

# Why is the Bible important?

## DAY 5

Have you already gotten dressed for the day? If you have, then save this activity for tonight when you're getting ready for bed. But if you haven't, do this now.

**TURN OFF THE LIGHTS**—in fact, make it as dark as you can in your room and bathroom—and then try to get ready for the day. Pick out your clothes, get dressed, brush your teeth and your hair, all in the dark. Then, come back to this.

So, how did it go? Now that the lights are on, go check out your reflection. How do you look? Even if you look like you always do, did you find that challenging when you couldn't see? Nothing makes you appreciate the light more than trying to do things in the dark. When things are dark, you don't know if you're doing the right thing, do you?

God's Word is like that for our lives. It shines a light and helps us know when we're doing the right thing or the wrong thing. It can help us make wise choices and shine a light on who God is so we can know Him better.

When you flick on your light each morning, say a quick prayer that God will bring His Word to your mind throughout the day to bring light to every area of your life!

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WEEK 1

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## DAY 2

### READ PSALM 119:105

God's Word is like a light. What does that mean?

Well, think about what light does. It allows us to go about our days, seeing what we should do. If you've ever been in a storm when the power went out, or in a dark tunnel with just a flashlight, you know that light also helps you feel safe and secure.

God's Word does that too. It shows us what we should do, which direction we should go, and even can help us feel safe, reminding us that God is with us.

### DRAW A LIGHT BULB ONTO ANOTHER SHEET OF PAPER, AND AROUND THE OUTSIDE, WRITE THE WORDS FROM PSALM 119:105.

On the inside of the bulb, list some of the ways that you have found the Bible important, what you've learned about God from it, and even your favorite verse. Hang it somewhere you'll see it all week to remind you to dig into God's One Big Story!

## DAY 3

Have you ever read something in the Bible, and it confused you? Or maybe you understood it, but you knew that putting it into practice was going to be hard. Do you just walk away and give up?

Don't give up! There is great news: God wants you to talk to Him about His Story. He didn't just want to share His story with us and have it end there. God's Story is for all of us and it can help us know God better and know how to live better!

### IN FACT, CHECK OUT 2 TIMOTHY 3:16-17 AND TAKE A MINUTE TO USE THE WORDS AS A PRAYER LIKE THIS . . .

*"God, thank You for breathing life into the Bible. I'm thankful it can teach me what is true, correct my mistakes, and help me to do what is right. Please use Your Word to make my life whole again and to prepare me for doing great things in the world in Your Name! In Jesus' name, I pray. Amen."*

## DAY 4

When something changes your life, do you usually keep it to yourself? No! You tell your family about it, or you share the news with your friends, right?

God's Word has the power to change our lives and guide us as we make decisions, so sharing His Word with others can do the same for them!

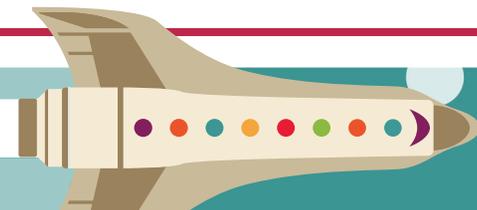
**WHAT IS YOUR FAVORITE BIBLE STORY OR VERSE?** Think about something you've read or heard from the Bible that really encourages you. Write it down here:

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Now, go and share that with someone else. Ask them if they've heard the story or the verse, and then tell them what it means in your life. But don't leave it there—ask them what their favorite Bible story or verse is too! You might learn something new about God's Story that will encourage you in your own faith!



# What is at stake if you don't obey?

## DAY 5

Do you usually find it easier to obey, or to disobey?

It's not always easy to obey, but when we disobey, we risk some pretty significant consequences. Thinking about those consequences is a great way to help you choose to obey, even if you think your way is better.

Sometimes those consequences are actual punishments from authority, but sometimes they're subtler, like broken trust or feeling guilty. Those feelings can weigh us down, much like gravity keeping us on the ground.

**DON'T LET GUILT OR SHAME WEIGH YOU DOWN!** How? First, choose to obey God and the people He's put in charge of you, even if you think your way is better. Secondly, if you messed up and disobeyed, just tell God about it and ask for forgiveness. After all, because Jesus obeyed God died on the cross for us, we can be forgiven!

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### READ GENESIS 3:1-24

Have you ever gotten in trouble for disobeying, but you're certain you didn't hear what your parent or teacher said?

Adam and Eve couldn't exactly use not hearing God as an excuse, could they? Go through Genesis 3:1-24, and circle every time you see the word God, as well as the verb that comes after it. Now look at those phrases. You see things like "God said" . . . "God knows" . . . "God called."

**IF THERE'S ONE THING GOD DID FOR ADAM AND EVE, IT WAS COMMUNICATE.** He wanted them to know Him, and He wanted to make clear what His plan was for them and what wasn't His plan for them. There was one thing He said not to do.

Sadly, Adam and Eve didn't listen to God's voice, but instead listened to the serpent. Before long, their way seemed better. And because of that act of disobedience, sin entered the world.

Thankfully, God kept talking to His children, and we can read what He said in the Bible. We can learn from Adam and Eve's mistake and choose to listen to and obey God's voice, even when we think our way is better.

## DAY 4

Ask a couple of friends or family members to help you. Find some items around your house that would make good

(but not dangerous!) obstacles, as well as a handkerchief or thin towel that would work as a blindfold.

Take turns being the one blindfolded, while the other two people set the obstacles out. Then as the blindfolded person tries to complete the obstacle course, the other two should call out directions. When the blindfolded person finishes, rotate positions so each person has a chance to try the course (you can move the obstacles in between rounds too).

**WHEN EVERYONE'S HAD A CHANCE, TAKE A MINUTE TO PROCESS WHAT HAPPENED DURING THE GAME.** Did you always obey the voices, or did you sometimes go your own way? Who's voice did you usually choose to obey? Do you sometimes find it hard in life to know which voices to obey? How can you be sure you're following the right voice?

## DAY 3

### MAKE A LIST OF EVERYONE WHO PROBABLY KNOWS BETTER THAN YOU (AT LEAST IN MOST SITUATIONS).

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That list may not have been the most fun to make, but it is important to remember that God has put people in charge of us who know which way is the best for us. And of course, God knows the best of all. He knows everything, and His way is always better.

But even Jesus, who was perfect and never sinned, still struggled with something God wanted Him to do: die on the cross. Even though it was hard, Jesus surrendered His will and did what God asked Him to do. So how did He find the strength to do that? Jesus turned to God. He prayed to His Father, and asked Him for help in obeying the path that God had for Him.

We can do that too. Obeying the people who God has put in charge of us is not always going to be easy. In fact, sometimes, it's going to be very hard. But when we ask God for help, He will help us choose the better way: His way.

Fill in the blanks below and then read this prayer out loud to ask God for help in obeying Him and the people He's put in charge over you:

**"DEAR GOD,** I know that You've put \_\_\_\_\_ in charge of me because they know what is best for me. Sometimes it's hard to obey them though, especially when it comes to \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_. Please forgive me for the times in the past when I haven't obeyed, and help me to obey in the future, even when it's hard. In Jesus' name, I pray. **AMEN.**"

# What is the hardest thing about following somebody?

## DAY 5

Sometimes it's hard to obey because you think your way is better. Sometimes it's hard to obey because you feel like you're the only one. And maybe sometimes you don't even know why you're tempted to disobey, you just are!

**FOLLOWING THE PERSON IN CHARGE IS NOT ALWAYS EASY, BUT GOD IS ALWAYS WITH YOU HELPING YOU TO TRUST AND OBEY.**

Check out Isaiah 41:10: *"So do not be afraid. I am with you. Do not be terrified. I am your God. I will make you strong and help you. I will hold you safe in my hands. I always do what is right, (NIV).*

Write the letters TAO on your right hand as a reminder that God always does what is right, and that He wants to help you Trust And Obey.



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### READ GENESIS 6:9-22

Can you *imagine* what it must have been like to be Noah? We don't know how long it took him to build the ark and load up the animals. Because of his hard work, his family was saved when the entire earth was flooded.

Re-read Genesis 6:9. Underline the three things this verse tells us were very different about Noah from everyone around him. Noah's hard work building the ark was impressive, but the thing that saved his life was his *obedience*. Noah chose to trust and obey God even when others didn't.

**SOMETIMES YOU MIGHT FEEL LIKE NOAH TOO.** Maybe everyone in your class is treating the substitute teacher disrespectfully, or the kids in the lunchroom are all making fun of someone.

Whenever you feel alone in choosing to trust and obey, remember Noah and know you're not really alone! Not only are there many others out there choosing to obey, but God is with you to help you make the wise choice.

## DAY 3

We all have situations where we find it harder to obey. And when others aren't obeying either, talk about double trouble! When do you often have a hard time obeying? Pretend you're a screenwriter, describing a scene to be filmed in a movie, but instead of it being a fictional movie, it's the movie of your life. How would you describe a typical scenario where you struggle to obey?

**LOCATION:** \_\_\_\_\_

**PEOPLE:** \_\_\_\_\_

**TIME OF DAY:** \_\_\_\_\_

**ACTION:** \_\_\_\_\_

Now close your eyes and envision the scenario you just described. Then ask God to help you with that specific case. As you pray, describe the scene to God, using the details you wrote down above. Ask God to help you the next time you're in a scene like that. Ask Him for strength to trust and obey even when others don't.

## DAY 4

### WHY DO YOU THINK IT'S HARD TO OBEY WHEN OTHERS AREN'T OBEYING?

Take a poll around your house and see what they think. Write down any options you can think of, such as jealousy, fear, or lack of confidence.

No matter what everyone voted, there's good news! Because there's something that's stronger than fear, jealousy, or anything else you struggle with. Read 1 John 4:18 and 1 Corinthians 13:4-7 and then write down what is stronger than anything: \_\_\_ \_\_\_ \_\_\_ \_\_\_

You may be wondering what love has to do with obedience? Our memory verse this month makes the connections for us: *The way we show our love is to obey God's commands. He commands you to lead a life of love. That's what you have heard from the beginning.* 2 John 6, NIRV

When you love God and others more than anything, it will be much easier to obey, even when others aren't. The next time you're tempted to disobey, remember how much you love God, your family and your friends, and turn that **LOVE INTO OBEDIENCE!**

What do you think  
your leaders know  
that you don't?

## DAY 5

Have you ever thought about why certain rules exist, or why your parents or teachers have given you rules? Look at these common rules below and write out why you think the rule exists—**WHAT IS IT TRYING TO PREVENT?**

- DON'T RUN IN THE STREET.** \_\_\_\_\_
- WEAR SUNSCREEN.** \_\_\_\_\_
- DON'T JUMP ON THE BED.** \_\_\_\_\_
- DON'T WATCH SCARY MOVIES.** \_\_\_\_\_
- DON'T ACCEPT CANDY FROM STRANGERS.** \_\_\_\_\_

Now look at the list above, as well as, the answers you wrote. Do any of the rules exist to keep you from having fun? Do you think your parents or teachers taught you these rules to ruin your life?

It's important to remember that when your parents, teachers and others God has put in your life give you certain rules, they most likely have a really good reason for it. Go find a picture of a younger version of you, maybe in a frame around your house, or ask your parent if they have one on their phone or computer.

As you look at the picture, think back to the toddler version of you, and how much you've learned about life since then and how much more your parents and other adults have learned since they were your age. They probably know a lot of things that you don't know!

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### READ GENESIS 12:1-5 AND 21:1-5

Circle the first sentence of Genesis 12:2.

Draw a line in the margins from Genesis 12 to Genesis 21.

Now circle the first sentence in Genesis 21:2.

There is much that happens between Genesis 12:1-5 and Genesis 21:1-5. In Genesis 12, we read that God makes a promise to Abraham that he will be the father of many nations. When we get to Genesis 21, a lot has happened in Abraham and Sarah's lives, but Sarah has yet to have a child. Then we read these words: *The Lord was gracious to Sarah, just as he had said he would be. The Lord did for Sarah what he had promised to do. Sarah became pregnant. She had a son by Abraham when he was old. The child was born at the exact time God had promised,* (NIRV).

Finally, when Abraham was 100 years old and Sarah wasn't far behind him, she had a son. This story is beautiful and encouraging, but it's important not to forget there were 25 years between God giving a promise and then fulfilling it. In those 25 years, Abraham made some mistakes for sure, but he never stopped trusting God. **HIS LIFE WAS MARKED BY HIS DEVOTION AND OBEDIENCE TO GOD, EVEN WHEN HE DIDN'T UNDERSTAND WHAT GOD WAS UP TO.**

Look at the line you drew between Genesis 12 and Genesis 21. This is where obedience is the hardest, but it's also where you can see God at work, fulfilling His promise and His plan.

## DAY 3

When you read the chapters in Genesis between God making the promise and then seeing it come true, you see a lot of discussion between Abraham and God. Even when

Abraham didn't understand what God was up to, he kept talking to God, seeking His counsel and trying to get to know God better. When you are tempted to disobey because you don't understand what God or your parents or your teacher is up to, remember that you can turn to God for help.

### THIS MONTH WAS ALL ABOUT THE "EVEN WHENs."

**WE CAN OBEY GOD . . .** even when we think our way is better. Even when others don't. Even when we don't know how it will work out.

For each of the "even when" statements above, write an example of this situation in your own life in the spaces below (e.g., Even when I think I deserve more screen time. Even when my brother is sneaking candy.) Then read the sentences out loud as a prayer.

### "DEAR GOD,

I know I can trust and obey you even when \_\_\_\_\_,  
And even when \_\_\_\_\_, and even  
when \_\_\_\_\_. Help me to get to know you  
better so that it will be easier to follow You. In Jesus' name, I pray. **AMEN.**"

## DAY 4

### PICK A TIME TODAY WHEN YOUR FAMILY WILL BE TOGETHER. ASK THEM TO PLAY THIS SIMPLE IMPROV GAME WITH YOU.

Use the title below to tell a story. The trick is that each person makes up the story one sentence at a time, adding to the story. The story should make sense, so everyone will need to work together to make the story. When it feels like the story is winding down, someone can bring it to an end and tag it with "The End."

### "THE BEST DAY EVER"

Then, talk about how the story ended up differently than you thought it

was going to go at the beginning. Was it hard when you thought you had a good sentence lined up, but then the person before you changed the direction of the story suddenly?

Share with each other how this game feels a little like life does sometimes . . . you might think you know how things are headed in life, and then someone in charge changes things on you. You might have a plan for the day, and then your mom gives you an extra chore. Or it could be even bigger, like suddenly having to move or change schools. Talk with each other about how you can you trust and obey even when you don't know how things will work out.

