



## **FAMILY DEVOTIONALS WEEK 10**

These are built to allow each family the opportunity to have a 5-15 minute devotional that includes Scripture, Questions, Activities, and Prayer. Please note that not all questions will be suitable for all ages, but do continue to challenge your kids with the tougher questions. When reading to children, please remember to use an easy to read version of the Bible such as the New Living Translation (NLT), God's Word Translation (GW), or the International Children's Bible (ICB). Each translation can be found at [biblegateway.com](http://biblegateway.com) or on the Bible app on your phone. Even with an easier translation, be prepared to simplify or explain some of the more difficult words that may come up.

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## **Monday - Day 64**

### **Recap:**

Do you remember what happened in our story on Saturday? What happened?

### **Read:**

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Genesis 1:1-2:3, 2:15-24, 3:1-7, 3:23

### **Questions:**

What happened in today's story?

Do you have any questions about today's story?

Who created everything?

What was the one rule that God told Adam to follow?

What would happen if Adam ate from the tree of good and evil?

What happened to Adam and Eve when they didn't follow the rules and ate from the tree of good and evil?

*Adam and Eve disobeyed God. They ate the fruit God when God told them not to and sin entered the world. People started to do bad things. But even when Adam and Eve ate the fruit, God still made them a promise. God promised that one day the devil would be defeated by a descendant of Eve (Read: Genesis 3:14-15).*

Do you know who Adam and Eve's great great great great (x100) grandson is?

### **Activity:**

Have your child create something today. Use whatever objects you have around the house and yard, such as tape, glue, scissors, play-doh, and sticks. Once your child has made their creation, have them give it a name and tell you the story of its life.

### **Prayer:**

*Each day, ask your children if they have anything they would like to pray for (aka prayer requests). If you have suggestions, place those in your prayer.*

"Dear God, we know that, just like Adam and Eve, we all make mistakes, but help us to know right from wrong. God, help us to always remember that, no matter what we do, you will forgive us if we ask you. Today, we want to pray for insert prayer requests. God, thank you for loving us. In Jesus' name, amen."

## **Tuesday - Day 65**

### **Recap:**

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Do you remember what happened in our story on yesterday? What happened? What promise did God make to Adam and Eve?

### **Read:**

Genesis 7:6-10, 8:1-4, 9:12-15

### **Questions:**

What happened in today's story?

Do you have any questions about today's story?

What did God ask Noah to build?

What promise did God make to Noah after the boat landed?

What was the sign of the promise God made with Noah?

Did God keep his promise?

### **Activity:**

Go on a treasure hunt. Find things in your house that match the colors of the rainbow and lay them out in their proper order.

### **Prayer:**

*Each day, ask your children if they have anything they would like to pray for (aka prayer requests). If you have suggestions, place those in your prayer.*

"Dear God, thank you for the sign of a rainbow. Thank you for its beauty and help us to remember that every time we see it, we can know that you will always keep your promises. Today, we want to pray for insert prayer requests. God, thank you for loving us. In Jesus' name, amen."

## **Wednesday - Day 66**

### **Recap:**

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Do you remember what happened in our story yesterday? What happened? What promise did God make to Noah?

### **Read:**

Genesis 17:1-8, 18:9-10, 21:1-7

### **Questions:**

What happened in today's story?

Do you have any questions about today's story?

What two things did God promise Abram?

Do you know what the land of Canaan is called today?

What did God promise Sarah in our story today?

What did Sarah have in the story today?

How old was Abraham when Sarah had the baby?

### **Activity:**

Today take your children out into the back yard or a park. Find some sandy soil and grab a handful of sand. Try to count all of the grains of sand. God told Abraham that he would have as many children as there were stars in the sky, as many children as there was sand on the beach. Think of how many people that would be!

### **Prayer:**

*Each day, ask your children if they have anything they would like to pray for (aka prayer requests). If you have suggestions, place those in your prayer.*

"Dear God, we remember how you kept your promise to Abraham and Sarah. Thank you for always keeping your promises to us. Today, we want to pray for insert prayer requests. God, thank you for loving us. In Jesus' name, amen."

## **Thursday - Day 67**

### **Recap:**

*Please begin with: After Malachi was written, there were no more prophets or writings in the Bible for nearly 400 years! While the people of Israel waited for Jesus to come, they read from the Old Testament and remembered some of the stories. The stories were all about God's promises to his people. The Israelites told the stories as a reminder that God always keeps his promises.*

Do you remember what happened in our story yesterday? What happened? What two promises did God make to Abraham? Which one did God do yesterday?

### **Read:**

Exodus 3:1-10, 12:31

*Moses led the people of Israel out of Egypt and, after 40 years in the wilderness, to the edge of the land of Israel. There, Joshua took over leading the people into Israel.*

Joshua 6:1-5, 6:12-15, 6:20, 11:23

### **Questions:**

What happened in today's story?

Do you have any questions about today's story?

What did God appear to Moses as?

What did God ask Moses to do with the people of Israel?

What did God ask Joshua and the Israelites to do?

What did the Israelites do after they marched around the seventh time on the seventh day?

In this story, Joshua and the Israelites finally see God's promise to Abraham fulfilled. What happens in this story?

### **Activity:**

Parent, you stand as the mighty walls of Jericho. Have your child walk around you seven times while you say things like, "What are you doing!?!? This will never work! You only have horns to blow! These walls will never fall!" Then, after the seventh time, have your child scream and clap. Then you, the adult, collapse to the floor and admit defeat.

### **Prayer:**

*Each day, ask your children if they have anything they would like to pray for (aka prayer requests). If you have suggestions, place those in your prayer.*

"Dear God, we pray that we can be patient in waiting for your promises. Sometimes they may take days, sometimes they may take years, but help us to always be thankful and remember that you keep your promises. Today, we want to pray for insert prayer requests. God, thank you for loving us. In Jesus' name, amen."

## **Friday - Day 68**

### **Recap:**

*Please begin with: After Malachi was written, there were no more prophets or writings in the Bible for nearly 400 years! While the people of Israel waited for Jesus to come, they read from the Old Testament and remembered some of the stories. The stories were all about God's promises to his people. The Israelites told the stories as a reminder that God always keeps his promises.*

Do you remember what happened in our story yesterday? What happened? What two promises did God make to Abraham? Which one did God do yesterday?

### **Read:**

*Please begin with: The people of Israel moved into the land of Israel and soon had a king. David defeated the giant Goliath and was later crowned king.*

1 Samuel 16:1, 16:12-13, 2 Samuel 5:3-4, 7:1-5, 7:12-13

### **Questions:**

What happened in today's story?

Do you have any questions about today's story?

What did God (through Samuel) promise David that David was going to become?

Did God do what he promised?

Because King David loved God so much, what did God promise David? (God promised that one of David's great great great great grandson's would be a king forever! )

Do you know who King David's great great great great grandson (x50) was?

### **Activity:**

As a boy, David was anointed with oil by the prophet Samuel. This consisted of taking oil (regular oil will do, although if you want the exact recipe see Exodus 30:23-24) and placing it upon the head of the person who was sick or who they were praying for. Take a bit of oil from your kitchen. Place some on your finger (scriptures also reference pouring it heavily on the person's head, depending on how messy you want to get) and place it in the forehead of your child. Then pray a prayer over your child. Remind them that this is much like Samuel did for David when he was a boy.

### **Prayer:**

*Each day, ask your children if they have anything they would like to pray for (aka prayer requests). If you have suggestions, place those in your prayer.*

"Dear God, thank you so much for keeping your promises. You kept your promises to Abraham, and to Moses, and to Joshua, and to David, and you still keep your promises to us today. Today, we want to pray for insert prayer requests. God, thank you for loving us. In Jesus' name, amen."

## **Saturday - Day 69**

### **Recap:**

Do you remember what happened in our story yesterday? What happened? What two promises did God make to David? Which one did God do yesterday?

### **Read:**

*Please begin with: After King David died, the people of Israel eventually stopped loving and following God. They did whatever they wanted to do. So God had the people of Israel taken away from Israel to a place called Babylon to help them learn to love God again. Many people, like Daniel, realized how important it was to love and follow God. Then God fulfilled his promise to the people of Israel.*

Deuteronomy 30:1-5, Ezra 4:1-4

### **Question:**

What was God's promise to Israel when they were taken away from their home?

*Please read: The people of Israel returned home. They rebuilt the temple and the walls around the city. Once they were finished last book of the Old Testament was written, and God made his final promise in the Old Testament.*

### **Read:**

Malachi 4:2-6

Do you know who the Sun of Righteousness is who will come and heal the world? What does Malachi say that we will do when Jesus comes (4:2)?

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### **Activity:**

Ask your child what their favorite story from the Old Testament was. If possible, find a way for you and your child to act out that story. Allow your child to live out the characters from the story that they love the best. Maybe even let them do the narration while everyone else acts it out. For more fun record it on video and show it to your friends and family to show what your child has learned and as a fun way to share their love for God.

### **Prayer:**

*Each day, ask your children if they have anything they would like to pray for (aka prayer requests). If you have suggestions, place those in your prayer.*

"Dear God, thank you so much for keeping your promises. You kept your promises to Abraham, and to Moses, and to Joshua, and to David, and you still keep your promises to us today. Today, we want to pray for insert prayer requests. God, thank you for loving us. In Jesus' name, amen."

## **Sunday - Day 70**

### **Church:**

Enjoy a day at church!

### **Questions:**

What did you learn about in church today?

Do you have any questions about today's story?

What was your favorite story from this week?

### **Prayer:**

*Each day, ask your children if they have anything they would like to pray for (aka prayer requests). If you have suggestions, place those in your prayer.*

"Dear God, thank you for this week. Today, we want to pray for insert prayer requests. God, thank you for loving us. In Jesus' name, amen."