

MEMORY VERSE OF THE WEEK

WEEK 3



"BE STRONG AND BRAVE. DON'T BE AFRAID.
THE LORD YOUR GOD WILL GO WITH YOU. HE
WILL NEVER LEAVE YOU. HE'LL NEVER DESERT
YOU." DEUTERONOMY 31:6 (NIRV)

MEMORY CHALLENGE TIPS



SAY IT OUT LOUD EVERY
NIGHT BEFORE BED.



WRITE IT ON A STICKY
NOTE AND PUT IT BY
YOUR BED.



TRY SAYING IT WITH
MOTIONS OR IN A SILLY
VOICE.



TEACH IT TO SOMEONE
IN YOUR FAMILY .

CAN YOU SAY IT BY HEART BY
THE END OF THE WEEK?





JESUS PROMISES THE HOLY SPIRIT

DAY 15



"I WILL ASK THE FATHER. AND HE WILL GIVE YOU ANOTHER FRIEND TO HELP YOU AND TO BE WITH YOU FOREVER. JOHN 14:16



TONIGHT'S STORY:

BEFORE JESUS WENT BACK TO HEAVEN, HE TOLD HIS DISCIPLES SOMETHING IMPORTANT: HE WASN'T LEAVING THEM ALONE. HE PROMISED TO SEND THEM A HELPER—THE HOLY SPIRIT. THE HOLY SPIRIT WOULD LIVE INSIDE THEM AND HELP THEM REMEMBER EVERYTHING JESUS TAUGHT. EVEN THOUGH JESUS WOULDN'T BE WALKING BESIDE THEM ANYMORE, GOD'S SPIRIT WOULD BE LIVING INSIDE THEIR HEARTS FOREVER. THAT PROMISE WASN'T JUST FOR THEM—it's for us too.

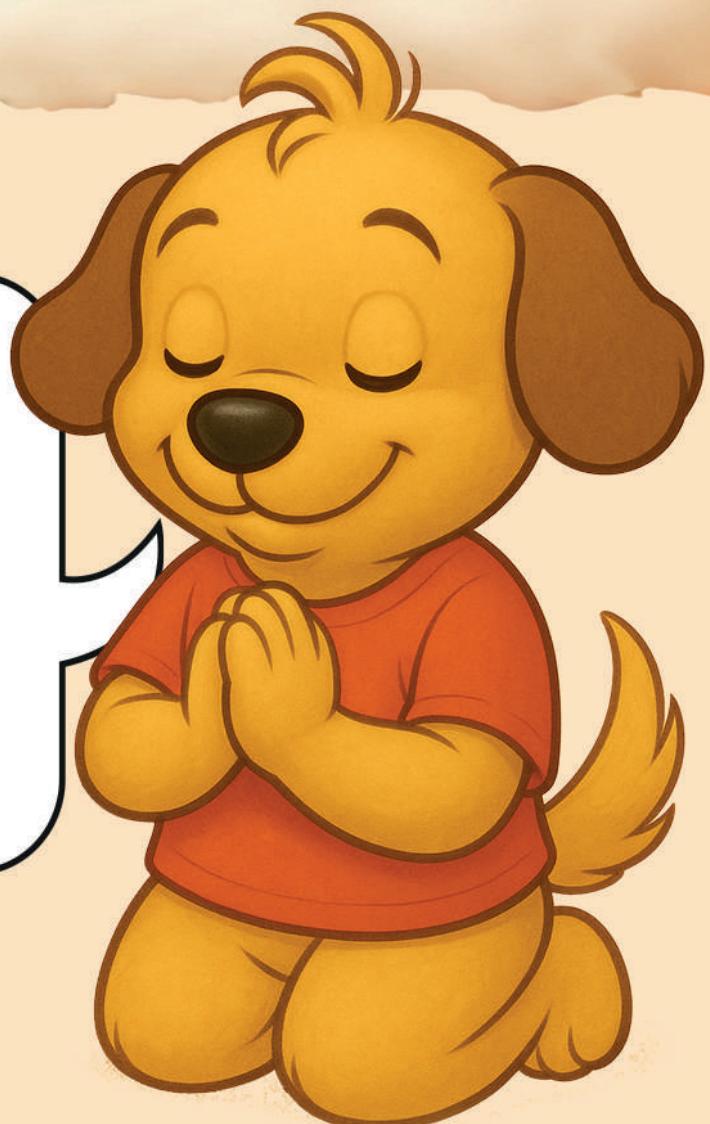
LET'S TALK ABOUT IT:

JESUS DIDN'T LEAVE YOU BEHIND. HE GAVE YOU HIS HOLY SPIRIT. THAT MEANS EVEN WHEN NO ONE IS AROUND, GOD IS STILL WITH YOU, GUIDING YOU, COMFORTING YOU, AND REMINDING YOU OF WHAT'S TRUE.

TONIGHT'S TRUTH: THE HOLY SPIRIT IS YOUR FOREVER FRIEND.

LET'S PRAY:

DEAR JESUS, THANK YOU FOR SENDING THE HOLY SPIRIT. THANK YOU THAT I'M NEVER ALONE BECAUSE YOUR SPIRIT LIVES IN ME. HELP ME LISTEN TO HIM AND FOLLOW HIS VOICE. IN JESUS' NAME, AMEN.



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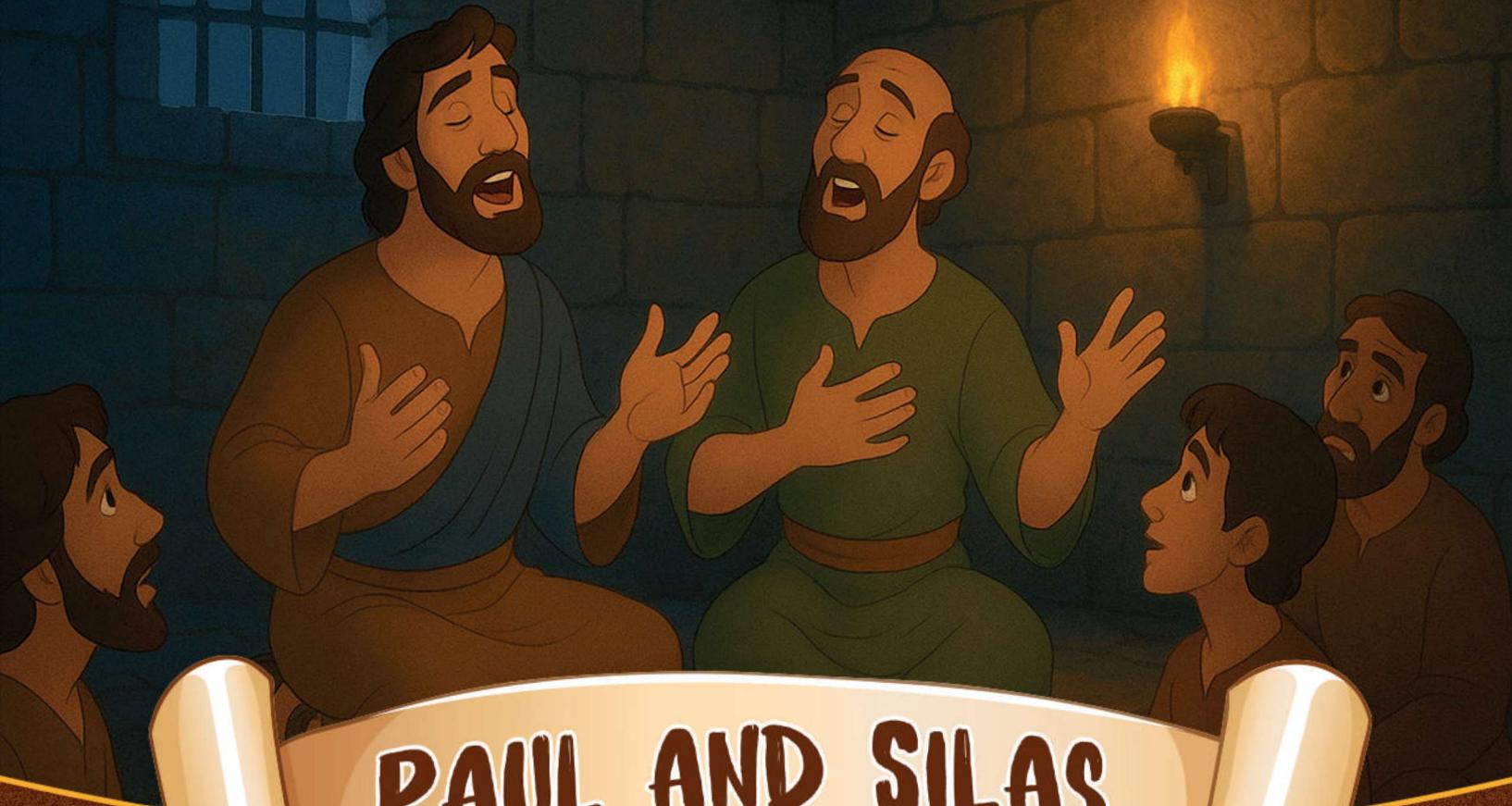


TRY SAYING THIS WEEK'S VERSE
BEFORE YOU GO TO SLEEP—SEE
HOW MUCH YOU CAN REMEMBER
WITHOUT PEEKING!



PARENT TIP

TAKE A MOMENT TONIGHT TO ASK YOUR CHILD, "DID YOU
KNOW GOD'S SPIRIT LIVES IN YOU WHEN YOU FOLLOW JESUS?"
HELP THEM UNDERSTAND THAT THE HOLY SPIRIT IS REAL, KIND,
AND ALWAYS NEAR, LIKE THE BEST FRIEND THEY COULD EVER
HAVE.



PAUL AND SILAS SING IN PRISON

DAY 16



"ABOUT MIDNIGHT PAUL AND SILAS WERE PRAYING. THEY WERE ALSO SINGING HYMNS TO GOD. THE OTHER PRISONERS WERE LISTENING TO THEM." ACTS 16:25



TONIGHT'S STORY:

PAUL AND SILAS WERE THROWN IN JAIL—NOT BECAUSE THEY DID SOMETHING WRONG, BUT BECAUSE THEY WERE TELLING PEOPLE ABOUT JESUS. THEIR FEET WERE CHAINED, THEIR BACKS WERE SORE, AND IT WAS DARK AND COLD. BUT INSTEAD OF BEING SCARED OR ANGRY, THEY STARTED SINGING. THEY PRAISED GOD RIGHT THERE IN THE PRISON! AND GUESS WHAT? GOD SENT AN EARTHQUAKE THAT SHOOK THE JAIL AND OPENED ALL THE DOORS. GOD WAS WITH THEM—AND EVERYONE IN THAT JAIL KNEW IT.

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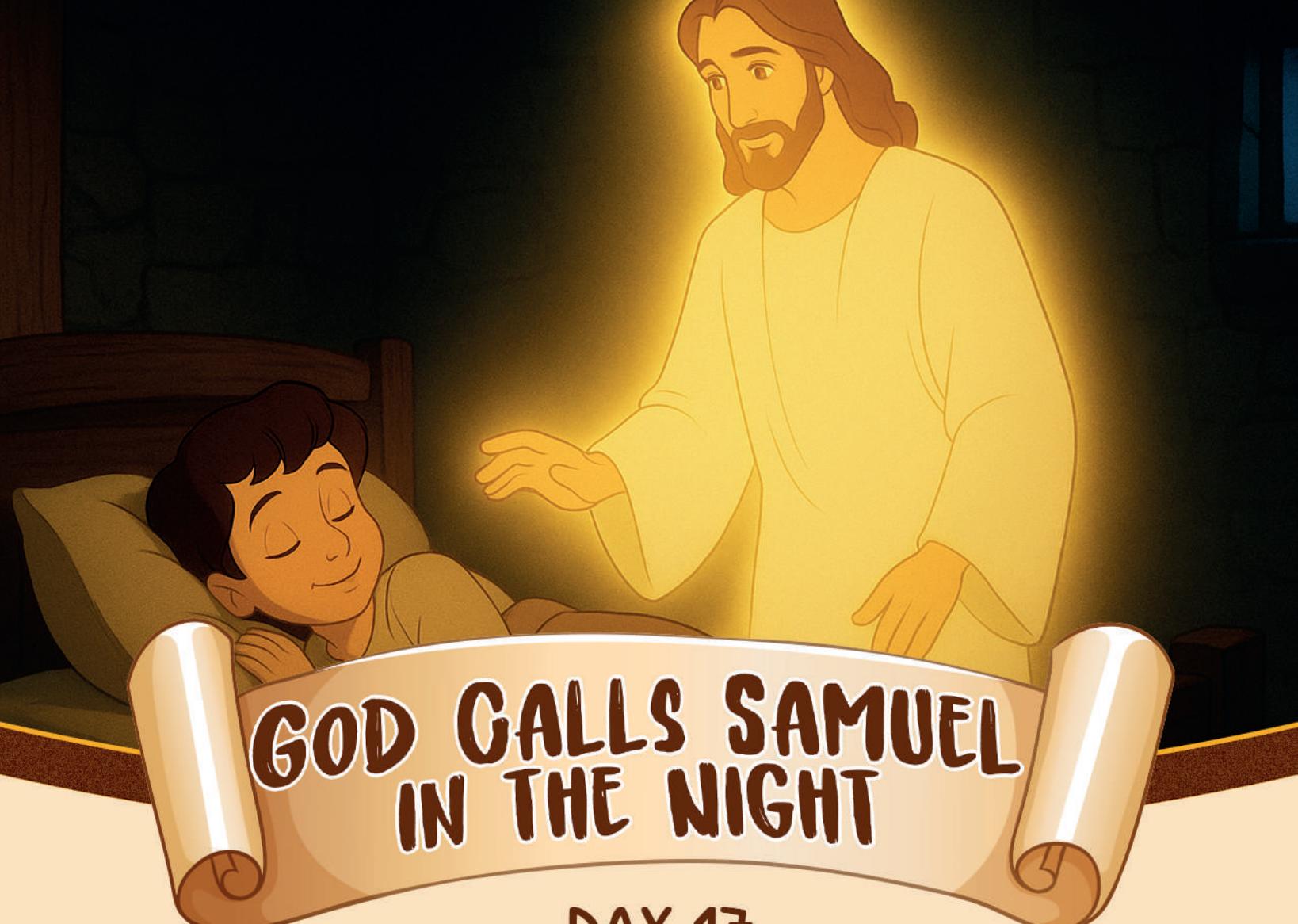


TRY SINGING YOUR MEMORY VERSE
TO THE TUNE OF YOUR FAVORITE
SONG, IT HELPS IT STICK IN
YOUR HEART!



PARENT TIP

PLAY A WORSHIP SONG TOGETHER TONIGHT, RIGHT BEFORE BED. ENCOURAGE YOUR CHILD TO SING OR HUM ALONG. EVEN 30 SECONDS OF WORSHIP CAN CHANGE THE WHOLE MOOD OF THEIR HEART AND HOME.



DAY 17



"THE LORD CAME AND STOOD THERE. HE CALLED OUT, JUST AS HE HAD DONE THE OTHER TIMES. HE SAID, 'SAMUEL! SAMUEL!' THEN SAMUEL SAID, 'SPEAK, LORD. I'M LISTENING.' 1 SAMUEL 3:10



TONIGHT'S STORY:

ONE NIGHT, A YOUNG BOY NAMED SAMUEL WAS SLEEPING IN THE TEMPLE WHEN HE HEARD SOMEONE CALL HIS NAME. "SAMUEL!" HE RAN TO ELI THE PRIEST AND SAID, "DID YOU CALL ME?" BUT ELI SAID NO. THIS HAPPENED THREE TIMES. FINALLY, ELI REALIZED IT WAS GOD SPEAKING! THE NEXT TIME SAMUEL HEARD HIS NAME, HE ANSWERED, "SPEAK, LORD. I'M LISTENING." FROM THAT DAY ON, GOD KEPT SPEAKING TO SAMUEL—AND SAMUEL KEPT LISTENING.

LET'S TALK ABOUT IT:

GOD DOESN'T JUST SPEAK TO GROWN-UPS—HE SPEAKS TO KIDS TOO! SAMUEL WAS STILL A BOY WHEN GOD STARTED USING HIM. GOD MAY SPEAK TO YOUR HEART DURING PRAYER, THROUGH A BIBLE STORY, OR EVEN IN A QUIET WHISPER AT NIGHT. THE MOST IMPORTANT THING IS TO LISTEN.

TONIGHT'S TRUTH: GOD SPEAKS TO KIDS WHO ARE READY TO LISTEN.



LET'S PRAY:

DEAR GOD, THANK YOU FOR SPEAKING TO SAMUEL. HELP ME SLOW DOWN, BE QUIET, AND LISTEN TO YOU TOO. I WANT TO HEAR YOUR VOICE AND FOLLOW YOU WITH ALL MY HEART.
IN JESUS'S NAME, AMEN.

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TRY WHISPERING YOUR MEMORY
VERSE IN THE DARK TONIGHT, JUST
LIKE SAMUEL LISTENED IN
THE NIGHT.



PARENT TIP

BEFORE BED, TURN OFF DISTRACTIONS AND SIT QUIETLY WITH
YOUR CHILD. ASK, "IF GOD WANTED TO SAY SOMETHING TO
YOUR HEART TONIGHT, WHAT DO YOU THINK IT WOULD BE?"
THIS SIMPLE PRACTICE CAN HELP THEM LEARN TO RECOGNIZE
GOD'S GENTLE VOICE.



THE LORD IS MY SHEPHERD

DAY 18

"THE LORD IS MY SHEPHERD. HE GIVES
ME EVERYTHING I NEED."
PSALM 23:1 (NIRV)



TONIGHT'S STORY:

KING DAVID USED TO BE A SHEPHERD BOY BEFORE HE BECAME A KING. HE KNEW HOW TO CARE FOR SHEEP, HOW TO PROTECT THEM, GUIDE THEM, AND FEED THEM. THAT'S WHY HE WROTE ONE OF THE MOST FAMOUS PSALMS IN THE BIBLE, WHERE HE CALLED GOD HIS SHEPHERD. DAVID KNEW THAT JUST LIKE A SHEPHERD WATCHES OVER EVERY SHEEP, GOD WATCHES OVER US. HE TAKES CARE OF US, WALKS WITH US, AND HELPS US WHEN WE FEEL LOST.

LET'S TALK ABOUT IT:

SHEEP AREN'T VERY GOOD AT FINDING THEIR OWN WAY BUT THEY'RE GREAT AT FOLLOWING THE SHEPHERD!

YOU DON'T HAVE TO FIGURE EVERYTHING OUT ON YOUR OWN. YOU JUST HAVE TO FOLLOW JESUS. HE'S THE BEST SHEPHERD EVER, AND HE'LL NEVER LET YOU GO.

TONIGHT'S TRUTH: JESUS IS YOUR SHEPHERD, AND YOU ARE NEVER OUT OF HIS SIGHT.



LET'S PRAY:

DEAR GOD, THANK YOU FOR BEING MY SHEPHERD. I DON'T HAVE TO BE AFRAID BECAUSE YOU ARE GUIDING ME, LOVING ME, AND GIVING ME ALL I NEED. HELP ME FOLLOW YOU EVERY DAY. IN JESUS' NAME, AMEN.

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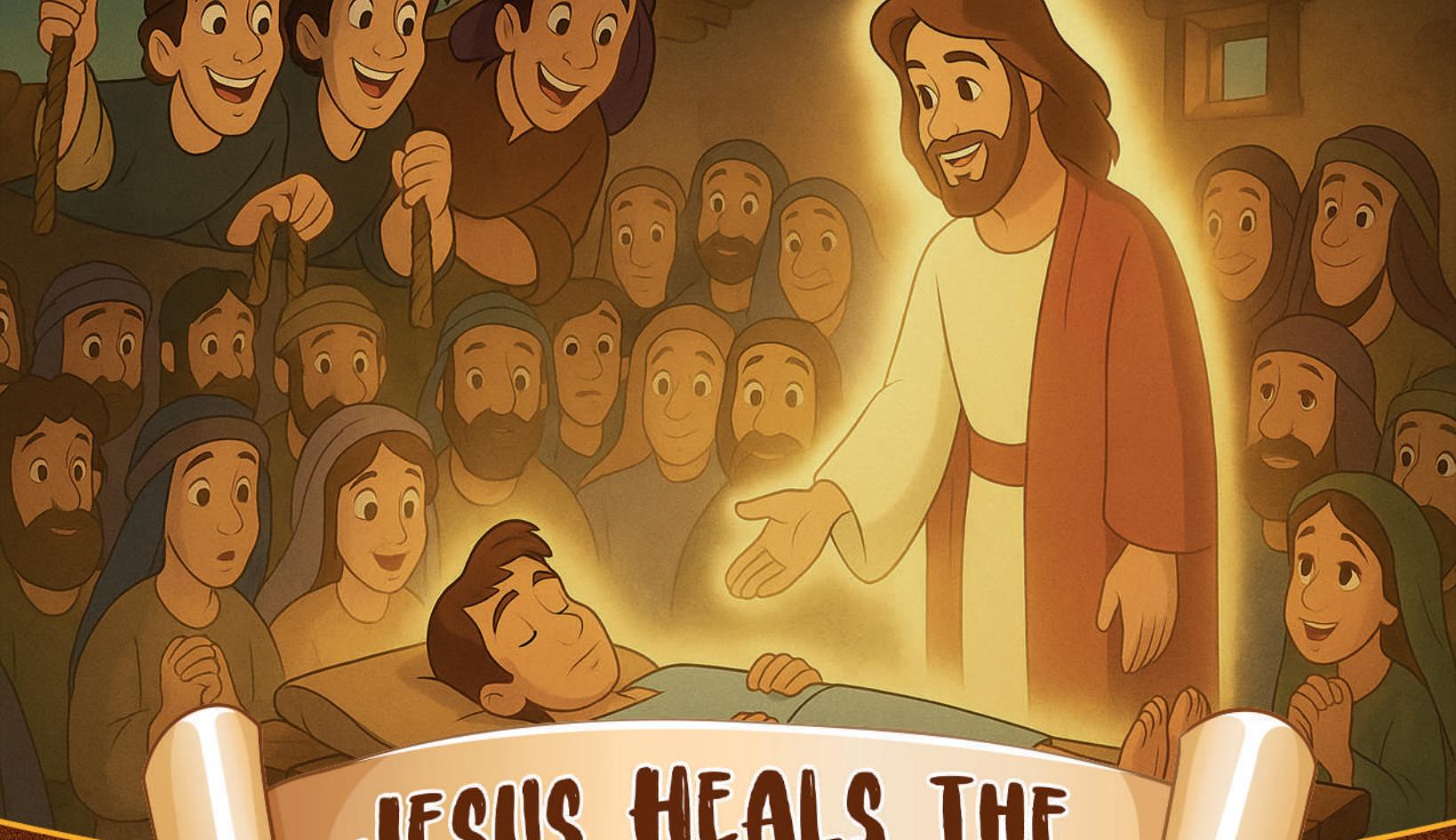


THIS WEEK, TRY SAYING YOUR NEW VERSE OUT LOUD IN THE MORNING AND AT BEDTIME. GUS SAYS, "SAY IT WITH CONFIDENCE, IT'S GOD'S PROMISE!"



PARENT TIP

ASK YOUR CHILD TO NAME ONE WAY THEY'VE SEEN GOD PROVIDE FOR THEM LATELY (FOOD, FRIENDS, FAMILY, COMFORT, ETC.). THEN REMIND THEM: "THAT'S YOUR SHEPHERD TAKING CARE OF YOU!"



JESUS HEALS THE PARALYZED MAN

DAY 19

"JESUS SAW THEIR FAITH. SO HE SAID TO THE MAN, 'SON, YOUR SINS ARE FORGIVEN.'" MARK 2:5 (NIRV)



TONIGHT'S STORY:

A MAN COULDN'T WALK. HE WAS PARALYZED, AND THERE WAS NO WAY FOR HIM TO GET TO JESUS ON HIS OWN. BUT HIS FRIENDS BELIEVED JESUS COULD HELP HIM, SO THEY CARRIED HIM TO THE HOUSE WHERE JESUS WAS TEACHING. THE HOUSE WAS PACKED SO THEY CLIMBED UP ON THE ROOF, MADE A HOLE, AND LOWERED THEIR FRIEND DOWN, RIGHT IN FRONT OF JESUS! JESUS SMILED AT THEIR FAITH, FORGAVE THE MAN'S SINS, AND HEALED HIM. THAT MAN WALKED OUT OF THE HOUSE COMPLETELY CHANGED!

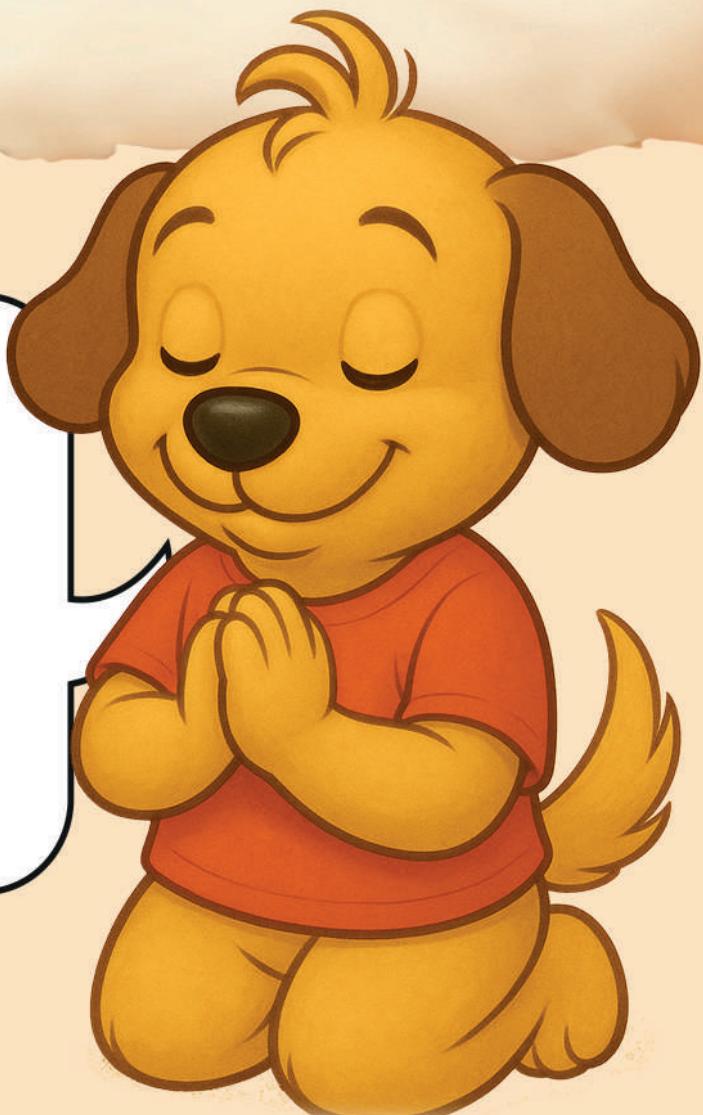
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TONIGHT'S TRUTH: GOD CAN USE YOU, NO MATTER HOW YOUNG YOU ARE.

LET'S PRAY:

DEAR GOD, THANK YOU FOR BEING WITH JEREMIAH. EVEN WHEN I FEEL SMALL, REMIND ME THAT YOU ARE BIG. HELP ME LISTEN TO YOU AND SPEAK WITH COURAGE.
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"TRY SAYING YOUR MEMORY VERSE IN A ROBOT VOICE TONIGHT. HAVE FUN WHILE YOU MEMORIZE!"



PARENT TIP

ASK YOUR CHILD WHO THEIR CLOSEST FRIENDS ARE—AND WHAT KIND OF FRIENDS THEY WANT TO BE. TALK ABOUT HOW TRUE FRIENDS HELP EACH OTHER FOLLOW JESUS AND STAY STRONG IN THEIR FAITH.



GOD IS WITH JEREMIAH

DAY 20

"DO NOT BE AFRAID OF THE PEOPLE I SEND YOU TO. I AM WITH YOU. I WILL SAVE YOU," ANNOUNCES THE LORD. JEREMIAH 1:8 (NIRV)



TONIGHT'S STORY:

JEREMIAH WAS JUST A YOUNG MAN WHEN GOD CALLED HIM TO BE A PROPHET. THAT MEANS HE HAD TO SPEAK GOD'S MESSAGES EVEN WHEN IT WAS HARD. JEREMIAH FELT NERVOUS. HE SAID, "I'M TOO YOUNG!" BUT GOD TOLD HIM, "DON'T BE AFRAID. I AM WITH YOU." AND GUESS WHAT? JEREMIAH DID IT! HE BECAME ONE OF THE GREATEST PROPHETS IN THE BIBLE BECAUSE HE TRUSTED THAT GOD WOULDN'T LEAVE HIS SIDE.

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"TRY DRAWING A PICTURE
OF THIS VERSE MAYBE
WITH YOU WALKING AND
GOD BESIDE YOU!"



PARENT TIP

TONIGHT'S A GREAT OPPORTUNITY TO REMIND YOUR CHILD THAT AGE DOESN'T LIMIT PURPOSE. SAY SOMETHING LIKE, "EVEN THOUGH YOU'RE YOUNG, GOD ALREADY HAS AMAZING PLANS FOR YOUR LIFE AND HE'S WITH YOU EVERY STEP OF THE WAY."



GOD PROTECTS BABY MOSES

DAY 21

"BUT AFTER HE COULD NOT HIDE HIM ANY LONGER, SHE GOT A BASKET MADE OUT OF TALL GRASS. SHE COATED IT WITH TAR AND PLACED THE BABY IN IT. THEN SHE PUT THE BASKET IN THE TALL GRASS BY THE BANK OF THE NILE" EXODUS 2:3 (NIRV)



TONIGHT'S STORY:

MOSES WAS JUST A BABY WHEN HIS MOM HAD TO MAKE A BIG, BRAVE DECISION. TO KEEP HIM SAFE, SHE PLACED HIM IN A LITTLE BASKET AND FLOATED HIM DOWN THE RIVER. THAT MIGHT SOUND SCARY—BUT GOD WAS WATCHING OVER BABY MOSES THE ENTIRE TIME. HE MADE SURE PHARAOH'S DAUGHTER FOUND HIM, AND MOSES GREW UP TO DO AMAZING THINGS FOR GOD'S PEOPLE. EVEN WHEN IT LOOKED LIKE MOSES WAS ALL ALONE, GOD HAD A PLAN.

LET'S TALK ABOUT IT:

SOMETIMES THINGS DON'T MAKE SENSE TO US. BUT EVEN WHEN LIFE FEELS OUT OF CONTROL, GOD SEES EVERY MOMENT. JUST LIKE HE PROTECTED MOSES IN THE BASKET, HE'S PROTECTING YOU TOO.

TONIGHT'S TRUTH: GOD IS WATCHING OVER YOU—EVEN WHEN YOU DON'T SEE IT.

LET'S PRAY:

DEAR GOD, THANK YOU FOR TAKING CARE OF MOSES WHEN HE WAS JUST A BABY. THANK YOU THAT YOU ALSO WATCH OVER ME EVERY SINGLE DAY. I

TRUST THAT YOU ARE ALWAYS WORKING, EVEN WHEN I CAN'T SEE IT.

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GUS IDEA: "SAY YOUR MEMORY VERSE TONIGHT WHILE HIDING UNDER A BLANKET JUST LIKE MOSES WAS HIDDEN IN A BASKET!"



PARENT TIP

REASSURE YOUR CHILD THAT GOD SEES EVERYTHING EVEN THE THINGS WE DON'T UNDERSTAND. SHARE A TIME WHEN GOD PROTECTED YOU OR YOUR FAMILY, EVEN WHEN IT DIDN'T LOOK LIKE IT AT FIRST.