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# 01

## 481: God's Unending Love\*

### Story in the Bible with Reference:

*Romans 8:38-39 And I am convinced that nothing can ever separate us from God's love. Neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither our fears for today nor our worries about tomorrow—not even the powers of hell can separate us from God's love. No power in the sky above or in the earth below— indeed, nothing in all creation will ever be able to separate us from the love of God that is revealed in Christ Jesus our Lord.*

### Salvation Connection:

This passage underscores the reliability of God's promise through Jesus Christ—that His love is eternal and unwavering, and through faith in Him, we are forever embraced by this love.

### Discussion Questions:

1. What are some things that make you feel scared or worried?
2. How does it feel to know that nothing can separate you from God's love?
3. How can you share this truth with a friend who might be feeling scared or alone?

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## 482: Children of God\*

### Story in the Bible with Reference:

*John 1:11-12 He came to his own people, and even they rejected him. But to all who believed him and accepted him, he gave the right to become children of God.*

### Salvation Connection:

Accepting Jesus as your Savior not only forgives your sins but also welcomes you into God's family, a relationship that lasts forever.

### Discussion Questions:

1. What does being a child of God mean to you?
2. How can you show others that they too can be part of God's family?
3. What are some benefits of being God's child?

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## 483: Knowing God's Will\*

### Story in the Bible with Reference:

*Proverbs 3:5-6 Trust in the Lord with all your heart; do not depend on your own understanding. Seek his will in all you do, and he will show you which path to take.*

### Salvation Connection:

Trusting Jesus means we believe He knows the best path for us. Following Him leads us to live out God's wonderful plans for our lives.

### Discussion Questions:

1. Why is it sometimes difficult to trust God?
2. What are some ways you can learn to trust God more in your daily life?
3. Who can help you understand and follow God's will?

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## 484: Importance of Fellowship\*

### Story in the Bible with Reference:

*Hebrews 10:25 And let us not neglect our meeting together, as some people do, but encourage one another, especially now that the day of his return is drawing near.*

### Salvation Connection:

Gathering with other believers strengthens our faith and reminds us of the community we have in Jesus, who also gathered with His disciples to teach and encourage them.

### Discussion Questions:

1. Why do you think meeting together with other believers is important?
2. How do you feel when you miss a church service or a gathering?
3. What can you do to encourage a friend to attend church with you?

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## 485: The Inspired Word\*

### Story in the Bible with Reference:

*2 Timothy 3:16 All Scripture is inspired by God and is useful to teach us what is true and to make us realize what is wrong in our lives. It corrects us when we are wrong and teaches us to do what is right.*

### Salvation Connection:

The Bible is not just a book; it's God's Word given to us to know Him better and to live a life pleasing to Him, made possible through Jesus.

### Discussion Questions:

1. What is your favorite Bible story, and why?
2. How has the Bible helped you make a good decision?
3. How can you use the Bible to help a friend who is struggling?

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## 486: The Evidence of Inspiration

### Story in the Bible with Reference:

The Bible's inspiration is supported by many evidences such as archaeology, its unity, endurance, timelessness, and its profound influence on people and nations.

### Salvation Connection:

These evidences reinforce our faith in the Bible as the true Word of God, which tells us about Jesus, His life, His teachings, and the salvation He offers.

### Discussion Questions:

1. Why do you think it's important that the Bible has been proven true in many ways?
2. Which evidence of the Bible's inspiration do you find most compelling?
3. How can you use this knowledge to strengthen your own faith or to share with others?

These devotions are tailored to help 3rd graders connect deeply with biblical teachings, encouraging them to explore and grow in their faith.

## 02

### 487: Value in Studying Bible\*

#### Story in the Bible with Reference:

*2 Timothy 2:15 Work hard so you can present yourself to God and receive his approval. Be a good worker, one who does not need to be ashamed and who correctly explains the word of truth*

#### Salvation Connection:

Studying the Bible helps us know Jesus better and understand how we can follow Him, which is essential for our salvation.

#### Discussion Questions:

1. Why is it important to study the Bible?
2. How can you become a better student of the Bible?
3. What is something new you learned from the Bible recently?

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### 488: Purpose for the Gospel\*

#### Story in the Bible with Reference:

*John 20:31 But these are written so that you may continue to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that by believing in him you will have life by the power of his name.*

#### Salvation Connection:

John's Gospel helps us understand who Jesus is and the life we can have through Him, reinforcing our faith and commitment to follow Him.

#### Discussion Questions:

1. How does knowing Jesus' identity as the Messiah change our lives?
2. What story about Jesus is your favorite and why?
3. How can you share the story of Jesus with someone else?

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### 489: The Power of God's Word\*

#### Story in the Bible with Reference:

*Hebrews 4:12 For the word of God is alive and powerful. It is sharper than the sharpest two-edged sword, cutting between soul and spirit, between joint and marrow. It exposes our innermost thoughts and desires.*

#### Salvation Connection:

The Bible not only guides us but also transforms us, helping us to live in a way that is pleasing to God through the power of Jesus.

#### Discussion Questions:

1. Why do you think the Bible is described as being sharper than a two-edged sword?
2. How has reading the Bible affected your thoughts or actions?
3. What part of the Bible do you find most challenging and why?

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### 490: Books of the Pentateuch

#### Story in the Bible with Reference:

The first five books of the Bible: Genesis, Exodus, Leviticus, Numbers, and Deuteronomy, known as the Pentateuch, tell the story of God's creation, His covenant with Abraham, and the laws He gave to Israel.

#### Salvation Connection:

These books lay the foundation for understanding God's plan for salvation, which is fulfilled in Jesus Christ.

#### Discussion Questions:

1. What is one story from the Pentateuch that you find interesting?
2. How do the laws in these books help us understand right from wrong?
3. How does the story of Moses lead us to the story of Jesus?

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### 491: Old Testament History

#### Story in the Bible with Reference:

The twelve books of Old Testament history include Joshua through Esther, detailing the history of Israel from entering the Promised Land to the return from exile.

#### Salvation Connection:

These historical narratives show God's faithfulness and plan, preparing the way for Jesus, who comes as the ultimate deliverer.

#### Discussion Questions:

1. Which character from these historical books do you admire most and why?
2. How do these stories show God working in history?
3. Can you think of a time when God helped you like He helped the characters in these books?

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### 492: Old Testament Poetry

#### Story in the Bible with Reference:

The five books of Old Testament poetry: Job, Psalms, Proverbs, Ecclesiastes, and Song of Solomon, offer wisdom and reflections on life, emotions, and God's nature.

#### Salvation Connection:

These poetic books provide deep insights into human experiences and God's character, guiding us to live lives that honor God through Jesus.

#### Discussion Questions:

1. What is one lesson you have learned from reading the book of Psalms?
2. How can the wisdom in Proverbs help you make better choices?
3. What does the book of Job teach us about suffering and faith?

These devotions are crafted to help 3rd graders connect biblical stories and teachings with their everyday lives and spiritual growth.

## 03

### 493: Major Prophets Speak

#### Story in the Bible with Reference:

The books written by the major prophets—Isaiah, Jeremiah, Lamentations, Ezekiel, and Daniel—contain powerful messages and visions from God.

#### Salvation Connection:

These prophets pointed forward to the coming of Jesus, who fulfills God's promises of salvation and a restored relationship with His people.

#### Discussion Questions:

1. What do you think a prophet's job was like?
2. Why is it important that these prophets talked about Jesus long before He was born?
3. How can their messages help us trust in God's plans?

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### 494: Minor Prophets Voices

#### Story in the Bible with Reference:

The twelve books of the minor prophets range from Hosea to Malachi, each delivering unique messages from God to His people.

#### Salvation Connection:

These prophets, though called "minor," share major truths about God's justice, mercy, and love—themes fulfilled in Jesus Christ.

#### Discussion Questions:

1. Which minor prophet's story would you like to learn more about and why?
2. What lesson can we learn from these prophets about following God?
3. How do these books show that every message from God is important?

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### 495: New Testament History

#### Story in the Bible with Reference:

Matthew, Mark, Luke, John, and Acts are the five books of New Testament history that tell the story of Jesus' life and the early church.

#### Salvation Connection:

These books detail Jesus' birth, life, death, and resurrection, providing the foundation of our Christian faith and the essence of our salvation.

#### Discussion Questions:

1. What is your favorite miracle that Jesus performed?
2. Why is it important to know about the early church in Acts?
3. How does knowing about Jesus' life help you live as a better Christian?

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### 496: Letters from Paul

#### Story in the Bible with Reference:

Paul wrote thirteen epistles, including Romans, Corinthians, and Galatians, which instruct and encourage the early Christian communities.

#### Salvation Connection:

Paul's letters help us understand the depth of Christ's teachings and the importance of living a life that honors God, reflecting our salvation through faith.

#### Discussion Questions:

1. Why do you think Paul wrote so many letters to churches?
2. What is one lesson from Paul's letters that you think is important?
3. How can Paul's advice help us at school or at home?

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### 497: General Epistles Speak

#### Story in the Bible with Reference:

The eight General Epistles, including Hebrews, James, and Peter, offer practical guidance for living out our faith.

#### Salvation Connection:

These letters focus on enduring faith, practical Christian living, and the hope we have in Jesus, reinforcing our journey towards salvation.

#### Discussion Questions:

1. What is one way you can show your faith to others?
2. Why do you think these letters emphasize staying strong in faith?
3. Which of these epistles would you like to explore more and why?

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### 498: John's Writings

#### Story in the Bible with Reference:

John wrote five New Testament books: the Gospel of John, three epistles (1, 2, and 3 John), and Revelation.

#### Salvation Connection:

John's writings deepen our understanding of Jesus' identity as the Son of God and encourage us to remain faithful until His return.

#### Discussion Questions:

1. What are some things that John says about Jesus that help us know Him better?
2. How can the promises in Revelation give us hope?
3. What does loving each other look like according to the letters of John?

These devotions aim to help third graders grasp the richness of biblical teachings and see their daily relevance, encouraging growth in faith and understanding.

## 04

### 499: Salvation Jesus Alone\*

#### Story in the Bible with Reference:

*Acts 4:12 "There is salvation in no one else! God has given no other name under heaven by which we must be saved."*

#### Salvation Connection:

This passage highlights the unique role of Jesus as our Savior, emphasizing that believing in Him is the only way to eternal life.

#### Discussion Questions:

1. Why do you think it's important that salvation comes only through Jesus?
2. How can we explain to friends that Jesus is the only way to be saved?
3. What are some ways we can show we are grateful for Jesus' sacrifice?

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### 500: Jesus' "I Am" Declarations

#### Story in the Bible with Reference:

In the Gospel of John, Jesus makes several "I am" statements, like "I am the bread of life" (John 6:35) and "I am the light of the world" (John 9:5).

#### Salvation Connection:

Each declaration of Jesus helps us understand His divine nature and mission, pointing us to rely on Him for spiritual nourishment, guidance, and eternal life.

#### Discussion Questions:

1. What do you think Jesus means when He says He is the "bread of life"?
2. How can Jesus being the "light of the world" change how we live?
3. Choose one "I am" statement and discuss how it helps you understand Jesus better.

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### 501: The Promise of a Savior\*

#### Story in the Bible with Reference:

*Isaiah 9:6 For a child is born to us, a son is given to us. The government will rest on his shoulders. And he will be called: Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.*

#### Salvation Connection:

This prophecy about Jesus assures us that He comes as God's promise fulfilled, bringing peace and divine guidance to all who follow Him.

#### Discussion Questions:

1. Which title of Jesus from Isaiah 9:6 do you like the most and why?
2. How does knowing Jesus is called "Mighty God" make you feel?
3. What does "Prince of Peace" mean in your daily life?

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### 502: The Prophecy of the Cross\*

#### Story in the Bible with Reference:

*John 3:14-15 "And as Moses lifted up the bronze snake on a pole in the wilderness, so the Son of Man must be lifted up, so that everyone who believes in him will have eternal life."*

#### Salvation Connection:

Jesus' death on the cross is central to our faith, as it offers us a way to be healed from sin and receive eternal life.

#### Discussion Questions:

1. Why is the story of Moses and the bronze snake important for understanding what Jesus did for us?
2. What does it mean to believe in Jesus?
3. How can we show our thankfulness for Jesus' sacrifice?

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### 503: Christ's Atonement

#### Story in the Bible with Reference:

The New Testament teaches that Jesus' death provides complete forgiveness and freedom from the penalty of sin (e.g., Romans 8:32).

#### Salvation Connection:

Christ's atonement means that we are not only forgiven but also freed from sin's power, offering us a new life in Him.

#### Discussion Questions:

1. What does it mean to be forgiven and free from sin?
2. How can understanding Jesus' sacrifice help you when you make mistakes?
3. What are some ways you can live differently knowing you are forgiven?

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### 504: Trinity in Fellowship\*

#### Story in the Bible with Reference:

*2 Corinthians 13:14 May the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.*

#### Salvation Connection:

This blessing emphasizes the relationship we have with each member of the Trinity, which is foundational to our faith and salvation.

#### Discussion Questions:

1. What does it mean to have fellowship with the Holy Spirit?
2. How do the different members of the Trinity help us in our daily lives?
3. Why is it important to know each member of the Trinity?

These devotions are designed to engage young minds with foundational Christian beliefs and encourage a deep, personal connection to the teachings of the Bible.

## 05

### 505: Jesus' Supernatural Birth\*

#### Story in the Bible with Reference:

*Matthew 1:23 "Look! The virgin will conceive a child! She will give birth to a son, and they will call him Immanuel, which means 'God is with us.'"*

#### Salvation Connection:

Jesus' birth in this miraculous way shows God's direct involvement in our world, bringing salvation through His Son, who is truly God with us.

#### Discussion Questions:

1. What does the name "Immanuel" mean to you?
2. Why is Jesus' birth important for us today?
3. How can we share the story of Jesus' birth with friends?

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### 506: Jesus, the Only Way\*

#### Story in the Bible with Reference:

*John 14:6 "I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one can come to the Father except through me."*

#### Salvation Connection:

This statement highlights the exclusive path to salvation offered through Jesus, urging us to trust and follow Him alone.

#### Discussion Questions:

1. What does it mean to follow Jesus as "the way"?
2. How does Jesus being "the truth" help us understand our world?
3. What are some ways we can show we are living "the life" Jesus gives?

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### 507: Jesus Conquers Death\*

#### Story in the Bible with Reference:

*John 11:25 "I am the resurrection and the life. Anyone who believes in me will live, even after dying."*

#### Salvation Connection:

Jesus' declaration and His actions in raising Lazarus from the dead assure us of His power to give us eternal life if we believe in Him.

#### Discussion Questions:

1. How does Jesus having power over death change how we view our lives?
2. What does it mean to have eternal life?
3. How can we help others who are sad or scared about death?

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### 508: Jesus' Hidden Years

#### Story in the Bible with Reference:

Luke 2:40, 51-52 tells us about Jesus' life from age twelve to thirty, emphasizing His growth in wisdom and favor with God and people.

#### Salvation Connection:

Even in His youth, Jesus exemplified obedience and growth in character, setting an example for how we should live and grow.

#### Discussion Questions:

1. What can we learn from Jesus' obedience to His parents?
2. Why is it important to grow in wisdom and in favor with others?
3. How can you follow Jesus' example in your own life?

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### 509: Jesus Fulfills the Law\*

#### Story in the Bible with Reference:

*Matthew 5:17 "Don't misunderstand why I have come. I did not come to abolish the law of Moses or the writings of the prophets. No, I came to accomplish their purpose."*

#### Salvation Connection:

Jesus' life and teachings complete and clarify the purpose of God's laws, showing us how to live in right relationship with God and others.

#### Discussion Questions:

1. What does it mean that Jesus came to fulfill the Law?
2. How does Jesus' fulfillment of the Law affect how we live today?
3. Can you think of a law that Jesus explained or fulfilled in a new way?

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### 510: Jesus Raises the Dead

#### Story in the Bible with Reference:

Jesus miraculously raised three persons from the dead: Jairus's daughter, a widow's son, and Lazarus (Mark 5:35-43; Luke 7:12-15; John 11:43-44).

#### Salvation Connection:

These miracles demonstrate Jesus' divine power and His authority over life and death, affirming His ability to offer us eternal life.

#### Discussion Questions:

1. Why do you think Jesus chose to perform these miracles?
2. How do these miracles show us who Jesus is?
3. What does Jesus' power over death mean for your own life?

These devotions are designed to engage young minds with the profound truths of the Bible, connecting these stories directly to Jesus' role as our Savior.

## 06

### 511: Prophecies of Betrayal

#### Story in the Bible with Reference:

Zechariah 11:12-13 foretold specific details about Jesus' betrayal, including the thirty pieces of silver and its aftermath, which were exactly fulfilled in the New Testament.

#### Salvation Connection:

These prophecies highlight how Jesus' life and even His betrayal were part of God's planned redemption for humanity, culminating in the cross where Jesus paid for our sins.

#### Discussion Questions:

1. How do you think Zechariah felt making these prophecies?
2. Why is it important that these prophecies were fulfilled exactly as told?
3. How can knowing about these prophecies strengthen your faith?

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### 512: God's Love for the World\*

#### Story in the Bible with Reference:

*John 3:16-17 "For this is how God loved the world: He gave his one and only Son, so that everyone who believes in him will not perish but have eternal life. God sent his Son into the world not to judge the world, but to save the world through him."*

#### Salvation Connection:

Through Jesus, we have the opportunity to receive eternal life, showing the enormity of God's love and His desire for us to be with Him forever.

#### Discussion Questions:

1. What does it mean to you that God sent His Son to save, not to judge?
2. How can we show this kind of love to others?
3. What are some ways you can share this good news with your friends?

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### 513: Receiving Salvation

#### Story in the Bible with Reference:

Scriptures like Romans 10:13 and Acts 2:21 outline what we must do to receive salvation: ask God, believe in Jesus, confess and repent of our sins, and declare Jesus as Lord.

#### Salvation Connection:

These steps show how we can respond to God's offer of salvation through Jesus, emphasizing our active role in accepting God's gift.

#### Discussion Questions:

1. Why do you think each step is important in receiving salvation?
2. How can you or your friends take these steps?
3. What does it mean to declare Jesus as your Savior and Lord?

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### 514: Parables of the Lost

#### Story in the Bible with Reference:

Luke chapter fifteen contains parables of lost things: a sheep, a coin, and a son, each illustrating God's joy in recovering what is lost.

#### Salvation Connection:

These parables mirror the heart of God who seeks and saves the lost, reflecting Jesus' mission to bring us back to God.

#### Discussion Questions:

1. Which of these three parables do you relate to the most and why?
2. What do these stories teach us about God's character?
3. How can we participate in God's work of finding and helping the lost?

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### 515: The Prodigal Son's Return

#### Story in the Bible with Reference:

In Luke 15:22-24, the father celebrates his lost son's return with exceptional generosity, symbolizing God's grace.

#### Salvation Connection:

This story highlights the lavish love and forgiveness God extends to us through Jesus, regardless of our past.

#### Discussion Questions:

1. What was significant about the father's gifts to the prodigal son?
2. How does this story make you feel about God's forgiveness?
3. How can we extend forgiveness to others like the father did?

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### 516: The Parable of the Sower

#### Story in the Bible with Reference:

The Parable of the Sower, as told in Matthew 13, Mark 4, and Luke 8, describes different responses to God's Word, represented by various types of soil.

#### Salvation Connection:

This parable teaches us about the challenges and successes of living a life faithful to the gospel, and the joy of bearing fruit through a deep, enduring faith in Jesus.

#### Discussion Questions:

1. Which type of soil do you think represents your heart currently?
2. What can change a "thorny" or "rocky" heart into good soil?
3. How can you help others to be good soil and receive the gospel?

These devotions are designed to engage third graders with fundamental Christian concepts, helping them understand and apply these truths in their daily lives.



## 07

### 517: Jesus' Invitation\*

#### Story in the Bible with Reference:

*Revelation 3:20 "Look! I stand at the door and knock. If you hear my voice and open the door, I will come in, and we will share a meal together as friends."*

#### Salvation Connection:

This passage symbolizes the personal relationship Jesus offers us. When we respond to His call, He enters our lives and shares with us a deep, lasting bond.

#### Discussion Questions:

1. What does it mean to open the door to Jesus in your life?
2. How can you show that you've invited Jesus into your heart?
3. What might change in your daily life if Jesus is with you as a friend?

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### 518: How to Be Saved\*

#### Story in the Bible with Reference:

*Romans 10:9 If you openly declare that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved.*

#### Salvation Connection:

This straightforward message underlines the core of the Christian faith: confessing our faith openly and believing in Jesus' power over death ensures our salvation.

#### Discussion Questions:

1. Why is it important to both declare and believe in Jesus?
2. How does believing in Jesus' resurrection help us understand His power?
3. Can you think of ways to share your belief in Jesus with others?

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### 519: True Christianity

#### Story in the Bible with Reference:

Scriptures like 1 John 3:14 and Galatians 5:22-23 outline signs of a true Christian: love for others, affirmation by the Spirit, and bearing spiritual fruit.

#### Salvation Connection:

These evidences reflect a life transformed by Jesus, demonstrating how our faith is lived out daily.

#### Discussion Questions:

1. What kind of spiritual fruits have you seen in your life or others?
2. How can we show love to other Christians?
3. What does it feel like to be affirmed by the Holy Spirit?

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### 520: Continuing in Faith

#### Story in the Bible with Reference:

Passages like Colossians 1:23 remind us that maintaining our faith is essential to remain in God's grace.

#### Salvation Connection:

Being a Christian requires continual faith and devotion, which Jesus sustains through His ongoing presence and guidance.

#### Discussion Questions:

1. Why do you think it's important to continue in faith?
2. How can you stay strong in your faith during tough times?
3. What are some daily practices that can help you keep your faith?

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### 521: The Definition of Faith\*

#### Story in the Bible with Reference:

*Hebrews 11:1 Faith shows the reality of what we hope for; it is the evidence of things we cannot see.*

#### Salvation Connection:

This definition underscores that faith is both a trust in God's promises and an assurance even without physical proof, aligning us with Jesus' teachings.

#### Discussion Questions:

1. What are some things you hope for that require faith?
2. How can faith be like "seeing" things you can't actually see?
3. What story from the Bible best shows someone having faith?

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### 522: Assurance in God's Work\*

#### Story in the Bible with Reference:

*Philippians 1:6 And I am certain that God, who began the good work within you, will continue his work until it is finally finished on the day when Christ Jesus returns.*

#### Salvation Connection:

This promise gives us confidence in our spiritual journey, knowing that God is actively working in us and through us, guiding us towards eternal life with Him.

#### Discussion Questions:

1. How does it make you feel to know God is continually working in you?
2. What are some ways you've noticed God working in your life?
3. How can we help each other remember that God will complete His work in us?

These devotions are crafted to deepen third graders' understanding of key Christian doctrines, encouraging them to live out their faith actively and confidently.

## 08

### 523: Representing Jesus\*

#### Story in the Bible with Reference:

*Colossians 3:17 And whatever you do or say, do it as a representative of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks through him to God the Father.*

#### Salvation Connection:

This guidance helps us reflect Jesus in our daily lives, showing others the change He brings about in us and pointing them towards salvation through Him.

#### Discussion Questions:

1. What are some ways you can represent Jesus at school or at home?
2. How does giving thanks to God help us in our daily tasks?
3. Why is it important that others see Jesus in us?

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### 524: Loving Our Enemies\*

#### Story in the Bible with Reference:

*Matthew 5:44 "Love your enemies! Pray for those who persecute you!"*

#### Salvation Connection:

Jesus demonstrated this love by dying for us while we were still sinners. Loving our enemies reflects Jesus' love and can lead others to seek Him.

#### Discussion Questions:

1. Why is it hard to love people who are mean to us?
2. How can praying for someone change the way you feel about them?
3. What is one way you can show love to someone who doesn't treat you well?

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### 525: Kindness & Forgiveness\*

#### Story in the Bible with Reference:

*Ephesians 4:32 Be kind to each other, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, just as God through Christ has forgiven you.*

#### Salvation Connection:

Emulating God's forgiveness towards us, we can show others the heart of the gospel, which is reconciliation and grace.

#### Discussion Questions:

1. What does being tenderhearted mean to you?
2. How does forgiving someone show that you are following Jesus?
3. Can you share a time when you forgave someone and felt better afterwards?

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### 526: Being More Like Jesus

#### Story in the Bible with Reference:

To be more like Jesus, we should engage with the Word, pray daily, attend church, and follow the Holy Spirit's guidance.

#### Salvation Connection:

These practices deepen our relationship with Jesus and strengthen our ability to live out His teachings, showing the world His transformative power in our lives.

#### Discussion Questions:

1. Which of these activities do you do already, and which ones could you do more?
2. How does each activity help you become more like Jesus?
3. Why is attending church important for a Christian?

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### 527: Paul's Advice on Anger

#### Story in the Bible with Reference:

*Ephesians 4:26-27* teaches us not to sin when angry, hold grudges, or let the devil influence our actions.

#### Salvation Connection:

Handling anger righteously can prevent us from straying from God's path and helps maintain peace with others, reflecting Christ's peace within us.

#### Discussion Questions:

1. What should you do when you feel angry?
2. How can not holding grudges help us live happier lives?
3. Why is it important not to let the devil influence our reactions?

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### 528: Qualities of Christian Love

#### Story in the Bible with Reference:

*1 Corinthians 13:4-8* describes the attributes of true Christian love, including patience, kindness, and enduring hope.

#### Salvation Connection:

These qualities are essential in demonstrating the nature of Christ's love for us, which is unconditional and everlasting, drawing us closer to Him.

#### Discussion Questions:

1. Which characteristic of love do you find most challenging and why?
2. How can showing this kind of love change our relationships?
3. Can you think of a way to practice one of these love traits this week?

These devotions are crafted to engage third graders with practical applications of biblical teachings, fostering spiritual growth and a deeper understanding of how to live like Jesus.

## 09

### 529: Purpose in Everything\*

#### Story in the Bible with Reference:

*Romans 8:28 And we know that God causes everything to work together for the good of those who love God and are called according to his purpose for them.*

#### Salvation Connection:

This verse teaches us that in all things, including challenges and joys, God is working to bring about good, guiding us closer to His divine plan and salvation.

#### Discussion Questions:

1. Can you think of a time when something bad turned out to have a good outcome?
2. How does this promise help you trust God more?
3. What are some ways we can show that we love God?

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### 530: Seek the Kingdom First\*

#### Story in the Bible with Reference:

*Matthew 6:33 "Seek the Kingdom of God above all else, and live righteously, and he will give you everything you need."*

#### Salvation Connection:

By focusing on God's Kingdom, we align our lives with His will and purpose, ensuring that we are living in a way that leads to eternal life.

#### Discussion Questions:

1. What does it mean to seek God's Kingdom first?
2. How can you put God first in your daily activities?
3. What are some things God has provided for you when you put Him first?

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### 531: Standing Firm

#### Story in the Bible with Reference:

The Bible teaches us to not follow others in doing wrong and to obey God rather than human authority (Exodus 23:2; Acts 5:29).

#### Salvation Connection:

Obedying God's commands, even when others are not, demonstrates our commitment to Him and our trust in His guidance.

#### Discussion Questions:

1. What should you do if a friend wants you to do something wrong?
2. Why is it important to obey God instead of just following others?
3. Can you think of a Bible story where someone chose to obey God despite pressure?

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### 532: The Lord's Prayer\*

#### Story in the Bible with Reference:

*Matthew 6:9-13 "Our Father in heaven, may your name be kept holy. May your Kingdom come soon. May your will be done on earth, as it is in heaven. Give us today the food we need, and forgive us our sins, as we have forgiven those who sin against us. And don't let us yield to temptation, but rescue us from the evil one."*

#### Salvation Connection:

This prayer includes everything important: praising God, asking for our needs, seeking forgiveness, and requesting guidance and protection.

#### Discussion Questions:

1. Why do we call God our "Father"?
2. What part of the Lord's Prayer is most meaningful to you?
3. How can this prayer help you when you're scared or unsure?

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### 533: The Blessed Person\*

#### Story in the Bible with Reference:

*Psalms 1:1 Oh, the joys of those who do not follow the advice of the wicked, or stand around with sinners, or join in with mockers.*

#### Salvation Connection:

Living a life that avoids negative influences and focuses on God's ways leads to blessings and ultimately to living in His presence forever.

#### Discussion Questions:

1. What are some ways to avoid following bad advice?
2. How can you find good friends who help you follow God?
3. What does being blessed by God mean to you?

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### 534: No Fear with God\*

#### Story in the Bible with Reference:

*Psalms 23:4 Even when I walk through the darkest valley, I will not be afraid, for you are close beside me. Your rod and your staff protect and comfort me.*

#### Salvation Connection:

God's constant presence provides security and assurance of His protection, reminding us that we are never alone in our journey through life and toward eternal life.

#### Discussion Questions:

1. What are some of your fears?
2. How does knowing God is with you help you face those fears?
3. What does God's protection look like in your life?

These devotions are designed to help third graders understand and apply key biblical concepts to their lives, encouraging them to live faithfully and confidently as young followers of Christ.

## 10

### 535: The Deceptive Path\*

#### Story in the Bible with Reference:

*Proverbs 14:12 There is a path before each person that seems right, but it ends in death.*

#### Salvation Connection:

This proverb teaches us to seek God's guidance rather than relying on our own understanding, as God's ways lead to life through Jesus Christ.

#### Discussion Questions:

1. Why might something that seems right end up being wrong?
2. How can we find out the right way to live?
3. Who can you ask for help when you're unsure about a decision?

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### 536: Shine Your Light\*

#### Story in the Bible with Reference:

*Matthew 5:16 "Let your good deeds shine out for all to see, so that everyone will praise your heavenly Father."*

#### Salvation Connection:

Our actions can lead others to recognize God's goodness and potentially guide them toward salvation through Jesus.

#### Discussion Questions:

1. What are some good deeds you can do at school or at home?
2. How do good deeds help others see God?
3. Think of someone who has shown God's love to you through their actions.

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### 537: Treasures in Heaven\*

#### Story in the Bible with Reference:

*Matthew 6:20-21 "Store your treasures in heaven, where moths and rust cannot destroy, and thieves do not break in and steal. Wherever your treasure is, there the desires of your heart will also be."*

#### Salvation Connection:

This teaching helps us focus on eternal values rather than earthly possessions, aligning our hearts with God's kingdom and His salvation plan.

#### Discussion Questions:

1. What does it mean to store treasures in heaven?
2. How can you invest in heavenly treasures?
3. Why is it important where your treasure is?

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### 538: Living Sacrifices\*

#### Story in the Bible with Reference:

*Romans 12:1 And so, dear brothers and sisters, I plead with you to give your bodies to God because of all he has done for you. Let them be a living and holy sacrifice—the kind he will find acceptable. This is truly the way to worship him.*

#### Salvation Connection:

Offering ourselves to God reflects our gratitude for His salvation and our commitment to live according to His will, as Jesus did.

#### Discussion Questions:

1. What are some ways you can be a living sacrifice?
2. How does giving yourself to God show that you worship Him?
3. What might be challenging about living this way?

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### 539: Pray Instead of Worry\*

#### Story in the Bible with Reference:

*Philippians 4:6 Don't worry about anything; instead, pray about everything. Tell God what you need, and thank him for all he has done.*

#### Salvation Connection:

Turning our worries into prayers helps us rely on God's strength and peace, which He provides through our relationship with Jesus.

#### Discussion Questions:

1. What do you usually worry about?
2. How can praying help you deal with your worries?
3. What can you thank God for today?

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### 540: Focus on the Good\*

#### Story in the Bible with Reference:

*Philippians 4:8 And now, dear brothers and sisters, one final thing. Fix your thoughts on what is true, and honorable, and right, and pure, and lovely, and admirable. Think about things that are excellent and worthy of praise.*

#### Salvation Connection:

By focusing our minds on these positive things, we reflect the character of Jesus and grow in our spiritual lives, drawing closer to God.

#### Discussion Questions:

1. Why is it important to think about good things?
2. Can you name something true, honorable, or lovely that you thought about recently?
3. How can thinking about good things change how you feel or act?

These devotions are crafted to help third graders navigate their spiritual journey with practical biblical insights, fostering a deeper understanding and application of their faith.

# 11

## 541: Why Avoid Alcohol?

### Story in the Bible with Reference:

Proverbs 20:1 and 23:29-33 warn about the dangers of alcohol, noting that it leads to mockery and brawls, and impairs wisdom.

### Salvation Connection:

Avoiding substances that impair our judgment helps us live in a way that honors God and reflects the life-transforming power of Jesus.

### Discussion Questions:

1. Why is it important to make wise choices about what we consume?
2. How can making good choices help us avoid trouble?
3. What are some ways you can practice saying "no" to things that are harmful?

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## 542: Prayer for Our Words\*

### Story in the Bible with Reference:

*Psalm 19:14 May the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be pleasing to you, O Lord, my rock and my redeemer.*

### Salvation Connection:

Our speech can reflect our heart's condition, and by aiming to please God with our words, we live out the transformation Jesus brings into our lives.

### Discussion Questions:

1. How can your words show that you love Jesus?
2. Why is it important for your thoughts to be pleasing to God?
3. Think of a time when someone's kind words made you feel good.

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## 543: Victory Over Sin

### Story in the Bible with Reference:

Romans chapters 6 and 8 discuss how Christians can overcome sin by relying on God, identifying with Christ's death and resurrection, and following the Holy Spirit.

### Salvation Connection:

Christ's victory over sin and death is our source of strength, and by uniting with Him, we too can live victorious lives.

### Discussion Questions:

1. What does it mean to yield to God?
2. How does Jesus' death and resurrection help us fight sin?
3. What are some ways the Holy Spirit guides us?

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## 544: Resisting Temptation\*

### Story in the Bible with Reference:

*1 Corinthians 10:13 The temptations in your life are no different from what others experience. And God is faithful. He will not allow the temptation to be more than you can stand. When you are tempted, he will show you a way out so that you can endure.*

### Salvation Connection:

This promise shows God's active role in our lives, helping us navigate challenges and grow stronger in our faith in Jesus.

### Discussion Questions:

1. What kind of temptations do kids face?
2. How has God helped you when you were tempted?
3. What "way out" can you look for next time you face a tough choice?

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## 545: Danger of Hiding Sins\*

### Story in the Bible with Reference:

*Proverbs 28:13 People who conceal their sins will not prosper, but if they confess and turn from them, they will receive mercy.*

### Salvation Connection:

Confession is a key part of our relationship with God through Jesus, opening the way for forgiveness and cleansing from our wrongs.

### Discussion Questions:

1. Why might someone want to hide their mistakes?
2. How does it feel when you admit you've done something wrong?
3. What are the benefits of confessing our sins?

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## 546: Confessing Our Sins\*

### Story in the Bible with Reference:

*1 John 1:9 But if we confess our sins to him, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all wickedness.*

### Salvation Connection:

Confession restores our relationship with God, demonstrating the ongoing work of Jesus in our lives to purify us from sin.

### Discussion Questions:

1. What does it mean to confess your sins to God?
2. How do you feel knowing God is ready to forgive you?
3. How can you encourage others to seek God's forgiveness when they make mistakes?

These devotions aim to help third graders understand biblical principles related to wise living, forgiveness, and the spiritual support system available through faith in Jesus.

## 12

### 547: Choosing What We See\*

#### Story in the Bible with Reference:

*Psalm 101:3 I will refuse to look at anything vile and vulgar. I hate all who deal crookedly; I will have nothing to do with them.*

#### Salvation Connection:

Choosing to fill our minds with positive and wholesome content reflects our desire to live in a way that honors Jesus, who purifies and guides us.

#### Discussion Questions:

1. Why is it important to be careful about what we watch or play?
2. How can watching good things instead of bad things help us be better friends?
3. What are some of your favorite shows or games that are also good for you?

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### 548: The Day of Pentecost

#### Story in the Bible with Reference:

Acts 2:2-4 describes the supernatural events of Pentecost: a mighty wind, tongues of fire, and speaking in unlearned languages.

#### Salvation Connection:

Pentecost marks the fulfillment of God's promise to send the Holy Spirit, empowering believers to spread the gospel, just as Jesus has saved and empowered us.

#### Discussion Questions:

1. How do you think the disciples felt when they experienced these events?
2. Why was it important for the Holy Spirit to come?
3. What are some ways the Holy Spirit helps us today?

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### 549: Jesus' Final Command

#### Story in the Bible with Reference:

Before ascending to heaven, Jesus instructed His apostles to wait in Jerusalem for the Holy Spirit (Acts 1:4).

#### Salvation Connection:

Jesus' command emphasizes the importance of the Holy Spirit in empowering believers to live and witness for Him, a gift of strength and guidance in our lives.

#### Discussion Questions:

1. Why do you think Jesus told His followers to wait for the Holy Spirit?
2. How can we be patient when waiting for something important?
3. What can you do while waiting for God to answer a prayer or fulfill a promise?

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### 550: Holy Spirit Promise\*

#### Story in the Bible with Reference:

*Acts 2:39 "This promise is to you, to your children, and to those far away—all who have been called by the Lord our God."*

#### Salvation Connection:

This promise assures us that the Holy Spirit is a gift to everyone who follows Jesus, equipping us with power from on high.

#### Discussion Questions:

1. What does it mean to be baptized in the Holy Spirit?
2. Who can receive the Holy Spirit?
3. How might knowing everyone can receive the Holy Spirit change how we share about Jesus?

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### 551: Holy Spirit's Purpose\*

#### Story in the Bible with Reference:

*Acts 1:8 "But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you. And you will be my witnesses, telling people about me everywhere—in Jerusalem, throughout Judea, in Samaria, and to the ends of the earth."*

#### Salvation Connection:

With the Holy Spirit's power, we can courageously share Jesus' love and salvation, showing others the way to eternal life.

#### Discussion Questions:

1. What does being a witness for Jesus involve?
2. Where are some places you can tell others about Jesus?
3. What are some ways the Holy Spirit has helped you?

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### 552: Fruit of the Spirit\*

#### Story in the Bible with Reference:

*Galatians 5:22-23 But the Holy Spirit produces this kind of fruit in our lives: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and selfcontrol. There is no law against these things!*

#### Salvation Connection:

The Holy Spirit works in our lives to produce characteristics like love, joy, and peace, which reflect our new life in Christ.

#### Discussion Questions:

1. Which fruit of the Spirit do you see in your own life?
2. Why is it important to have these qualities?
3. How can we help each other grow in these areas?

These devotions help third graders understand how biblical teachings about the Holy Spirit and our behavior can directly impact their daily lives, encouraging them to live out their faith actively.

# 13

## 553: Spirit Gifts Romans

### Story in the Bible with Reference:

Romans 12:6-8 describes seven gifts of the Spirit: prophesying, serving, teaching, encouraging, giving, leadership, and showing kindness.

### Salvation Connection:

These gifts are given by the Holy Spirit to help us serve God and others effectively, reflecting the love and power of Jesus in our lives.

### Discussion Questions:

1. Which of these gifts do you think you might have?
2. How can you use these gifts to help others?
3. Why is it important for different people to have different gifts?

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## 554: Spirit Gifts Corinthians

### Story in the Bible with Reference:

First Corinthians 12 lists nine gifts of the Spirit, including wisdom, knowledge, faith, healing, miracles, prophecy, discerning spirits, speaking in tongues, and interpretation of tongues.

### Salvation Connection:

These gifts empower the Church to fulfill its mission and demonstrate the reality of God's kingdom, much like Jesus empowered His disciples.

### Discussion Questions:

1. Why do you think God gives such varied gifts to people?
2. How do these gifts help a church community?
3. Can you think of a way that someone in your life has used a spiritual gift to help others?

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## 555: Who Joins a Church?

### Story in the Bible with Reference:

Believers who accept Christ, are baptized, agree with church teachings, support the church, and abide by its discipline should become members.

### Salvation Connection:

Church membership reflects a commitment to live out our faith in Jesus alongside others who believe, supporting one another in our spiritual journeys.

### Discussion Questions:

1. What does being part of a church mean to you?
2. How can you participate in your church even as a kid?
3. What are some ways you can help your church?

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## 556: The Church as a Body\*

### Story in the Bible with Reference:

*Romans 12:4-5 Just as our bodies have many parts and each part has a special function, so it is with Christ's body. We are many parts of one body, and we all belong to each other.*

### Salvation Connection:

This analogy helps us understand how each of us, as part of Christ's body, has a role to play in serving God and sharing His love, just as Jesus serves and loves us.

### Discussion Questions:

1. What part do you think you might be in the body of Christ?
2. Why is every role important in the church?
3. How does knowing you belong to the body of Christ make you feel?

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## 557: Steadfast in the Faith

### Story in the Bible with Reference:

After Pentecost, believers were steadfast in apostles' teaching, fellowship, sharing meals, and prayer, as recorded in Acts 2:42.

### Salvation Connection:

These practices were key in building the early Church and are essential for us to grow in faith and community, just as Jesus intended.

### Discussion Questions:

1. Why is it important to learn and pray together?
2. What does fellowship mean to you?
3. How can sharing meals bring us closer to others?

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## 558: Growing Healthy Church

### Story in the Bible with Reference:

Ephesians 4:16 explains that a church grows healthy and strong when each member uses their gifts in love.

### Salvation Connection:

Just as each disciple contributed to spreading Jesus' teachings, our contributions help our church community thrive and spread His love.

### Discussion Questions:

1. What gifts do you think you could contribute to your church?
2. How does helping each other help the whole church grow?
3. What does a healthy church look like to you?

These devotions are designed to engage third graders in understanding how they fit into the larger community of faith and how they can actively participate in growing in their spiritual life alongside others.

# 14

## 559: Being a Good Steward

### Story in the Bible with Reference:

1 Corinthians 4:2 teaches that being a good steward means recognizing everything we have is from God and should be used wisely for His purposes.

### Salvation Connection:

Good stewardship reflects our gratitude for what God has given us through Jesus and our desire to use these gifts to spread His love and message.

### Discussion Questions:

1. What are some things you have that you can use to help others?
2. How can you be a good steward at home or school?
3. Why is it important to remember that everything we have is from God?

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## 560: The Great Commission\*

### Story in the Bible with Reference:

*Matthew 28:19 "Therefore, go and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit."*

### Salvation Connection:

This mission, given by Jesus, is central to our faith, emphasizing our role in spreading the good news of salvation to everyone.

### Discussion Questions:

1. What does it mean to make disciples?
2. How can you tell others about Jesus in your own way?
3. Why do you think Jesus wants us to share His teachings?

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## 561: Ephesians Ministry Gifts

### Story in the Bible with Reference:

Ephesians 4:11 lists five ministry gifts: apostles, prophets, evangelists, pastors, and teachers.

### Salvation Connection:

These gifts are given by God to equip His church to grow in faith and serve effectively, similar to how Jesus equipped His disciples.

### Discussion Questions:

1. Which of these roles do you see in your church?
2. How do each of these gifts help a church?
3. Can you think of ways you can help your church or school even now?

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## 562: Rules for Worship

### Story in the Bible with Reference:

1 Corinthians 14:26,40 states that everything in church should be done to strengthen the congregation and in an orderly manner.

### Salvation Connection:

Worship that is orderly and edifying reflects God's nature of peace and order, inviting the presence of God as when Jesus taught and healed.

### Discussion Questions:

1. Why is it important for things to be done in order in church?
2. How can we help make church a better place for everyone?
3. What is something you like about how your church does services?

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## 563: How to Give\*

### Story in the Bible with Reference:

*2 Corinthians 9:7 You must each decide in your heart how much to give. And don't give reluctantly or in response to pressure. "For God loves a person who gives cheerfully."*

### Salvation Connection:

Giving cheerfully is a response to the great gift of salvation Jesus gives us, showing our joy and gratitude by supporting God's work.

### Discussion Questions:

1. What are some ways you can give cheerfully?
2. Why do you think God prefers cheerful giving?
3. How does it feel when you give something to someone?

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## 564: Communion Reflections

### Story in the Bible with Reference:

1 Corinthians 11:22-33 guides us to remember Jesus' death, look forward to His return, examine our relationship with God, and enjoy fellowship during Communion.

### Salvation Connection:

Communion is a time to reflect on Jesus' sacrifice for us, strengthening our connection to Him and to other believers as we await His return.

### Discussion Questions:

1. What do you think about when you take Communion?
2. Why is it important to remember Jesus' death and return?
3. How can Communion help you feel closer to God and your church family?

These devotions are designed to help third graders understand and reflect on their roles within the Christian faith and their personal relationship with God through practical activities and thought-provoking questions.



## 15

### 565: Jesus' Atoning Sacrifice\*

#### Story in the Bible with Reference:

*Isaiah 53:5 But he was pierced for our rebellion, crushed for our sins. He was beaten so we could be whole. He was whipped so we could be healed.*

#### Salvation Connection:

This prophecy underlines the depth of Jesus' sacrifice for us, showing His love and the lengths He went to secure our salvation.

#### Discussion Questions:

1. What does it mean that Jesus was "crushed for our sins"?
2. How can knowing about Jesus' sacrifice change how we treat others?
3. What are some ways you can thank Jesus for what He has done for you?

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### 566: Jesus Promises to Return\*

#### Story in the Bible with Reference:

*John 14:3 "When everything is ready, I will come and get you, so that you will always be with me where I am."*

#### Salvation Connection:

Jesus' promise gives us hope and assurance as believers that we have a future with Him, encouraging us to live faithfully.

#### Discussion Questions:

1. How do you feel knowing Jesus has promised to come back for us?
2. What can we do while we wait for Jesus' return?
3. Why is it important to always be ready for Jesus to come back?

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### 567: The Ascension Prophecy\*

#### Story in the Bible with Reference:

*Acts 1:11 "Jesus has been taken from you into heaven, but someday he will return from heaven in the same way you saw him go!"*

#### Salvation Connection:

This prophecy reassures us of Jesus' physical return, motivating us to prepare and live in a way that pleases Him.

#### Discussion Questions:

1. What do you think it was like to see Jesus go into heaven?
2. How can we prepare for Jesus' return?
3. What does it mean to live like Jesus is coming back?

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### 568: Signs of Jesus' Return

#### Story in the Bible with Reference:

Matthew 24 and other passages describe signs of the end times including wars, natural disasters, and the spread of the gospel.

#### Salvation Connection:

These signs remind us of the reality of Jesus' words and the urgency of sharing His love and message of salvation with others.

#### Discussion Questions:

1. Why do you think Jesus told us about these signs?
2. How can knowing about these signs affect how we live each day?
3. What can you do to help others know about Jesus?

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### 569: The Rapture Described\*

#### Story in the Bible with Reference:

*1 Thessalonians 4:16-17 For the Lord himself will come down from heaven with a commanding shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trumpet call of God. First, the believers who have died will rise from their graves. Then, together with them, we who are still alive and remain on the earth will be caught up in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. Then we will be with the Lord forever.*

#### Salvation Connection:

The rapture is a powerful reminder of the hope we have in Christ, ensuring us that death is not the end but the beginning of eternal life with Him.

#### Discussion Questions:

1. What does the rapture mean for believers?
2. How does this promise affect how you think about the future?
3. What are some ways we can share this hope with friends?

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### 570: Change at Jesus' Return\*

#### Story in the Bible with Reference:

*1 Corinthians 15:52 It will happen in a moment, in the blink of an eye, when the last trumpet is blown. For when the trumpet sounds, those who have died will be raised to live forever. And we who are living will also be transformed.*

#### Salvation Connection:

This transformation is a fulfillment of God's promise of eternal life, a direct result of Jesus' victory over death.

#### Discussion Questions:

1. What do you think our new bodies will be like?
2. Why is it comforting to know that our bodies will be transformed?
3. How does this change how you view death or fear?

These devotions are designed to help third graders understand complex biblical themes like prophecy, eternal life, and Jesus' return in an accessible way that reinforces the core of Christian hope and living.

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### 571; The Final Judgment

#### Story in the Bible with Reference:

John 5:26-29 and 2 Corinthians 5:10 explain that everyone will be judged; Christians for rewards based on their deeds and non-believers for their rejection of Christ.

#### Salvation Connection:

This judgment highlights the importance of accepting Jesus as our Savior and living a life that reflects His teachings and love.

#### Discussion Questions:

1. Why is it important to know that everyone will be judged?
2. How can knowing about the judgment motivate us to live better?
3. What are some good things you can do to show Jesus' love to others?

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### 572: The Twelve Sons of Jacob

#### Story in the Bible with Reference:

Genesis 35:23-26 lists the twelve sons of Jacob, who are the founders of the twelve tribes of Israel.

#### Salvation Connection:

Jacob's family history teaches us about God's promises and His plans that span generations, just as God's plan for salvation through Jesus spans all time.

#### Discussion Questions:

1. Why do you think it's important to know about Jacob's sons?
2. How can knowing about the past help us understand more about God?
3. Can you think of a promise God made that came true later in the Bible?

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### 573: God First

#### Story in the Bible with Reference:

The first four of the Ten Commandments, found in Exodus 20:1-11, focus on our relationship with God.

#### Salvation Connection:

These commandments help us understand how to love and respect God, as Jesus also taught us to love God with all our heart, soul, and mind.

#### Discussion Questions:

1. What are some ways we can put God first in our lives?
2. Why is it important not to misuse God's name?
3. How can we remember to keep the Sabbath day holy?

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### 574: Others Before Yourself

#### Story in the Bible with Reference:

The last six of the Ten Commandments, found in Exodus 20:12-17, guide us in our relationships with other people.

#### Salvation Connection:

These laws teach us how to live in peace with others, reflecting Jesus' command to love our neighbors as ourselves.

#### Discussion Questions:

1. How does honoring your parents show love for them?
2. What are some ways you can show kindness to your friends and not steal or lie?
3. Why is it important not to want what others have?

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### 575: The Twelve Apostles

#### Story in the Bible with Reference:

Matthew 10:2-4 names the twelve apostles whom Jesus chose to spread His teachings.

#### Salvation Connection:

The apostles played a crucial role in the foundation of the Church and spreading the message of salvation, a mission we continue today.

#### Discussion Questions:

1. What special jobs did the apostles have?
2. How can we help share Jesus' teachings like the apostles did?
3. What qualities do you think Jesus looked for in His apostles?

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### 576: Things God Hates

#### Story in the Bible with Reference:

Proverbs 6:17-19 lists things God despises, such as a proud look, a lying tongue, and hands that shed innocent blood.

#### Salvation Connection:

Understanding what God hates helps us to avoid these sins and live in a way that is pleasing to Him, following Jesus' example of righteousness.

#### Discussion Questions:

1. Why does God hate these things?
2. How can we avoid doing things that God hates?
3. What are some positive actions we can take instead?

These devotions are designed to guide third graders in understanding important biblical truths and applying them in their daily lives to grow in faith and character.

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	#2	(010-018)	(295-300)	(484-486)
	#3	(019-027)	(301-306)	(487-489)
	#4	(028-036)	(307-312)	(490-492)
	#5	(037-045)	(313-318)	(493-495)
	#6	(046-054)	(319-324)	(496-498)
	#7	(055-063)	(325-330)	(499-501)
	#8	(064-072)	(331-336)	(502-504)
		<b>Matthew (001-072)</b>	<b>Isaiah (289-336)</b>	<b>Ask (481-504)</b>
	#9	(073-081)	(337-342)	(505-507)
	#10	(082-090)	(343-348)	(508-510)
	#11	(091-099)	(349-354)	(511-513)
	#12	(100-108)	(355-360)	(514-516)
	#13	(109-117)	(361-366)	(517-519)
	#14	(118-126)	(367-372)	(520-522)
	#15	(127-135)	(373-378)	(523-525)
	#16	(136-144)	(379-384)	(526-528)
		<b>Mark (073-144)</b>	<b>Jeremiah (337-384)</b>	<b>Believe (505-528)</b>
	#17	(145-153)	(385-390)	(529-531)
	#18	(154-162)	(391-396)	(532-534)
	#19	(163-171)	(397-402)	(535-537)
	#20	(172-180)	(403-408)	(538-540)
	#21	(181-189)	(409-414)	(541-543)
	#22	(190-198)	(415-420)	(544-546)
	#23	(199-207)	(421-426)	(547-549)
	#24	(208-216)	(427-432)	(550-552)
		<b>Luke (145-216)</b>	<b>Ezekiel 385-432)</b>	<b>Confess (529-552)</b>
	#25	(217-225)	(433-438)	(553-555)
	#26	(226-234)	(439-444)	(556-558)
	#27	(235-243)	(445-450)	(559-561)
	#28	(244-252)	(451-456)	(562-564)
	#29	(253-261)	(457-462)	(565-567)
	#30	(262-270)	(463-468)	(568-570)
	#31	(271-279)	(469-474)	(571-573)
	#32	(280-288)	(475-480)	(574-576)
		<b>John (217-288)</b>	<b>Daniel (433-480)</b>	<b>Declare (553-576)</b>

### 8 Unit Plan 36(10s), 24(20s), 12(30s)

Goal Dates	Focus	10s Discoverer	20s Searcher	30s Achiever
	#1	(001-036)	(28-9-312)	(481-492)
	#2	(037-072)	(313-336)	(493-504)
		<b>Matthew (001-072)</b>	<b>Isaiah (289-336)</b>	<b>Ask (481-504)</b>
	#3	(073-108)	(337-360)	(505-516)
	#4	(109-144)	(361-384)	(517-528)
		<b>Mark (073-144)</b>	<b>Jeremiah (337-384)</b>	<b>Believe (505-528)</b>
	#5	(145-180)	(385-408)	(529-540)
	#6	(181-216)	(409-432)	(541-552)
		<b>Luke (145-216)</b>	<b>Ezekiel 385-432)</b>	<b>Confess (529-552)</b>
	#7	(217-252)	(433-456)	(553-564)
	#8	(253-288)	(457-480)	(565-576)
		<b>John (217-288)</b>	<b>Daniel (433-480)</b>	<b>Declare (553-576)</b>

### 12 Unit Plan 24(10s), 16(20s), 8(30s)

Goal Dates	Focus	10s Discoverer	20s Searcher	30s Achiever
	#1	(001-024)	(289-304)	(481-488)
	#2	(025-048)	(305-320)	(489-496)
	#3	(049-072)	(321-336)	(497-504)
		<b>Matthew (001-072)</b>	<b>Isaiah (289-336)</b>	<b>Ask (481-504)</b>
	#4	(073-096)	(337-352)	(505-512)
	#5	(097-120)	(353-368)	(513-520)
	#6	(121-144)	(369-384)	(521-528)
		<b>Mark (073-144)</b>	<b>Jeremiah (337-384)</b>	<b>Believe (505-528)</b>
	#7	(145-168)	(385-400)	(529-536)
	#8	(169-192)	(401-416)	(537-544)
	#9	(193-216)	(417-432)	(545-552)
		<b>Luke (145-216)</b>	<b>Ezekiel 385-432)</b>	<b>Confess (529-552)</b>
	#10	(217-240)	(433-448)	(553-560)
	#11	(241-264)	(449-464)	(561-568)
	#12	(265-288)	(465-480)	(569-576)
		<b>John (217-288)</b>	<b>Daniel (433-480)</b>	<b>Declare (553-576)</b>

## 24 Unit Plan 12(10s), 8(20s), 4(30s)

Goal Dates	Focus	10s Discoverer	20s Searcher	30s Achiever
	#1	(001-012)	(289-296)	(481-484)
	#2	(013-024)	(297-304)	(485-488)
	#3	(025-036)	(305-312)	(489-492)
	#4	(037-048)	(313-320)	(493-496)
	#5	(049-060)	(321-328)	(497-500)
	#6	(061-072)	(329-336)	(501-504)
		<b>Matthew (001-072)</b>	<b>Isaiah (289-336)</b>	<b>Ask (481-504)</b>
	#7	(073-084)	(337-344)	(505-508)
	#8	(085-096)	(345-352)	(509-512)
	#9	(097-108)	(353-360)	(513-516)
	#10	(109-120)	(361-368)	(517-520)
	#11	(121-132)	(369-376)	(521-524)
	#12	(133-144)	(377-384)	(525-528)
		<b>Mark (073-144)</b>	<b>Jeremiah (337-384)</b>	<b>Believe (505-528)</b>
	#13	(145-156)	(385-392)	(529-532)
	#14	(157-168)	(393-400)	(533-536)
	#15	(169-180)	(401-408)	(537-540)
	#16	(181-192)	(409-416)	(541-544)
	#17	(193-204)	(417-424)	(545-548)
	#18	(205-216)	(425-432)	(549-552)
		<b>Luke (145-216)</b>	<b>Ezekiel 385-432)</b>	<b>Confess (529-552)</b>
	#19	(217-228)	(433-440)	(553-556)
	#20	(229-240)	(441-448)	(557-560)
	#21	(241-252)	(449-456)	(561-564)
	#22	(253-264)	(457-464)	(565-568)
	#23	(265-276)	(465-472)	(569-572)
	#24	(277-288)	(473-480)	(573-576)
		<b>John (217-288)</b>	<b>Daniel (433-480)</b>	<b>Declare (553-576)</b>

### Bible Club Awards

Quizzers will be asked questions in the same fashion as if they were in a quiz match, but they are not required to activate any equipment or be identified before responding. Their response should be evaluated using the same criteria used in a quiz match (for detail please reference the official JBQ guidelines).

The person administering the test must not be an immediate family member to the person being tested. Breaks, for study, between the first and last questions are not allowed. Each test should be administered in one complete sitting and only one test may be administered per day.

To pass quizzers must get \_\_\_\_% questions answered correctly per testing.

**Bible Club Awards** are designed like the National Bible Award but using a quarter of the questions from each point value. After completing a point value, they can test for the National Bible Awards Discoverer, Searcher, Achiever, and Master and should pass.

# BIBLE CLUB

## STUDY PLANNER

Most area competitions run on a 4-meet cycle proceeding through the Bible Fact-Pak a quarter of the box at a time. Each plan is broken into quarters to make this easier, the units in most cases will be weeks. This guide is designed to help develop your study plan for the year. Use the quarters to test your kids to prepare them for the National Bible Awards. <https://jbq.ag.org/BibleMaster>. Joining a local competition is usually best but having internal church competition can work with as little as 4 children. I am an area coordinator in Oklahoma but will be glad to help you if you have more questions:

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### 16 Unit Plan 18(10s), 12(20s), 6(30s)

Goal Dates	Focus	10s Discoverer	20s Searcher	30s Achiever
	#1	(001-018)	(289-300)	(481-486)
	#2	(019-036)	(301-312)	(487-492)
	#3	(037-054)	(313-324)	(493-498)
	#4	(055-072)	(325-336)	(499-504)
		<b>Matthew (001-072)</b>	<b>Isaiah (289-336)</b>	<b>Ask (481-504)</b>
	#5	(073-090)	(337-348)	(505-510)
	#6	(091-108)	(349-360)	(511-516)
	#7	(109-126)	(361-372)	(517-522)
	#8	(127-144)	(373-384)	(523-528)
		<b>Mark (073-144)</b>	<b>Jeremiah (337-384)</b>	<b>Believe (505-528)</b>
	#9	(145-162)	(385-396)	(529-534)
	#10	(163-180)	(397-408)	(535-540)
	#11	(181-198)	(409-420)	(541-546)
	#12	(199-216)	(421-432)	(547-552)
		<b>Luke (145-216)</b>	<b>Ezekiel 385-432)</b>	<b>Confess (529-552)</b>
	#13	(217-234)	(433-444)	(553-558)
	#14	(235-252)	(445-456)	(559-564)
	#15	(253-270)	(457-468)	(565-570)
	#16	(271-288)	(469-480)	(571-576)
		<b>John (217-288)</b>	<b>Daniel (433-480)</b>	<b>Declare (553-576)</b>