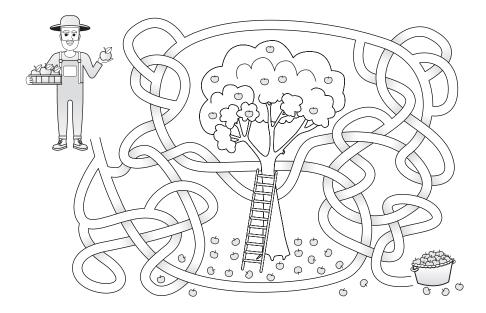


The word "hallelujah" means "to praise" or "worship" God. Listen to this song, sing along, and worship God with your heart!

#### DAY 19: THE HOLY SPIRIT GROWS FRUIT IN OUR LIVES

## GET QUIET

Get quiet by following the maze and helping the boy gather fruit from the tree.



## READ GOD'S WORD

Galatians 5:22–23 (NLT) – "But the Holy Spirit produces this kind of fruit in our lives: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. There is no law against such things!"

#### OPEN UP YOUR HEART

When we follow Jesus, God's Holy Spirit lives in our hearts, and He will make good things grow! The things that will grow and show in our lives are listed in the verse you just read! See if you can match the words to their definitions.

Use today's verse to complete the words on the next page.



Pray: God, please grow more good things in me so I can be more like You. I love You. Amen.



#### WORSHIP GOD

Search for the "Fruit of the Spirit" song on the KidSpring app or YouTube Channel. As you sing it, try to memorize all the fruit of the Spirit so you can watch for them to grow in your heart.

#### DAY 20: GOD LOVES YOU AND TAKES AWAY YOUR SINS

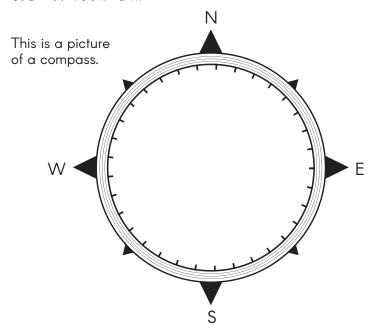
## GET QUIET

Get quiet as you close your eyes and pretend that you are walking on a snowy mountain. Think about what you would see, feel, and smell!

## READ GOD'S WORD

Read Psalm 103:11–12 (ERV) " [God's] love for his followers is as high above us as heaven is above the earth. And He has taken our sins as far away from us as the east is from the west."

## OPEN UP YOUR HEART



A compass tells us which direction is which. It can also help us understand today's Bible verse! First, draw yourself in the middle of the compass.

Now draw a heart around the letter N. N stands for North. Is the arrow for North pointing up high or down low?

Because it points up high, it reminds us that God's love for us is so big and so great that it's as high above us as heaven is above the Earth!

God loves us so much even though we sin and do wrong things. Have you ever felt bad for doing something that you knew was wrong? If so, that's called being convicted of your sin. When you feel this way, you should tell God. He won't be mad at you, because if you believe in and follow Jesus, God has already forgiven you!

When God looks at you, He doesn't see that sin anymore, because He has taken it as far away as possible.

Look at the compass again, and circle the letters E and W. These stand for East and West. If you throw one snowball to the East and one snowball to the West, will they be going away from you or coming toward you?

East and West are opposite directions, so they would be going away from you. The Bible tells us that God takes our sins away from us, as far away as the east is from the west. That's even farther than you can imagine! How does it make you feel to know that God takes your sins really far away from you?



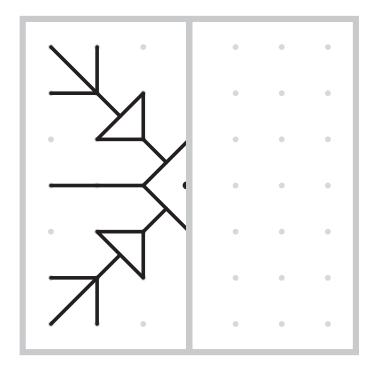
#### WORSHIP GOD

Thank God for loving you so big by finding "My God, My Father" on the KidSpring App or YouTube Channel and singing it as you look up to Him!

#### DAY 21: REMEMBERING WHAT GOD SAYS WILL HELP YOU KNOW WHAT TO DO

## GET QUIET

Get quiet by finishing this picture of a snowflake.



## READ GOD'S WORD

Read Matthew 4:1–4 (NIRV) "The Holy Spirit led Jesus into the desert. There the devil tempted him. After 40 days and 40 nights of going without eating, Jesus was hungry. The tempter came to him. He said, 'If you are the Son of God, tell these stones to become bread.' Jesus answered, 'It is written, 'Man must not live only on bread. He must also live on every word that comes from the mouth of God.'"

Read Deuteronomy 11:18 (NIRV) "So keep my words in your hearts and minds. Write them down and tie them on your hands as a reminder."



In the verses from Matthew 4, circle the first three words after "Jesus answered."

In the desert, when Jesus was tempted to do the wrong thing, He remembered what was written in God's Word. That's why Jesus said, "It is written ..."

When you are tempted to do the wrong thing, remembering what God says can help you, too. Like Deuteronomy 11:18 says, you can keep God's words in your heart and mind, and you can write them down.

Choose one of these verses to practice remembering. Draw a heart around the one you choose.

1 Peter 5:7
"Give all your
worries and cares
to God, for He
cares about you."

1 John 4:19 "We love because God first loved us." Romans 8:31 "If God is for us, who can be against us?"



#### WORSHIP GOD

When you practice remembering what God says, it shows that you love and trust Him, and that is worship.

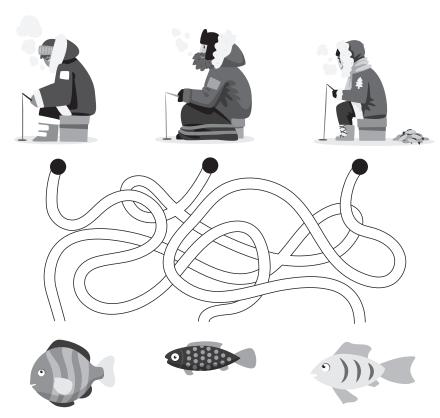
So worship God right now by doing one or two of these things to memorize the verse you chose:

- Write the verse on a strip of paper. Put it in your pocket or make it into a bracelet. Every time you feel it today, try saying the verse in your mind or out loud.
- Say the verse a few times. Each time, cover up a word and see if you can remember what it was.
- Write the verse in large letters on a piece of paper.
   Tape it somewhere you will see it often, like on your bathroom mirror, the refrigerator, or on the door to your room.
- Turn the verse into a song!

#### DAY 22: YOU CAN HAVE A SUCCESSFUL LIFE

## GET QUIET

Get quiet by following the lines to see what each fisherman will catch.



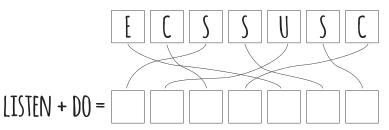
## READ GOD'S WORD

Read Joshua 1:8 (NIRV) "Never stop reading this Book of the Law. Day and night you must think about what it says. Make sure you do everything written in it. Then things will go well with you. And you will have great success."

Read James 1:22 (NIRV) "Don't just listen to the word. You fool yourselves if you do that. You must do what it says."

#### OPEN UP YOUR HEART

Finish the equation by following the line from the top box to the box below and writing in the matching letter.



When you *listen* to what God says and then *do* it, He promises that you will have great *success*!

"My dear brothers and sisters, take note of this: Everyone should be quick to listen, slow to speak and slow to become angry." — James 1:19 NIV

Now that you've listened to this verse, what should you do?

Try another one. Listen to this verse and think about what it says:

"Do not worry about anything. But pray and ask God for everything you need. And when you pray, always give thanks." – Philippians 4:6 ICB

Now that you've listened to this verse, what should you do?

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#### WORSHIP GOD

Worship God by thinking about His words throughout your day. Then think about them when you lay down to go to bed tonight.

#### DAY 23: HOW GOD WANTS YOU TO LIVE

## GET QUIET

Snuggle up under a warm blanket. Tell God how happy you are to spend time with Him today!

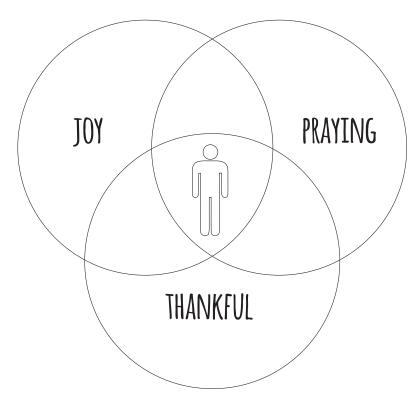
## READ GOD'S WORD

Read 1 Thessalonians 5:16–18 (ERV) "Always be full of joy. Never stop praying. Whatever happens, always be thankful. This is how God wants you to live in Christ Jesus."

#### OPEN UP YOUR HEART

Find and circle these three words in the Bible verse above:

JOY, PRAYING, THANKFUL



Each of the three circles stands for one of the words you circled in today's verse. Find the person in the middle and color in that space with your favorite color. This person is you, and this is how God wants you to live — full of joy, always praying, and being thankful!

When we are making little choices every day, and even when we have big choices to make, we don't have to wonder what God wants us to do. We know from reading His word that He wants us to be joyful, prayerful, and thankful!

When we do these three things, we are living how God wants us to live as we follow Jesus.

What is a little choice you have to make every day?

What is a big choice you have to make or know that you will have to make one day?

Pray about one of those choices right now! Ask God to help you make the right choice.



#### WORSHIP GOD

Worshipping can help you be thankful and full of joy no matter what is happening. It's also a different way you can pray and talk to God. Try it by searching for the song "No Stopping Us" on the KidSpring App or YouTube Channel and singing it as loud as you can!



#### DAY 24: GOD KNOWS EVERYTHING ABOUT YOUR LIFE

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Find a quiet place to sit down. As you do, think about how God is right there with you.

## READ GOD'S WORD

Read Proverbs 5:21 (ERV) "The Lord clearly sees everything you do. He watches where you go."

## OPEN UP YOUR HEART

Write down five things you did today:

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Did you know that God saw you do every one of these things? God cares about you. That's why He is always watching over you.
How does it make you feel to know God sees everything you do?
s there anything you have done that you wish God couldn't see?

We cannot hide anything from God, and that's a good thing. Because God sees everything we do, He knows exactly what we need. He knows when we need help. He sees when we need forgiveness. All we have to do is ask Him for it!



#### WORSHIP GOD

Worship God and show Him you love Him by talking to Him about your day and asking Him for what you need.

Choose one thing that happened yesterday, and tell God about it. Here's how:

- Tell Him what happened
- Tell Him who was there
- Tell Him how you felt
- Thank Him for being with you when this happened
- Ask Him for what you need



#### DAY 25: DON'T WORRY ABOUT YOUR LIFF

## GET QUIET

Get quiet by looking out a window. See if you can spot a bird.

## READ GOD'S WORD

Read what Jesus said in Matthew 6:25–27 (NIRV) "I tell you, do not worry. Don't worry about your life and what you will eat or drink. And don't worry about your body and what you will wear. Isn't there more to life than eating? Aren't there more important things for the body than clothes? Look at the birds of the air. They don't plant or gather crops. They don't put away crops in storerooms. But your Father who is in heaven feeds them. Aren't you worth much more than they are? Can you add even one hour to your life by worrying?"

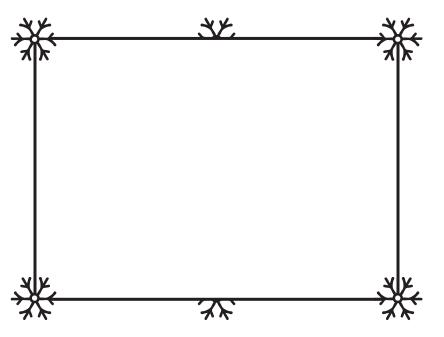
#### OPEN UP YOUR HEART

Underline all the times you see "do not worry" or "don't worry" in the Bible verses above.

Jesus tells us three times in these verses not to worry. When Jesus repeats something, it is a big deal! He does not want you to worry.

Jesus says you don't need to worry, because He knows who is taking care of you. Who does Jesus say is taking care of you (hint: it's the same person who takes care of the birds)?

Draw a picture of something you worry about.



Imagine God, your heavenly Father, saying this to you in a kind and quiet voice, "Do not worry about that. I will take care of you. You can trust me."



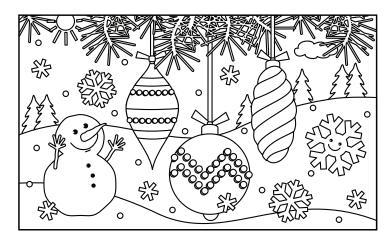
Worshipping God can help us not to worry! Sing a song to God and let Him know that you trust Him to take care of you.

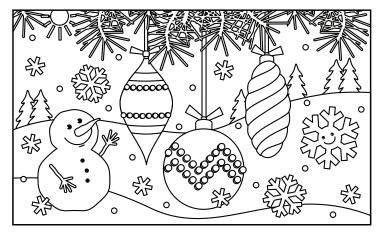
If you need a song to sing, check out "For Our Good" or "Nothing's Impossible" on the KidSpring App or YouTube Channel.

#### DAY 26: GOD IS A PROMISE MAKER AND A PROMISE KEEPER

## GET QUIET

Get quiet by looking carefully at the pictures of the snowmen below. Can you spot five differences between the pictures?





## READ GOD'S WORD

Numbers 23:19 (NLT) – "God is not a man, so he does not lie. He is not human, so he does not change his mind. Has he ever spoken and failed to act? Has he ever promised and not carried it through?"

#### OPEN UP YOUR HEART

Sometimes, we make promises that we do not keep. But God keeps every promise He has ever made. Because God is not a human like us, He doesn't lie and He doesn't change his mind once He says something. Mark True or False on the things below that you think are promises from God:

		True	raise
1.	Give you all A's on your report card		
2	Be with you always		
3.	Give you all the money you want		
4.	Hear you when you pray		
5.	Make you popular		
6.	Help you when you're tempted		
7.	Make life easy		
8.	Give you the best cell phone		
9.	Forgive your sins		

Answers: J. False, Z. True, 3. False, 4. True, 5. False, 6. True, X. False, 8. False, 9. True

## WORSHIP GOD

Which of those promises that you circled are hard for you to believe sometimes? Be honest with God and ask Him to help you believe all of His promises.

Then find the song "Promise Keeper" on the KidSpring App or YouTube Channel and sing along to it!





#### DAY 27: YOU CAN TRUST GOD

## GET OUTET

Close your eyes and picture God giving you a big hug.

## READ GOD'S WORD

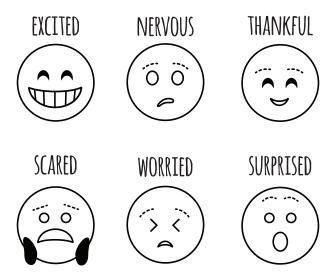
Proverbs 3:5–6 (ERV) "Trust the Lord completely, and don't depend on your own knowledge. With every step you take, think about what he wants, and he will help you go the right way."

Romans 15:13 (ERV) "I pray that the God who gives hope will fill you with much joy and peace as you trust in him."

#### OPEN UP YOUR HEART

God loves you and wants you to trust Him! Try to take a "trust walk" with an adult in your house. Close your eyes and let them lead you around for a few minutes.

How did it make you feel to have to trust whoever was leading you?



In the same way, God is leading us through life, and we can completely trust Him, even when things are not going the way we want them to go.

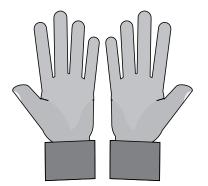
Look back at the verse you just read from Romans. Check two things below that this verse says we will be full of as we trust God:

	Joy
	Anger
	Sadness
$\Box$	Peace
	Anxiety

# W

#### WORSHIP GOD

Worship God in a special way as you talk to Him by putting your hands out in front of you with your palms up. When we open our hands like this, it is a way to show God that we are willing to let go of our way of doing things and trust His plans.



With your hands open, tell God, "I trust you." Then talk to Him about anything you want His help with.

#### DAY 28: GOD GIVES YOU WHAT YOU NEED

## GET QUIET

As you get quiet, look at the animals below. Circle the animal that you think can live in the coldest temperature.



If you circled the "Arctic Fox," you are correct! It can be outside in temperatures up to -94 degrees Fahrenheit! But God gave the arctic fox something special that He didn't give the other animals. He gave the arctic fox the warmest fur of any animal that lives in the arctic!

## READ GOD'S WORD

Matthew 6:31–33 (NIRV) "So don't worry. Don't say, 'What will we eat?' Or, 'What will we drink?' Or, 'What will we wear?' People who are ungodly run after all those things. Your Father who is in heaven knows that you need them. But put God's kingdom first. Do what he wants you to do. Then all those things will also be given to you."

#### OPEN UP YOUR HEART

God gave the arctic fox what it needs for life in the cold weather. In the same way, God gives us everything we need in life. Sometimes we get confused about things that we NEED and things that we WANT. God gives us the things we need, but He may not give us the things we want if they're not what's best for us.

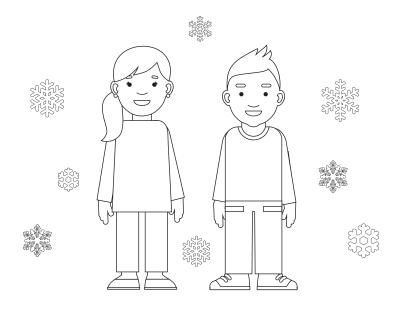
Look at the list below, and put an **N** beside things we **need** and a **W** beside things we may **want**.

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WORSHIP GOD Worship God by making a list of all the things you have that you're thankful for!		

#### DAY 29: GOD GIVES YOU ARMOR TO PUT ON EACH DAY

## GET QUIET

Get quiet by getting the people in the picture below dressed for an adventure in the snow! You can give them a coat, mittens, a hat, or anything else you think would help them be prepared.



## READ GOD'S WORD

Read Ephesians 6:10–11,14–17 (NIRV) "Finally, let the Lord make you strong. Depend on his mighty power. Put on all of God's armor. Then you can remain strong against the devil's evil plans ... So remain strong in the faith. Put the belt of truth around your waist. Put the armor of godliness on your chest. Wear on your feet what will prepare you to tell the good news of peace. Also, pick up the shield of faith. With it, you can put out all the flaming arrows of the evil one. Put on the helmet of salvation. And take the sword of the Holy Spirit. The sword is God's word."

#### OPEN UP YOUR HEART

Just like you got the people dressed and ready to battle the cold temperatures, strong winds, and icy conditions of a snow adventure, God has prepared us for battle with our enemy, the devil. He did this by giving us His armor.

Pretend you are putting on each piece of God's armor as you say the following out loud or in your heart:





I put on the **BELT OF TRUTH** so I can fight the devil's lies.



I put on the **ARMOR OF GODLINESS** to protect my heart and do what's right.



I put on the **GOOD NEWS BOOTS** so I'll be ready to show God's love all day.



I hold up the **SHIELD OF FAITH** to block anything the enemy sends my way.



I put on the **HELMET OF SALVATION** so I'll remember God will always love me.



I use the **SWORD OF THE SPIRIT**, because God's Word is my best weapon against the enemy.



Now I **STAND FIRM AND PRAY**.

As you go throughout your day, remember that you are wearing God's armor. Depend on God's power, and put each piece of His armor to use so that you can stand strong against the devil's evil plans.



## WORSHIP GOD

Sing along to "Full Armor of God" on the KidSpring App or YouTube Channel.

#### DAY 30: JESUS GIVES US A NEW COMMAND

## GET QUIET

Take a deep breath and count to 10 as you let it out slowly.

## READ GOD'S WORD

Read John 13:34–35 (ERV) "I give you a new command: Love each other. You must love each other just as I loved you. All people will know that you are my followers if you love each other."

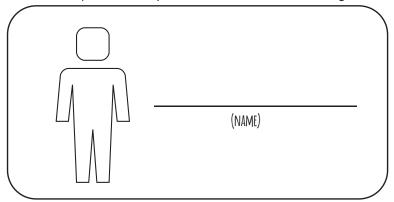
#### OPEN UP YOUR HEART

Put a check beside the ways that Jesus loves you:

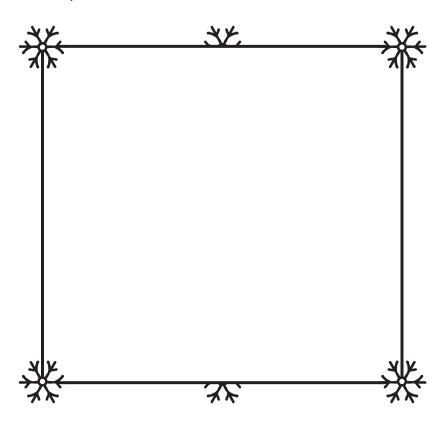
	Forgives you
	Gives you good things
	Yells at you
	Helps you
	Comforts you when you're sa
	Lies to you
	Listens to you
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Jesus wants you to love others by doing the same things He does to show His love to you.

Who is one person that you have a hard time showing love to?



What is one thing you can do this week to show them love? Draw your answer below.



Pray: Jesus, please help me to love people the way You love me.



#### WORSHIP GOD

Worship God by singing "Love Will Never Fail" from the KidSpring App or YouTube Channel. This song will help you remember how to love others today and every day.

#### DAY 31: YOU CAN CHANGE AND GROW LIKE JESUS

GET QUIET

Do you have a picture of when you were a baby? Take it to a quiet place, look at it, and think about how you have changed.

## READ GOD'S WORD

Read Luke 2:52 (ERV) "As Jesus grew taller, he continued to grow in wisdom. God was pleased with him and so were the people who knew him."

#### OPEN UP YOUR HEART

Just like you've grown since you were a baby, you can continue to grow just like Jesus did. Jesus grew physically, mentally, spiritually, and socially. You can grow in these same ways.

Circle at least one goal you want to set to help you grow in each of these categories:



PHYSICALLY

- Play outside for 30 min a day
- Eat more vegetables
- Take vitamins
- Take a walk with your family



MENTALLY

- Read the Bible for 10 minutes a day
- Write or draw in a journal each day/week
- Create something
- Memorize one Bible verse a month



SPTRTTUALLY

- Have a quiet time each day
- Talk to God when you are waiting in line at school or riding home
- Read or watch a Bible story from church during the week
- Sing a worship song every day



SOCTALLY

- Give someone a compliment
- Share something with a sibling or friend
- Do something kind for someone else when they're not watching
- Thank an adult for something they did



## WORSHIP GOD

Worship God by talking to Him. Here's a prayer you can pray: God, help me to keep growing just like Jesus did. Show me how to grow in my friendship with you!

