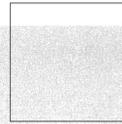
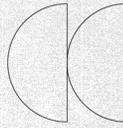




Daily Devotionals



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HABITS / WEEK 5

MIDDLE SCHOOL

Give thanks to Him who alone does mighty miracles. His faithful love endures forever.

PSALM 136:4 NLT

DAY 1

Even though God is at work in our lives each and every day, we can sometimes miss the amazing, miraculous things He's doing. It's easy to lose sight of the things God is doing in our lives when we're focused on other things. So this week, make a habit of shifting your eyes to look for God at work in your life.

Write down a few things you see or experience Him doing throughout your week. Maybe it's the birth of your new baby cousin, your ability to breathe (even while running laps in PE!), or the sun in the sky each day. Look for any and all things He's doing in your life. And as you write them down, thank Him for His faithfulness and for working in your life.

You must love the Lord your God with all your heart, all your soul, all your strength, and all your mind. And, 'Love your neighbor as yourself.'

LUKE 10:27 NLT

DAY 2

What would your life look like if God were at the center of it? If you made Him the focus of your attention, your worship, your day? If you made a habit to look to Him first each and every day? Would you be kinder to your siblings? Worry less? Feel more at peace? Chances are you'd do all that and a little more. When God's at the center of your life, that means He's in every part of your life. He influences your choices, your feelings, your thoughts, and so much more!

Ask God to help you make Him the center of your life today. Then, pay attention to the way your thoughts, choices, and even feelings change when you make the choice to focus on God first.

<p>Everything on earth will worship You; they will sing Your praises, shouting Your name in glorious songs.</p> <p>PSALM 66:4 NLT</p>	<p>DAY 3</p> <p>If you attend church, then you probably know that you can worship God in a group. We do this every week through music and song! But did you know that you can also worship God alone? In the same way that you praise and learn about God at church surrounded by others, you can also praise and learn about Him when you're by yourself.</p> <p>This week, find a space where you can be alone and spend a little time worshipping God. Pray, read your Bible, listen to or sing a worship song at the top of your lungs, or write down a few thoughts in your journal. Let this be the start of making worship a habit in your everyday faith, both with others and on your own.</p>
<p>Sing to the Lord, all the earth; proclaim His salvation day after day.</p> <p>1 CHRONICLES 16:23 NIV</p>	<p>DAY 4</p> <p>All the Earth is asked to sing praises to the Lord. That means that in the same way we sing songs to worship God, the flowers bloom and the sun rises to worship Him, too. When we struggle to see or experience God in our lives, we can simply look at the world around us to see all of creation reminding us of who He is.</p> <p>This week, look for how you see creation worshipping God. Pick your favorite time of day and head out on a walk. As you look at all that is around you, thank God for all He's made. Worship God alongside creation.</p>
<p>Since we are receiving a Kingdom that is unshakeable, let us be thankful and please God by worshipping Him with holy fear and awe.</p> <p>HEBREWS 12:28 NLT</p>	<p>DAY 5</p> <p>Choosing to be grateful isn't always easy. Sometimes it's easier to find things to complain about than it is to find things to be thankful for in life. But when we choose gratitude, we're choosing to worship God for the good things He's done for us. And the more we make that a habit, the easier it will be.</p> <p>So, start today! Make a list of things you're grateful for. Even if you can only come up with one thing, write it down! Then, add to your list each and every day this week. Let it be the start of making a habit out of worshipping God through gratitude.</p>

<p>Then he said to the crowd, “If any of you wants to be my follower, you must give up your own way, take up your cross daily, and follow me.</p> <p>LUKE 9:23 NLT</p>	<p>DAY 6</p> <p><i>Written by Sam, age 14 from Burke, Virginia, USA</i></p> <p>Have you ever felt like you couldn't do something? Like something was too hard? I know everyone has their daily struggles, but when we try to do everything all by ourselves, we end up failing. When we walk with God, we still have our everyday struggles, but we have God to help us get through them. God wants us to live a life with Him. He wants us to follow Him. But first, we have to choose to follow Him! A life following God doesn't mean we won't have bad things happen, but it does mean that God will be with us and help us through every challenge. God does everything on purpose. God created you on purpose and with a purpose.</p> <p>So today, take time to thank God for the good things He is doing in your life on purpose.</p>
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<p><i>Go to the Lord for help; and worship him continually.</i></p> <p>PSALM 105:4 GNT</p>	<p>DAY 7</p> <p>Fun fact: There are so many ways to worship God! From music and singing to journaling and reflecting to even serving or treating others with kindness, these simple, everyday things can be acts of worship to God. One of the coolest ways to worship is to know God's Word. When we memorize and spend time thinking about verses like this one, we're worshiping God! So, do just that this week! Put this verse to music, write it in your journal, listen to it on a walk, or share it with a friend. However you choose to connect with God, bring this verse into your worship this week.</p>
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