TIME
WITH
GOD

HI KIDS!

If you want to know God better, then you should read his Word! The Bible tells you how God wants you to live your life. This book will help you jump into your Bible and read a little bit every day. If you miss a day, don't worry. Just pick it back up the next day.

Here's How It Works

READ IT!

Look up the verse in your Bible or read it right from the card.
HINT: Sometimes it really helps you understand the verse if you read it out loud.

THINK ABOUT IT!

God uses the Bible to teach you how he wants you to live your life. Read the "Think About It!"section and stop to think about what God might want you to learn.

NOW DO IT!

It's never enough to just read about God. Every time you read his Word, ask him to show you what he wants you to do with what you've read. We encourage you to write in this book. It will help you remember what you're learning and what you plan to DO!

READ IT!

Psalm 119:105

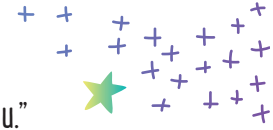
"Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light for my path."

THINK ABOUT IT!

What happens when you're in the dark? You look for the nearest light to help you see. The Bible is like a light. It helps you see how God wants you to live your life.

NOW DO IT!

Ask God to use the Bible to help you see how he wants you to live your life every day.



READ IT!

Luke 6:31 – "Do to others as you would have them do to you."

THINK ABOUT IT!

How do you like to be treated? Do you hope people are patient when you make a mistake or encouraging when you try something new? God tells us that it is important for us to treat other people with love, kindness, patience, and forgiveness.

NOW DO IT!

List three people you know from school or your neighborhood. On the line next to their name, write something you could do to be a better friend. Maybe you could help them with something. Maybe you need to forgive them for something they've done. Take a few minutes and think about how you could treat them the way you hope to be treated.

MY GOOD FRIEND PLAN

1. _____ _____
2. _____ _____
3. _____ _____

READ IT!

Colossians 3:20

"Children, obey your parents in everything, for this pleases the Lord."

THINK ABOUT IT!

Doing what our parents say is not always easy. Sometimes we don't want to clean our rooms or go to bed on time. But God clearly tells us to obey our parents. He gave us parents to help us grow up to be our best and do our best.

NOW DO IT!

Practice the habit of doing what your parents say—right away. Below is a list of a few things your parents ask you to do. (Or write in a few of your own.) Choose one or two that are hard for you and write next to them, "Right away!" Remember: God is pleased when you obey!

RIGHT AWAY!

WHEN I'M ASKED TO:

1. Clean my room.
2. Finish my homework.
3. Put my stuff away.
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____

READ IT!

John 13:34

"A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another."

THINK ABOUT IT!

The great thing about the Bible is that you can read a verse and it will help you know how to live your life right now. God tells us to love one another. That's something we should be doing every day and with everyone we meet.

NOW DO IT!

Think of something that you can do today to show love to someone. Write that person's name below, and then go do it!

SHOW LOVE TO _____.

READ IT!

Proverbs 12:22

"The Lord detests lying lips, but he delights in men who are truthful."

THINK ABOUT IT!

The Bible tells us what we should do, and it also tells us what we should not do. God uses his Word to teach us how to live. God does not want us to lie. He wants us to tell the truth, even when it's hard.

NOW DO IT!

Think about a lie you told recently. Pray and ask God to forgive you for telling a lie. Now go to the person you lied to and ask them to forgive you. This is a tough one, but you can do it!

JOURNAL: WHY DO YOU THINK IT'S SOMETIMES HARD TO TELL THE TRUTH?

READ IT!

Proverbs 13:20

"He who walks with the wise grows wise, but a companion of fools suffers harm."

THINK ABOUT IT!

The Bible even gives us wise advice about the kind of people we call friends. Make sure your closest friends are people who love God and make wise choices. If you hang out with people who make foolish decisions, God says it will cause you harm.

NOW DO IT!

Make a list of your closest friends. Are you hanging out with people who are helping you make wise choices, or do you have some foolish friends? Pray and ask God to bring you great friends.

MY FRIENDS

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____

DEAR GOD,
PLEASE BRING ME GREAT FRIENDS. I WANT FRIENDS WHO WILL HELP ME MAKE WISE CHOICES AND DO GOOD THINGS. IT'S SOMETIMES HARD TO SAY NO TO PEOPLE WHO ARE NOT GOOD FOR ME, AND SOMETIMES I FEEL A LITTLE LONELY. PLEASE HELP ME TO BE A GOOD FRIEND AND TO HANG OUT WITH PEOPLE WHO LOVE YOU LIKE I LOVE YOU.
AMEN.

READ IT!

Jeremiah 33:3 – "Call to me and I will answer you and tell you great and unsearchable things you do not know."

THINK ABOUT IT!

You're reading the Bible so you can learn more about God. That's great! The Bible tells us that if we call on God (pray and ask him), he will help us understand some amazing things. Want to learn more about God? Pray and ask him to help you.

NOW DO IT!

Think about one new thing you have already learned about God this week or ask your parents to share with you something great they know about God. Add to the list below. Pray and ask God to help you know him better.

GOD, YOU ARE...

1. Powerful
2. Forgiving
3. Loving
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____

READ IT!

Psalm 119:11

"I have hidden your word in my heart that I might not sin against you."

THINK ABOUT IT!

God is telling us that when we memorize a Bible verse, it's like we're hiding it in our hearts. And his Word is there waiting to help us do the right thing. When you find yourself in a tough situation, think about a verse you know from the Bible and use it to help you make the wise choice.

NOW DO IT!

Start memorizing today. Pick a verse and write it on a card. Carry it with you and practice it a few times. You'll know it by the end of the day!

HERE ARE A FEW FAVORITES:

John 3:16

Philippians 4:13

Luke 6:31

Joshua 1:9

READ IT!

Joshua 1:9b – "Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged, for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go."

THINK ABOUT IT!

God tells us that we don't have to be afraid, and we don't have to worry. We can stand up and do the right thing because he promises to be with us and to help us.

NOW DO IT!

What is something you're afraid of or worried about? Write "God is with me" on a piece of paper and put it somewhere in your room where you can see it. Pray and ask God to help you and to take away your fears.

I AM WORRIED ABOUT:

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

4. _____

READ IT!

Proverbs 3:5-6 - "Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make your paths straight."

THINK ABOUT IT!

God doesn't want us to try to figure things out for ourselves. He wants us to ask him for help and to trust what he tells us. Remember: God uses the Bible to tell us how he wants us to live.

NOW DO IT!

What problem are you trying to figure out by yourself? Maybe you're struggling with something in school. Maybe you're having a hard time with a friend. Can you think of something? Pray and ask God to help you figure out this problem. He wants you to trust him.

MY PROBLEM: _____

MY PRAYER:

Dear God,

Please help me… _____

_____

Amen.

READ IT!

Isaiah 41:10 – "So do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you."

THINK ABOUT IT!

God tells us that we don't have to be afraid or worried. Our God is great and powerful. He can do anything. He promises that he will make us strong and help us.

NOW DO IT!

Where do you feel weak? Maybe you're not so great at math and it's got you worried. Maybe you're struggling to stand up to a bully. Maybe your family needs something and you don't know how to help. Pray and ask God to help you. He can help you with your fears and give you courage.

I NEED HELP WITH:

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

4. _____

READ IT!

1 Chronicles 16:34

"Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his love endures forever."

THINK ABOUT IT!

Can you believe God loves you no matter who you are, where you go, or what you do? His love for you lasts forever and ever! We should be thankful for God's amazing love.

NOW DO IT!

Stop right now and tell God how thankful you are for his love.

THANK YOU, GOD, FOR LOVING ME!

READ IT!

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."

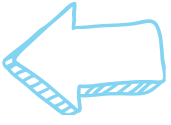
THINK ABOUT IT!

God loves the WHOLE world. He loves everyone. And when God knew we needed him, he loved us so much that he sent Jesus, his only Son, to help us.

NOW DO IT!

Can you think of someone who might not know God and how much he loves them? Write their name on a card and place it by your bed. Every night before you go to sleep, pray for this friend. Pray that they will know God and see how much God loves them.

I'M PRAYING FOR:



READ IT!

1 Corinthians 16:14 - "Do everything in love."

THINK ABOUT IT!

Everything? Yes, EVERYTHING! Jesus is telling us that when we go to school, when we talk to our friends, when we listen to our parents, when we play soccer–no matter what we do–we are supposed to treat EVERYONE with love.

NOW DO IT!

Think about someone you have been cranky with lately. How should you treat them if you're going to do everything in love? Come up with a few ideas that would show them that you love them and then get busy and show love.

LOVING IDEAS:

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

4. _____

READ IT!

Psalm 46:10

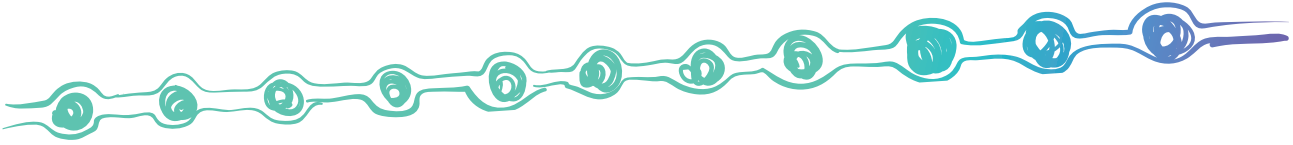
"Be still, and know that I am God; I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth."

THINK ABOUT IT!

When you are still and you talk to God, remember that he is the one true God. When you pray, it reminds you that God—while being all-powerful and perfect—is also your friend. He wants you to talk to him about whatever is on your mind.

NOW DO IT!

Go to a quiet place and spend a few minutes talking to God. You can talk to him about anything! It may be something you're worried about, or it could be something you're thankful for. He loves to hear from you.



READ IT!

Philippians 4:13
"I can do all things through him who gives me strength."

THINK ABOUT IT!

We all have to face some hard things. Maybe you're moving to a new city and you're trying to have a good attitude about it. Maybe you're having a hard time standing up to someone who is doing something wrong. This verse reminds us that we are never alone. God promises to give us the strength to do the right thing. He promises to help us.

NOW DO IT!

Think about some of the hard things you're facing. Make a list of those things and talk to God about them. He wants to help you!

HARD THINGS:

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

4. _____

READ IT!

Philippians 4:6-7 - "Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus."

THINK ABOUT IT!

Are you worried about something? Not something like, "Man, I'm really worried they'll have hamburgers instead of pizza in the cafeteria" kind of stuff. But real-life, "I wonder if I'll be able to pass my math class" kind of stuff. When your worries take over, what do you do? This verse tells us to talk to God. Only HE can bring real peace.

NOW DO IT!

Tell God something you're anxious or worried about. Ask him to help you know what to do in this situation and to give you peace about whatever you're facing.

Dear God,
I'm worried about _____

_____

_____

_____

Amen.

READ IT!

1 Thessalonians 5:16–18

"Be joyful always; pray continually; give thanks in all circumstances, for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus."

THINK ABOUT IT!

Think about your best friend. When something great happens, they're the first person you want to tell. When something bad happens, they're the first person you call to come over to shoot hoops. Guess what? God is better than your best friend because he's ALWAYS there. He really wants to hear about your day.

NOW DO IT!

Spend a few minutes telling God about your day, just like you would if you were talking to a friend on the phone.

THANK YOU, GOD, FOR EVERYTHING!

READ IT!

Psalm 145:17-18 – "The Lord is righteous in all his ways and loving toward all he has made. The Lord is near to all who call on him, to all who call on him in truth."

THINK ABOUT IT!

Not only is God the all-powerful Creator, who made mountains just by speaking, he tells us we can call him Father. And when we pray, he hears us. It's a personal conversation. That's right. The God of the universe loves you and wants you to talk to him.

NOW DO IT!

List all the things you know to be true about God. Then take some time to thank him for being everything on your list.

GOD IS...

1. Loving
2. Patient
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____

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READ IT!

Isaiah 41:10 – "So do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with my righteous right hand."

THINK ABOUT IT!

God promises that he is with us when we are in trouble. Our God is strong and he will help us, so we don't have to live in fear.

NOW DO IT!

What are you worried about or afraid of? Are you facing trouble right now? Pray and ask God to be with you and to help you. Ask him to show you what you should do. Thank him for being stronger than your troubles.

BIG TROUBLE!

Dear God,
I'm afraid and I need your help. Please show me that you're with me and please help me know what to do. Thank you for being bigger than anything that scares me.
Amen.

READ IT!

Matthew 7:7–12

"Ask, and you will receive. Search, and you will find. Knock, and the door will be opened for you. Would any of you give your hungry child a stone, if the child asked for some bread? Would you give your child a snake if the child asked for a fish? As bad as you are, you still know how to give good gifts to your children. But your heavenly Father is even more ready to give good things to people who ask."

THINK ABOUT IT!

God is telling us that all we have to do is go to him and ask him for the things we need. We are his children and he loves us. He is ready to give us what we need.

NOW DO IT!

Make a list of things that you would like to ask God for. It might be something practical like food; or it could be that you need more courage; or maybe you've been sick and you want to be well again. Pray and ASK God. He is listening. He cares and promises to give you everything you need.

Dear God, I need:

*1.*_____ *2 .*_____ *3 .*_____

Please give me what you know is best for me. Thank you for caring so much about me. Amen.

READ IT!

James 1:22–24

"Do not merely listen to the word, and so deceive yourselves. Do what it says. Anyone who listens to the word but does not do what it says is like someone who looks at his face in a mirror and, after looking at himself, goes away and immediately forgets what he looks like."

THINK ABOUT IT!

Grab your mirror and take a long, hard look. Now put the mirror down. Imagine for a minute that you've suddenly and completely forgotten what you look like. Crazy, right? It would be the same if you read God's Word and knew that you needed to do something about what you read, but instead acted like you didn't know.

NOW DO IT!

Is there something you've read that you know God wants you to do? It could be obeying your parents or making a wise choice with your friend. Whatever it is, decide today that you're going to do it!

*I will*_____.

JUST DO IT!

READ IT!

1 Timothy 4:12 –"Don't let anyone look down on you because you are young, but set an example for the believers in speech, in life, in love, in faith and in purity."

THINK ABOUT IT!

Do you ever think to yourself, *Hey, I'm just a kid. What can I do?* The truth is, you can do a lot. The way you live and choose to obey God shows others around you that you believe in God. The way you treat others (love others and put others first) is a big deal, no matter how old you are.

NOW DO IT!

Think about the friends you have at school. Do they know about Jesus? Ask God to help you show them what it looks like to follow God every day.

MY FRIENDS:

1. _____ 3. _____

2. _____ 4. _____

SHOW THEM!

READ IT!

Psalm 150:6
"Let everything that has breath praise the Lord."

THINK ABOUT IT!

When we praise someone, we tell others about all the good things they have done. The Bible tells us that we should praise God and tell everyone how great he is. Think about it. He MADE you, he gave you people who LOVE you, he takes CARE of you, and he made everything you NEED. Our God is AMAZING!

NOW DO IT!

Make a list of all the great things you know about God. Pray and tell God that you think he is great, and thank him for all he has done for you.

GOD, YOU ARE AWESOME!

READ IT!

Psalm 5:3

"In the morning, O Lord, you hear my voice; in the morning I lay my requests before you and wait in expectation."

THINK ABOUT IT!

Are you a morning person? No matter how you feel about those first few minutes of the day, this verse reminds you of how important it is to start your day talking to God. He loves you and cares about what happens in your day.

NOW DO IT!

When you wake up tomorrow morning, start your day by praying and talking to God. Ask him to watch over your day and to lead you in the right direction.

READ IT!

Hebrews 13:17

"Obey your leaders and submit to their authority. They keep watch over you …"

THINK ABOUT IT!

God clearly tells us that we are supposed to obey the leaders he has put over us. God put people like your parents, coaches, and teachers in your life to take care of you.

NOW DO IT!

Think about a leader you have had a hard time listening to and obeying. You might need to go to them, apologize, and let them know you want to do better. Pray and ask God to help you do what he says and to obey the leaders he has put in your life.

MY LEADERS:

1. Dad
2. Mom
3. Coach
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____

READ IT!

James 4:17

"Anyone, then, who knows the good he ought to do and doesn't do it, sins."

THINK ABOUT IT!

God is telling us that when we know we should help someone, forgive someone, or do GOOD for someone, and we don't do that, it's wrong. This verse also tells us that when we know we should do the right thing, like telling the truth, obeying our parents, or giving to those in need, and we don't do it, it's wrong. When you know the right thing to do, God says to DO IT!

NOW DO IT!

What is something good that you know you should do but haven't done yet? Write it down so you won't forget, and then DO it!

God wants me to _____.

READ IT!

Galatians 6:9–10 – "Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up. Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good to all people."

THINK ABOUT IT!

Doing the right thing is hard sometimes. We all wish we could have our own way and we often choose to do the wrong things. God is telling us to keep doing the right things. He promises he will reward us if we just keep working hard and doing good for other people.

NOW DO IT!

Think of a situation when it was hard to keep doing the right thing. What would have happened if you had given up and just done whatever you wanted? Talk to God and ask him to help you keep doing the right thing.

Dear God,
It's hard for me to _____. I really want to give up. Please help me to keep doing what you want me to do.
Amen.

READ IT!

Philippians 2:3b-4

"In humility consider others better than yourselves. Each of you should look not only to your own interests, but also to the interests of others."

THINK ABOUT IT!

In this verse, God is telling us that one of the most important things we can do is to put others before ourselves, to take care of their needs before we take care of our own. God wants us to truly love and help other people and put them first.

NOW DO IT!

Think about someone in your class who you could put first. What is something you could do to show them that they are important to you? Decide what to do, and then DO it!

*I will put*_____*first and serve them by doing*_____.

YOU FIRST

READ IT!

Matthew 22:37–39 – "Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the first and greatest commandment. And the second is like it: Love your neighbor as yourself."

THINK ABOUT IT!

God tells us that the greatest things we can do are to love HIM and to love OTHERS. Love God and love people–that's the greatest thing. It sounds so simple, but it can be hard to do. We can show God we love him by obeying him, making wise choices, trusting him, and asking him for help. Can you think of how we can love others?

NOW DO IT!

When God tells us to love our neighbors, he's talking about loving people. Sometimes they are people we know, and sometimes we can help people we don't know. Make a list of a few things you can do this week to show other people that you love them. This is one of the GREATEST things you can do.

FLIP THE PAGE FOR EXAMPLES TO GET STARTED.

HERE ARE A FEW EXAMPLES TO GET YOU STARTED:

1. I can play with my little brother when my mom is busy.
2. I can call Grandma and ask about her day.
3. I can pray for my teacher.
4. I can give something to a kid who doesn't have everything they need.

I CAN LOVE OTHERS:

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

4. _____

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