

# **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 Ephesians 5:1-2 (NIRV)

Fill in the blanks with your name below. Then read this verse aloud along with the blanks.

" \_\_\_\_\_,

you are a child that God dearly loves.

So follow His example.

Lead a life of love, just as Christ did.

He loved you \_\_\_\_\_.

He gave himself up for you.

He was a sweet-smelling offering and sacrifice to God." Ephesians 5:1

(That last sentence might seem a bit confusing. It's a reminder that Jesus took our place by taking the punishment for the wrong things we do when He died on the cross. **And He rose again so that we could have a relationship with God forever when we put our trust in Him.**)

DAY 2

## Read 1 Timothy 4:12 (NIRV)

Name some things you cannot wait to do when you are older. Say them out loud or write them in the space below.

Maybe you're thinking, man, I cannot wait to drive. I cannot wait to finish school! I cannot wait until I have my own refrigerator that I can fill up with my favorite ice cream that no one else eats except me!

While you might have to wait for the stuff you've listed above, there is one big thing you don't have to wait for. When it comes to following God, you can start right now. You can set an example for others, even as an 8-or 9-year-old. You can choose to do the right thing, even when it's hard. You can tell the truth. You can be kind even when the other person is unkind. You can listen and help. There are so many ways you can practice living for God, right now.

**Ask God to help you today to make choices that honor Him.** Remember that others (even those who are older) are watching your example as you practice living for God!

