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*To the first generation of Slugs & Bugs kids—  
now all grown up and raising small humans of your own.  
You've got the ball.*






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# INTRODUCTION

**Hello, families,**

Our journey with God is the adventure of a lifetime. With this book, your family gains a valuable tool for the journey. It's like having a flashlight, a harmonica, a camping stove, a Swiss Army knife, mosquito spray, and UNO all wrapped up into one awesome family adventure pack.

As you soak up God's Word in song—week after week—you will have so much fun together, but you will also confront the edges of your faith. When we keep God's Word before us, it forces us to ask ourselves, "Can I really trust him—with everything?" Again and again, God's Word resonates inside us with assurance: "Yes! He is good. He is faithful. He is here."

And what an immeasurable joy to journey as a family! As you sing and pray together, you'll remember and celebrate the love of God and the gift of Jesus. You'll prepare your hearts for the Holy Spirit to mold and shape you and your family for his glory.

And because of the mysterious power music has to take root in your memory, you and your children will carry a soundtrack of God's Word with you for the rest of your lives! That's really why this book exists. Through a short and easy daily routine, parents and children have a chance to sing, discuss, pray about, and learn to live out God's Word. You can learn these 52 Slugs & Bugs Scripture songs throughout the year, and keep them for a lifetime.

I also have to say—you can't mess this up! You can start in the middle, skip around, take three years to get through the whole thing, or only get through the first few weeks. When our kids were little, there's a 100 percent chance we would have never finished this whole book.

And that's not the point, anyway. The point is, God is real. He loves us, and he wants us to walk with him together. I hope and pray this book helps.

Grace and peace and music,  
*Randall Goodgame*



# HOW TO USE THIS BOOK

**Note to parents and guardians:** While kids are totally capable of using this book on their own, the goal is for families to learn together. The discussion questions and activities are engaging for everyone but designed with the expectation that no one in the family is a Bible expert. In fact, one of the most potent things a parent can say to a child is, “I don’t understand either.”

The Bible reveals so much, but there is also much that remains mysterious, especially in the realms of pain and suffering and all things unseen. As parents embrace this reality with their children, these devotions come alive as families realize they are exploring and discovering and learning together.

This book has 52 sections of Scripture with each selection set up to be memorized over a week, so a natural approach is to use this book throughout the year. If that doesn’t work for your family, it’s okay to find your own rhythm! The QR code on this page will take you to a playlist that has a song for every verse you’ll memorize. On day 1 of every week, you’ll be introduced to a new Bible verse or verses to memorize. The text for the verse itself will be on the page, and you can find the matching song in the playlist. Sing through the song a time or two and then move on to the short explanation of the verse that will teach you the big ideas to consider for that week.



Each day begins with an encouragement to **SING THE BIBLE**—that is, to practice the song and Scripture for the week. Then there are different kinds of exercises to do as a family to help the verse sink deeper into your mind and heart:

**Talk About It:** A short conversation prompt to discuss as a family.

**Think About It:** A poignant thought to consider throughout your day.

**Do Together:** A brief activity to illustrate one of the truths from the verse.

**Pray Together:** Each day ends with a short prayer. Families can pray together out loud or take turns leading the prayer.

**Live the Bible:** Each week ends with an action to help you apply the verse to your life.

Try to set a consistent time and place for the family to gather for the devotion time, and try to find other easy times to practice the Scripture song as a family. Play the song in the car or while everyone is doing their chores. Once you’ve learned a verse, make a playlist of your own so you can keep adding verses and practice what you’ve already learned.





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WEEKS IN THE WORD



## WEEK 1 FREEDOM



### GALATIANS 5:1

*It is for freedom that Christ has set us free. Stand firm, then, and do not let yourselves be burdened again by a yoke of slavery.*

### DAY 1

In families, there are both privileges and boundaries. God sets boundaries in his Word to keep us safe and to prevent us from being trapped by sin. But we also get all the perks of being God's children! We can be joyful and generous because Jesus died on the cross for us and God loves us as a faithful Father.

**Talk About It:** What are some of the privileges in your family?

**PRAY TOGETHER:** *Dear God, thank you that because Jesus died on the cross for us, I am adopted into your family. Thank you for all the blessings that come with being your child.*



## DAY 2

**SING THE BIBLE!** Practice this week's verse.

**Think About It:** Sometimes, choosing the wrong thing looks fun. But in the end, choosing the wrong thing will harm us. God gives us boundaries to protect us from bad choices.

**Talk About It:** What boundaries do you have in your family? How do they keep you safe?

**PRAY TOGETHER:** *Dear God, thank you for setting boundaries in the Bible that keep me safe and keep me from sin.*



## DAY 3

**SING THE BIBLE!** Practice this week's verse.

**Do Together:** Go around the table and share something you love about being in your family. Make a drawing about what you love; then make a poster or collage of all the drawings and put it somewhere you can see it often.

**PRAY TOGETHER:** *Dear God, thank you for all the wonderful things about my family. Thank you that I am a part of your family too.*

## DAY 4

**SING THE BIBLE!** Practice this week's verse.

**Think About It:** Freedom means that we get to make our own choices. But all of our choices have consequences—either good or bad. God wants us to be free to make good choices that help us live a beautiful life.

**Talk About It:** Can you think of a time when a bad choice you made had a bad consequence?

**PRAY TOGETHER:** *Dear God, thank you for dying on the cross for my sins. Thank you for always loving me, even when I sin. Help me to make good choices so that I can be free and not a slave to sin!*

## DAY 5

**SING THE BIBLE!** Practice this week's verse.

**Think About It:** Standing firm means we are determined to follow God's ways and instructions. It can be tempting to disobey his Word or do what we want, but standing firm means following him.

**Talk About It:** Can you think of one way you can stand firm and obey Jesus?

**PRAY TOGETHER:** *Dear God, thank you that being part of your family means that I have the freedom to make choices that bring me joy!*



## DAY 6

**SING THE BIBLE!** Practice this week's verse.

**Do Together:** Do an image search with your family for a “yoke.” This is a heavy tool farmers sometimes use around the necks of animals to help plant crops. When we don't follow God's ways, hard consequences can be like a heavy weight around our necks, taking us where we don't want to go.

**PRAY TOGETHER:** *Dear God, sin always makes things worse. I don't want to carry the heavy weight of sin in my life. Help me to walk in your way, with your freedom instead.*

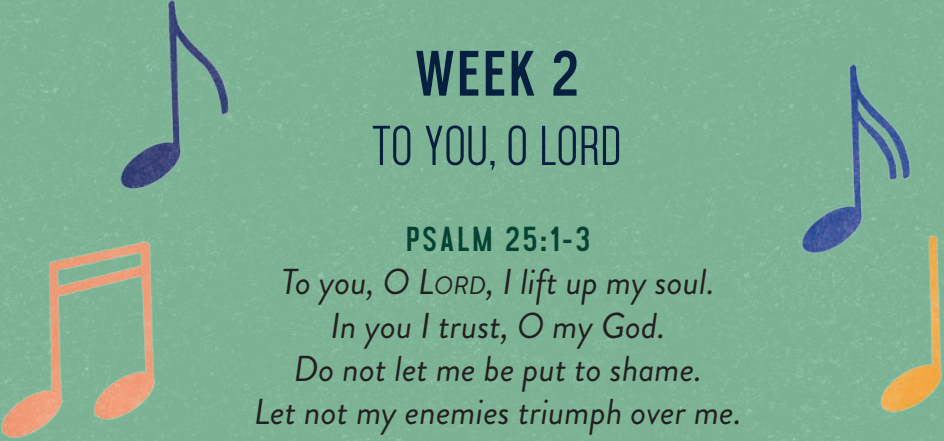
## DAY 7

**SING THE BIBLE!** Practice this week's verse.

**Live the Bible!** The best way to get to know God—and all his privileges and boundaries—is to read the Bible. When we make reading the Bible a regular part of our lives and follow what it says, we can live joyfully as God's children.

**PRAY TOGETHER:** *Dear God, I want to know you as my faithful Father. Help me to learn how to study your Bible regularly so I can know you better.*



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## WEEK 2

### TO YOU, O LORD

#### PSALM 25:1-3

*To you, O LORD, I lift up my soul.  
In you I trust, O my God.*

*Do not let me be put to shame.*

*Let not my enemies triumph over me.*

*For all whose hope is in you will never be put to shame.*

### DAY 1

In this psalm, David shares with God how much he loves and trusts him, even when his life feels hard. He also prays that God will keep him from sin and help him in his troubles.

**Talk About It:** Have you ever been through something difficult or scary in life?

**PRAY TOGETHER:** *Dear God, even when life is hard, please keep me from sin and help me trust you.*



## DAY 2

**SING THE BIBLE!** Practice this week's verses.

**Think About It:** Even though his life is difficult, David asked God to teach him and guide him. He trusted God with his entire life.

**Talk About It:** What is one way you can “lift up your soul” to God and trust him more?

**PRAY TOGETHER:** *Dear God, thank you for being loving and good. Thank you that I can trust you.*

## DAY 3

**SING THE BIBLE!** Practice this week's verses.

**Do Together:** Parents: Close or cover your child's eyes and lead them around your house or yard for a minute or two. (Have a small surprise treat handy at the end.) Ask them to describe how it felt to be in the dark but guided by a trusted adult.

**PRAY TOGETHER:** *Dear God, even when I cannot see or understand everything happening around me, I know that you do see everything. Help me to follow your guidance.*



## DAY 4

**SING THE BIBLE!** Practice this week's verses.

**Think About It:** Unlike David, we may not have entire armies or enemies chasing us around. But we all have frustrating and stressful situations in our lives. God is there to help us through every challenge.

**Talk About It:** What is the biggest “enemy” or hardest situation in your life right now?

**PRAY TOGETHER:** *Dear God, thank you that you are bigger than my enemies. I can ask you for help at any time.*

## DAY 5

**SING THE BIBLE!**

Practice this week's verses.

**Think About It:** When things get hard, it is easy to get mad at God or grow distant from him. God isn't scared of our anger, but David shows us that we can wait on God's help with a hopeful heart.

**Talk About It:** Do you ever feel mad at God when you go through hard things? Why or why not?

**PRAY TOGETHER:** *Dear God, when I go through hard times, remind me that you are with me. Show me how you are there to help me, even when I have to wait.*



## DAY 6

**SING THE BIBLE!** Practice this week's verses.

**Do Together:** Go into a dark room or closet with a flashlight. Turn the light on and notice how easy it is to move around or complete simple tasks. Now try the same thing, but without the flashlight. Even when our life feels difficult or dark, God is our light and our guide.

**PRAY TOGETHER:** *Dear God, help me to stay close to you because you light my path and give me understanding.*

## DAY 7

**SING THE BIBLE!** Practice this week's verses.

**Live the Bible!** When we face enemies or challenges, it is easy to feel very small or weak. But don't forget, God loves you and he is powerful. You can pray and ask God to help you with anything. He is always there to give you just what you need.

**PRAY TOGETHER:** *Thank you, God, that I don't have to go through any hard things on my own. Thank you for hearing all of my prayers.*

