

Describe your thoughts and feelings at the time of the observance:

I hope this study through God's Word about what it means to be a Christian has given you an understanding of how much God loves you and His wonderful plan for your life. This investigation is not meant to be the end but really just the beginning of a wonderful adventure with Christ. Allow the Lord to continue to guide and direct your life as you seek to follow Him all the days of your life. Make God's Word your guide as you seek to follow Him step by step. Your life is a journey that is lived out one day at a time, one step at a time and my challenge to you is submit each and every one of them to HIM!

Proverbs 3:5-6

⁵ Trust in the LORD with all your heart
and lean not on your own understanding;
⁶ in all your ways submit to him,
and he will make your paths straight.

Salvation Notebook

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GET STARTED

What does it really mean to be a Christian?

The purpose of this little book is to help answer this very important question. Whether you have already trusted Christ as your personal Savior, you have been thinking about it for awhile, or you just have questions about what a relationship is all about, this book is meant to help you discover answers for yourself from God's Word. The decision to ask Jesus to be your Savior is the most important decision of your life. It marks the beginning of a new life, a life in Christ. This life is based on the commands and teachings of Jesus. You will need help and support as you begin this journey and here are three very important things that go along with this notebook:

1. The Bible
2. Prayer
3. The Church

Get ready to be the detective as you dig into God's Word to discover firsthand what it means to be a Christian. You may already have some ideas, but a lot of those ideas may be wrong. DIG for the TRUTH!! This notebook is going to teach you how to study your Bible. God wrote the Bible so you could understand it on your own! If you have never been all that good at reading or studying, don't worry about it. Look at this important verse from the Bible:

"Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has gone, the new has come!" (2 Corinthians 5:17)

Be prepared for God to make you into the person He wants you to be! Ask God to help you see your life through His eyes.

With your Bible in hand let the Investigating begin,

Mr. Greg

SATURDAY: LORD'S SUPPER



LEARN IT: Read the section below on the Lord's Supper from the Baptist Faith & Message. Underline any sentence or phrase you do not understand. Read the Scripture passages listed there for further understanding.

The Lord's Supper is a symbolic act of obedience whereby members of the church, through partaking of the bread and the fruit of the vine, memorialize the death of the Redeemer and anticipate His second coming.

Read the following passages and answer the questions:

- Mark 14:22-26
- Luke 22:19-20
- 1 Cor. 10:16, 21

The Lord's Supper consists of two elements, the bread and the drink. What does the bread represent?

What does the drink represent?

MY FIRST LORD'S SUPPER

Date of first Lord's Supper: ____/____/____

Where were you? _____

Name of minister who officiated: _____

THURSDAY: LORD'S SUPPER



LEARN IT: *“For whenever you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the Lord’s death until he comes.”* Corinthians 11:26

Read each Scripture passage listed below. Write one truth about the Lord’s Supper you learn from each.

Matt. 26:26: _____

Matt. 26:27-28: _____

FRIDAY: LORD'S SUPPER



LEARN IT: Read each Scripture passage listed below. Write one truth about the Lord’s Supper you learn from each.

1 Cor. 11:23-26: _____

1 Cor. 11:27-32: _____

1 Cor. 11:33-34: _____

LEARN IT-LIVE IT-LOVE IT

In the following weeks as you spend time learning about your Salvation through Christ, you will be given activities to do that will help you experience what you have just learned. These opportunities to explore your faith will be presented in two ways:



1. **“Learn It”** – Learn It activities involve reading Bible verses and learning what they mean in your life.



2. **“Live It”** – Live It activities involve serving God by serving others in the way you just learned in your daily devotion.



3. **“Love It”** – Love It activities involves games and activities you can play with friends or family to better understand the Bible truth you just learned in your daily devotion.

So as you read your daily devotional and “Learn It”, we challenge you to apply what you have learned through “Living It” by serving others and “Loving It” by sharing God’s truth through games and activities.

If you have not made a salvation decision for Christ yet, skip this part and go to page 5.

BELIEVING IN JESUS

“For it is with your heart that you believe and are justified, and it is with your mouth that you confess and are saved.”

1 Corinthians 10:10

In the space below, describe what happened to you when you asked Jesus to become your Savior.

Date you accepted Christ: ____ / ____ / ____

WEDNESDAY: BAPTISM



LEARN IT: Read the section below on baptism from the Baptist Faith & Message. Underline any sentence or phrase you do not understand. Read the Scripture passages listed for further understanding.

Christian baptism is the immersion (putting under) of a believer in water in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. It is an act of obedience symbolizing the believer's faith in a crucified, buried, and risen Savior, the believer's death to sin, the burial of the old life, and the resurrection to walk in newness of life in Christ Jesus. It is a testimony to his faith in the final resurrection of the dead. Being a church ordinance, it is prerequisite to the privileges of church membership and to the Lord's Supper.

Read the following passages and answer the questions:

- Luke 3:21-22
- John 3:23
- Acts 8:35-39; 16:30-33

In baptism, when you go completely under water, what does that symbolize or represent?

When you come back up out of the water, what does that symbolize or represent?

WEEK ONE: UNDERSTANDING SALVATION



LEARN IT: Let's look at John 3:16:

"For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life." (NIV)

This week you will learn what it means to be "saved." The Bible has a lot to say about salvation. As you study, you will grow in your knowledge and appreciation of what God has done for you.

MONDAY: THE STORY OF NICODEMUS

John 3:1-8, 16-18

What does Jesus mean by "born again"? (v.1-8)_____

For more understanding, take a look at John 1:13.

In John 3: 16–18, the Bible says that to be "born again" you

must _____ in _____

as the Son of God, sent to save us from our sins.



LIVE IT: Ask a Friend – recreate the scene between Jesus and Nicodemus and ask someone you see today if they know what it means to be born again. If they say they are not sure or give a different response than the one Jesus gives Nicodemus, then share with them what the Bible has to say about being born again.



LOVE IT: Word Art – Nicodemus was confused when Jesus said you need to be born again. There are many words that could be confusing if you did not already know what they meant such as butterfly. Is that the same thing as butter with wings? No! Use the spaces provided to draw pictures of the words shown. Draw what they mean and what someone might mistake them to mean.

Today's Thoughts and Prayers

TUESDAY: BAPTISM



LEARN IT: Read each Scripture passage listed below. Write one truth about baptism you learn from each.

Romans 6:1-10: _____

Acts 8:36-38: _____

Today's Thoughts and Prayers

MONDAY: BAPTISM



LEARN IT: *“For all of you who were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ.” Galatians 3:27*

Read each Scripture passage listed below. Write one truth about baptism you learn from each.

Matthew 3:13-17: _____

Matthew 28:16-20: _____

Acts 2:41-42: _____

Today's Thoughts and Prayers

Butterfly



Catfish

Rainbow

Dog Paddle

Dandelion

TUESDAY: THE STORY OF PENTECOST



LEARN IT: Read Acts 2:22-24, 36-39

What happened to Peter and the disciples at Pentecost? (v.14)

What was unable to keep its hold on Jesus? (v.22-24) _____

Who receives the Holy Spirit? (v.36-39) _____



LIVE IT: Right or Wrong – The Holy Spirit convicts of the right choices to make. Consider the following statements and decide if the person doing the actions is making right choices. Write “Right” or “Wrong”

beside each statement, whether the person highlighted is making good choices. Discuss yours answers with your parents.

- **Jacob** did not have time to finish his homework so he skipped class.
- Sally is mean to **Sarah**, so Sarah talks bad about Sally to others.
- **Erin** gets picked on at school for being the new girl.
- **Tyler** refuses to eat celery.
- **Nathan** saw other kids cheating on a test, but decided not to tell because he did not want his friends to be mad at him.
- **Baxter** lied to his parents so that they would not get mad at him for forgetting to take out the trash.

the new life we have in Christ. This week as part of your continued celebration of your salvation in Christ you will have a weeklong party. Observe each of the following party actions this week as you celebrate your salvation in the Lord.

- Day 1 – Invite Your Friends: Make a guest list of friends you want to share in the celebration for the week. Let them know what you are celebrating and how you are celebrating it. Invite them to do the same at their home.
- Day 2 – Sing Along: No party is complete without a song. Sing praise songs celebrating your salvation in the Lord.
- Day 3 – Party Games: Play pin the tail on the donkey, hide and seek, or other favorite party game. Invite friends and family to join in the fun.
- Day 4 – Gift Exchange: Give someone a special gift (either that you made or purchased) and explain that you are giving this gift because God has already given you the ultimate gift in His Son Jesus.
- Day 5 – Make a Wish: Pray for God to provide your heartfelt wish. Continue to pray and see how God answers that prayer in the days to come.
- Day 6 – Eat Cake: Just as a cake can symbolize your physical birthday, eat cake on this day to celebrate your spiritual birthday.

Today’s Thoughts and Prayers

WEEK FIVE: CELEBRATING OUR SALVATION



LEARN IT: All this week you will study Baptism and the Lord's Supper. These are two very important ways in which we celebrate our salvation in the Lord Jesus.

This week instead of individual "Live It" and "Love It" activities, you will be given a whole week challenge where you will experience the significance of celebrating your salvation through exhibiting it to others in believer's baptism and through remembrance of the Lord's Supper.

Put a check mark beside each daily "Love It" activity once they are completed.



LIVE IT: Photo Album - Baptism is a picture of a change that has already taken place in your life. After you trust the Lord as your Savior then you follow through in Baptism to show others your decision to

follow Him. The Lord's Supper is a picture of the sacrifice and gift that God has given us through His Son Jesus. This picture shows the connection between God and His people. These are two ways we celebrate our relationship with God, but our entire lives should be a celebration of God's gifts and grace. Your challenge for this week is to take pictures of or draw pictures of ways that you celebrate all that the Lord has done for you in the way you act every day. If you celebrate by serving others, then take a picture (or draw a picture) of that, if you sing praise songs in the morning when you wake up, then document that. At the end of the week you should have a completed photo or picture album showing how you celebrate the Lord every day.



LOVE IT: Party! – Baptism is more than just about getting dunked under water and observance of the Lord's Supper is more than just eating crackers and juice. These actions are part of the celebration of



LOVE IT: Hidden Goodness – When you call on the Lord, the Holy Spirit dwells within you. Although outwardly you may still appear the same, inside you are filled with God's good and Holy Spirit. In this

game challenge your family or friends to come up with a list of things that are filled with inner goodness, even though you may not be able to tell it from the outside. You can challenge any of the answers a player gives, so be prepared to defend your answers. (Examples: Snicker Bar – Just looks like plain chocolate on the outside, but on the inside it is full of flavorful peanuts, nougat, and caramel; Fried Chicken – Looks like a crusty misshapen piece of bread on the outside, but on the inside is savory, juicy chicken).

Today's Thoughts and Prayers

WEDNESDAY: NEW LIFE



LEARN IT: Read Ephesians 2:1-10.

How are we saved? (v.8)

What changes should occur in our lives after we are saved?



LIVE IT: Show and Tell – Tell someone 3 ways your life is different since you trusted in God and give examples of 3 things you have done that show that your life is different.



LOVE IT: New 2 U – When you begin your new life as a Christian, it is like trying to learn something new (like riding a bike for the first time). It is not always easy to do away with you're your old habits and pick up some new ones. It takes practice. In the game below choose three activities that you have never done before and continue to perform them until you feel like a pro.

- Say the Alphabet backwards
- Do not use your dominant hand for an hour (if you are right handed you can't use it for an hour).
- Hop everywhere you go for the next hour

things in your life that guide what you do and how you act in any given situation. Take a moment to write down these cornerstones in the blanks provided. (for example your cornerstones might be God, Family, a Teacher, a book, a thought, etc.)



LOVE IT: Stone Tower – This activity is to help you remember your cornerstones. Gather some large smooth stones from your backyard and stack them on top of one another. Put the largest on the bottom and the smallest on top. With a permanent marker write down what each of these cornerstones are on the stone. The largest stone should represent your most important cornerstone and the smallest should be your least important. When you are finished leave the stone tower in your yard or your room to remind you of these important foundations in your life.

Today's Thoughts and Prayers

THURSDAY: SIN



LEARN IT: Read each Scripture passages below, and in the space provided, write what you think each means.

Romans 3:23: _____

Colossians 1:21: _____

Matthew 10:28: _____



LIVE IT: Pledge Allegiance – Every day we pledge ourselves to other things, people, and causes. Unfortunately many of the things we pledge ourselves to is outside the will of God and is therefore sin.

Today, make a new pledge and state it proudly with hand held over heart to follow God and keep His commands.



LOVE IT: Bad Words – God is good and sin is bad. Challenge your friends or family today to write down all of the different sins you observe in the world around you throughout the day (such as on TV, magazines, billboards, people around you).

Compare the words you've listed. The person who identifies the most words wins.



LIVE IT: Call a Friend – Today's Bible study is all about being reconciled to Christ. That means restoring our relationship with Him. Our relationship with God is a reflection of every other relationship in

our life. If we have a bad relationship with God then we probably have bad relationships with our family and friends, too. Today, help restore your relationship with God through restoring your relationship with a friend. Call a friend you have not spoken to in awhile and catch up with them. Let them know what the Lord is doing in your life.



LOVE IT: Spaghetti Bridge – Our sin separates us from God. The only way (or bridge) to God is through the gift of His grace given through His Son Jesus. Today you are going to see how difficult it is

to bridge a gap with unworthy materials. Jesus is the only worthy Lamb of God who can forgive us of our sins. Make a spaghetti bridge using uncooked spaghetti. The rules are that no single piece of spaghetti can bridge the gap by its self (in other words the gap has to be at least two pieces of spaghetti wide) and the gap has to be at least 6 inches above the floor. You may use as much or as little spaghetti as possible. When you are finished, enjoy a nice bowl of spaghetti for lunch.

Today's Thoughts and Prayers

FRIDAY: RECONCILIATION



LEARN IT:

1. Read 2 Corinthians 5:18-6:2.
2. Examine: How can a person become “reconciled with God”? _____

3. When and how did God help us? _____

4. What do these verses say?
(Paraphrase – Rewrite the verses in your own words.)

5. How can you apply the truth of these verses to your life today?

FRIDAY: ONE WAY



LEARN IT: Read each Scripture passages below, and in the space provided, write what you think each means.

Romans 6:23: _____

John 14:6: _____

John 3:16: _____



LIVE IT: Gift Giving – Often the greatest gifts are gifts from the heart. God gave the greatest gift by giving us His Son. Today show your friends or family how much you love them by giving them a love letter.



LOVE IT: Greatest Gift – In this game you will try to come up with the greatest gift you could purchase for the dollar amount shown. Next to each dollar amount write down or draw what you would buy if you had that much money.

\$1 _____

\$10 _____

- \$100 _____
- \$1,000,000 _____

SATURDAY: REPENT



LEARN IT: Read each Scripture passages below, and in the space provided, write what you think each means.

1 John 4:10:

Acts 3:19:

Romans 10:9:



LIVE IT: Shout Out – The Bible tells us that if we call on the name of the Lord we will be saved. Today, walk outside your house and shout at the top of your lungs

“Jesus Is Lord!”



LOVE IT: Dizzy Do – It is often difficult to turn from our sinful habits. Often we will turn to God in some moments and then turn back to our sinful ways in others. All of this turning can make you dizzy, so

today’s game is all about doing things while you are dizzy. Perform each of these tasks by first doing them without



LIVE IT: Confess – God already knows the sins we have committed and continue to commit. He knows everything we have ever done. Use this time today to confess (or tell) God all of your sins and ask Him for forgiveness.



LOVE IT: Garbage – Write down the sins you confessed in the “Live It” activity on a sheet of paper. Pray over these sins again and then wad up the paper and throw it away. Toss those sins out of your life.

Today’s Thoughts and Prayers

THURSDAY: COME AND SEE



LEARN IT:

1. Read John 4:28-30.

2. Examine: What did the woman do after meeting Jesus?

3. How did the people in the town respond? _____

4. What do these verses say?
(Paraphrase – Rewrite the verses in your own words.)

5. How can you apply the truth of these verses to your life today?

spinning and then doing them after you have spun in a circle at least three times.

- Write your name
- Catch a Ball (either thrown to you or thrown to yourself)
- Walk a straight line
- Tie your shoes

WEEK TWO: A DISCIPLE & STUDENT

In this study, you will learn what it means to be a disciple of Jesus. Read each Scripture passage, and in the space provided, write what you think it means.

MONDAY: FOLLOW



LEARN IT: Let's look at Luke 9:23:

What are some ways a person can “deny themselves” to follow Jesus: _____

How much of ourselves are we to give loving the Lord? _____

Considering what you've learned, what would a disciple of Jesus look like? How would you explain it to someone else?

A disciple of Jesus is a life-long student of the Bible.

Summarize 2 Tim. 2:15: _____

WEDNESDAY: FOLLOW ME



LEARN IT:

1. Read John 1:40-46.
2. Examine: What was the first thing Andrew did?

3. What did Andrew call Jesus in v. 41? _____
4. What do these verses say?
(Paraphrase – Rewrite the verses in your own words.)

5. How can you apply the truth of these verses to your life today?



LIVE IT: Follow the Leader – Gather a few friends and play the game follow the leader. Everything the leader says to do, everyone else in the game must do it, no

TUESDAY: WORSHIPPER



LEARN IT: A disciple of Jesus is involved in regular, weekly worship with other believers. Read each Scripture passage, and in the space provided, write what you think it means.

- Matt. 28:17: _____
- Ps. 150: _____



LIVE IT: Talent Show – Hold a family talent show. Each family member will take turns showing off the talents God has given them. Then discuss how each of these talents could be used to glorify God.



LOVE IT: American Idols – There are things that we use our time and talents towards that do not glorify God. When we do these things we are worshipping idols. In this game you get to be the judge. Rank the following list of idols from 1 to 10, where 10 means you are most guilty of worshipping this idol and 1 means you are least guilty of or never worship this idol.

- Money _____
- Cell Phones _____
- TV _____
- Golden Calf _____
- Facebook _____
- The President _____
- Other gods _____
- Video Games _____

WEDNESDAY: A SERVANT



LEARN IT: A disciple of Jesus serves Him, by working in the church and helping people in the community. Read the following verses and summarize what you learn.

Eph. 2:10: _____

I John 3:16-18: _____



LIVE IT: Help! – Today your goal is to help as many people as you can. As you interact with people throughout the day ask them “How can I help you today?” Make sure to share with them the reason you are serving them is because you worship a God who is the ultimate servant.



LOVE IT: Working on your Serve – Many times people do not serve because they are afraid they will not be able to do the task. In this game you will practice the motions of serving by acting out each of the listed tasks. For added fun have others try to guess the tasks you are acting out.

Today’s Thoughts and Prayers

is about building relationships and teaching them what they do not know about God. Today your challenge is to interview someone about who they think God is and what opinions they have about Him. After you allow them to respond, share with them the God we worship from the Bible.



LOVE IT: Around the World – Take turns shooting paper wads into a trash can from around the room (like basketball). Start close up and after every made shot name a country you could disciple and then step to a new place in the room. If you miss from a spot in the room more than twice in a row, then you have to start back at your original place. Play until you’ve made 10 baskets (disciple 10 different nations).

Today’s Thoughts and Prayers

TUESDAY: MAKE DISCIPLES



LEARN IT:

1. Read Matthew 28:18-20.

2. Examine: List the commands Jesus gave:

3. When is Jesus with you? _____

4. What do the verses say?
(Paraphrase – Rewrite the verses in your own words.)

5. How can you apply the truth of these verses to your life today?



LIVE IT: Go Ask – Often we will go and tell people about Jesus, but not ask people any questions that would reveal what they know about God. Building disciples is more than just telling people about God, it

THURSDAY: AN EVANGELIST



LEARN IT: A disciple of Jesus shares the story of Jesus with others. Read each Scripture passage, and in the space provided, write what you think it means.

Matt. 28:18: _____

Acts 1:8: _____



LIVE IT: Salvation Bracelet – Use an evangelism tool like a salvation bracelet to share the story of Christ. Here is a reminder of what the beads stand for:

- Black = Sin (all have sinned)
- Red = Blood (Jesus died for our sins)
- White = Clean (When we trust in Jesus, He washes away our sin)
- Green = Grow (We grow in our relationship with God)
- Yellow = Heaven (We will spend eternity with God in Heaven)



LOVE IT: Who Needs a Bracelet – A salvation bracelet is a great way to share how to become a Christian, but there are many other ways you could tell this same story or use different things around you to tell the story. In today’s challenge you are to identify 5 things you could use besides the beads that could represent the colors of the bracelet to tell others about salvation through Christ.

- Black _____
- Red _____
- White _____

- Green _____
- Yellow _____

FRIDAY: A STEWARD



LEARN IT: A disciple of Jesus is responsible to God for support of the church and the use of all financial blessings. Read each Scripture passage, and in the space provided, write what you think it means.

Mal. 3:8-12: _____

2 Cor. 9:6-11: _____



LIVE IT: Refund – Everything you have is a gift from God. Your challenge for today is to use these gifts in such a way that you give back to God. If He has blessed you with money, then spend it for His glory. If He’s blessed you with singing, then sing a song praising Him. Write down what you gave back to God today:



LOVE IT: Re-Fun – Giving back takes sacrifice and is not always fun to do. In this game you will be challenged to complete a simple task multiple times. Each time you complete the task you will have a restriction placed on you before you can perform the task again. Each time a restriction is added it will get more difficult to complete the task. This is true in life, the more we give, the more dependent we become on God to provide.

- Round 1: Walk with an egg (or ball) on a spoon for 20 steps.

MONDAY: THANKSGIVING



LEARN IT: “... I always pray with joy because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now.”
Philippians 1:4-5

Write the names of people who have played a key role in your salvation. Include people who have taught you, prayed for you, shared with you, and displayed a godly example to you.



LIVE IT: Thankful 4 - We have so much to be thankful for, but we often do not say anything about it. Today, share with God and 4 others what you are thankful for about them.



LOVE IT: Grateful Thread – In this game you will take turns with others saying words that represent things you are thankful for. Each person must come up with a word that has not been said yet and that begins with the last letter of the word the other person just said (example: dog --- God --- dance --- elephant). The goal is to be the last person to run out of words for things you are thankful.

Today’s Thoughts and Prayers

- Listen carefully and intently to their answer. Make sure they understand what accepting Christ means.
- If they make a real decision to trust in Jesus, celebrate with them. Tell them where you are now in your spiritual life, and ask if you can pray together for continued commitment and growth.
- If not, ask them if they would like to have a relationship with Jesus like the one you enjoy. Be prepared to share the plan of salvation and lead them in a sinner's prayer.

In the space below, describe the experience of sharing your salvation story with your friends.

- Round 2: Walk with an egg on a spoon for 20 steps on one leg.
- Round 3: Walk with an egg on a spoon for 20 steps on one leg with no hands (hint: use your mouth).
- Round 4: Walk with an egg on a spoon for 20 steps on one leg with no hands or mouth (hint: use your armpit).

Today's Thoughts and Prayers

SATURDAY: SPIRIT-FILLED



LEARN IT: A disciple of Jesus is filled with the Holy Spirit. Read each Scripture passage, and in the space provided, write what you think it means.

John 15:5: _____

Galatians 5:16-26: _____



LIVE IT: Nature Walk – Take a walk and look closely at the trees and plants. Try to locate dead branches or leaves to better understand what Jesus means by branches not being connected to the vine. Collect one of these withered branches to remind yourself to remain in God so that you do not become like the branch.



LOVE IT: Sticks and Stones – During your nature walk grab two branches or twigs – one living and the other dead (separated from the vine). Take a stone (or rock) and smash both sticks with the stone. Which stick held up better?

When life hurls stones at us we are more resistant to their damage if we have Christ living in us.

WEEK FOUR: SHARING SALVATION



LEARN IT: “We proclaim him, admonishing and teaching everyone with all wisdom, so that we may present everyone perfect in Christ.” Colossians 1:28

Our key verse this week is 2 Timothy 2:2

And the things you have heard me say in the presence of many witnesses entrust to reliable men who will also be qualified to teach others. (NIV)

Who do you know that is not a Believer? Consider family members, friends, fellow students, neighbors, people that you see often. Write down every name (at least 5).

Begin praying daily for each person specifically, by name.

Share the names with your Accountability Partner.

Set a date and time to talk or meet with them.

Meet with the friend that you’d like to share Jesus with and tell them about your decision to accept Christ. Use your own words. Bring along this notebook and share the thoughts and feelings you wrote down, if it seems appropriate.

- Ask them if they have ever experienced anything like that in their life before?



LIVE IT: God Who? – For today’s challenge, list as many words you can think that describe God on a separate sheet of paper. We discover these words by studying the Bible and seeing how God has revealed Himself to His people. Share these words with others to show how great your God is.



LOVE IT: Finish the Phrase – God will complete (or finish) the good work He has done. In this game we will practice being finishers by finishing the following sentences.

- David wrestled with the lion until...
_____.
- Barbara _____ to the beach.
While she was there she got a
_____.
- _____ and _____ went
up the hill to fetch a pail of water, but
_____.

Today’s Thoughts and Prayers

WEEK THREE: THE WAY OF SALVATION



LEARN IT: This week you will learn all about the tools God has given us to help us follow in the Way of Salvation. The first of those tools is the Daily Quiet Time.

Read Psalm 143:8 – our key verse for this week.

What is a Quiet Time? _____

Commit today to spend time with God every day, as best you can, in prayer and Bible reading. Sign your name below and write today’s date.

The time for my Quiet Time will be _____ every day.

The place for my Quiet Time will be _____

Guidelines for Quiet Time:

- Select a time that fits your schedule, when you can be alone for at least 15 minutes
- Have your Bible and notebook ready each day.
- Follow a plan of Bible reading. This notebook gives you a good start.
- Keep a record of your prayers.
- Make notes of what you learn each day, and commitments that you make.
- As you read your Bible, look for specific commands that you are to follow.

- The Guide in this notebook will teach you a simple way to study the Bible.
- Pray every day.
 - For guidance
 - For protection
 - For specific needs of the day
 - For the needs of others
 - Include thanksgiving for all God has done for you
 - Include praise to God
- Focus on learning more about God every day, on loving Him more, and on following Him obediently.

Today's Thoughts and Prayers

SATURDAY: BIBLE STUDY



LEARN IT: Today, we will learn a new Bible study method, even as we discover more reasons for studying God's Word. Complete the Focus Verse activity.

FOCUS VERSE

*"Being confident of this, that he who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus."
Philippians 1:6*

1. Examine: Who began the work in you? _____

2. What kind of work is it? _____
3. What does the verse say?
(Paraphrase – Rewrite the verse in your own words.)

4. How can you apply the truth of this verse to your life today?

FRIDAY: BIBLE STUDY



LEARN IT: Read the verses below to understand why believers study the Bible. For each verse, write at least two reasons you find.

Deuteronomy 6:1-9: _____

Psalm 19:7-11: _____



LIVE IT: Connected – As you go through the day today keep your Bible in your hands all day. Open it up and read it whenever you get a moment. For this day, wherever you go-it goes.



LOVE IT: I Heart God – The Bible tells us to hide God’s word in our heart. For today’s activity use a blank sheet of paper and draw a heart. Fill that heart with as many of your favorite verses as you can remember. Then write down verses outside the heart that you would like to memorize to place in your heart. Add them to your heart as you memorize them.

MONDAY: QUIET TIME



LEARN IT: Read each Scripture passage below and write one reason for spending time in Scripture reading and prayer each day.

Mark 1:35 _____

John 8:31-32 _____

Psalm 143:8 _____



LIVE IT: Unplugged – It is difficult to find quiet time with the buzz of computers, the murmur of TVs and the chatter of our friends on the phone. Take a moment to turn off or unplug everything in your room and close the door. Sit quietly in the silence and close your time alone with a word of prayer.



LOVE IT: Quiet Mouse –The Bible tells us to be slow to speak and quick to listen. Spend the day playing quiet mouse. Let your actions speak for you. Do not be rude in your not speaking and if asked you can share with them the challenge you are trying to accomplish and invite them to try.

Today’s Thoughts and Prayers

TUESDAY: ACCOUNTABILITY



LEARN IT: *“Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved, a workman who does not need to be ashamed and who correctly handles the word of truth.”*
2 Timothy 2:15

Choose one person who will be your accountability partner. It can be a parent, friend, or teacher. This will be a key person in your life for the next few months. Your partner will hold you accountable for spiritual growth and discipline over the next period of time.

Write your accountability partner’s name below:

Read Romans 3:19-20. To whom are we accountable?

What is the purpose of the law? _____

Read Prov. 27:17. Why is it important to be accountable to another believer? _____



LIVE IT: Trust Test – Accountability takes trust. In today’s challenge you will have an opportunity to build trust with your parents by accepting a new household responsibility (such as vacuuming the house, cleaning



LIVE IT: Two-Way Call – Prayer is a two-way communication between you and God. During this prayer time focus on the specific needs of one of your friends. While praying to God, allow silent pauses in your prayer for God to respond.



LOVE IT: Secret Code – God answers prayers in a number of different ways. Not all of the ways God answers prayers are obvious. Sometimes you have to figure out how or what God is telling you to do. In today’s challenge you are going to crack a coded message using the code box. Then, write your own coded message for someone else to crack.

CODE BOX

A=1	F=6	K=11	P=16	U=21	Z=26
B=2	G=7	L=12	Q=17	V=22	
C=3	H=8	M=13	R=18	W=23	
D=4	I=9	N=14	S=19	X=24	
E=5	J=10	O=15	T= 20	Y=25	

Secret Code: 7 15 4 12 15 22 5 19 25 15 21

Answer: _____

Write Your Secret Message Here:

THURSDAY: PRAYER



LEARN IT: Read each Scripture passage, and in the space provided, write what you think it means.

Psalm 34:15-18: _____

James 5:16: _____

Psalm 66:17-20: _____

What role did prayer play in your decision to accept Christ?

List the names of those that you know were praying for you:

the garage, or sorting the dreaded sock bin). You will then be held accountable for completing the task. Write down the task you completed below:



LOVE IT: Account-A-Bili-Buddy – In this game you must pair up with someone and complete the following faith challenges. Each challenge requires you to trust in your partner to avoid getting hurt.

- Trust fall – One person will stand with their arms crossed facing away from their partner. When you say go, the person with their arms crossed will fall backwards and the other person will catch them.
- Walking by faith – One person will have to walk all the way through their house blindfolded without touching anything but the floor. The other person will lead them through the house using verbal directions only.

Today's Thoughts and Prayers

WEDNESDAY: PRAYER



LEARN IT: *"I urge, then, first of all, that requests, prayers, intercession and thanksgiving be made for everyone...that we may live peaceful and quiet lives in all godliness and holiness." 1 Timothy 2:1-2*

This is a short study to get you started in a life of prayer. Here is a very simple definition of prayer:

Prayer is communication with God. There are many different kinds of prayer, just like there are many different kinds of communication. At the most basic level, prayer is talking to God.

Read the verses below and write in the space provided what you think each verse means.

1 Thessalonians 5:17-18: _____

Philippians 4:6-7: _____

Close your Quiet Time with prayer. Thank God for loving you and taking care of you. Ask Him for anything you need. Ask Him to guard your heart and give you peace.



LIVE IT: Popcorn Prayers – Hold a special prayer time where you pray for people and names as they pop into your head. Continue praying until the names

stop popping into your mind.



LOVE IT: Friendbook – Write the names of three friends who do not know Christ as their Lord and Savior and commit to pray for them to know Him.

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

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