

A NOTE TO PARENTS OR GRANDPARENTS

As a parent or grandparent, you know the importance of teaching children the big ideas that are found in God's Word and encouraging them to spend time with Him. The daily devotions in this book will help you do that.

Each entry contains a Bible verse and a kid-friendly devotion on an important topic such as honesty, forgiveness, or kindness. A question or thought follows to reinforce the message for the day, and a daily prayer will help your child to develop a habit of talking to God.

During the coming year, encourage your daughter or granddaughter to read a devotion from this book every day. This will help her establish a daily practice of hearing from God. It will also provide 365 opportunities to share God's love and wisdom and a daily chance for her to be reminded that God made her special—He knows her so well and loves her very much.



THE WAY TO GOD

Yes, it is through Christ we all have the right to come to the Father in one Spirit.

EPHESIANS 2:18 NCV

When you go for a drive somewhere, how does the driver know the way? They might follow a map, street signs, or listen to directions on the car's GPS. If we want to get closer to God, how can we know the way?

The Bible says that to find the way to God, we need to follow Jesus. We can follow Jesus by doing what He tells us in the Bible: be kind, love one another, pray, and forgive each other. Jesus always shows us the way to God. He never leads us in the wrong direction.

THOUGHT OF THE DAY

What's one thing you can do to follow Jesus today?

PRAY TODAY

Dear God, I want to get closer to You. Please help me to follow Jesus more today. Amen.



COMMON COURTESY

Remind them . . . to avoid quarreling, to be gentle, and to show perfect courtesy toward all people.

TITUS 3:1A AND 2B ESV

The Bible tells us to show courtesy—or good manners—to all people. That's because each person is important to God. So remember to say thank you whenever someone helps you, whether it's your grandma, your best friend, or the server at a restaurant! Try holding the door open for the person behind you when you go into a store or your classroom. Be sure to knock before you go into your sibling's room—that shows them you respect their privacy! Good manners help you show God's love every day.

THOUGHT OF THE DAY

Don't make manners something rare. Common courtesy shows you care!

PRAY TODAY

Dear God, it's cool that I can show Your love just by being polite! Help me remember my good manners every day. Amen.



EXTRA PEACE

Now may the Lord of peace himself give you peace at all times in every way. The Lord be with you all.

2 THESSALONIANS 3:16 ESV

Pace is one of God's greatest gifts. It can help you feel calm, confident, and even hopeful when things don't go your way.

Sometimes it's hard to find peace. After all, it's normal to feel upset when you don't get what you want. So try asking God to give you an extra helping of peace at extra hard times. He never runs out, and He loves to give His children good things. And a peaceful heart is the very best thing!

THOUGHT OF THE DAY

A trusting heart is a peaceful heart.

PRAY TODAY

Dear God, thank You for the gift of peace, and thank You that I can always ask for more! Amen.



HOW TO LEARN

Remember what you are taught. And listen carefully to words of knowledge.

PROVERBS 23:12 ICB

Have you ever played sports or taken dance or music lessons? What if your coach or teacher tells you how to do something, but you ignore them? You won't be a very good teammate, and chances are you'll never learn to dance or play music either!

If we want to improve at something, we need to listen to our parents, coaches, and teachers. And then we need to remember and practice what they teach us. God sends good teachers to help us. When we do as they say, we learn and get better!

THOUGHT OF THE DAY

What is something you are learning? What are you doing to get better at it?

PRAY TODAY

Dear God, thank You for giving me good teachers. Please help me listen, practice, and learn well. Amen.



CHOOSE FAITH

I have chosen the way of faithfulness; I set your rules before me.

PSALM 119:30 ESV

King David made a very good choice. He decided that he wanted to have faith in God and remember His rules. But King David wasn't perfect. Sometimes he was selfish and made up his own rules instead. Sometimes he ignored people who reminded him to follow God! But each time he made mistakes, he chose to return to God and ask forgiveness. Then he tried again. You can do that too! God doesn't expect you to get everything right. But when you ask forgiveness and keep trying, God will grow your faith. You can choose God over and over, just like King David!

THOUGHT OF THE DAY

The only way your faith will grow is choosing God wherever you go.

PRAY TODAY

Dear God, please help me remember Your rules. Thank You that I can always come back to You if I make mistakes. Amen.



GOD'S SUPER-POWER

Finally, be strong in the Lord and in his mighty power.

EPHESIANS 6:10 NIV

There are lots of books and movies about superheroes with special powers. Some superheroes can fly or climb straight up walls! Sometimes it's fun to dress up in a cape and pretend to be a superhero.

But do you know who has more power than any superhero you've ever heard of? God! He created mountains and oceans and all the planets and stars. When you trust in God to help you, you are counting on His super strength and power. His strength is real and He loves to use His power to help you!

THOUGHT OF THE DAY

How would you like God to help you today?

PRAY TODAY

Dear God, thank You for being so powerful. Help me depend on Your strength today. Amen.

