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Not Of the World**



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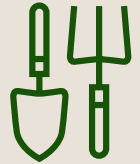


# Note to Parents

This devotional is designed to help your child develop the habit of spending time in God's Word each day. Each week's devotions are written to encourage individual application and response to the verses read that day. Some features are even designed to be interactive for the whole family. It is our prayer that you and your child will enjoy exploring the Bible and growing together in the Lord.



What does it mean to keep serving God when no one will stand with you? **This month, we'll study the account of Daniel and his three friends while they were in captivity in Babylon.** We'll see how they remained faithful during some really scary situations, like being thrown in a fiery furnace or a lions' den. Even through those difficult circumstances, Daniel and his friends remained faithful to God and stood up for God. We'll learn about making healthy and life-giving decisions that stand for God alone and against idolatry (the things or ideas that keep us distracted from God). We'll learn how God rules in the kingdom of men, how to remain faithful during hard moments or unfair treatment, and how God reigns forever.



Week 1 • July 1-7, 2023

## I Can Have Self-Discipline

Family Theme:

Seeking God's Kingdom First

Learn | John 2:5-6 (ICB)

02

## TUESDAY

Read Daniel 1:5-8 (ICB)

What were the names of the four young men?

01

## MONDAY

Read Daniel 1:1-4 (ICB)

Which king took Jerusalem captive?



03

## WEDNESDAY

Read Daniel 1:4-15 (ICB)

Daniel asked if he and his friends could eat nothing but sugar for ten days. **True / False**

04

## THURSDAY

Read Daniel 1:17-20 (ICB)

Daniel and his friends were **better / worse** after ten days.

05

## FRIDAY

Read Psalm 1:1-3 (ICB)

God **blessed / cursed**

Daniel and his friends.

## EXPLORE MORE

**Have you ever read a choose-your-own-adventure book or played a game where you had to make a hard choice?** It was probably hard to see the way forward. You weren't sure what was going to happen, but you had to make a choice. We live in a dark world that doesn't always love or pay attention to God. But even in the midst of that, God calls us to make the choice to follow Christ. That isn't always an easy choice, but it is always the right one. And God will always help us make the choice to live for Him. **How can you live for God this week?**

Week 2 • July 8-14, 2023

## I Can Have Courage

### Family Theme:

Staying Faithful When It Costs

Learn | John 2:5-6 (ICB)

# MONDAY

Read Daniel 3:1-7 (ICB)

What were all the people to do when the music sounded?

What would happened if they didn't do that?



# TUESDAY

Read Daniel 3:8-12 (ICB)

Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego did not bow down to the statue.

**True / False**



## WEDNESDAY

Read Daniel 3:13-18 (ICB)

Nebuchadnezzar had the furnace heated **seven / twenty** times hotter than normal.

## THURSDAY

Read Daniel 3:19-25 (ICB)

Nebuchadnezzar had **three / seven** men thrown into the furnace, but when he looked into the furnace he saw **eight / four** men.

## FRIDAY

Read Daniel 3:26-30 (ICB)

When Nebuchadnezzar saw that the men were unharmed, he praised their God.

True / False

## EXPLORE MORE

**Sometimes, we have to do hard things or make tough choices in life.** One of those hard things is standing up for Jesus when no one else does. Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego stood up for God, even though it meant they'd be thrown in the fiery furnace. But God protected them and this showed everyone God's power! We serve a powerful God who helps us stand up for what is true and right. We don't have to be afraid, because God is on our side. **How can you stand up for God this week?**



Week 3 • July 15-21, 2023

## I Can Choose Humility

**Family Theme:**

Though Kingdoms Fall,  
God Remains

Learn | John 2:5-6 (ICB)



# MONDAY

 Read Daniel 5:1-4 (ICB)

Belshazzar misused the gold and silver cups  
from God's Temple. **True / False**

# TUESDAY

 Read Daniel 5:5-9 (ICB)

A **hand / foot** appeared and  
wrote on the wall.



# WEDNESDAY

Read Daniel 5:13-17 (ICB)

The king brought  
**Paul / Daniel** in to read  
the writing on the wall.

## EXPLORE MORE

**Who are some of the leaders around you?** You have your parents, your teachers, the mayor of your city, the leader of your country. Each of these people has power to make decisions and lead. The greatest leader, though, is our heavenly Leader. While we should respect and obey our earthly leaders, God—our heavenly Leader—is our ultimate authority. We should follow God and honor God and serve God no matter what, because God created this whole world and it is His! **How can you serve God this week?**



## THURSDAY

Read Daniel 5:18–23 (ICB)

Daniel praised the king for being against God.

**True / False**

## FRIDAY

Read Daniel 5:24–30 (ICB)

What did the three words on the wall mean?

What happened to Belshazzar the king?

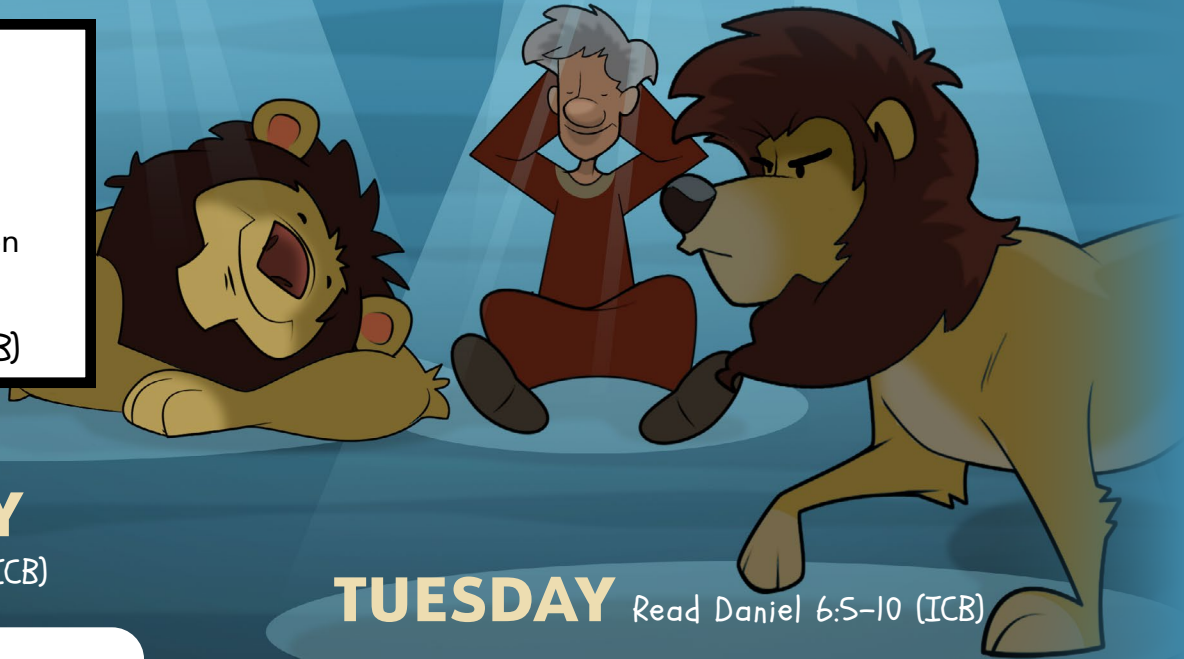
Week 4 • July 22-28, 2023

## I Can Be Faithful

**Family Theme:**

Remaining Faithful When  
Opposed

Learn 1 John 2:5-6 (ICB)



### MONDAY

Read Daniel 6:1-4 (ICB)

Daniel became a powerful  
ruler in the kingdom.

**True / False**

### TUESDAY

Read Daniel 6:5-10 (ICB)

What law did the other rulers put before the king?

What would be the punishment?

## WEDNESDAY Read Daniel 6:11-18 (ICB)

Even though he knew he would be punished,  
Daniel still prayed to God. **True / False**

## THURSDAY Read Daniel 6:19-24 (ICB)

The next morning, Daniel was **alive / dead**  
The king **praised / cursed** God because  
He kept Daniel safe from the lions.

## FRIDAY Read Daniel 6:25-28 (ICB)

King Darius made a new law that every person in the  
kingdom must respect and worship the one true God.

**True / False**

## EXPLORE MORE

**Imagine your favorite hero.** What do they do when the going gets tough? Does that hero quit? Or do they keep pushing through and moving forward? We are called to do the same thing as believers of God. It won't always be easy to serve God. While we probably won't face any lions like Daniel, we will face those who don't want us to love and serve God. That's when we need to stay faithful and not give up. God will give us the strength to stand up for God. **How can you stay faithful to God this week?**



Week 5 • July 29-Aug 4, 2023

## I Can Show Reverence

**Family Theme:**

God's Kingdom Endures  
Forever

Learn | John 2:5-6 (ICB)

## MONDAY

Read Daniel 7:1-8 (ICB)

God gave Daniel a vision.

**True / False**

## TUESDAY

Read Daniel 7:9-14 (ICB)

**Daniel's / David's**

vision was about the Ancient  
of Days, or God.

## WEDNESDAY

Read Daniel 7:15-18 (ICB)

Daniel's vision meant that God's  
kingdom would last forever.

**True / False**



## THURSDAY

Read Daniel 7:14–25 (ICB)

How was the fourth beast different?

## FRIDAY

Read Daniel 7:26–28 (ICB)

Daniel's dream showed that God would reign forever. **True / False**

## EXPLORE MORE

**Imagine the most powerful thing you can.** Is it a thunderstorm? Is it a waterfall? Is it a plane? Sure, these are all very powerful things. But God is more powerful than any of those things. God created the water. God created the whole world, the whole universe, even us! God is the most powerful in the whole universe. Because of that, we can trust that God is always the ruler and is always in control. God's kingdom will never fail or fall—it will last forever and ever. **Praise God for being our king forever!**





# Diggin' for Answers

Match the name to the action. Some names may be used more than once.

**Shadrach,  
Meshach, and  
Abednego**

**Nebuchadnezzar**

**Daniel**

**Belshazzar**



Took Israel captive.

Asked if he and his friends could only eat vegetables and water.





Refused to bow down to the statue.

Were not burned by the fiery furnace.

Saw writing on the wall.

Was thrown into the lions' den for praying.

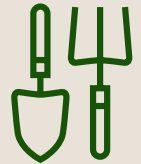
Had a vision about God's kingdom.







Have you ever been in a situation that made you feel uncomfortable? **Maybe it was because you were the only one there your age, or you didn't really know most of those you were with.** It can be a scary feeling. Now imagine you are in this same place but your best friend is there with you. Is it still scary? Or is it now exciting to take on a new adventure together? Walking through life with Jesus as our best friend feels like that. No matter how much we may feel like we do not belong, all of the sudden we are proud of not belonging, because we are not alone, we are with God. This month we are looking at what it means to be in the world but not of the world. Jesus is with us, Jesus is strong enough for anything we face, and Jesus is going before us to fight our battles for us.



Week 6 • August 5-11, 2023

## You Don't Belong Here

**Family Theme:**

Faithful Through the Fire

Learn Romans 1:16 (ICB)

## MONDAY

Read 1 Peter 1:13-16 (ICB)

What gift will we receive when Jesus comes back?

## TUESDAY

Read 1 Peter 1:17-19 (ICB)

You were bought with the **gold / precious blood** of Christ, who was like a pure and perfect **lamb / lion**.

## WEDNESDAY

Read 1 Peter 1:20-21 (ICB)

Our faith and hope should be in ourselves.

**True / False**

# THURSDAY

Read 1 Peter 1:22-23 (ICB)

You have been **saved / born** again.

This **old / new** life did not come from something that **dies / grows**, but from something that cannot **live / die**.

# FRIDAY

Read 1 Peter 1:24-25 (ICB)

All things on this earth will fade, but the word of the Lord, the ultimate truth, will live forever.

**True / False**

## EXPLORE MORE

**Have you ever had special plans that were coming up and caused you to be very excited?** You probably had hope that everything would be fun and extraordinary. We can have even more hope in Jesus' return. We can look forward and be excited for God's return to earth. While we are waiting, we should strive to live holy lives that imitate Jesus. If we do this, Jesus will be very pleased with our lives when Christ returns. **Try to be kind, humble, and loving throughout your life as you imitate Jesus' holiness.**

Week 7 • August 12-18, 2023

## Don't Stunt Your Growth

Family Theme:

A Work in Progress

Learn Romans 1:16 (ICB)

## MONDAY

Read 1 Peter 2:1-3 (ICB)

From which of these things should we be free?

A. Jealousy B. Love C. Evil

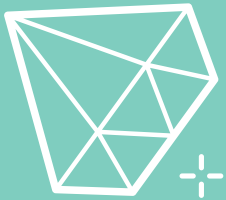


## TUESDAY

Read 1 Peter 2:4-5 (ICB)

God accepts our spiritual sacrifices through Jesus Christ.

True / False



## WEDNESDAY

Read 1 Peter 2:6-8 (ICB)

I will put a **stick / stone** in the ground in Jerusalem. Everything will be **built / destroyed** on this important and precious rock. Anyone who trusts in him will never be **happy / disappointed**.



## THURSDAY

Read 1 Peter 2:9-10 (ICB)

Who chose us and called us  
out of darkness?

What have we received from God?

## EXPLORE MORE

**Picture a stone. Isn't it very hard and sturdy?**

Think of a diamond. It's beautiful and even stronger! The Bible tells us that Jesus is like a precious stone. Just like a diamond, Jesus is very valuable and special. Also, like a stone, Jesus is very strong. We can bring all of our problems to Christ, and God has the strength to take care of them for us. Whenever you face something you do not think you can handle, pray to Jesus and ask Christ to fix it for you.

**God is definitely strong enough!**

## FRIDAY

Read 1 Peter 2:11-12 (ICB)

Why should we live good lives?



Week 8 • August 19-25, 2023

## Our Light and Momentary Troubles

**Family Theme:**

Living in Difficult Times

Learn Romans 1:16 (ICB)

## MONDAY Read 1 Peter 3:13-14 (ICB)

If you are always trying to do **evil / good**, no one can really **bruise / hurt** you. But you may **stand / suffer** for doing right. Even if that happens, you are **blessed / unholy**.

## TUESDAY Read 1 Peter 3:15-16 (ICB)

How should we answer when we are asked to explain our hope?



## WEDNESDAY

Read 1 Peter 3:17-18 (ICB)

Christ died for you to...

- A. Make you feel guilty.
- B. Pay for your sins.
- C. Bring you to God.

## THURSDAY

Read 1 Peter 4:12-14 (ICB)

Suffering may test our faith,  
but we must be happy  
and full of joy that Jesus will  
return again.

**True / False**

## FRIDAY

Read 1 Peter 4:15-19 (ICB)

Why should we trust God  
when faced with persecution?

## EXPLORE MORE

**Jesus tells us to love our enemies and pray for those who persecute us. Was He serious?** Of course He was! Will it be easy? No, it won't... but it's not impossible. Everyone needs prayer. Perhaps a person who is mean at school acts that way because they are having a bad time at home. Maybe the person who always makes fun of others in class does so because they have a hard time learning things in school. You don't know what is going on in someone's life, but God does. **So, pray for that person who is not so easy to get along with and see what happens.**



Week 9 • Aug 26-Sept 1, 2023

## Insurance That Has Been Paid

**Family Theme:**

A Sure and Certain Faith

Learn Romans 1:16 (ICB)



**MONDAY** Read 2 Peter 1:3-4 (ICB)

What has Jesus' power given us?

**TUESDAY** Read 2 Peter 1:5-9 (ICB)

List the character traits that will help you grow into the person God wants you to be.

**WEDNESDAY** Read 2 Peter 1:10-15 (ICB)

God's kingdom will reign forever. We are called to be God's and, if only we accept Jesus into our hearts, we will be welcomed into The Kingdom.

**True / False**

# THURSDAY

Read 2 Peter 1:16-18 (ICB)

What we told you were not just **funny / grand** stories that someone invented. But we **heard / saw** the greatness of Jesus with our own **eyes / ears**.



# FRIDAY

Read 2 Peter 1:20-21 (ICB)

Prophecy in the Scriptures come from a prophet's own interpretation.

**True / False**

# EXPLORE MORE

**Have you ever visited a zoo or watched a television program with a lion in it?** Or maybe you've seen a lion at a circus. Lions can be scary, can't they? The Bible compares Satan to a lion that's ready to attack. Sometimes Satan wants us to be angry with our friends, cheat on a test, or be disrespectful to our parents even though we know it is wrong. We know Christ can protect us from Satan and temptations. Peter tells us to fill our lives with faithfulness, goodness, knowledge, and self-control. **When we fill our lives with goodness and talk to God, Jesus will make our way straight and defeat Satan for us.**



# Diggin' for Answers

Dear Friends,

Greetings! I have learned so many wonderful things from following Jesus. I know it is my duty to share these truths with you. So here is a letter for you with just some of the important lessons. Are you ready? These things are extremely important!

First, I want to remind you to \_\_\_\_\_ one another. Be \_\_\_\_\_, good, and considerate to every person you meet. Be careful not to say anything mean, hurtful, or untrue about someone else. If someone is mean or unkind, do not be unkind to them in return. Instead, ask how Jesus would treat them.

Next, be ready to always \_\_\_\_\_ others with \_\_\_\_\_ hearts. Always be ready to share Jesus and His love with others.

Be \_\_\_\_\_! Joy is not the absence of suffering, sadness, or troubles. Instead, it is focusing on the living \_\_\_\_\_ that Jesus died for our sins and will come back to take us Home!

The \_\_\_\_\_ is a special book full of God's words. This means it is a book of ultimate \_\_\_\_\_. God inspired many men and prophets to record God's words, exactly as God wanted them to be said. If you ever have questions or doubts, always check your Bible to see what it says!

Lastly, God cares so much for you. If you're ever upset or need help, \_\_\_\_\_ and leave your situation in God's hands. God will be with you through any troubles life may bring.

Continue to learn and \_\_\_\_\_, fellow Christian! Jesus is risen and is coming back soon. I hope you will use my notes to get ready for His return! \_\_\_\_\_ be with you.

Love, Peter

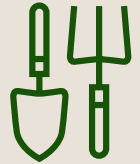
**Complete the summary of Peter's letters by filling-in-the-blanks using the word bank.**


## **Word Bank**

Joyful  
Peace  
Thankful  
Love  
Truth  
Serve  
Grow  
Hope  
Bible  
Kind  
Pray



This month, we'll take a look at the prophet Jeremiah and learn from his faithful example in serving the Lord. **Jeremiah was young when God called Him to be His servant and prophet, but Jeremiah served the Lord faithfully despite his young age.** From Jeremiah's example, we will learn how to stand strong in the face of opposition, how to stay confident in God's promises, and how to stay faithful when people are unfair, and how to never stop sharing the Bible with others! Jeremiah is such a wonderful man of God from whom we can learn a lot about serving God with joy!





Week 10 • September 2-8, 2023

## Created and Called by God

**Family Theme:**

Answering God's Call

Learn Jeremiah 1:7-8 (ICB)

### **MONDAY** Read Jeremiah 1:1-8 (ICB)

Jeremiah became a prophet when Josiah was king.

**True / False**

God knew Jeremiah before Jeremiah was even born. **True / False**

### **TUESDAY** Read Jeremiah 1:7-10 (ICB)

God knew Jeremiah could serve the Lord even though Jeremiah was **young / old**.

### **WEDNESDAY** Read Jeremiah 1:11-14 (ICB)

What did Jeremiah see when God spoke to him the first time?

# EXPLORE MORE

If someone calls you on the phone, what do you do? Do you ignore it? Do you throw the phone across the room? You answer it! God called Jeremiah. God didn't call him on the phone, but God did call Jeremiah to serve the Lord and be God's prophet. Jeremiah was worried, but God promised to be with him. God might not call you to be a prophet, but God does call you to be God's follower. What is God calling you to do this week?



## THURSDAY

Read Isaiah 40:28-31 (ICB)

"But the people who trust the Lord will become **wise / strong** again."

## FRIDAY

Read 1 Timothy 4:12-15 (ICB)

God said the people would listen to Jeremiah.

**True / False**

God promised to be with Jeremiah.

**True / False**



Week 11 • September 9-15, 2023

## Living and Speaking for God

### Family Theme:

Faithfulness to Genuine  
Ministry

Learn Jeremiah 1:7-8 (ICB)

## MONDAY

Read Jeremiah 7:1-7 (ICB)

God told Jeremiah to stand in the gate of  
the Lord's **tent / temple**.

God told Jeremiah to tell the people they  
had to **change / keep acting** the way  
they were acting.

## TUESDAY

Read Jeremiah 7:8-11 (ICB)

If the people didn't change the way  
they were acting, God would let them  
stay in the land.

**True / False**



# EXPLORE MORE

Imagine you have a plate of warm, gooey chocolate chip cookies. Now imagine your friend comes over to play. What would be the right thing to do? Share those warm, gooey cookies, of course! We should want to share good things with our friends and family, whom we love. We should want to share God's message and the goodness of God with others, too. After all, God's message is even better than a warm chocolate chip cookie! **Who can you share God's message with this week?**



## WEDNESDAY

Read Jeremiah 7:12-15 (ICB)

How were the people treating God's house?

## THURSDAY

Read Jeremiah 7:21-26 (ICB)

God was angry because the people were serving false gods.

True / False

## FRIDAY

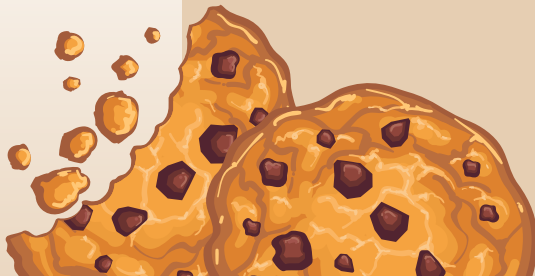
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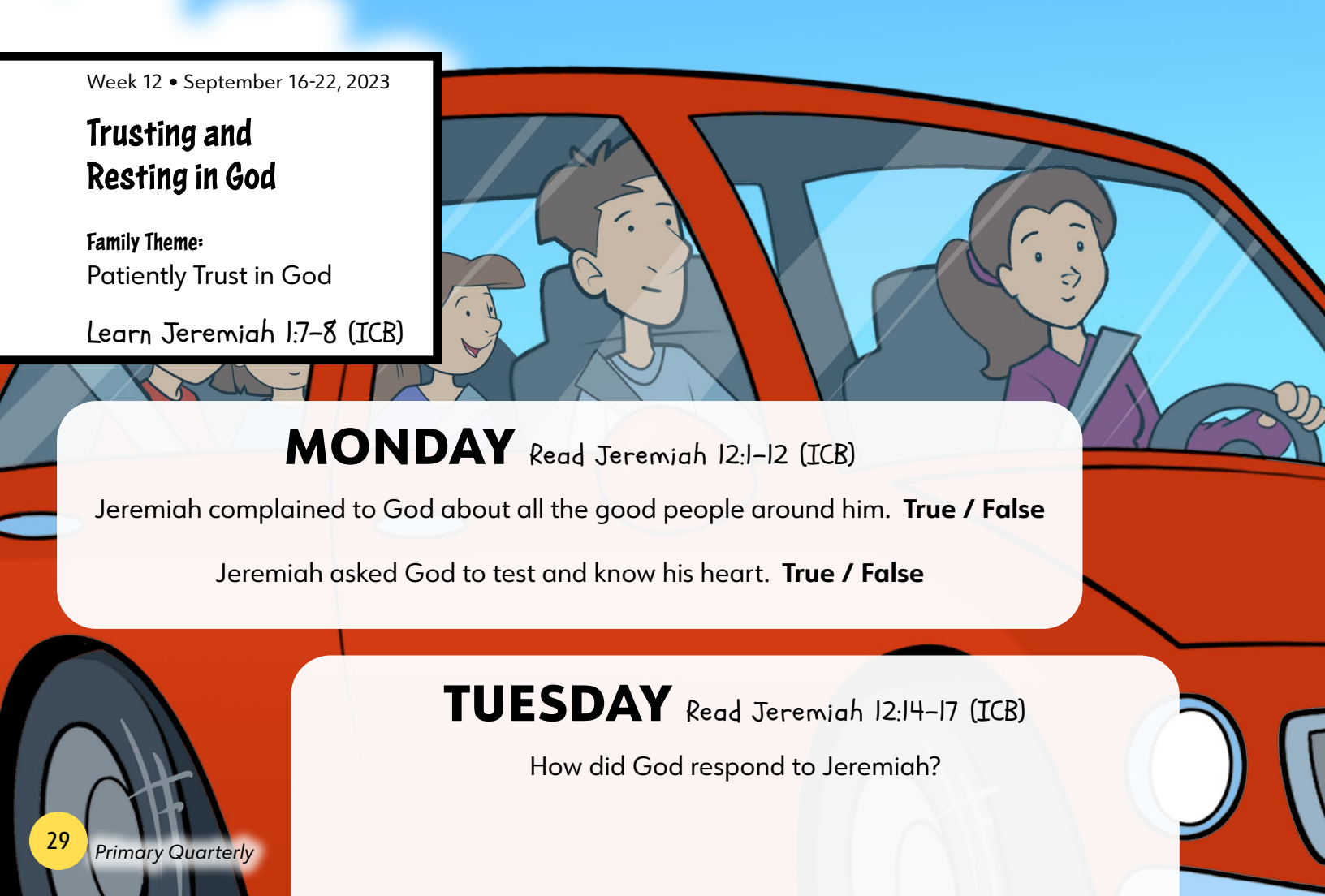
God told God's people if they \_\_\_\_\_  
God's \_\_\_\_\_ and  
\_\_\_\_\_ in God's  
\_\_\_\_\_ /

they would be God's people and God would be their God.

### WORD BANK

Obeyed  
Voice  
Walked  
Way



A cartoon illustration of a family of four in a red car. A woman with brown hair in a ponytail is driving, wearing a purple shirt. A man with brown hair is in the passenger seat, wearing a blue shirt. Two children are in the back seat, one wearing a brown hat. The background is a bright blue sky.

Week 12 • September 16-22, 2023

## Trusting and Resting in God

Family Theme:

Patiently Trust in God

Learn Jeremiah 1:7-8 (ICB)

### **MONDAY** Read Jeremiah 12:1-12 (ICB)

Jeremiah complained to God about all the good people around him. **True / False**

Jeremiah asked God to test and know his heart. **True / False**

### **TUESDAY** Read Jeremiah 12:14-17 (ICB)

How did God respond to Jeremiah?

# WEDNESDAY

Read Isaiah 46:4-13 (ICB)

What animals are mentioned in this passage?

## EXPLORE MORE

**When you are riding in a car with an adult, do you trust that adult to drive?**

I'm sure you do. You know that adult is going to get you safely from one place to another because they know how to drive and have a driver's license. That adult is in control of the car. In a similar way, God is in control of our world. In fact, God has power over everything! That's why we can trust that God's plan is best. **How can you trust God's plan this week?**

## THURSDAY

Read John 16:33 (ICB)

After God had taken Judah from the land, God was going to show them

**anger / compassion.**

## FRIDAY

Read Isaiah 26:3-8 (ICB)

Those who didn't listen to God would live long and happy lives.

**True / False**

Week 13 • September 23-29, 2023

## Believing in God's Promises

### Family Theme:

Joyfully Hope in God's Promise

Learn Jeremiah 1:7-8 (ICB)

## MONDAY

Read Jeremiah 31:3-5 (ICB)

God loves with a love that lasts forever.

True / False

## TUESDAY

Read Jeremiah 31:10-14 (ICB)

God made a **new / old** covenant with Israel and Judah.



# THURSDAY

Read Colossians 1:12-14 (ICB)

What did God free us from?



## WEDNESDAY

Read Jeremiah 31:33-34 (ICB)

I will put my teachings in their **minds / hands**.

And I will write them on their **foreheads / hearts**.

## FRIDAY

Read 1 Peter 5:8-10 (ICB)

We must stand **strong / scared** in our faith and **worry / trust** that God will make everything right.

## EXPLORE MORE

**Have you ever seen a rainbow after it rains?** The way the sunlight shines through the water droplets in the air causes the light to split into all the colors that make up light, colors we can't usually see. The rainbow is special because it is a reminder of God's promises. God promised to always love us, be with us, and forgive us. We can trust all the promises God has made, because God has never broken a single promise, and God never will. **What's a promise God has made to you that you can focus on this week?**



Week 14 • Sept 30-Oct 6, 2023

## Choosing Daily Wisdom

Family Theme:

Confidently Honor the Bible

Learn Jeremiah 1:7-8 (ICB)

### MONDAY

Read Jeremiah 36:1-4 (ICB)

What did God tell Jeremiah to do?

### TUESDAY

Read Jeremiah 36:14-19 (ICB)

In God's house, **Baruch / Josiah** read the words Jeremiah had written on the scroll.

## WEDNESDAY

Read Jeremiah 36:21-26 (ICB)

What did the king do to the scroll Jeremiah had written?

What did God do for Jeremiah and Baruch?

## THURSDAY

Read Jeremiah 36:27-31 (ICB)

God told Jeremiah to put the burned up scroll back together.

**True / False**

## FRIDAY

Read Isaiah 55:8-11 (ICB)

God's knowledge and wisdom are far greater than man's.

**True / False**

## EXPLORE MORE

**Imagine you're about to meet the King of England.** How would you act? What would you wear? You'd probably be on your best behavior and wear your very best clothes. You would do that because you want to honor the king. Because God is powerful and in charge of the whole universe, God is deserving of our honor. God should be the most important in our lives and we should constantly give God our best. **How can you honor God this week?**



Circle  
the true  
statements,  
and draw  
an X over  
the false  
statements.

# Diggin' for Answers

Jeremiah was old when  
God called him to be a  
prophet.

**GOD WAS WITH JEREMIAH.**

**GOD LOVES US WITH A LOVE  
THAT LASTS FOREVER.**

The people didn't want  
to listen to what God  
had to say through  
Jeremiah.

If the people walked in  
God's way, He would  
be their God.

**THE PEOPLE WERE SERVING  
GOD FAITHFULLY.**

# APPLICATION VERSE REVIEW

You've learned a lot of great verses over the past few months.  
Can you match the verse summary to the correct verse reference?

But the Lord said to me, "Don't say, 'I am only a [kid].'  
You must go everywhere that I send you. You must  
say everything I tell you to say. Don't be afraid of  
anyone, because I am with you. I will protect you,"  
says the Lord.

**Romans 1:16** (ICB)

I am not ashamed of the Good News. It is the power  
God uses to save everyone who believes— to save  
the Jews first, and then to save the non-Jews.

**1 John 2:5-6** (ICB)

...If someone obeys God's teaching, then God's love  
has truly arrived at its goal in him. This is how we  
know that we are following God: Whoever says that  
God lives in him must live as Jesus lived.

**Jeremiah 1:7-8** (ICB)

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