



True Girl Daily Devos

DAILY DEVOTIONS FOR

November
& December

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THE TRUE GIRL TEAM, AND OTHERS WE LOVE!



As you read these devos, you'll see that we've written them for **Y-O-U** if you're a tween girl! But you may need your mom sometimes. Why? Well, the honest answer is that sometimes when you're first learning to do something, it's good to have help from someone with more experience!

It might be your first or second or third year having devotions on your own. But it's probably your mom's tenth or twentieth year of doing it. So, she's gonna come in handy from time to time. Every now and then, one of the writers will encourage you to ask your mom for help.

(So, Mom, if you're reading this, we hope you are on standby every day. When your girl comes to you for advice or help, try to be available soon, even if you can't be at that very moment.)

If it is helpful, you could decide you want to start by reading these together with your mom, but we sure hope you will grow in your ability to read the Bible and understand it on your own. After all, someday, you may be the mom helping a girl learn to do the very same thing!

I love you, and Jesus loves you.

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Look at the Birds

"That is why I tell you not to worry about everyday life—whether you have enough food and drink, or enough clothes to wear. Isn't life more than food, and your body more than clothing? Look at the birds. They don't plant or harvest or store food in barns, for your heavenly Father feeds them. And aren't you far more valuable to him than they are?"

{ Matthew 6:25–26 }

Years ago, I heard a faint flapping sound on my front porch. I discovered a tiny bird had gotten trapped in the tall pillars that held up the roof. There was a small opening at the top. And this bird was flapping waaaaayyyy down in the bottom.

I petitioned my husband Bob to use a jigsaw to carve a great, big, old, ugly hole in the bottom of that pillar. Then, I reached down and lifted that frightened little guy out. He looked at me nervously for a moment. I opened my hand. He flew off.

If I care enough about a bird to ruin my porch pillar, how much more does God care? He created our feathered friends. And how much more does He care for you and me? So much more. Matthew 6:25–26 reminds us to do something important when we feel anxious about the future: look at the birds.



ACTION POINT: The birds start to get hungry about this time of year. There are fewer bugs and berries to eat. Maybe consider partnering with God in caring for them by pulling out a healthy snack of seeds or berries.

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NOVEMBER 1



Silly Girl!



Your right hand supports me; your help has made me great. You have made a wide path for my feet to keep them from slipping.

{ Psalm 18:35–36 }



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friend and I went walking in the woods with her German Shepherd puppy named Leo. We laughed as he grabbed the leash in his mouth and walked alongside my friend.

There was no possible way Leo was in control of that leash, but he thought he was! My friend lovingly said, "Silly boy!"

It hit me that how my friend acted towards her dog is exactly how God looks at me when I try to grab the leash of my life and take control. Maybe I'm scared of what might happen if I don't do things my way or worried God hasn't seen what is happening to me.

But God is there, completely in control of the situation and seeing the big picture. As He sees me, trying to take control of my life, it's like He's looking at me and saying in a loving voice, "Silly girl, I have you. Don't worry. I won't lead you astray."



ACTION POINT: Maybe hard things are happening, and you don't feel like God is in control. Ask God to comfort you as you try to trust what He's allowing. For extra help from Him, copy Psalm 18:35-36 into your journal.

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NOVEMBER 2





Loosen Your Grip

And God will generously provide all you need. Then you will always have everything you need and plenty left over to share with others.

{ 2 Corinthians 9:8 }



I like to think I'm a giving person. If someone asks me for gum or a chip, it isn't a problem for me to share. So, you'd understand my surprise when I couldn't let go of a purple gel pen my friend asked if she could have. It had glitter ink, but guess what? It came in a pack! There were five shades of each color.

Everything in me wanted to say, "You can have it!" but I also wanted to shout, "It's mine!" My selfishness got the best of me. I said I needed it for a drawing. Looking back, I wish I'd have blessed her with it.

So often, we hold onto God's blessings instead of allowing them to flow through us to others. We must remember that whatever we have doesn't belong to us. It's a gift from God that He loves to see us share so others can experience His goodness and know Him better.



ACTION POINT: Are you a giving person? Use your journal to write two examples of you sharing God's blessings with others. If you realize you hold onto His blessings too tightly, ask Him to help you hold them looser and bless others.

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NOVEMBER 3




A Very Special Delivery!




The ravens brought him bread and meat each morning and evening, and he drank from the brook.

{ 1 Kings 17:6 }

 Today's focus verse is about Elijah, a prophet. During a time of drought and famine, God told Elijah to go to a brook called Cherith. There, God promised to provide for him by commanding ravens (a type of bird) to bring him food.

Now, if I were Elijah, I might have thought, *Wait a second, God. Are You sure about this? Ravens don't do that!* But Elijah obeyed God right away and went to that brook. He trusted God's promise to provide, even though it seemed a little ridiculous. And, sure enough, those birds came every morning and evening carrying bread and meat for Elijah!

This story reminds you that God may ask you to do things that seem a little crazy or outside your comfort zone. He might lead you to take a step of faith that others might not understand. God will always provide for your needs when you trust Him.

 **ACTION POINT:** Look outside and see if you can find a bird to watch. Say a prayer like this, "Thank You, God, that You can do amazing things like make birds bring food to people! I trust You to provide for me!"

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Trust the Plan

"For I know the plans I have for you," says the LORD. "They are plans for good and not for disaster, to give you a future and a hope."

{ Jeremiah 29:11 }

Sometimes, life feels like a puzzle with missing pieces, especially when things don't go as planned. It's easy to worry and wonder why things aren't working out. But like a puzzle, God has a plan for us, fitting every piece into place, even when we can't see the whole picture.

Think about a beautiful tapestry being woven. Each thread has a purpose. It might seem chaotic from up close, but step back, and you'll see a breathtaking design. God's providence works the same way. He's in control, aligning situations, people, and experiences to create a masterpiece of your life.

So, when things seem confusing, remember God's plan is at work. Trust that He knows the bigger picture, even when you don't. Pray, seek His guidance, and have faith that He has a perfect plan. Like a puzzle or tapestry, the end result will be more beautiful than you can imagine.



ACTION POINT: Reflect on a recent situation that didn't go as planned. Spend time in prayer, asking God to help you trust His providence and believe that He's weaving something beautiful through it all.

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We See the Fruitful Harvest



*For God is the one who provides seed for the farmer and then bread to eat.
In the same way, he will provide and increase your resources and then
produce a great harvest of generosity in you.
{ 2 Corinthians 9:10 }*

 Did you know that God has a plan for your life? He has given you unique talents and abilities that you can use to make a difference in the world. Today's verse reminds us that God is our Provider and will give us everything we need to fulfill His plan for our lives. Just like a farmer plants seeds and trusts that they will grow into a bountiful harvest, we can trust that God will provide for us as we use our gifts and talents to serve Him.

So don't be afraid to dream big and pursue the passions He has placed in your heart. Whether through music, art, sports, or another talent, God will give you the strength and resources to make a difference in the world and bring glory to His name. Keep your eyes fixed on Him, and trust that He will supply all your needs according to His riches in glory (Philippians 4:19).

 **ACTION POINT:** Talk with your mom about areas in your life where you need to trust God, and then pray about them together.

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When His Best Is a No


And I tell you, ask and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you. For everyone who asks receives, and the one who seeks finds, and the one who knocks it will be opened.

{ Luke 11:9–10 ESV }

 **L**uke 11:9–10 used to confuse me. These verses say that if I seek, I will find. So, why doesn't God always give me what I want? Sometimes, I feel let down when I ask Him for something, and He doesn't give it to me. Does that mean these verses are a lie?

They don't say that if we ask for something, God will give it to us. They say we will find and receive His answer when we seek Him out. He will answer us, but that doesn't mean He will answer how we think He should.

In the verses following these, Jesus explains that no good father gives his child a stone when the child asks for bread. In the same way, our heavenly Father only gives us what is best for us. Sometimes, what we think will make us happy isn't good for us. That's why our gracious Father so lovingly provides only His best.

 **ACTION POINT:** What have you asked God for lately? Maybe you feel let down that His answer has been no. Ask Him to help you to trust Him even when He doesn't give you what you want.

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What If?



*When anxiety was great within me, your consolation brought me joy.
{ Psalm 94:19 NIV }*



I love to plan things. All of my friends at school know how much I love my planner. I can't be separated from it. It sounds ridiculous, but it is true! They once snuck it out of my bag and hid it just for fun. I went crazy looking for it! It was funny, but I was actually a little panicked when they took it. What if I missed something on my list? What if I forgot something? Immediately, my head was flooded with worry.

God holds every moment and every person in the palm of His hand. We don't need to worry! He will provide us with what He knows we need. Our "what if" questions don't need to cause panic. When we offer our worries to God, He relieves us of those pressures. The "what if" worries can drift away because God is in control.



ACTION POINT: Next time you find yourself in a whirlwind of worry, sit alone with God for a few moments. Simply talk to Him. Tell Him why you're worried, and rest in His provision.

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Give What You Can

Then a poor widow came and dropped in two small coins. Jesus called his disciples to him and said, "I tell you the truth, this poor widow has given more than all the others who are making contributions. For they gave a tiny part of their surplus, but she, poor as she is, has given everything she had to live on."

{ Mark 12:42-44 }



Have you ever sat in church or VBS (Vacation Bible School) and wanted to give money but felt like you did not have enough? I always loved this story about the poor widow.

She only gave two coins, yet Jesus praised her. He saw her heart of faith and sacrifice and did not focus on the amount.

When I was a teenager, I attended a Christian conference. I felt like God wanted me to give what I had in savings towards missions. It was not a lot of money, but I remembered the poor widow and decided to give it. I knew it would mean a lot to Jesus. It made me happy to show Him how much I loved Him by giving what I had.

And do you know what? I received a check in the mail the next week from my grandma. It matched the amount I had given! Jesus gave it right back to me!



ACTION POINT: The next time you feel embarrassed to give from what you have, remember the poor widow. Know that Jesus sees your gift and is happy you are showing your love for Him through giving what you can.

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Old But Not Forgotten




In everything I did, I showed you that by this kind of hard work, we must help the weak, remembering the words the Lord Jesus himself said: "It is more blessed to give than to receive."

{ Acts 20:35 NIV }

 **H**ave you ever thought about what it will be like when you're old? Like *really* old? I'm sure you have grandparents, relatives, or people at your church who are older. Have you ever thought about how life is for them?

My oldest daughter is thirteen. When she was two, I took her to a nursing home for the first time. We passed out homemade cards around dinner time. I wish you could have seen how the people in the nursing home's eyes lit up! They were so excited to see a toddler and wanted to talk to her. It was a small gesture on our part, but it made a big impact on those we wanted to show some love to that day.

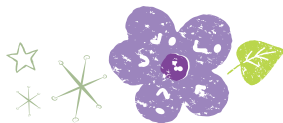
Remember that God wants us to be generous. That doesn't mean we have to give a ton of money or do anything elaborate. Sometimes, the best generosity comes with our time and thoughtfulness.

 **ACTION POINT:** As we enter this holiday season, think about a group of people that may never cross your mind: the elderly. Gather some friends, make homemade cards, and brighten their day by saying, "Hi!"

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NOVEMBER 10





Always Prepared

By his divine power, God has given us everything we need for living a godly life. We have received all of this by coming to know him, the one who called us to himself by means of His marvelous glory and excellence.

{ 2 Peter 1:3 }



I love Thanksgiving, but my plan for how it should go doesn't always work out. We visited my uncle one year, and my family forgot our blankets and pillows! It's funny when I remember how the six of us argued over who got the couch and laughed at how silly we looked spread out across the living room floor! We weren't prepared, and it was obvious.

We can all be unprepared at times. But think about how amazing it is that God shows us that we have everything we need when it comes to living life His way.

So, while I now always make sure to have a pillow on long trips, I don't have to worry about whether I will be prepared for other things coming my way. God will make sure that I am taken care of so I can focus on living for Him and keeping my mind centered on Him.



ACTION POINT: Take some time to thank God for always giving you everything you need. Even when it doesn't go as planned, you can be grateful God is always in control.



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Through the Storm



And this same God who takes care of me will supply all your needs from his glorious riches, which have been given to us in Christ Jesus.

{ Philippians 4:19 }



FLASH! A bright light streak illuminates the sky. CRACK! The grumbling sound fills empty space. Rain follows, touching everything in its path.

First, we see lightning. As light shows us what is unseen, God does the same. He leads through the worry and the unknown. Then follows thunder as a loud, confident echo. When God speaks, allow His voice to be the only thing that is heard. Allow Him to break through the silence. Finally, the rain comes. It's a provided need for all the living beings on the earth and allows growth.

Through the storms of life, look to the lightning: God is the One who guides your steps. Listen to the thunder: God speaks through His Word. Feel the rain: God generously provides for your needs.

Have peace in knowing God will provide for your life. We have a generous Father who has a plan for you!



ACTION POINT: I encourage you to pray. Ask God to help you look, listen, and feel. He is the only constant in the storm!



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NOVEMBER 12





Generous Giver

The generous will prosper; those who refresh others will themselves be refreshed.

{ Proverbs 11:25 }



Have you ever thought about how good it feels to give to others? Proverbs 11:25 says, “The generous will prosper; those who refresh others will themselves be refreshed.”

Being a generous giver doesn’t mean you have to give away all your things or money. It’s about having a giving heart and looking for ways to bless others.

God wants us to be generous givers because He is a generous God. He gave us the ultimate gift of salvation through His Son, Jesus Christ. Maybe you can help your younger sibling or friend with their homework or make a card for your grandma to brighten her day.

When you give with a cheerful heart, it not only makes you feel good, but it also brings joy to the person you are giving to. So, let’s follow God’s example and be generous givers!



ACTION POINT: Today, think of one person you can bless by giving them a compliment or doing something kind. You will receive blessings beyond measure when you give with a heart of love and kindness.

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You Can Help One



*If someone has enough money to live well and sees a brother or sister in need but shows no compassion—how can God's love be in that person?
{ 1 John 3:17 }*

 **G**rowing up going to church, I learned there were kids in the world who didn't have enough to eat or the chance to go to school. Their lives in Africa, Asia, and South America seemed so different from mine. When I started working in high school, I put aside some money to donate to a child sponsorship program. Being a sponsor meant I gave money to a ministry, which they used to feed and teach a child.

Today's verse says if we see someone in need and we're able to help—but we don't—then the love of God is not in us. When we truly love God, something happens to our hearts. We become more compassionate and giving.

I've never stopped sponsoring a child. Being generous is a great way to live. When you give to someone else, you don't have less . . . you have more!

 **ACTION POINT:** Are you interested in helping a needy child? Ask your mom or another adult to look into child sponsorship ministries. Maybe you'll be able to sponsor a child together. Also, say a prayer for a hungry and needy child today.

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NOVEMBER 14





Little to Give

So she did as Elijah said, and she and Elijah and her family continued to eat for many days. There was always enough flour and olive oil left in the containers, just as the Lord had promised through Elijah.

{ 1 Kings 17:15-16 }



I used to go to camp, and every night, they passed around the offering plate. I always felt bad that I never had money to give. I could go to camp for free because my dad was a pastor, and money was always tight. It wasn't until I was an adult that I learned that just like God knew the situation of the widow who didn't have many resources left, He also knew my heart, desire to give, and how much money I had.

I may not be able to easily give financially out of my pocket, but God has given me a listening ear, an encouraging spirit, and time to use my other abilities. All of these things are free to give to others as God brings opportunities to me. And those things are just as valuable to God as money if I offer them from a desire to give to Him.



ACTION POINT: *Is there something that you can do for God? Maybe you could play nicely with a younger sibling or do a cleaning task for your mom. Whatever you find to do, do it with a glad heart for Him!*

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Squad Goals




*There were no needy people among them, because those who owned land or houses would sell them and bring the money to the apostles to give to those in need.
{ Acts 4:34–35 }*

 **A**cts 4:34–35 tells us that believers shared everything they had, and there was no needy person among them. This verse shows us how God's people can come together to provide for each other in incredible ways. Just like God used the early believers, He continues to work through His children to care for one another.

Imagine being part of a team where everyone pitches in to help. When we give from our hearts, whether it's our time, resources, or kindness, we're reflecting God's love. We're like God's Provision Squad. Just as the believers supported each other, God uses us to be His hands and feet, meeting the needs of those around us.

When you see a friend struggling or someone who needs encouragement, remember Acts 4:34–35. You can make a difference in their lives through your actions and compassion. By uniting to provide, we become a witness to God's love and care for His people.

 **ACTION POINT:** Be on the lookout for someone who needs a high-five of encouragement or a helping hand. Show them you're part of God's Provision Squad, ready to share some love and laughter!

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NOVEMBER 16





So Much from a Slushie

*This service that you perform is not only supplying the needs of the Lord's people but is also overflowing in many expressions of thanks to God.
{ 2 Corinthians 9:12 NIV }*



I tend to be very busy . . . so busy that I often forget I need to relax! However, God always finds a way to comfort me and provide peace, even through other people.

On one super busy night, around 11 p.m., I heard a knock on my door. When I opened it, I found two of my friends on the other side holding a slushie for me! That small act of kindness meant the world to me. It felt like that was God giving me a big hug.

It is very important that we listen to God when He is guiding us to be generous. You never know how much of an impact you may have on someone! He works in and through us, even with things as silly as a slushie.



ACTION POINT: Spend some time in prayer and see if God is leading you to help someone. You may not be able to do much, but small acts of generosity can mean so much!

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NOVEMBER 17




We Have Lots!




A thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I have come so that they may have life and have it in abundance.

{ John 10:10 CSB }

 Our world is obsessed with things. Phones, clothes, homes, cars, everything you can think of! When we have them, we often feel happiness and like we're provided for. It can seem like we're lacking when we don't.

This is a trick of the enemy. He's a thief who steals our joy when he tells us we're missing out on the abundance of the world. *Abundance* is a big word for "lots." When we feel that there's lots to enjoy and we aren't experiencing it, we can feel as if God isn't providing for us. But nothing could be more untrue.

God is all about abundance! But His looks different. He's thinking in terms of us having lots in Him. Lots of His love, peace, grace, joy, forgiveness, and more! He sent Jesus to die for us so that in Him, we would not only have eternal life but have it more abundantly. With Christ, there's lots to enjoy!

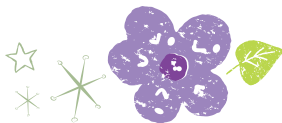
 **ACTION POINT:** Are you feeling like you're missing out on things the world offers? Maybe new clothes or an iPad? Whatever it is, write a letter to God about it. Ask Him to help you want His abundance more than anything else.

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NOVEMBER 18







# It's All a Gift

*You open your hand and satisfy the desires of every living thing.  
{ Psalm 145:16 NIV }*



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hy did God create humans? Some people believe that God made us to serve and obey Him. Sure, we serve and obey God, but that's not why He made us.

At creation, God made Adam and Eve and gave them all of creation to enjoy and to manage. In the Psalms, it says God opens His hands and satisfies the desires of every living thing. It's all a gift.

He made you and gave you the free gift of His Son, Jesus. Want more gifts? You receive the gift of faith when you listen to His word (Romans 10:17). You receive the gift of forgiveness when you repent (1 John 1:8). You receive the gift of the Holy Spirit and baptism (Acts 2:38; 1 Peter 3:21).

Whatever we do for God, we get to do through what He provides by His open hand!



**ACTION POINT:** What are some of your favorite gifts from God? Share about them with your mom or a friend.

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# The Right Heart Attitude



*You must each decide in your heart how much to give. And don't give reluctantly or in response to pressure. "For God loves a person who gives cheerfully."*

*{ 2 Corinthians 9:7 }*

 **H**ave you ever done something good but deep down had a bad attitude in your heart? Maybe you were asked to clean your room or share the last cookie with a sibling. Even though you did it, your heart didn't want to be generous.

Today's verse says God wants you to be a cheerful giver. But it's not just about giving money or your stuff. It's about giving yourself, your time, and your talents. When you give cheerfully, you will bless others. In return, you will receive blessings beyond measure.

So, what can you do to be a cheerful giver today? Think of someone who needs encouragement or help, and find a way to bless them. Whatever you decide to do, do it with a cheerful heart. Make it your goal to be generous and do it with the right heart attitude.

 **ACTION POINT:** Take a moment to think of one person you can bless today. Brainstorm some ideas on how you can show them kindness or support, and then take action!

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## A Heart of Gratitude

*One of them, when he saw that he was healed, came back to Jesus, shouting, "Praise God!" He fell to the ground at Jesus' feet, thanking him for what he had done. This man was a Samaritan. Jesus asked, "Didn't I heal ten men? Where are the other nine?"*

*{ Luke 17:15-17 }*

 **T**en really sick men met Jesus. They had a bad skin disease and were not allowed to live with their families, so no one else would get sick. Instead, they had to hide far outside of town. I imagine they were lonely.

Jesus changed everything when He healed them. They could finally go back to their families and enjoy life again. But . . . only one of them said thank you. He fell at Jesus' feet and shouted and praised God!

This story always reminds me how easy it is to forget to thank God. I wake up in a comfy bed instead of on the streets like a lot of people in the world. I use my education to read a book, which is also something a lot of people cannot do. Sometimes, God answers my prayers. But I forgot to say thank you. Do you ever forget, too?

 **ACTION POINT:** Let's be like that one thankful man. Write a list of ten things you are thankful to God for.

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# The Perfect Gift




*Every generous act and every perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of lights; with Him there is no variation or shadow cast by turning.*

*{ James 1:17 HCSB }*

 **M**y husband is a pastor and is a little nerdy because he knows Greek words. One of the words he knows is *dorema*, the word for “perfect gift” in James 1:17. My husband liked this word so much that he wanted to name our daughter Dorema because she would be our perfect gift from God.

Little did we know that we would never get to meet little Dorema because she died before birth. At first thought, it felt as though God had given us a gift and had snatched her away. But now, after my mama’s heart has had time to heal, I see He still gave me a gift through the short life that Dorema had.

Now, I can be thankful that God gave her to me, if only for a short time. Dorema is a perfect gift that keeps giving to others because God uses me to encourage other mamas who hurt after losing a baby.

 **ACTION POINT:** Has someone you loved died or moved away? It can be so painful. Thank God for bringing them into your life. Your hurt shows how much you cared and how they were a gift to you.

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NOVEMBER 22



## \* Trust Your Heavenly Father

*«And why worry about your clothing? Look at the lilies of the field and how they grow. They don't work or make their clothing, yet Solomon in all his glory was not dressed as beautifully as they are. And if God cares so wonderfully for wildflowers that are here today and thrown into the fire tomorrow, he will certainly care for you. Why do you have so little faith?»  
{ Matthew 6:28–30 }*



I love taking walks in nature, especially in the spring, when all the flowers start blooming, and little buds pop out on all the trees. Everywhere I look, there is beauty and cheerful colors.

Have you ever thought that God dresses these flowers? He picked their colors and helps them grow!

God is also your Creator. He handpicked the color of your hair and eyes. He knows you by name. If God takes care of these little flowers, you can trust He will take care of you. He knows exactly what you need to thrive and grow. You don't need to worry!

 **ACTION POINT:** Tell God, your Heavenly Father, what you need. Thank Him that He cares and provides for you. Trust in His love and care today.

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NOVEMBER 23



# Generous in All Things




*And don't forget to do good and to share with those in need.  
These are the sacrifices that please God.  
{ Hebrews 13:16 }*

 **D**o you ever wonder how you can get closer to God? Many times throughout my life, I have wanted to know God more but did not know how to do it. Hebrews 13:16 gives us one way to draw closer to God—through generosity.

When we are generous and kind towards others, God sees it as a sacrifice to Him. It is so amazing that God would see my efforts of kindness as an offering of worship to Him!

Pleasing God through generosity can be through the simplest things. Maybe it's choosing to sit with that one girl who always sits alone at lunchtime, playing with a sibling when they ask you to, or helping your mom with the dishes just because. All of these simple tasks—and any others you can think of—please the Lord. So get out there and show someone kindness today because it does make a difference!

 **ACTION POINT:** List five things you can do this week to show generosity to someone else. Then, pray over each item, asking God to help you to do them to not only bless someone else, but to please Him.

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NOVEMBER 24



# \* A Very Kitten Friendsgiving

*How great is the goodness you have stored up for those who fear you.  
{ Psalm 31:19a }*

 **H**ave you been to a Friendsgiving meal? It's a Thanksgiving dinner for friends. I was invited to one last year but almost didn't go because I was tired. But I felt the Holy Spirit encouraging me to show up. So, I did. And because I listened, our family adopted a kitten named Calypso!

While I ate, I learned that a friend had kittens that needed homes. My daughter Savannah had been asking for a cat—and not just *any* cat, but an orange tabby. As I looked at pictures of the available kittens, guess what I saw? Yep, I saw an adorable orange tabby!

Calypso reminds me of God's great goodness that David talks about in today's verse. God knew Savannah wanted an orange kitten, and this friend had one for adoption. And, in God's goodness, He put me in the right place at the right time!

 **ACTION POINT:** *Is God encouraging you to show up somewhere this week, but you don't want to go? Trust God and believe He will always put you in the right place at the right time!*

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NOVEMBER 25



# Give and It Will Be Given



*Give, and you will receive. Your gift will return to you in full—pressed down, shaken together to make room for more, running over, and poured into your lap. The amount you give will determine the amount you get back.*

{ Luke 6:38 }



**H**ave you ever received a gift from someone? How did you feel? Happy, excited, thankful?

In Luke 6:38, Jesus tells us that when we give to others, we will receive blessings in return. But it's not just about receiving blessings. When we give, we show God's love to others and make a difference in their lives. So, what can we do to put this verse into action? Think of someone who could use a little extra love and kindness right now.

Maybe it's a friend who's feeling sad, a family member going through a tough time, or a neighbor who could use some help. Do something to show them that you care. It could be writing a note of encouragement, sharing a toy, or offering to help with a chore. Remember, giving doesn't have to be big or expensive to make a difference. It's the thought and love behind the gift that matters.

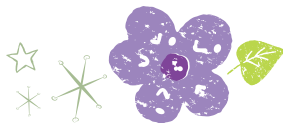


**ACTION POINT:** This week, find a way to be generous and kind and show God's love in your actions. Who knows what blessings God has in store for us when we choose to be selfless and giving?

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NOVEMBER 26






## \* How Great Are Your Works

*You thrill me, LORD, with all you have done for me! I sing for joy because of what you have done.*

*{ Psalm 92:4 }*

 **Y**ou probably have a million things to do right now. Thanks for slowing down to receive some good news. Jesus doesn't want to be on your "to-do" list. He wants to be your "it's-been-done-for-me" Savior.

You are not defined by your activity. You are defined by Jesus' activity. He worked to create you, redeem you, and give you a new identity in Him. Even your good works are His good works (Ephesians 2:10). Thank goodness! Sometimes, I do good things, but many times, my actions are not all that great.

Psalm 92 is referred to as "a song to be sung on the Sabbath Day." God did not give us commandments like the Sabbath as a list of things to do. They are a gift to us. They point us to the gift of repentance and forgiveness because of what Jesus did for us.

 **ACTION POINT:** What's your favorite worship song? Sing for joy because of what He has done!

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NOVEMBER 27



# God Is Not a Vending Machine

*This is the confidence we have in approaching God: that if we ask anything according to his will, he hears us. And if we know that he hears us—whatever we ask—we know that we have what we asked of him.*  
{ 1 John 5:14–15 NIV }

 **T**his verse kinda makes God sound like a vending machine—like we will get whatever we ask for from Him. But we need to note something important to understand what this verse *actually* means! This verse says we will get whatever we ask of God . . . **according to His will.**

God's will is the thing that God knows is best for us. He has perfect plans to provide for us, and sometimes our desires fit into those plans, but sometimes they don't! When we pray, it is important to ask God for help understanding His will and plan.

When Mary was visited by an angel with the news that she would be the mother of Jesus, she had plans of her own. Giving birth to the Savior was *not* in Mary's plans AT ALL! But she prayed in a way that said "yes" to God's plan. She wanted her life to be lived according to the will of God, not her own plans. Do you?

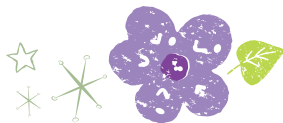
 **ACTION POINT:** Write a prayer that tells God "yes" to something that's going on in your life. Tell Him that you want to know and live according to His plan.

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NOVEMBER 28






God Takes Note

For God is not unjust. He will not forget how hard you have worked for him and how you have shown your love to him by caring for other believers, as you still do.

{ Hebrews 6:10 }

 Sometimes, I get weary when serving and showing love to others. I enjoy helping and doing what I can, but if I'm not careful, I wonder if it matters. I wonder if God notices and if He's pleased. I remember a specific time this happened. I was helping with a program at church. With the planning and other things I was doing, I felt like my effort wasn't appreciated. I felt overused and taken for granted.

In today's verse, Paul gives a great reminder that God does take note of how we help others. Paul even tells us it shows God our love for Him. When we put ourselves aside and see the needs of those around us, we tell God we love Him and respect His command to love one another.

True Girl, be encouraged that God sees you caring for others. He sees the time you're spending and your investment in their lives for His glory!



ACTION POINT: How has your heart been when serving others? Is it bitter and weary? Or joyful? Talk with your mom or a trusted adult. Tell them how you've been helping others and ask them to pray with you for a joyful heart.

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NOVEMBER 29




You Are a Sheep



The LORD is my shepherd; I have all that I need. He lets me rest in green meadows; he leads me beside peaceful streams. He renews my strength. He guides me along right paths, bringing honor to his name.

{ Psalm 23:1-3 }

 Did you know that sheep can't survive without a shepherd or someone to care for them? They can't find food themselves or protect themselves from wild animals. If they fall on their back, they often can't get back up by themselves! King David, who wrote many Psalms and killed Goliath, was a shepherd.

David even wrote a Psalm about how God is like a shepherd, and we are like His sheep. He shows us in this Psalm how God provides for us! Verse 1 says, "The LORD is my shepherd; I have all that I need." God gives us everything we need! Verse 2 says, "He lets me rest in green meadows; he leads me beside peaceful streams." He gives us food and water. Verse 3 says, "He guides me along right paths." He teaches us to follow Him.

Just like sheep need a shepherd, we need God to provide for and care for us!

 **ACTION POINT:** Take a minute every day this month to thank God for all He gives you and ask Him to help you follow Him.

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NOVEMBER 30



Roller Coaster Buddy



When you go through deep waters, I will be with you. When you go through rivers of difficulty, you will not drown. When you walk through the fire of oppression, you will not be burned up; the flames will not consume you.
{ Isaiah 43:2 }



I don't LOVE roller coasters, but I do ride them now and then. However, I would NEVER ride one alone. Ever felt like you're riding the roller coaster of life all alone? Well, guess what? You're not! Isaiah 43:5 reminds us God is by our side through thick and thin.

Imagine you're on an actual roller coaster, and you're a little nervous. But then, you realize your best friend is right next to you. Suddenly, the ride feels exciting! That's what God does for us every day. He's our forever friend.

Isaiah 43:2 is like God saying, "You're not alone in this adventure called life!" Whether you're facing a test, a challenge, or even a regular day, God's got your back. You're not just surviving; you're thriving with God right there.

So, remember this: You're never alone. With God by your side, you're strong, brave, and ready for anything!



ACTION POINT: Take a moment to talk to God today, like you're chatting with a friend. Thank Him for being with you always and ask for His guidance in whatever you're facing. Just like Isaiah 43:2 says, He's right there with you!

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DECEMBER 1



That New House Sound



*The LORD is near to all who call on him, to all who call on him in truth.
{ Psalm 145:18 }*

 **H**ave you ever moved to a new house? I have moved approximately 14 times. My most recent move was in February. The first night, I couldn't fall asleep. I heard all the new sounds of my new house that I had never heard before. *Was that the wind? Was it a squirrel in the attic?* My imagination was running wild. Now, after living here for almost a year, I never hear those sounds. It's all become familiar.

Have you read Psalm 145:18 before? Many times in the Bible, God tells us He is near to us. Has there been a time you've felt alone or scared? I'm sure you have or do feel this at times. The great news is that God is always right there with us. He says you can "call on him . . ." Over time, the more you call on Him, the more familiar His presence will feel.



ACTION POINT: When you are scared this week, call on the name of the Lord. Be still and quiet as His presence wraps you up in safety.

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DECEMBER 2





Heavenly Home

Surely your goodness and unfailing love will pursue me all the days of my life, and I will live in the house of the LORD forever.

{ Psalm 23:6 }



When my siblings and I were little, we loved going to our grandparents' house. We slept, played, or read in the car for most of the trip. But once we got close, we were so excited we could barely stay in our seats. Even our dog would jump up and down!

In this Psalm, the writer is excited to go to a house. He says, "... and I will live in the house of the LORD forever." But the writer isn't talking about a real house like my grandparents' house. He is talking about the house of the Lord—heaven! If you have given your life to Jesus, you get to go to heaven, too. That means God will be near to you for eternity because you are living in God's house.

Just like the writer of this Psalm, be excited!! You get to spend the rest of your life in heaven with God!!



ACTION POINT: The next time you go to your grandparents' house, ask them if they know Jesus and are going to heaven. If so, ask what they are most looking forward to about heaven.

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DECEMBER 3



Come Closer



*Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you.
{ James 4:8a ESV }*

 I recently got a new puppy. Not only is he the absolute cutest, but he loves being by me at all times! He loves to get in my face to play or give me a quick kiss. My puppy's closeness with me makes me think of James 4:8. When we draw closer to God, He promises that He will draw closer to us. So, why does it feel like God is far away at times?

The thing is, God isn't far. We are the ones wandering away. So, how do we get closer to God? Spending time in God's Word every day is one way. In order to feel closer to someone, you need to get to know them. Reading the Bible and asking Him to teach us through it is one way to get to know Him better. He wants to draw closer to you. Are you drawing closer to Him?

 **ACTION POINT:** Are you drawing closer to God by reading Scripture? Doing what God's Word says, praying, and sharing what you learn with others are more ways to draw closer to Him. Commit to pulling more time into drawing closer to God.

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DECEMBER 4





Never Nearer


*The LORD is close to the brokenhearted; he rescues those whose spirits are crushed.
{ Psalm 34:18 }*



I was going to have my second baby and was so excited! I went to my doctor's appointment the day before Thanksgiving and was not expecting bad news. Sadly, the doctor said my baby was very sick and would likely die before being born.

My heart was broken. As I cried and prayed to God, He came so near to me. He was never nearer. Our verse tells us that God is close to the brokenhearted. He doesn't avoid us when we are hurting; He runs to us. He rescues and saves those whose spirits have been crushed.

My baby did die right after Christmas, and I was very sad. But I'm so thankful God was never nearer. He helped heal that bad memory when I had a healthy baby girl one year later named Noelle. Her name is from the old French word *Noel*, which means Christmas. She's my living reminder that God is with us!



ACTION POINT: The next time you feel sad, talk to Jesus. It's not hard. Just say something like, "Jesus, I need You. Please let me know You are here with me." Let the presence of God bring you peace and comfort.

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DECEMBER 5



Don't Go Alone



The LORD replied, "I will personally go with you, Moses, and I will give you rest..."

{ Exodus 33:14a }



If you read Exodus, you'll see that God asked Moses to do a whole bunch of pretty crazy things! Moses lived quite an adventurous life!

The biggest thing God asked Moses to do was to lead all the Israelite people into a land He promised to give them. Moses was up for obeying God, but he was *not* up for doing it by himself. He knew he needed God to be very close to him. And, as you can read in today's verse, God understood that and promised to be with Moses the whole way.

How awesome is that? The King of the universe was right there with Moses, guiding him and giving him peace. Did you know that's what God promises you, too? Hebrews 13:5 says that God will never leave you or abandon you. Sometimes, life can get crazy, and we might feel overwhelmed or unsure. But we can always count on God to be near.

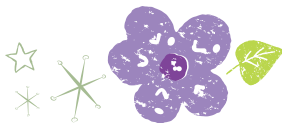


ACTION POINT: Today, create little reminders of God's comfort in your daily life. You could draw a heart on your hand or put a sticky note on your mirror with "God is with me always" written on it.

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DECEMBER 6





Here in Your Presence

*"For where two or three are gathered in my name, there am I among them."
{ Matthew 18:20 ESV }*

 **H**ey there, True Girl! Today, let's talk about God's presence and how it can impact our lives. In Matthew 18:20, Jesus said, "For where two or three gathered in my name, there am I among them." This is such a comforting reminder that God is always with us, whether we are alone or with others who share our faith.

It can sometimes feel like you are on your own, navigating the challenges of growing up and figuring out who you are. But you don't have to face those challenges alone. You can always turn to God and know He is right there by your side, guiding and supporting you.

Remember, you are never alone. With God's presence in your life, you can face anything that comes your way. Trust in Him, and He will always be there for you.



ACTION POINT: Take time each day to acknowledge God's presence in your life. Maybe that means starting your day with prayer or reading a Bible verse before bed. Whatever works for you, make it a daily habit to connect with God.

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DECEMBER 7




Jailhouse Rock




Around midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the other prisoners were listening.

{ Acts 16:25 }

 Imagine for a moment that you're sitting in a prison cell. How would you spend your time? You might pray, as Paul and Silas do in today's verse, but would you sing hymns too? I'm not sure I would! Instead, I might feel sad and discouraged—especially if, like Paul and Silas, I was beaten up and thrown in jail for freeing a young girl from a demon.

So why did they sing? They knew God was with them—even in prison! And, if you keep reading the story, you learn that God used an earthquake to free them from their jail cell. But do you know what they did when the doors opened? They stayed put. Why? Because God had even bigger plans than making a way for them to escape. God used Paul and Silas to tell the prison guard about Jesus. His entire family believed the gospel and was saved!

 **ACTION POINT:** Do you have to spend time somewhere you don't want to be? Maybe it's a class you don't like or the doctor's office. The next time you're there, try singing hymns to God, and remember that He's with you!

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DECEMBER 8





Hide and Seek

*Where shall I go from your Spirit? Or where shall I flee from your presence?
If I ascend to heaven, you are there! If I make my bed in Sheol, you are there!
{ Psalm 139:7–8 ESV }*

 **Y**ou may not know it, but I'm the "Hide-and-Seek champ" of 1998. The smallest kid among my cousins, I could fit into spaces where no one would even attempt to hide. I'd sometimes stay hidden so long they'd give up on finding me. It was truly a gift.

While I don't play as much hide and seek now, I do try to hide from someone in particular every once in a while: God. I don't climb into a closet or anything, but sometimes, I get ashamed of a mistake or behavior and slowly drift from Him.

Psalm 139:7–8 reminds me of how good God is at hide and seek. There's no corner that He wouldn't be able to find me in. There is no space in my heart I can hide away from His presence. Even when I'm at my lowest and most desperate, He's right there wanting to connect with me. Praise God!



ACTION POINT: Invite God into any of your "hiding spaces." Tell Him about the things you've been trying to hide. Then, tell your mom or a trusted adult about the situation. Ask them to pray with you and help you through it.

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DECEMBER 9




Never Alone



And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Helper, to be with you forever.

{ John 14:16 ESV }

 **W**hen Jesus was on earth, His disciples spent every day with Him. Imagine how amazing it was to walk right next to Jesus! After Jesus died on the cross and rose again, He told His disciples He was going back to heaven. Think about how sad the disciples must have felt. That's why Jesus told His disciples, "And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Helper, to be with you forever."

The Helper Jesus was talking about was the Holy Spirit, who is the third person of the Trinity. God sent the Holy Spirit to be with the disciples forever! If you have given your life to Jesus, God also has given you the Holy Spirit to be with you forever. God will always be near to His people because He lives inside of us as the Holy Spirit to help us.



ACTION POINT: Spend time praying, thanking God for being with us always through the Holy Spirit.

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DECEMBER 10





Always With Us

*Now may the Lord of peace himself give you his peace at all times and in every situation. The Lord be with you all.
{ 2 Thessalonians 3:16 }*



If you have a sibling, sometimes you may not get along. You might have someone who no longer wants to be your friend. Someone close to you could have passed away recently. All these things can put us in a not-so-happy state.

No matter what we are going through, the Lord is always there to comfort us. Whenever we feel sad or upset, all we need to do is pray, and God will comfort us. No matter where you go, He is always with you and can help you, whether it's big or small.



ACTION POINT: How can you help others when they feel sad or alone? Praying or showing kindness can remind them the Lord is always with them, just like He is always with you.

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DECEMBER 11



Little Acts of Love



*Give generously to the poor, not grudgingly, for the LORD your God will bless you in everything you do.
{ Deuteronomy 15:10 }*

 **A**t my old school, the classes got together every Christmas season to raise money for a family in need. We would all go home and do little chores around the house to raise money. It felt so good to help show Christ to a family.

On the last day of school, we would invite the family to the campus and watch them open their gifts. Seeing their excitement made heading into Christmas break even better! Though individually, we were only able to give a little bit, we were able to make a huge impact together.

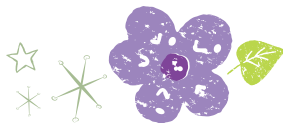
The Christmas season can be difficult for a lot of people. Little acts of love can make a big difference in people's lives! They can see God's love through you and know that He is close. A little act of love goes a long way!

 **ACTION POINT:** Make a list of little acts of love that you can do this week. (Example: donate spare change, offer to help clean, volunteer, etc.)

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DECEMBER 12





Joy of the Lord

*You will show me the way of life, granting me the joy of your presence
and the pleasures of living with you forever.*

{ Psalm 16:11 }



Have you ever felt lost or unsure of what to do next? Do you ever wish you had a map to guide you through life's twists and turns? If so, take comfort in today's verse, Psalm 16:11.

God promises to show you the way in life and to bring you joy and pleasure along the journey. When you feel lost or unsure, remember that He is there, leading you step by step. You don't have to figure out everything on your own because He is already there, showing you the way.

So, how can you experience the joy and pleasure that God promises? First, spend time with Him in prayer and reading the Bible. When you focus on His Word and His love for you, your path will become clearer. Second, trust in His guidance for your life. Even if you don't understand everything, know He has a plan for you.



ACTION POINT: Walk outside and look for signs of God's presence in nature. Thank Him for His guidance and ask Him to continue to show you the way. God is with you always. Trust Him and find joy in His presence.

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DECEMBER 13



Seek Him



... he rewards those who seek Him.
{Hebrews 11:6c}



Have you ever gotten a gift for doing something? Maybe for getting a good grade on a test or for completing a task you were given.

God gives rewards, too. He promises that when we seek Him believing in His promises, He will reward us. Now, this does not necessarily mean that He's going to give you that latest gadget that you've been begging your parents for, but He will bless you for seeking Him out.

And the great thing is that He is always near! We don't have to go on some great quest to find Him. God's Word promises He'll be close-by (Deuteronomy 31:6). Seeking Him can look like talking to Him about your day and your troubles, reading His Word and asking Him to teach you something new, and going to church and listening to what is taught there.

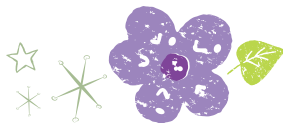


ACTION POINT: Ask God to help you seek Him with your whole heart. Commit to reading your Bible and praying to Him each day. Try it for one week and see if you notice a difference in your relationship with Him.

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DECEMBER 14



Over the River and Through the Woods

*And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth.
{ John 1:14 ESV }*

 **W**ill you travel this Christmas season? Will you travel over the river or through the woods to get to grandmother's house? Do you have that silly song in your head now? You're welcome. Jesus traveled a long way to be with you. He could have stayed in heaven, where everything is filled with glorious grace and truth. Instead, He brought His glorious grace and truth to you.

Jesus has been with us from the beginning. Jesus (the Word) spoke creation into being. When sin entered the world, Jesus went over the rivers and through the woods (that He created) to rescue and redeem us. The Holy Spirit is here now to remind you that Jesus is with you. Because of Jesus, we were able to see a living example of words like "grace and truth."

We can praise the Lord that Jesus is still with us, living in our hearts!

 **ACTION POINT:** When you travel this Christmas season, talk about your favorite things about Jesus. Define grace and truth.

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DECEMBER 15



He Will Never Leave You




*Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil;
For You are with me; Your rod and Your staff, they comfort me.
{ Psalm 23:4 NKJV }*

 **H**ave you ever gotten separated from your parents while shopping or in a crowd? I did once. It was scary! I had no one to guide, protect, or trust to return me to safety. The fear of being unsafe is too big for us to handle alone. We need to trust God because the shadow of death is never too big for Him to conquer!

But what does the shadow of death mean in this verse? It's referring to fear in our daily lives. The world wants us to pay attention to the evil lurking around every corner, but we get to walk in the light of God's Word when we follow His guidance. He will give us victory over every circumstance.

So, if you cling to His Word and promises, He will be faithful to lead you through the valley of the shadow of death and over every mountain until you reach the sunny fields of green.

 **ACTION POINT:** How can you find comfort in God's presence when you're fearful? Is it by reading your Bible? Spending time in prayer? Or asking your mom for help? Try at least one of these steps the next time you fear something.

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DECEMBER 16






Fix the Wi-Fi!

Therefore repent and return, so that your sins may be wiped away, in order that times of refreshing may come from the presence of the Lord.
{ Acts 3:19 NASB }

 “T he game isn’t loading!” I shouted to my friend. “It says I’m connected to your Wi-Fi, but it won’t load!” I was ready to play my favorite game with her, and the Wi-Fi was determined to stand in our way. “Let me restart the modem!” After she restarted it, we were ready to let the gaming begin!

Sometimes, we need this in our relationship with God. When we become stuck in a pattern of sin, it causes an interference in our connection with Him, just like that Wi-Fi situation. Technically, our connection with Him through Jesus is still there, but the signal isn’t the greatest. We can’t download or upload information from or to Him very well. When we repent or turn from our sins, we experience a strong, refreshed connection. Choosing to say no to sin and walk in a way that pleases Him restarts the modem of our hearts so we experience Him more clearly.

 **ACTION POINT:** *Is there a sin you haven’t turned from? Something that you know doesn’t make God happy? Tell God you agree that the sin you’re involved in doesn’t please Him. Ask Him to help you repent and turn away from it.*

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DECEMBER 17



Here in the Presence




Be still in the presence of the LORD, and wait patiently for him to act. Don't worry about evil people who prosper or fret about their wicked schemes.
{Psalm 37:7}

 **D**o you feel like you're always in a hurry? Do you ever wish you could slow down and take a break? If so, take comfort in Psalm 37:7.

God wants you to take a break and spend time with Him. When you slow down and listen to His voice, you will find peace and rest. Even when things around you seem chaotic or unfair, you can trust God is in control and has a plan for your life.

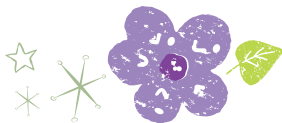
So, how can you be still before the Lord? First, find a quiet place where you can be alone with Him. Second, take a few deep breaths and ask Him to help you relax. Third, read a Bible verse or sing a worship song to focus your thoughts on Him.

 **ACTION POINT:** Sit quietly and listen to the sounds around you. Thank God for His presence and ask Him to help you be still before Him. Take a break from the busyness of life and find rest in His presence.

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DECEMBER 18





God Is With Us

She will give birth to a son and will call him Immanuel (which means 'God is with us').
{ Isaiah 7:14b }



In our family, I am known as NanaDannah. (It's one word!) That's my grandma name. This summer, I got my first grandson. His name is Theo. And he's so chunky that he's as big as his one-year-old cousin, Stella!

Usually, when a couple has a baby, they take a really long time to think about and maybe even pray about the name they will use for that baby. When Mary and Joseph didn't have to do that. God had already chosen the name of His Son. Long before Jesus was in Mary's belly, a prophet of God reported that He would be called *Immanuel*. It means "God is with us."

No wonder the angels shouted, "Glory to God in the highest!" The fact that God has come to be with us is very good news indeed.



ACTION POINT: What other names have been used for Jesus? Can you think of some? Tell your mom. Try to think of as many as you can.

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DECEMBER 19



Can I Believe If I Cannot See?

*Then Jesus told him, "You believe because you have seen me.
Blessed are those who believe without seeing me."
{ John 20:29 }*

 **A**fter Jesus rose from the dead, He visited some of His friends. One of those friends was Thomas. He had been told that Jesus was alive and refused to believe that someone who had been killed could come back to life. He was pretty stubborn about it, too. Then, Jesus suddenly appeared where Thomas was and told Thomas to put his hand in His scars. After seeing Jesus suddenly appear, Thomas believed Jesus was alive.

My favorite part of this comes next, though. Jesus says, "Blessed are those who believe without seeing me." Jesus is talking about ME and YOU! He knows millions of people will live their whole lives believing in Him without ever getting to see Him until heaven. Let's be honest. Believing in someone we have not seen can be hard sometimes! But even if we struggle to believe that God is truly with us, He is with us every moment!

 **ACTION POINT:** Grab your journal and write a prayer today, thanking God for blessing you and asking Him to help you when it's hard to believe.

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DECEMBER 20





God's Command

*"This is my command—be strong and courageous! Do not be afraid or discouraged. For the LORD your God is with you wherever you go."
{ Joshua 1:9 }*



I played softball as a kid. I wasn't going to the majors or anything, but it was fun! I remember how nervous I got when I was up to bat. But what helped me through was hearing my mom's voice in the bleachers yelling, "You can do it! I'm right here watching you!" There was something about knowing my mom was there that gave me courage.

I imagine that's a little like how Joshua felt in today's passage. God was *commanding* him to do something very hard. God was telling him to lead the Israelites into the Promised Land after they had spent decades led by Moses. This was no small thing, but God knew Joshua could do it because God planned to be with Joshua the whole time!

Sometimes, it's hard to imagine doing something when we feel like we're all alone, but God wants you to know you're NEVER alone. He's with you, helping you be strong and courageous every step.



ACTION POINT: Is there something God is asking you to do that will take a lot of courage? Write it on paper and picture the Lord in front of you saying, "You can do it! I'm right here watching you!"

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DECEMBER 21



Give Your Backpack to God

*Give all your worries and cares to God, for he cares about you
{ 1 Peter 5:7 }*

 **W**hen I was younger, sometimes my backpack got heavy. My dad would take it from me so my shoulders didn't hurt so badly! Now, I travel for work a lot. If I fly home and he picks me up, do you know what he does? He still carries my backpack! It's so nice to have someone close by to help me.

Sometimes life is hard and scary. It feels like a heavy backpack we have to carry. But the Bible says, "Give all your worries and cares to God, for he cares about you" (1 Peter 5:7).

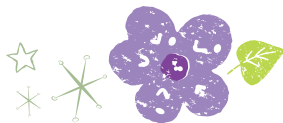
God is close by all the time! He loves you so much and wants to take care of you. He is waiting for you to give Him your backpack of worries so He can carry it. Will you give your backpack to God? If you ask Him to help with your worries, He will be near and help you every day.

 **ACTION POINT:** Think about what is worrying you. Ask God to take your worry from you.

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DECEMBER 22





No Separation

And I am convinced that nothing can ever separate us from God's love. Neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, nor our fears for today nor our worries about tomorrow—not even the powers of hell can separate us from God's love.
{ Romans 8:38 }

 **D**o you ever feel like you are alone? I know I do! My dad is a pastor, and six months ago, we had to move because my dad was called by God to serve at a new church. That took my family to a place very far away, and it still feels like we are living on an alien planet rather than home! Sometimes, it is scary, and I worry that I won't make any friends at our new home.

Even though I have felt scared after moving to a new place, this verse reminds me that nothing can separate me from God. He is always near us, and because of that, I can talk to Him about how I feel. When I think I am alone or forgotten, God reminds me that He isn't going anywhere. Nothing can separate me from God. I am always in His presence.

 **ACTION POINT:** Take some time out of your day to pray and thank God for always being present in your life.

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DECEMBER 23



Don't Drop the Wrong Ball!

*Seek the LORD while you can find him. Call on him now while he is near.
{ Isaiah 55:6 }*

 **O**ur world is so busy! Busy with work, school, activities, entertainment, and many other things. With so much to juggle, I sometimes think we accidentally let the wrong ball hit the floor.

I noticed this in my life a few years ago. I'd wake up, workout, make a good breakfast, head to work, spend time with family and friends in the evening, maybe watch a show, and head to bed. Doesn't sound like a bad day, right? WRONG. There was something huge missing. Something that would have a major impact on my day and life if I'd only make it a priority in my schedule—seeking the Lord.

I knew the Lord, and I'd pray and talk to Him throughout the day, but I wasn't making one-on-one undistracted time with Him a priority. Once I committed to starting my day in a focused, connected time with Him, I noticed how much sweeter our relationship became.

 **ACTION POINT:** Use your journal to plan out your daily schedule. Make time for an undistracted, one-on-one meeting with God. Use your favorite colored pen or marker and label it "God Time!"

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DECEMBER 24





What Is Christmas?

She gave birth to her firstborn son. She wrapped him snugly in strips of cloth and laid him in a manger, because there was no lodging available for them.
{ Luke 2:7 }



Jesus got to the planet Earth the same way you did. He had a mother. And she wrapped Him up in some cloth to keep Him warm and cozy.

But that's probably where the similarities ended. After Mary wrapped Jesus up, she laid Him in the corn crib where the animals ate. His room was something like a barn because there was no hospital or room in the local hotel. These were way below-average conditions. The God of the universe who made you, me, and everything else made Himself poor. Why? He loved us and wanted to be close to us.

Jesus still wants to be close to you. And because He wasn't born in a palace or hospital, He understands what it's like to have needs. So, whatever needs you face this Christmas, remember that Jesus is near.



ACTION POINT: Ask your mom about the day you were born. What kind of room were you in? How were you wrapped up? Compare your first day to Jesus' first day.

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DECEMBER 25




A Reminder Ring



So be strong and courageous! Do not be afraid and do not panic before them. For the LORD your God will personally go ahead of you. He will neither fail you nor abandon you.

{ Deuteronomy 31:6 }

 **W**hen Jesus was born, Mary was told that He would be called Immanuel, which means “God with us.” For some reason, I tend to forget this fact a lot. Since I can’t see Jesus sitting next to me, it is easy to think I am alone.

On my 16th birthday, my parents gave me a very special gift. It was a beautiful ring with two connected hearts on it that symbolized my heart being forever connected to God. I wear that ring every day because seeing it reminds me that even though I can’t see Him, God is always with us and connected to us.

During hard times in your life, remember that God sent His Son to be with us so that we would never truly be alone. God is with us! Always and forever.



ACTION POINT: Find something to remind you that God is right by your side. It could be a special piece of jewelry, a verse written down, anything!



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DECEMBER 26





Teaching Shepherds to Worship

The shepherds went back to their flocks, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen. It was just as the angel had told them.

{ Luke 2:20 }



Have you ever wished to go back in time and see something happen in the Bible? I would choose to see the angels when they announced the good news to the shepherds.

Those shepherds were probably half asleep, lounging on rocks by campfires and listening carefully for leopards or foxes when the angels made their presence known. What a presence it must have been! Beings that we can only imagine showed up and started talking about the Savior of the world born for them. Born for you and me. Jesus, God's Son, is with us.

After the shepherds went to see baby Jesus, the Bible tells us the shepherds began to worship and praise God, too. The shepherds got to witness heavenly, angelic worship, which directly sparked their own earthly worship. I would have loved to have been taught by angels how to worship God! Wouldn't you?

 **ACTION POINT:** Pretend that you have just witnessed the angels worshipping God. How would you, like the shepherds, worship Him, too?

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DECEMBER 27



# Just Keep Swimming



*When you go through deep waters, I will be with you. When you go through rivers of difficulty, you will not drown. When you walk through the fire of oppression, you will not be burned up, the flames will not consume you.*  
{ Isaiah 43:2 }

 **M**y dad grew up on an island, and we would all go back and visit it. He taught me to boogie board in the waves. One time, I caught a great wave, but someone else next to me did, too! He got too close to me on his board and knocked me off mine. All of a sudden, I was under the water and couldn't see. I didn't know which way to swim to get above water. It was scary!

The Bible says that God will be near us when we “go through deep waters” and “rivers of difficulty” and even fires, too! This verse isn't talking about actual water, though. It is talking about hard times. When you are having a hard time in a class, when someone makes fun of you for loving Jesus, or when you are scared before giving a speech, remember this: God promises He will be with you.

 **ACTION POINT:** The next time you have to do something hard, ask God to remind you that He is with you. Then, thank Him for being there!

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DECEMBER 28





# My Refuge Is in You, Lord

*But as for me, how good it is to be near God! I have made the sovereign LORD my shelter, and I will tell everyone about the wonderful things you do.*

*{ Psalm 73:28 }*



love that today's verse reminds us that being close to God is the best thing we can do.

When we make God our refuge, we can trust He will protect and guide us. We can tell Him everything that is in our hearts, and know He hears us. It's comforting to know that we have a safe place in God's arms.

So, how can we stay near to God? First, we can pray and talk to Him every day. Second, we can read our Bibles and learn more about Him. Third, we can worship Him with songs and praise.



**ACTION POINT:** Write down three things you are grateful for and thank God for them. Then, ask Him to help you stay close to Him today and every day. Keep seeking Him, and He will give you everything you need.

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DECEMBER 29



# The Fruit of Your Labor



*"I am the vine, you are the branches. He who abides in Me, and I in him, bears much fruit; for without Me you can do nothing."  
{ John 15:5 NKJV }*

 **H**ave you ever visited a place that grows grapes? Who takes care of them? It is a vinedresser. Their job is to feed the plants but also to prune their branches and get rid of anything hurting the plant. In today's verse, John shows us how Jesus is our vinedresser who helps us clear away the dirty, dead things in our lives.

But what does it mean to *abide*? It is an active word, meaning we can't feel or think it. We have to DO it. Abiding means to remain focused on something without getting distracted or sidetracked. This can be done by setting a goal to read your Bible daily. Abiding in Jesus can also mean trusting Him whenever hard times come.

God wants you to put all your faith, hope, and trust in Him. When you do, He'll help you become more fruitful in your thoughts and behaviors.



**ACTION POINT:** How can you grow and become more like God wants you to be? Build your habits based on praying, reading His Word daily, and trusting Him to help you in your daily life.

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DECEMBER 30





# The Best (Phone) Call

*Because he turned his ear to me, I will call on him as long as I live.  
{ Psalm 116:2 NIV }*



I once spent the summer with grandma and grandpa in New York! I was a long way from my family in Kansas, but I LOVED it because I met my best friend. Kyla lived two houses down, and we spent almost every day swimming, riding bikes, and eating popsicles! Saying goodbye to Kyla was hard. But with a hug goodbye and the promise to write every week, we parted ways.

Kyla and I really did write letters back and forth. But the best kind of catch-up with Kyla was when we were given permission to call each other. Hearing Kyla's voice and being able to say all of the things without worrying about handwriting or spelling was the best!

God has written a letter to us, which is how we hear what He has to say. But He also promised that all we have to do is call on Him, and He will be close to us.



**ACTION POINT:** Call on God in your time of need and let Him be near to you.

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DECEMBER 31





# God Provides!

These True Girl Devos were written to remind you that when you face challenges and uncertainties, we can trust that God will always provide for us. Each day you'll read one verse and some fun thoughts about it. At the end of each, you'll find an action point you can use to live out what you discover!

These devos are written by Dannah Gresh and other writers we want to introduce you to, including: Emma Arblaster, Sarah Codner, Jennifer Daly, Elaiyna Hope, Abby King, Anna King, Shani McKenzie, Janet Mylin, Arlene Pellicane, Nikki Roberts, Staci Rudolph, Ashleigh Slater, Sarah St. Clair, Aimee Stringer, Ann Stringer, Emily Struhala, Jody Token, and Samantha Toledo.

*Jesus said to the people who believed in Him,  
"You are truly my disciples if you remain faithful  
to my teachings. And you will know the truth,  
and the truth will set you free."*

**JOHN 8:31,32**



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