

COMMITMENT means making a plan and putting it into practice.



Hey Parents, join your early readers and assist them in reading this week's God Time!

DAY 1

Read 1 Timothy 4:10-11 (Nirv)

What was the last awesome thing that happened to you?

When something awesome happens, we want to talk about it! It's fun to share exciting news with our friends and family. Guess what? We have the greatest, most amazing, most life changing news ever! Jesus came to make a way for us to have a relationship with God, forever! When we put our trust in Him, He promises that relationship starts right now, here on earth. That's literally the best news ever. As our verse reminds us, Jesus is the Savior of all people.

Part of our job as Jesus followers is to share this good news, to talk about Jesus. Now that might seem a little awkward. I mean, it's one thing to tell your friend that there's pizza in the cafeteria. Talking about Jesus feels like a whole other thing.

Did you know that you can ask God to help you? It's true. As you pray today, ask God to help you see opportunities to bring Jesus into the conversation. Ask Him to show you the people He wants you to talk to about Him and the courage to speak up.

DAY 2

Read 1 Timothy 4:13 (Nirv)

All month long, we've been talking about commitment; making a plan and putting it into practice. When it comes to growing our faith, we've looked at some specific practices to help us along the way. This week is all about talking. We can grow in our faith when we talk about God with our friends. One big way this happens is at church within your small group!

When you look up verses, when you play fun games, when you repeat the bottom line, when you work with a friend to put the memory verse words in order, your faith is growing. You're becoming stronger as you learn to follow Jesus. That's why small groups are so important.

Can you name some of the kids in your group at church? Do you know your leader's name? If not, make a plan this week to pay attention. Try to learn one new thing about someone in your group and about your group leader. **Spend some time thanking God for your church and the friends and leaders you see each week!**



DAY 3

Read Matthew 16:15-16 (Nirv)

You'll face lots of big questions as you grow up. Questions like:

- What will I be when I grow up?
- Where will I live?

But the number one most important question is this: Who do you say that Jesus is? Your answer to this question determines everything. Is Jesus just a nice guy who did some nice things and taught some nice lessons thousands of years ago? Or is Jesus who Peter recognized Him to be? Is Jesus the Son of the living God, the one who came to make a way for us to have a relationship with God forever?

One of the best ways you can grow in your faith is by talking about what you believe with others. So this week at church, tell your small group leader about this verse. Ask your leader how he or she would answer it and start a discussion in your small group. Remember, there may be kids in your group who are just beginning to learn about Jesus! This could be an awesome opportunity to share with them what you know.

DAY 4

Read Matthew 28:19-20 (Nirv)

When you're with your friends, what kind of things do you talk about?

- Video games
- School or homework
- Birthdays

We talk about all kinds of things with our friends because the best kind of friends are the ones who we can just be ourselves with!

The kind of friends that will listen when we're frustrated, celebrate when we've done a great job and encourage when we're down. Jesus gave His followers one big important command: to tell others about Him. But that command wasn't just for those Jesus followers we read about in Matthew. We are called today in 2021 to talk to our friends about Him too. Sharing what you believe is one big way to practice your faith. And who knows, you might be the first person to tell someone about Jesus!

Who can you tell? **Ask God to help you have the courage to begin a conversation about faith.** Talk to your parents about inviting that friend to church and then lunch afterwards so you can talk about what you learned.

Practice talking about God.

