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Note to Parents

This devotional contains interactive, age-appropriate stories that are aligned with the monthly topic. Older children can also enjoy using the stories as an early reader. Each quarterly emphasizes three Heartprints, the main biblical concepts or truths found in the stories. As these truths are repeated, they leave their imprint on the heart of a child for life! 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.

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Great Tips for God Always Helps

Parents, use the following ideas to increase the impact of these stories:

- Read the story together and discuss the emotions Daniel might have felt. Remind your child to trust God to help whenever they face a “lions’ den” problem.
- Share with your child how you have experienced help from God in your own life.
- Ask your child to point out the word **God** every time they see it printed in red.
- Encourage your child to find and count the hidden **buckets** throughout the story.
- As a family, work on memorizing 1 Chronicles 16:11 (ICB).





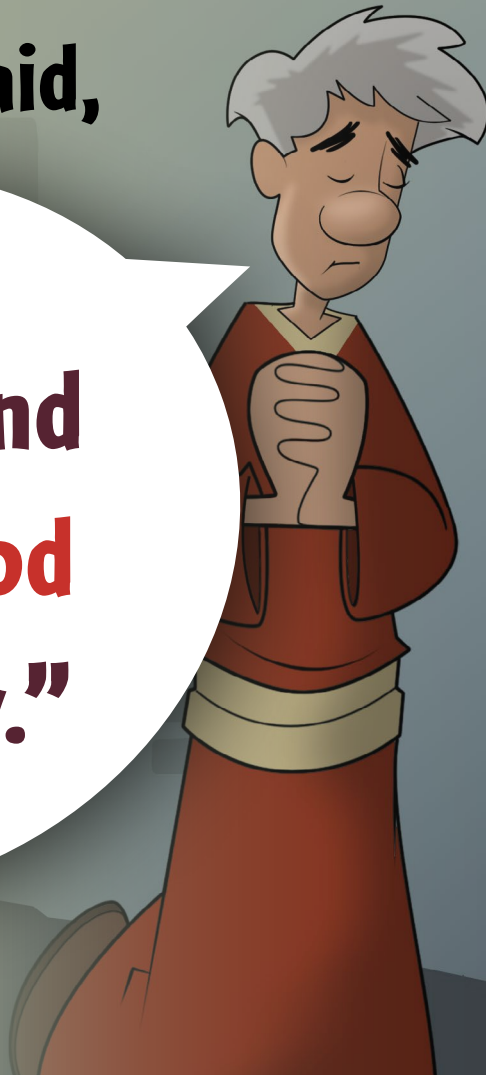
God Always Helps

The king made a law that
everyone must
bow to him
and pray.



But Daniel said,

**“I serve and
pray to **God**
every day.”**





“The law’s been broken,”
reported some men.

“Now Daniel must
sleep in the lions’ den!”



“Those lions look **HUNGRY,**”
said the king with a fright.






“I hope my friend, **Daniel**,
is safe through the night.”

**The king found Daniel
the very next day—
without a scratch
on his head!**





**“How can this be?”
asked the king.
“God always helps,”
Daniel said.**



**Depend on the Lord
and his strength.**

Always go to him for help.

1 Chronicles 16:11 (ICB)

Week 1: July 1-7, 2023

Study Text: Daniel 6:1-10 (ICB)

PLAY



Your child learned that Daniel prayed to God three times a day. Play a game where you do everything three times. Give a command such as “jump” and say it three times. Perform the actions along with your child. Use motions like jumping, clapping, and stomping. Get more creative every time, and have fun! Remind your child that they can pray anytime and anywhere, and God always hears every prayer. Throughout the week, say the Heartprint with your child: **God Always Helps.**

PRACTICE



Remind your child about the importance of talking to God every day. When we talk to God, we get to know Him better. God wants us to come to Him for help. If you notice your child is anxious or scared about something, stop at that moment and pray with them. Help your child develop the habit of prayer by choosing a time in the morning, evening, and night to pray to God. Thank God, pray for a family member or friend, ask for help in a situation, and express your love for God. Do this daily to emphasize the importance of a consistent prayer life.

Week 2: July 8-14, 2023

Study Text: Daniel 6:10-16 (ICB)

TALK



Although King Darius loved Daniel, he had to throw him in the lions’ den because of a law he created. King Darius had to follow through on his word and accept the consequences even though they were bad ones. This is a good example of being careful what you promise and keeping your word. It is very important for us to think through our decisions and to do what we say. Explain the importance of speech. Remind them that everything we say should be encouraging and pure. If you say something, mean it so that your child will know words matter.

PLAY



Use paper plates, yarn, and crayons to create lion masks. Use a piece of elastic or craft sticks to wear or hold the mask. Pretend to be lions by crawling and growling. You may want to pretend your house is a zoo full of hungry lions. Explain to your child that Daniel was thrown into a den full of scary lions. God will help us when we are afraid; all we have to do is ask. Throughout the week, say the Heartprint with your child: **God Always Helps.**

Week 3: July 15-21, 2023

Study Text: Daniel 6:10-16 (ICB)

TALK



King Darius stayed up all night wondering if Daniel was going to survive the lions' den. What King Darius didn't know was that God was taking care of the situation. There was no need to worry. When we are faced with difficult situations, how do your children see you? Are you putting your faith in God to help you during these times? Talk with your child about turning to God to help you in scary situations. Throughout the week, say the Heartprint with your child: **God Always Helps.**

EXPLORE



Learn about lions with your child. Go to the library and read about them or look up pictures of them on the Internet. Watch a children's animal video with lions in it. Consider taking a trip to your local zoo to watch the lions. Talk with your child about a lion's strength and potential danger. Explain to your child that God is stronger than any ferocious animal or any other being. God was able to close the strong jaws of the lions to protect Daniel. Throughout the week, say the Heartprint with your child: **God Always Helps.**

Week 4: July 22-28, 2023

Study Text: Daniel 6:10-16 (ICB)

TALK



The Webster story your child heard involved Rosie wandering away from her mommy at the grocery store. This provides an excellent opportunity to remind your child about the importance of staying close to you when in public places. There's a fine line between instilling a healthy fear and making your child anxious. Talk about what to do if they get separated from you. Explain that strangers are simply people you don't know and they can be good or bad, but that they shouldn't interact with strangers without you unless it's an emergency. Finally, remind your child to pray and ask God to help whenever they are in a scary situation.

PRACTICE



Begin with practicing the power of prayer by praying with your child asking God to help you and your child in scary situations. Ask God to help you make choices that keep you safe. Practice safety with your child by role-playing different situations your child may find themselves in. Practice how to recognize and understand the difference between good strangers (people you know and trust, authority figures, teachers, etc.) and bad ones (those who could potentially harm your child). Practice what to do if your child becomes separated from you in different places. Throughout the week, say the Heartprint with your child: **God Always Helps.**

Week 5: July 29-August 5, 2023

Study Text: Daniel 6:10-16 (ICB)

TALK



Have a special time of prayer with your family. Light some candles and discuss a time in your life when you were anxious about something and asked for God's help in the situation. Share how God answered your prayers. Explain God is always faithful to answer our prayers, but not always the way we want. We have to remember God's way is always best. Allow your child to tell you some things they would like to pray about, and then pray for those things together as a family. Thank God for helping us in every situation.

PRACTICE



Spend time each day to write specific things your family wants God's help with on Post-it notes or slips of paper. Add the requests to a large poster board or area in your home so everyone can see them. Allow different family members to pray over the items each day. At the end of the week, re-read the prayer items and take note of how God helped in each situation. Remind your child that they can ask for God's help in any situation from any location and God will hear your child. Throughout the week, say the Heartprint with your child: **God Always Helps.**

SING



July Song

Sing this song to the tune of "God is So Good"

**Daniel prayed to God,
Daniel prayed to God,
Daniel prayed to God,
Three times every day.**

**God Always Helps,
God Always Helps,
God Always Helps,
God hears every word.**

Great Tips for I Can Live by Faith

Parents, use the following ideas to increase the impact of these stories:

- This story illustrates and reviews several characters from Hebrews 11 (heroes of the faith). Encourage your child to recall facts from each story using the provided pictures as a reference.
- Discuss with your child the many ways we can demonstrate faith in God. Share your own experiences as a testimony of living by faith.
- Ask your child to point out the word **God** every time they see it printed in red.
- Encourage your child to find and count the hidden **watches** throughout the story.
- As a family, work on memorizing 1 Corinthians 16:13 (ICB).



I Can Live by Faith





Moses chose
to speak
out for **God**
against
the wicked
Pharaoh.



**Rahab chose
to help others
for God.**

**She showed
them where
to go.**

Joshua marched around the wall,
obeying **God's** command.



And **Gideon** led the army for **God**.
He chose to take a stand.





• Moses •



• Rahab •



• Joshua •



• Gideon •

These **heroes** of the faith
are in the **Bible**, it's true.

**I Can Live by Faith
like them. You can
live by faith too!**



**...Continue strong in the faith.
Have courage, and be strong.**

1 Corinthians 16:13 (ICB)



Week 6: August 5-11, 2023

Study Text: Hebrews 11; Exodus 5-14 (ICB)

TALK



Ask your child what a slave is. Moses and God's people were Pharaoh's slaves. What did that mean? Because they were slaves, the people had to do whatever Pharaoh wanted them to do. List for your child things the Israelites probably had to do for Pharaoh, including physical labor and taking care of the land. Remind your child that the Israelites couldn't make a choice about what they wanted to do. Pharaoh treated God's people very badly. Would your child want to be treated that way? Remind your child of the blessings of being free. Throughout the week, say the Heartprint with your child: **I Can Live by Faith.**

PLAY



Set a large plastic container outside and fill it halfway with water. Remind your child that Moses had faith in God, and God spread apart water so Moses could get across. Encourage your child to try to split the water in half. Allow a minute or two for your child to play in the water and try to part it. After they discover it is impossible, remind your child that only God can part waters. God loved Moses very much, and because Moses believed, God performed a miracle and did something no one else could do. Remind your child God loves them too, and if your child believes, God will do many great things for them.

Week 7: August 12-18, 2023

Study Text: Hebrews 11; Joshua 2 (ICB)

EXPLORE



Rahab displayed great faith when she helped the two men God sent to her city. She played a large role in fulfilling God's plan for the children of Israel. Take your child to your local library and check out several books about helpers. Find picture books of police officers, firefighters, doctors, and other occupations whose job is to help others. Explain to your child the role of each person, and ask your child if they can think of anyone else who helps or has helped others. Remind them that God wants us to be faithful and help others whenever we get the chance. Throughout the week, say the Heartprint with your child: **I Can Live by Faith.**

PRACTICE



Just like Rahab helped God's servants when they needed help the most, you and your child can offer help to those around you who may need it. Look for people in your church or in your neighborhood to whom you can offer assistance. Maybe you can make lemonade for them, water their garden, or feed their pet. As you do, remind your child that God uses us to help others and show love to them. If you want to get creative, write, "Tag-You're It" on several cards. Encourage your child to give a card to each person you help, and then tell that person to help someone else.

Week 8: August 19-25, 2023

Study Text: Hebrews 11; Joshua 6 (ICB)

TALK



Talk about the story of Joshua and the walls of Jericho. If you need to, give a summary of the story as a reminder. Ask why the walls of Jericho fell. Was it Joshua and the children of Israel who caused the walls to fall? Help your child to understand it was ultimately God who made the walls fall, but God did this only because Joshua obeyed and walked around the walls. Relate this to other things people pray about. For instance, when people pray for sick friends to get better, it is God who makes them better, but God uses doctors and nurses to help. Throughout the week, say the Heartprint with your child: **I Can Live by Faith.**

PRACTICE



Choose a chore you would like your child to do, but choose a chore that would be impossible for your child to do alone, such as cleaning their room or washing the dishes. When your child realizes the task is impossible, remind them it is okay to ask an adult for help. Some things are just too big to do alone, but God promises to help us if we ask. Joshua knew he couldn't knock down the walls of Jericho alone, but God offered help, and together they were able to make the walls fall. Once your child understands this, help them complete the task you assigned.

Week 9: August 26-September 1, 2023

Study Text: Hebrews 11; Judges 6-8 (ICB)

TALK

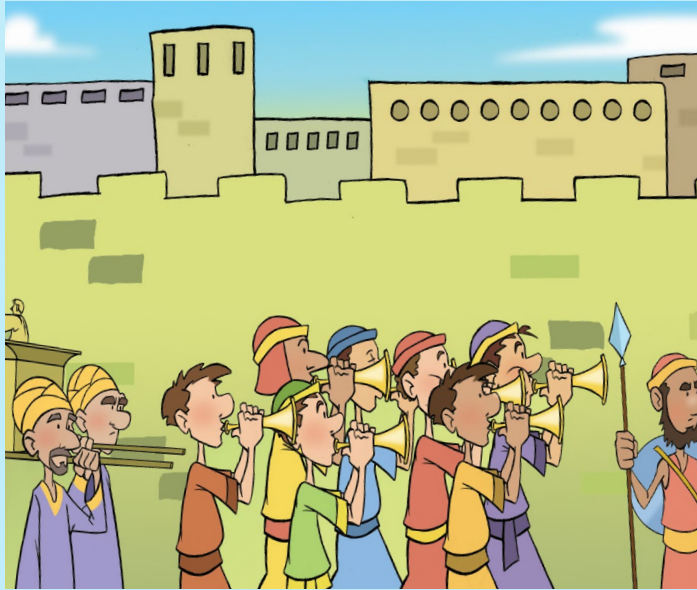


Talk to your child about fears. What are they afraid of? Share a few things you are afraid of too. Then, talk to your child about courage. Ask if they can tell you what courage means. Courage means being willing to do something, even if it might be scary. Ask your child, **What is something God might want us to do even though it scares us?** Some possible answers include telling others about God and being nice to people we don't like very much. Encourage your child to do what is right, even when that isn't easy. Throughout the week, say the Heartprint with your child: **I Can Live by Faith.**

EXPLORE



Allow your child to pick out several of their favorite storybooks. Choose one or two of them to read, and choose books that have good and bad characters. As you read the story to your child, talk about the decisions the characters made. Why were the bad characters' choices bad? Why was it hard for the good characters to make good choices? Remind your child that making good choices is not always easy, but we must stand up for what is right, just like the good characters in the story.



SING



August Song

Sing this song to the tune of "Dem Bones"

**I live, I live by . . . by faith.
I live, I live by . . . by faith.
I live, I live by . . . by faith.
I live by faith in the Lord.**

**I stand, I stand by . . . by faith.
I stand, I stand by . . . by faith.
I stand, I stand by . . . by faith.
I stand by faith in the Lord.**

Great Tips for The Bible is Special

Parents, use the following ideas to increase the impact of these stories:

- Make sure your child has a Bible and read from it together with them.
- Hide the Bible and encourage your child to go on a “Treasure Hunt” to find it.
- Look for opportunities to reference the Bible throughout daily activities to reinforce its relevance for your child.
- Ask your child to point out the word **God** every time they see it printed in red.
- Encourage your child to find and count the hidden **butterflies** throughout the story.
- As a family, work on memorizing Psalm 119:10-11 (ICB).





The Bible is Special



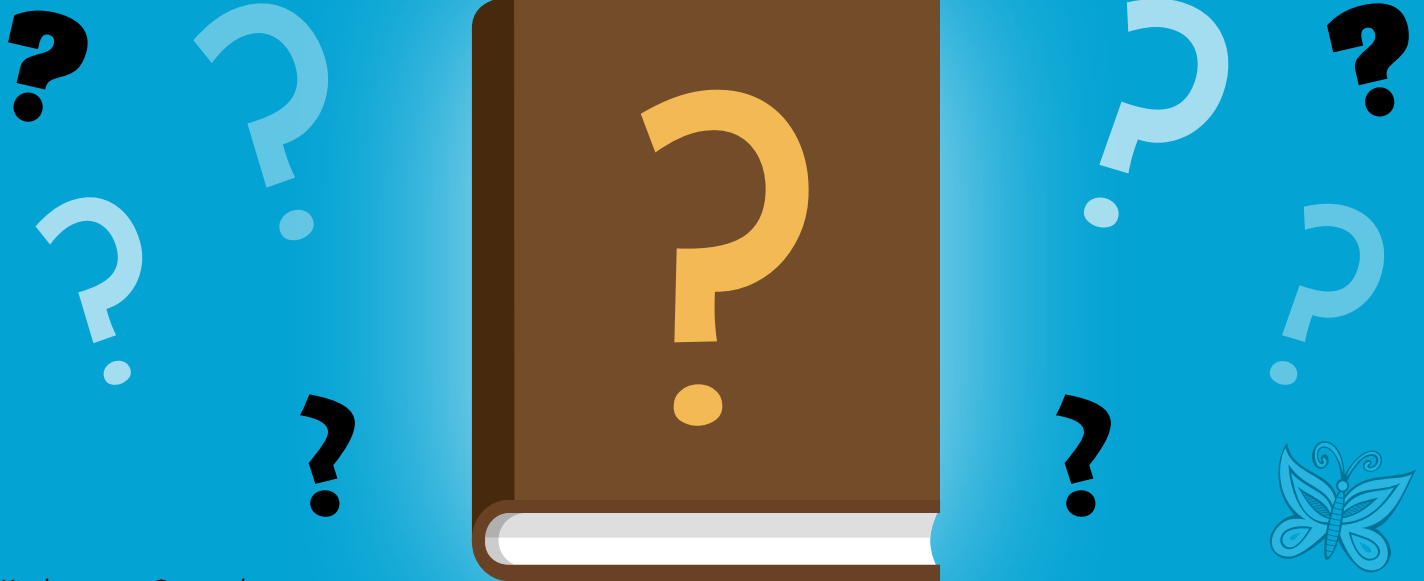
**I have a
special treasure.
You probably
have one too!**



**It helps me make
good choices and tells me
what to do.**



It is the **most amazing book—**
better than all the rest.



**Of all the books
in all the stacks,
this one is
the best.**






**My treasure
is the Bible.**

**It's God's gift for
you and me.**



The Bible is special
and it will always be!



**With all my heart I try to obey you, God. Don't let me
break your commands. I have taken **your words**
to heart so I would not sin against you.**

Psalm 119:10-11 (ICB)

Week 10: September 2-8, 2023

Study Text: Jeremiah 1:4-19 (ICB)

EXPLORE



Find and mark a few verses that are special to you in a Bible. Place the Bible inside a box, a covered basket, or if you have one, a treasure chest. Ask family members if they found a treasure chest what they would want to find inside. Allow everyone a chance to participate and don't disregard anyone's answers as being trivial. Open the box or uncover the basket and pull out the Bible. Emphasize that the Bible is a special treasure. Read the Bible verses and share why they are important to you. Read and say Psalm 119:11 (ICB) together as a family. Throughout the week, say the Heartprint with your child: **The Bible is Special.**

TALK



Explain to your child the Bible is God's written message to us. It tells us how to live in ways that are pleasing to God. Talk about the importance of learning the Bible and obeying what it says. Remind your child that obedience to you is also obedience to the Bible. Discuss a time when your child disobeyed you and what resulted. Share a time when you were disobedient and the result of it. Correction should come from love with the intent of learning and making better choices.

Week 11: September 9-15, 2023

Study Text: Jeremiah 24 (ICB)

TALK



Look through a Bible with your child. Talk with them about why the Bible is so special. Remind your child that every word in the Bible is from God. Explain how God's message can help us in lots of situations. There are verses for when we are sad, scared, happy, thankful, or need encouragement. There are verses to help us when we need guidance in our lives. The Bible is the story of God's love for us. Throughout the week, say the Heartprint with your child: **The Bible is Special.**

EXPLORE



Allow a fruit to go bad (putting a banana in the freezer over-ripens it quickly). Have another piece of the same fruit, but one that isn't over-ripe. Show your child both fruits. Talk about which piece they would rather eat. Relate it what your child learned in class this week. God showed Jeremiah good fruit that represented the people who loved and obeyed God. The bad fruit represented the ones who continually disobeyed God. Encourage your child to be like the good fruit with their life.

Week 12: September 16-22, 2023

Study Text: Jeremiah 10 (ICB)

PLAY



Play a game of Mirror Obedience with your family. Have family members look in the mirror and wiggle their noses, blink their eyes, and touch their ears. Talk about how the mirror does exactly what they did. Then have family members face each other and try to copy each other's actions. Encourage your family to follow God's words in the Bible.

TALK



Jeremiah told the people who were worshiping false gods that the statues were like scarecrows. A scarecrow sits in a field pretending to be a person in order to keep the birds away. But the scarecrow is not a real person—it is fake. The gods the Israelites were worshiping were not real. There is only one true God that is alive and real. Find Psalm 119:11 (ICB) in the Bible and read it to your child. Say it together and remind them that **The Bible is Special** because it tells us about the real, living God. Throughout the week, say the Heartprint with your child: **The Bible is Special.**

Week 13: September 23-29, 2023

Study Text: Jeremiah 18 (ICB)

TALK



Read John 14:15 (ICB) with your child. Talk about the verse, emphasizing the importance of loving and obeying God. Loving God leads us to following God's rules. God gave the Israelites a chance to stop their disobedience and return to God's ways, but they chose to keep worshiping other gods. Remind your child God gives us the Bible to help us know how to make choices that please God. Throughout the week, say the Heartprint with your child: **The Bible is Special.**

PRACTICE



Play a game with your child, but disregard the rules. After a few minutes of playing, talk about why the rules are necessary for the game. Name some different rules you have in your home. What is their purpose and why are they important? What happens when the rules are broken? What is the purpose of choosing to follow God's rules and why are they important? What are some possible outcomes when we break God's rules? End your time together by praying and asking God to help you obey His rules.

Week 14: September 30-October 6, 2023

Study Text: Jeremiah 36 (ICB)

TALK



Jeremiah also shared God's words with the kings who led the people. One of the kings during Jeremiah's life followed and obeyed God. The rest disobeyed God and worshiped false gods. But Jeremiah continued to share God's words with everyone. Read 2 John 1:6a (ICB) to your child, and talk about how to apply the verse to your life. When we love God, we obey God's words. When we obey God, we show our love. Encourage your child to share what they have learned about God and the Bible with others.

PLAY



Review 2 John 1:6a (ICB) with your child. The Bible tells us to live like Jesus and follow His ways. Play a game of Follow the Leader with family members, allowing everyone a turn at being the leader. Afterward, emphasize God should be our leader and we should follow Him and His ways. End the activity in prayer, thanking God for the Bible and asking God to help you follow the Bible and lead others to do the same.

SING



September Song

Sing this song to the tune of "The Farmer in the Dell"

**The Bible is special.
The Bible is special.
It tells us how to love our God.
The Bible is special.**

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