

A 30-DAY SUMMER DEVOTIONAL

# **30-Day Family Devotional For Parents & Their Kids**

This 30-day devotional is designed to help parents and their kids grow closer to God—and to each other. Each day includes a Bible verse, a simple explanation, and a few reflection questions to spark faith-filled conversations. Whether you're reading at the breakfast table, on a road trip, or before bedtime, this devotional invites your family to pause, learn, and remember

Let this summer be a time of joy, truth, and growing stronger in God's love...together!

who you are in Jesus.



### **IDENTITY**

"The Roots of Who We Are" — like planting faith seeds and seeing them grow.

#### **Days 1-10**

Who you think you are and who you actually are in God are often two very different things. When you believe in and follow Jesus, God gives you a whole new identity. That identity is so much better than anything the world can give you.

For the next 10 days, we'll look at what the Bible says about who you actually are in Jesus!



### **You Are Loved**



#### John 3:16 (CSB)

"For God loved the world in this way: He gave his one and only Son, so that everyone who believes in him will not perish but have eternal life."

#### **₩ What This Means**

God loves you so much that He sent Jesus to save you through the cross. In the death of His Son, God made the ultimate sacrifice so that you can have forever life with Him. That's how big His love is!

You don't have to earn this love. It's a gift. When you believe in Jesus, you become part of God's family, and nothing can take His love away.

- Who does God love?
- 2. What did God do to show His love?
- 3. How does it make you feel to know God loves you?



### You Are a Child of God



#### Bible Verse

#### 1 John 3:1 (CSB)

"See what great love the Father has given us that we should be called God's children — and we are! The reason the world does not know us is that it didn't know him."

#### **₩ What This Means**

God calls you His child. Just like a loving parent takes care of their kids and loves them unconditionally, God provides for you and loves you with an abundant love.

Being God's child means you are never alone. He knows you, cares for you, and is always present with you.

- 1. What does God call you in this verse?
- 2. Why is it special to be part of God's family?
- 3. How can you remember that you are God's child today?

## You Have the Life of Christ in You

#### Bible Verse

#### Galatians 2:20 (CSB)

"I have been crucified with Christ, and I no longer live, but Christ lives in me. The life I now live in the body, I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me."

#### ☆ What This Means

When you believe in Jesus, your old self—the part of you that wanted to sin—is put to death. Now, Jesus lives in you. That means your life is no longer about doing whatever *you* want but about letting Jesus live through you.

You don't have to try hard on your own. Jesus gives you the power to live the way He wants.

- 1. Who lives in you when you follow Jesus?
- 2. How does Jesus help you defeat sin each day?
- 3. What is one way you have experienced the life of Jesus in you?

## You Are Chosen To Be Holy



#### Ephesians 1:3-4a (CSB)

"Blessed is the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us with every spiritual blessing in the heavens in Christ. For he chose us in him, before the foundation of the world, to be holy and blameless in love before him."

#### ₩ What This Means

When you belong to Jesus, God gives you every spiritual gift you need—including His love, forgiveness, strength, and the Holy Spirit.

God also chose you to be holy (set apart for Him) and blameless (clean and forgiven). That means when He looks at you, He sees someone who belongs to Him—washed clean because of Jesus.

- 1. What kinds of blessings do you think come from God, not just from the world?
- 2. What does it mean to be holy and blameless in God's eyes?
- 3. How can you live in a way that shows you belong to Jesus?

## **You Are a Royal Priesthood**



#### 1 Peter 2:9 (CSB)

"But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for his possession, so that you may proclaim the praises of the one who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light."

#### **₩ What This Means**

God didn't just choose you—He gave you a special job! You are part of His royal family, and He calls you a priest. That means you can help others know God and show His love.

You were made to shine His light in the world. You are special to God, and He wants you to live in a way that shows others who He is.

- What special name does God give you in this verse?
- 2. What does it mean to be in His "wonderful light"?
- 3. How can you help someone know more about God?



### **You Are Not Condemned**



#### Bible Verse

**Romans 8:1 (CSB)**"Therefore, there is now no condemnation for those in Christ Jesus."

#### ₩hat This Means

When you believe in Jesus, you are forgiven and free. "No condemnation" means God is not mad at you or holding your mistakes against you. Jesus already took care of your sin on the cross.

No matter what you've done, said, or thought, you don't have to feel ashamed or afraid. God loves you and gives you a fresh start every day.

- What does "no condemnation" mean?
- 2. Why don't we have to feel guilty when we follow Jesus?
- How can you remember that you are forgiven today?

### **You Are At Peace**



#### Bible Verse

#### Romans 5:1 (CSB)

"Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ."

#### ₩ What This Means

To be justified means God has made you right with Him because you believe in Jesus. You don't have to try to earn His love; it's already given. And because of that, you have peace—a calm heart knowing that God is with you and for you, no matter what the circumstances.

You are no longer separated from God. You are close to Him now!

- 1. What is our true source of peace?
- 2. When do you struggle with feeling peace?
- 3. How can you access God's peace today?

## **You Are Being Transformed**



**Romans 12:2 (CSB)** 

"Do not be conformed to this age, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, so that you may discern what is the good, pleasing, and perfect will of God."

#### ₩ What This Means

God wants your thoughts and your life to look more like His every day. To be transformed means to change and grow. You don't have to copy the world or follow what everyone else does. You can follow Jesus and let Him make your heart and mind new.

When you think like Jesus, you'll start to live like Jesus.

- 1. What does "transformed" mean?
- 2. How are you tempted to be conformed to the pattern of this world?
- 3. How can you renew your mind with God's thoughts?







2 Timothy 1:7 (CSB)

"For God has not given us a spirit of fear, but one of power, love, and sound judgment."

#### ₩ What This Means

God didn't give you a spirit that makes you scared or shy. When you follow Jesus, He gives you the Holy Spirit, who fills you with power to be brave, love to be kind, and self-discipline to make good choices—even when it's hard.

God gives you everything you need to follow Him with confidence and courage.

- 1. What does God's Spirit help you do?
- 2. When do you need God's help to be brave?
- 3. What's one way you can show power, love, or self-control today?

## You Are Led by the Spirit

#### Bible Verse

#### Galatians 5:25 (CSB)

"If we live by the Spirit, let us also keep in step with the Spirit."



#### ₩ What This Means

When you follow Jesus, the Holy Spirit helps guide you, similar to a leader in a game of Follow the Leader. "Keeping in step" means listening, learning, and doing what God shows you through His Spirit.

You don't have to figure everything out by yourself. The Spirit is with you every step of the way!

- 1. Who helps you know the right way to go?
- 2. What does it mean to "keep in step" with the Spirit?
- 3. What is one area of your life where you need the guidance of the Holy Spirit?



### **CALLING**

"Walking the Path" — taking steps of purpose and discovering your mission.

#### Days 11-20

When you know who you are in Jesus, you can confidently answer the calling on your life. But what does that calling mean? What will your life look like when you follow Him with your whole heart?

For the next 10 days, we'll explore what the Bible says about calling: what you were designed and appointed for as an image-bearer of Jesus!





#### Bible Verse

#### Joshua 24:15 (CSB)

"But if it doesn't please you to worship the Lord, choose for yourselves today Which will you worship — the gods your ancestors worshiped beyond the uphrates River or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you are living As for me and my family, we will worship the Lord."

#### ₩ What This Means

Joshua made a strong choice: to follow God no matter what. He wanted his whole family to live for God, too. You can choose the same thing—to make God the most important part of your home, your heart, and your day.

Serving the Lord means loving Him, obeying Him, and putting Him first.

- 1. What does it mean to serve the Lord?
- 2. How can you help your home be a place that follows God?
- 3. What is one way your family can show love to God this week?

## You Belong in God's Family



**Ephesians 2: 13, 19 (**CSB**)** 

"But now in Christ Jesus, you who were far away have been brought near by the blood of Christ."

"So then you are no longer foreigners and strangers, but fellow citizens with the saints, and members of God's household."

#### **₩ What This Means**

When you follow Jesus, you are not left out. You are part of God's big global family. You're not a stranger or outsider. You belong!

This means you are not only loved and accepted; you have the privileges and responsibilities given to members of a special home.

- 1. Why do you belong to the family of God?
- 2. What does it mean to be part of God's household?
- 3. How can you welcome others like God welcomes you?



### **You Were Made for Good Work**



#### Ephesians 2:10 (CSB)

"For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared ahead of time for us to do."

#### ₩ What This Means

You are God's masterpiece, His special creation. He made you with love and gave you a purpose. You're not here by accident. God already planned good things for you to do...like helping others, showing kindness, and using your gifts for Him.

You were made on purpose, for a purpose.

- 1. What does it mean that you are God's handiwork?
- 2. What is one good thing you think God wants you to do today?
- 3. How can you use your gifts to serve others?





#### 2 Timothy 1:9 (CSB)

"He has saved us and called us with a holy calling, not according to our works, but according to his own purpose and grace, which was given to us in Christ Jesus before time began."

#### What This Means

God saved you through Jesus—not because you were perfect, but because He loves you. He also calls you to live a holy life, which means living in a way that pleases Him. That means telling the truth, being kind, obeying God, and doing what's right... even when it's hard.

You don't have to earn God's love, but you can show your love for Him by how you live.

- 1. What does it mean to live a holy life?
- 2. Why did God save and call you?
- 3. What is one choice you can make today that honors God?

## **Live a Life Worthy of Your Calling**

#### Bible Verse

#### Ephesians 4:1 (CSB)

"Therefore I, the prisoner in the Lord, urge you to live worthy of the calling you have received."

#### What This Means

When you follow Jesus, your life has a special calling. Your actions should match that calling! That means being loving, honest, gentle, forgiving, and brave. People should see the way you live and know that you belong to God.

You were made to reflect Jesus with the way you choose to live.

- What kind of life does God call you to live?
- 2. How can your actions show that you follow Jesus?
- 3. What is one thing you want to do today that shows you live for God?







#### Bible Verse

#### Isaiah 42:6 (CSB)

"I am the Lord. I have called you for a righteous purpose, and I will hold you by your hand. I will watch over you, and I will appoint you to be a covenant for the people and a light to the nations."

#### **₩ What This Means**

God has called you to live for Him and share His light with others. You don't have to do this alone. He holds your hand and helps you! He sends you to bring hope, love, and truth to people around you.

Even when you feel small, God is with you, shining through you.

- 1. What does it mean that God holds your hand?
- 2. How can you be a light to others?
- 3. Who is someone you can show God's love to this week?





#### Bible Verse

#### Isaiah 61:1-3a (CSB)

"The Spirit of the Lord God is on me, because the Lord has anointed me to bring good news to the poor.

He has sent me to heal the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives and freedom to the prisoners; to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor, and the day of our God's vengeance; to comfort all who mourn, to provide for those who mourn in Zion; to give them a crown of beauty instead of ashes, festive oil instead of mourning, and splendid clothes instead of despair."

#### **₩ What This Means**

God has a special mission for His people: to bring hope to the hurting and light to those in darkness. When His Spirit is in you, He gives you the power to comfort, love, and speak truth. You are anointed. That means God has chosen and prepared you to share His good news and kindness with others.

You can help heal hearts and spread joy, just like Jesus.



- 1. What does it mean to share good news with others?
- 2. How can God use you to help someone who is sad or hurting?
- 3. What's one way you can bring light into someone's day?



### You Are Christ's Ambassador



#### 2 Corinthians 5:20 (CSB)

"Therefore, we are ambassadors for Christ, since God is making his appeal through us. We plead on Christ's behalf: Be reconciled to God."

#### → What This Means

An ambassador is someone who speaks for their country in a different land. As a Christian, you are Jesus' ambassador! That means you represent Him with your words and actions. Wherever you go—school, home, sports—you get to show others who Jesus is.

You don't just follow Jesus. You help others know Him, too.

- 1. What does it mean to be an ambassador for Jesus?
- 2. How can you represent Jesus in your daily life?
- 3. What's one way you can tell someone about God's love?

### **You Are the Aroma of Christ**



#### 2 Corinthians 2:15 (CSB)

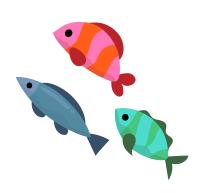
"For to God we are the fragrance of Christ among those who are being saved and among those who are perishing."

#### What This Means

Have you ever smelled something sweet and good, like flowers or cookies? That's what your life can be like to God when you follow Jesus. You are like a beautiful fragrance that brings joy to Him and shows others what Jesus is like.

Your kindness, love, and faith make the world a better place.

- What is something that smells good to you?
- 2. How can your life be like a sweet smell to God?
- 3. What's one action today that can reflect Jesus to others?







Micah 6:8 (CSB)
"Mankind, he has told each of you what is good and what it is the Lord requires of you: to act justly, to love faithfulness, and to walk humbly with your God."

#### 🦙 What This Means

God has shown us what it means to live for Him. He wants us to do what is right, show kindness, and walk closely with Him. It's not about being the best or knowing everything. It's about having a heart that follows Him in love, fairness, and humility.

This is how we live a life that delights God.

- What does it mean to act justly and love mercy?
- How can you walk humbly with God today?
- 3. What is one right and kind thing you can do this week?



### INSTRUCTION

"The Tools for the Journey" — equipping hearts and minds for life-long faith.

#### Days 21-30

When life get busy and stressful, how can we focus on living out the call of God on our lives? There's more to following Jesus than reading the Bible and going to church (although those things are important!)

Thankfully, the Bible gives us clear instructions on how to follow Him. From days 21-30, we'll look at what Scripture says to believers on how to act, think, and treat others.



## **Talk About God Every Day**



#### Bible Verse

#### Deuteronomy 6:6-7 (CSB)

"These words that I am giving you today are to be in your heart. Repeat them to your children. Talk about them when you sit in your house and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up."

#### ₩hat This Means

God wants His Word to be part of our everyday life. That means we don't just learn about Him at church. We talk about Him at home, at school, and even while we walk or play. When we talk about God often, we learn to love Him more.

God's truth is something to share and remember all day long.

- 1. When can you talk about God during the day?
- 2. Who is someone you can share God's Word with?
- 3. Why do you think God wants us to remember His Word all the time?

## **Keep Persevering**



#### **Hebrews 12:1 (CSB)**

"Therefore, since we also have such a large cloud of witnesses surrounding us, let us lay aside every hindrance and the sin that so easily ensnares us. Let us run with endurance the race that lies before us."

#### **₩ What This Means**

Living for Jesus is like running a long race—it takes time, energy, and practice. Sometimes it feels hard, but God helps you keep going. Perseverance means you don't give up, even when it's tough.

God has a special path just for you, and He will help you stay on it.

- What does perseverance mean?
- 2. When is it hard to persevere in your faith?
- 3. How can you ask God for strength to keep trying?



## **Delight in Rest**

#### **Bible Verse**

Isaiah 58:13-14 (CSB)

"If you keep from desecrating the Sabbath, from doing whatever you want on my holy day; if you call the Sabbath a delight, and the holy day of the Lord honorable; if you honor it, not going your own ways, seeking your own pleasure, or talking business; then you will delight in the Lord, and I will make you ride over the heights of the land, and let you enjoy the heritage of your father Jacob," for the mouth of the Lord has spoken.

#### What This Means

God gave us a special day each week—the Sabbath—to rest and focus on Him. It's not just about stopping work, it's about spending time with God and enjoying His presence. When you honor the Sabbath, you find real joy in Him.

Resting in God helps your heart stay strong and full of peace.

- 1. What is the Sabbath?
- 2. Why is it important to rest and spend time with God?
- 3. How can you make time with God special this week?





#### Colossians 3:13 (CSB)

"Just as the Lord has forgiven you, so you are also to forgive."

#### ☆ What This Means

Sometimes people hurt us or make us upset. But Jesus forgave us, and He wants us to forgive others, too. That doesn't mean what they did was okay. It means you're choosing to let go and not hold on to anger.

This is one of the most radical and important parts about following Jesus. You'll need His help to forgive others!

- 1. Who is someone you might need to forgive?
- 2. How does it feel when someone forgives you?
- 3. Why does God want us to forgive like He does?

### **Love One Another**



#### Bible Verse

**John 13:34 (CSB)**"I give you a new command: Love one another. Just as I have loved you, you are also to love one another."

#### 🦙 What This Means

Jesus gave us a clear command: Love others the way He loves us. That means loving with kindness, patience, and care...even when it's hard. When we love like Jesus, people can see His heart through us.

Love is one of the most significant ways we show others that we belong to God.

- How did Jesus show love to others?
- 2. What's one way you can love someone today?
- 3. Why is it important to love even when it's hard?







#### Bible Verse

#### 1 Thessalonians 5:18 (CSB)

"Give thanks in everything; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus."

#### ₩ What This Means

God wants us to say "thank you" in every situation—not just when things go right. Even on hard days, we can thank Him for His love, help, and presence. Being thankful helps us stay joyful and trust God more.

Gratitude turns our eyes toward God, not our problems.

- What is something you're thankful for today?
- 2. Why is it good to thank God even when it's hard?
- 3. Can you think of a time when being thankful made you feel better?

## **Stay Watchful and Wise**



#### Bible Verse

#### 1 Peter 5:8 (CSB)

"Be sober-minded, be alert. Your adversary the devil is prowling around like a roaring lion, looking for anyone he can devour."

#### **₩ What This Means**

God tells us to be watchful because we have an enemy who tries to lead us into doing wrong and thinking sinfully. But when we stay close to God, pray, and know the truth, we can stand strong. God gives us wisdom and strength to say no to sin.

Staying alert can simply mean being aware of situations that lead us into sin.

- What does it mean to be alert?
- 2. How can you be ready to do what's right?
- 3. Who can help you stay strong against temptation?







#### Bible Verse

**Galatians 5:13–14 (**CSB**)**"For you were called to be free, brothers and sisters; only don't use this freedom as an opportunity for the flesh, but serve one another through love. For the whole law is fulfilled in one statement: Love your neighbor as yourself"

#### ₩ What This Means

Jesus gives us freedom—not to do whatever we want, but to love and serve others. Instead of thinking only about ourselves, we can be kind and caring. Real freedom means laying down our lives for the sake of others.

When you love others through service, compassion, encouragement, and care, you show the world what Jesus is really like.

- What does freedom mean in this verse?
- 2. How can you serve someone in love today?
- Why does loving others show God's heart?

## **Encourage One Another**



#### Bible Verse

**1 Thessalonians 5:11 (CSB)**"Therefore encourage one another and build each other up as you are already doing."

#### ₩hat This Means

Words have power. God wants us to use our words to lift others up. When you encourage someone, you help them feel brave, loved, and not alone. A kind note or a thoughtful encouragement from Scripture can do more than you know to help someone feel loved and strengthened.

Just like God strengthens you, you can help build up others with your words.

- What does it mean to encourage someone?
- 2. Who is someone you can cheer up or cheer on today?
- 3. When have you felt

## **Work for Unity and Peace**



#### Bible Verse

**Ephesians 4:3 (CSB)**"making every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace."

#### ₩ What This Means

God wants His people to stick together in love. That means we work hard to live in peace, forgive quickly, and help each other in our families, churches, and more. Unity doesn't happen by accident—it takes effort and grace.

When we live in peace, we show the world we are one in Christ.

- 1. What is unity?
- 2. How can you help keep peace with others?
- 3. What's one way to bring people together, not push them apart?



### You Did It!

You've just finished **30 days** of learning, growing, and walking with God as a family—what a special journey! Along the way, you've discovered who you are in Christ, what it means to live with purpose, and how to share God's love with others. But remember—growing in faith doesn't stop here.

Keep talking about God's Word. Keep encouraging one another. Keep asking good questions. And most of all, keep walking closely with Jesus. You are part of **God's big family**, and He has amazing things planned for your life.



