

21 Days of Prayer

Kids Edition

Week 1

Hey Parents,

Help get your kids into the habit of praying and studying the Bible everyday by encouraging them to complete these daily devotions. Included in this packet is seven days worth of devotions just for your kids. These devotions are the kids version of the devotion that was given to you, so you will be learning the same things.

Here's how it works:

Have your kids read (or if they are younger read for them) the devotion and the accompanying Bible* verses. Be on hand to explain anything they may not understand.

They should then read the prayer and add anything else they want to say to God.

Then help them journal their answers to the reflection questions and write their own thoughts about what they read. (For younger kids, have them draw pictures).

Finish off with the daily activity. Keep in mind some of the activities may require a few supplies. Make sure you have them on hand.

Make sure your child comes home next week with the week 2 set or find it in the Church Center App.

* Don't have a kid's Bible at home? Go to biblegateway.com or download the Youversion Bible from your app store. Search through the various Bible versions to find your favorite. We recommend the International Children's Bible (ICB).

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Day 1

Put God First!

- Today, as we begin our 21 day journey, we are deciding to seek God first in all things!
- Sometimes we get busy. School and homework and chores... Sometimes it may seem like there are just not enough hours in the day to do all the things.
- Matthew 6:33 (NIV) says, "But seek first His kingdom and His righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well."
- This means that when we put God and serving Him first in our lives, He will make sure all the things we need are given to us.
- When God is first, everything else is fine!
- When we put God first, we are able to fight off things like distraction. We are able to be at peace and not worry. We will know the decisions we need to make, and we will do it all comfortably without fear.
- Today, let us put God first knowing that *His* approval, direction, and counsel are the most important, even more than our own.
- When God is first in our lives, we live the life He has planned for us.

Read Aloud Scriptures

Matthew 6:33 (NIV)

But seek first His kingdom and His righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.

2 Chronicles 7:14 (NLT)

Then if my people who are called by my name will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, I will hear from heaven and will forgive their sins and restore their land.

Read More From Your Own Bible

Deuteronomy 4:29

How to Start Your Prayer

GOD,
STARTING TODAY, I AM GOING TO PUT YOU FIRST. I GIVE UP EVERYTHING THAT IS DISTRACTING ME AND TAKING YOUR PLACE. I REMOVE ANYTHING THAT IS IN THE WAY OF YOU BEING FIRST IN MY LIFE. AND AS I DO THIS, I THANK YOU FOR TAKING CARE OF EVERYTHING I NEED. I TRUST YOU. I WILL GIVE UP MY PLANS AND MAKE ROOM FOR THE MUCH BETTER PLAN THAT YOU HAVE FOR ME. I LOVE YOU.

Add your own words from here. God likes to hear anything you have to say!

Journal and Reflect

How can I seek God first in my life?

What can I do for the next 21 days to make sure God is first?

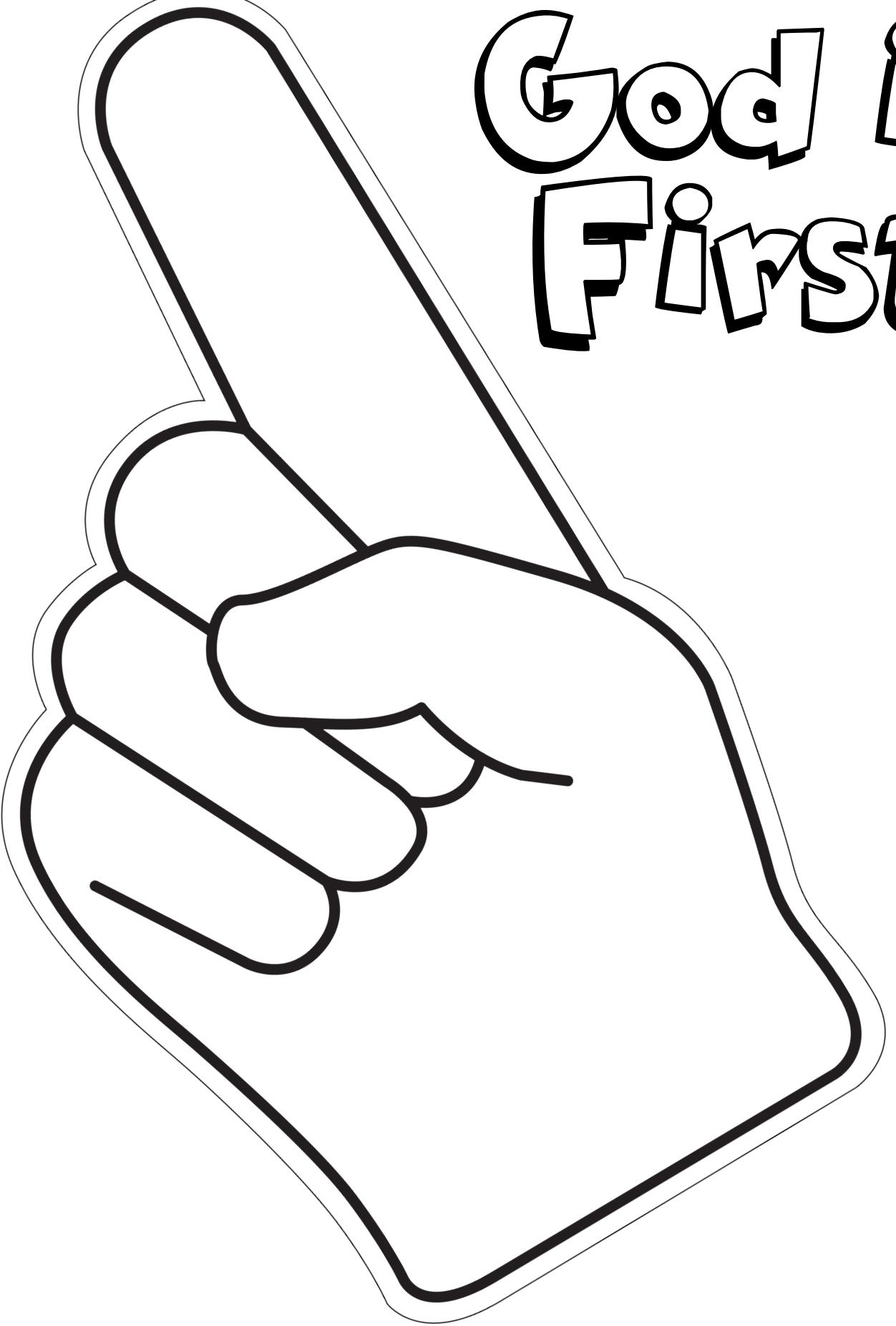
What things have I been putting before God and how can I change that?

What other thoughts, good or bad, do I have about the verses I read?

What other thoughts about anything do I have today?

Write three words that best describe how Jesus has made me feel today.

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____



**God is
First**

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Day 2

Walk Humbly!

- Today we are deciding to be humble.
- Humility is simply thinking of yourself less. It is taking up only the space that God gives you - no more, no less.
- It is easy to become selfish and think only of our dreams, achievements, desires, and worries.
- The world around us tells us to promote ourselves (this is pride) in order to get recognition, but the Bible tells us to become aware of our actions and fight against pride.
- Even Jesus lived humbly. He lived His life serving others with grace, not promoting Himself. And if anyone had a reason to brag, it's Jesus. He's God!
- The next time you realize you are getting overwhelmed by your needs or desires, remember to follow Jesus's example and remain humble by magnifying God and not yourself. Make Him big in your life instead making yourself big.
- Trust in Him, stay humble, find peace from your selfishness.

Read Aloud Scriptures

Philippians 2:5-8 (ICB)

Christ Himself was like God in everything. He was equal with God. But He did not think that being equal with God was something to be held on to. He gave up His place with God and made Himself nothing. He was born as a man and became like a servant. And when He was a man, He humbled Himself and was fully obedient to God. He obeyed even when that caused His death - death on a cross.

Read More From Your Own Bible

Micah 6:8
James 4:6
1 Peter 5:6
Psalm 138:6

How to Start Your Prayer

LORD,
THANK YOU FOR REMINDING ME THAT YOU ARE ALWAYS IN CONTROL. I ASK FORGIVENESS FOR THE TIMES I HAVE BEEN PRIDEFUL AND NOT HUMBLE. I ASK FORGIVENESS FOR THE TIMES I WAS SELF-CENTERED. SHOW ME YOUR GRACE AND FAVOR. THANK YOU FOR THE FRIENDSHIP I HAVE WITH YOU.

Add your own words from here.
God likes to hear anything you have to say!

Journal and Reflect

In what areas of my life do I struggle with pride?

How can being humble make God bigger in my life?

What is one thing I can do today to become more humble?

What other thoughts, good or bad, do I have about the verses I read?

What other thoughts, about anything do I have today?

Write three words that best describe how Jesus has made me feel today.

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Walk Humbly

Fill in the calendar with one thing you can do everyday for the next twenty days to work on becoming more humble. And then do them!

Days 1-3 are already done for you.

1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Compliment someone for an achievement they have made.	Do a chore without being asked.	Let your friend choose the game you play at free time.				
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	

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Day 3

Clean My Heart!

- Sometimes we believe the lie that we perfect before we can join God's family.
- We may be too ashamed to start a friendship with God.
- But the truth is that God tells us to come just like we are.
- We can give Him all the parts of us that are messed up, and He will help us to fix them.
- We will never, ever be perfect. But we can always try to be better. It's all about making progress, not about being perfect.
- God wants a friendship with us, and so will accept us just as we are.
- Through His love, He will clean our hearts and change us for the better.
- God wants us to repent (ask forgiveness) for the bad stuff in our lives. This is our first step in becoming better and more like Him.
- Imagine how great our lives, and the lives of the people around us, can be when we let Jesus change us!

Read Aloud Scriptures

Psalm 119:9 (ICB)

How can a young person live a pure life?
He can do it by obeying Your Word.

Philippians 2:3 (NLT)

Don't be selfish; don't try to impress others.
Be humble, thinking of others as better than yourselves.

Read More From Your Own Bible

Psalm 51:10

Proverbs 16:2

How to Start Your Prayer

LORD, THANK YOU FOR YOUR GRACE AND MERCY. THANK YOU FOR A LOVE THAT WILL NEVER LEAVE ME. I PRAY THAT YOU WILL SHOW ME THE IMPERFECTIONS IN MY HEART SO THAT I CAN WORK TO BECOME BETTER. THANK YOU FOR ACCEPTING ME JUST THE WAY I AM. I PRAY FOR YOUR GUIDANCE. I REPENT FOR THE ACTIONS THAT HAVE DISTANCED ME FROM YOU, AND I THANK YOU FOR YOUR FORGIVENESS. CLEAN MY HEART SO THAT I MAY BE CLOSER TO YOU.

Add your own words from here.
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to say!

Journal and Reflect

What lies from the devil have I listened to that keep me from my friendship with Jesus?

What things can I do to have a better relationship with Jesus?

What would my life look like if I truly let Jesus in?

What other thoughts, good or bad, do I have about the verses I read?

What other thoughts, about anything do I have today?

Write three words that best describe how Jesus has made me feel today.

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Clean Me Up!

For this activity you will need:

- * A Parent or Adult to Help
- * About 4 TBS White Vinegar
- * About 1 TBS Iodized Table Salt
- * A Glass Cup or Small Glass Dish
- * An Old, Dirty Penny
- * A Paper Towel

1. Mix the vinegar and salt into the glass dish
2. Drop in the dirty penny and leave for about 1-2 minutes.
3. Carefully scoop out the penny and rub with the paper towel.

You are like the dirty penny. Jesus is like the Vinegar solution.

He doesn't want us to wait until we are clean and perfect to come to Him.

He wants us to come just as we are, and He will help us get clean!

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Day 4

Tame Tongue!

- Words are powerful.
- God Himself used words to create the world!
- Our words tell people who we are.
- Proverbs 18:21 teaches that our words are so powerful they can bring life or bring death.
- James 3 teaches that it takes more than man to tame the tongue. We need God's help.
- When Jesus lives in our hearts, He helps us tame our tongues and makes sure that our words are a reflection of Him and His love.
- Taming our tongues doesn't mean staying quiet. It means saying good things.
- Imagine the impact you can have on your own life and the lives of those around you when you allow Jesus to help you speak kindness and love.

Read Aloud Scriptures

Ephesians 4:29 (ICB)

When you talk, do not say harmful things. But say what people need - words that will help others become stronger. Then what you say will help those who listen to you.

Psalm 39:1-2 (ICB)

I said, "I will be careful how I act. I will not sin by what I say. I will be careful what I say around wicked people." So I kept very quiet. I didn't even say anything good. But I became even more upset.

Read More From Your Own Bible

Proverbs 17:28

Proverbs 18:21

James 3:8

How to Start Your Prayer

GOD,
TODAY I GIVE YOU MY TONGUE. I REPENT FOR ALL THE TIMES I HAVE USED WORDS THAT CAUSED HARM. I ACCEPT YOUR FORGIVENESS AND COMMIT TO USING WORDS OF LOVE. I PRAY THAT YOU MAKE ME MORE AWARE OF MY WORDS. I ASK YOU TO TAKE OVER MY TONGUE SO THAT I ONLY USE WORDS THAT SPEAK LOVE, ENCOURAGEMENT AND ALL THINGS GOOD. I LOVE YOU.

Add your own words from here. God likes to hear anything you have to say!

Journal and Reflect

What is God telling me about taming my tongue?

What will happen when I allow Jesus to control my tongue?

How can I use my tongue to show Jesus to others?

What other thoughts, good or bad, do I have about the verses I read?

What other thoughts, about anything do I have today?

Write three words that best describe how Jesus has made me feel today.

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Goal!

For this activity you will need:

- * **A Partner to Play With**
- * **A Ball**
- * **Something to Mark Goals**

- 1. Start by marking a goal on each side of a playing area.**
- 2. One person stands in front of each goal.**
- 3. Throw or kick the ball back and forth trying to make it into the opposite goal.**
- 4. Cheer for your opponent when they make a goal or block one of your attempts.**

You could play this game thinking only of winning and getting angry when the other person scores or blocks your ball from the goal. But that would quickly lead to no one having fun. Instead, encourage and cheer for each other so that everyone can have fun!
Kind words make things better!

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Day 5

Changed Mind!

- We all experience thoughts or events in our lives that frustrate us. Our minds come under attack by the devil's lies and by worries that go against the truth of God.
- Our experiences have the power to make us who we are and determine how we react to negative situations in our lives.
- But the Bible says that we have power over our situations. We have the power of the Holy Spirit to help us react positively.
- We have to make a choice on purpose, and pray specifically for God to help us, but when we do, He will guide our thoughts and reactions.
- When we follow God's reactions instead of our own, we start to think in a different, more positive way. We focus on the good instead of the worries and the bad.
- That is God changing our minds and helping us be positive!

Read Aloud Scriptures

Philippians 4:8 (ICB)

Continue to think about the things that are good and worthy of praise. Think about the things that are true and honorable and right and pure and beautiful and respected.

Romans 8:6 (NLT)

So letting your sinful nature control your mind leads to death. But letting the Spirit control your mind leads to life and peace.

Read More From Your Own Bible

2 Corinthians 10:5

Romans 12:2

How to Start Your Prayer

LORD,
**I THANK YOU THAT YOU ALWAYS WAIT FOR
ME WITH OPEN ARMS. I PRAISE YOUR NAME
AND KNOW THAT YOUR WAYS ARE BETTER
THAN MINE. I INVITE YOU INTO MY MIND
TODAY. I PRAY YOU CHANGE ME AND THE WAY
I THINK.**

Add your own words from here. God
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to say!

Journal and Reflect

What negative thoughts have been in my mind?

What positive thoughts have been in my mind?

What steps can I take to change my thoughts more positive?

What other thoughts, good or bad, do I have about the verses I read?

What other thoughts, about anything do I have today?

Write three words that best describe how Jesus has made me feel today.

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Awesome!

Use this page to record the things that you see, hear, smell, etc. that make you think *This is Awesome.*

Try to find at least one thing every day. Soon enough, it will be a habit to look for the good things in the world!

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Day 6

Teach Me to Love!

- We never stop learning how to give and receive God's love.
- The Bible teaches us that God is love and that, as followers of Jesus, we should example that love in the best way we can.
- God called us to show His love to those around us.
- His love is so great and powerful that we cannot fully understand it. God loves us so much that He sent His Son to die for us.
- We get to experience this great love of God through our friendship with Him.
- God gives us so much love that we don't even need it all. So we are to take the extra and give it to those around us.
- How great would the world be if we all loved each other with God's love?

Read Aloud Scriptures

1 John 4:7-10 (ICB)

Dear friends, we should love each other, because love comes from God. The person who loves has become God's child and knows God. Whoever does not love does not know God, because God is love. This is how God showed His love to us: He sent His only Son into the world to give us life through Him. True love is God's love for us, not our love for God. God sent His son to die in our place to take away our sins.

Read More From Your Own Bible

John 13:35

1 Corinthians 13:4-8

Mark 12:30-31

How to Start Your Prayer

GOD,
**I COME TO YOU TODAY ASKING FOR
UNDERSTANDING OF YOUR GREAT LOVE.
THANK YOU FOR LOVING ME SO MUCH THAT
YOU WOULD SEND YOUR SON TO DIE TO FOR
ME. LET ME FEEL YOUR LOVE IN A WAY I CAN
TOUCH. AND HELP ME TO BECOME MORE
LIKE YOU SO THAT I CAN LOVE MORE LIKE
YOU.**

Add your own words from here.
God likes to hear anything you
have to say!

Journal and Reflect

Do I treat other people with God's love? If not, why?

In what ways has God shown His love for me?

What are some ways I can show God's love to others?

What other thoughts, good or bad, do I have about the verses I read?

What other thoughts, about anything do I have today?

Write three words that best describe how Jesus has made me feel today.

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Love Word Search

Find the green words in the puzzle below.

Love is patient and kind; love does not envy or boast; it is not arrogant or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; it does not rejoice at wrongdoing, but rejoices with the truth. Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. Love never ends.

1 Corinthians 13:4-8

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Day 7

Spirit Ears!

- We live in a time where all the information we could want is at our fingertips. This can be good for learning, and making informed opinions and decisions.
- But with all the information that we take in, sometimes we forget to listen for God's voice too.
- God teaches us that we are to purposely seek Him and His wisdom.
- His wisdom is what allows us to know right from wrong, truth from lies, and good from evil.
- While our phones and computers have a lot of knowledge, never forget that God is the source of ALL knowledge and wisdom.
- It is important for us to spend quiet time with God so we can learn to hear and recognize His voice above the noise of all the other information we take in.

Read Aloud Scriptures

Romans 12:2 (ICB)

Do not be shaped by this world. Instead be changed within by a new way of thinking. Then you will be able to decide what God wants for you. And you will be able to know what is good and pleasing to God and what is perfect.

Read More From Your Own Bible

1 Kings 3:9
Ephesians 5:6-10
1 Corinthians 2:14

How to Start Your Prayer

**LORD,
YOU ARE THE SOURCE OF ALL WISDOM
AND TRUTH. THANK YOU FOR GIVING ME
YOUR WORD AS A GUIDE SO I CAN HEAR
YOUR VOICE BETTER. HELP ME TO RELY ON
YOUR WISDOM AND NOT ON WHAT I THINK I
KNOW. HELP ME TO QUIET THE NOISE
AROUND ME SO THAT I CAN HEAR YOU. HELP
ME USE WHAT I LEARN FROM YOU TO
IMPACT THE LIVES OF THOSE AROUND ME.**

Add your own words from here.
God likes to hear anything
you have
to say!

Journal and Reflect

What things in my life do I need to “quiet” so that I can better hear God’s voice?

What things can I do to better recognize God’s voice?

How can I impact those around me when I listen to God more?

What other thoughts, good or bad, do I have about the verses I read?

What other thoughts, about anything do I have today?

Write three words that best describe how Jesus has made me feel today.

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Spirit Ears

For this activity you will need:

- * A Parent or Adult to help
- * Colors
- * Scissors
- * Tape or Stapler

Color and cut out giant Spirit Ears.
Cut out the headband strips.
Attach the ears with tape or a
staple to the headband.
Fit the headband around your
head and proudly wear your
Spirit Ears!



Fold along dotted line

Stick shaded area
to headband

Stick shaded area
to headband

Fold along dotted line

