

30 FUN DEVOTIONS
FOR THE MONTH OF SEPTEMBER 2013



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For Kids Ages 5-8

LEARNING
FROM JESUS

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PARENTS,

As your child learns to read, we hope that one of the first things he reads is *More*. *More* is designed to help your young reader develop a time with God each day.

It also makes a great tool for reading together with your child to foster conversations about God and faith. Here are some ideas for ways to connect with your child this month through *More*.

- The theme for September is **Learning from Jesus**. Encourage your child to spend time with God each day by reading the devotional for that day.
- You'll find a story about an MK (Missionary Kid) on page 18. Together, read the story about Elizabeth and her family. Pray for Elizabeth and her family.
- On pages 8, 16, and 23 are activities called "More Fun and Games." To help your child know more about the Bible, work together to decide which name goes in each blank.
- There is a "Secret Message" on page 27. Lead your child to work the activity to find one thing Jesus taught.
- Introduce John 14:6 to your child. "I [Jesus] am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me." Remind your child Jesus loves everyone.

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Hidden Bible Verse

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SEPTEMBER 2013

Sunday

Monday

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Toy Tips
Executive Toy
Test Day



Labor Day



Salami Day



National
Hug Your
Hound Day



Remember
Freedom Day



National
Peanut Day



Felt Hat
Day



Mayflower
Day



Citizenship
Day



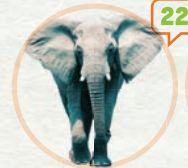
National
Cheeseburger
Day



Talk Like
A Pirate Day



Responsible
Dog Ownership
Day



Elephant
Appreciation
Day



"FAMILY DAY"
A Day to Eat
Dinner With
Your Kids



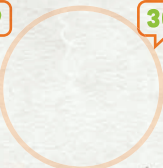
Ancestor
Appreciation
Day



Family Health
and Fitness Day
USA



National
Coffee Day



Fall Hat Day



Be Like Jesus

Humble yourselves before the Lord, and He will exalt you. James 4:10

Gather a pencil, paper, and scissors. Write your memory verse and reference on the paper. Use large letters and fill the whole piece of paper. Use the scissors and cut 8 pieces from the piece of paper. Use wavy lines to cut each piece and make a puzzle. Now put the puzzle together and read the verse and reference several times. Say the verse in front of a mirror. Now say the verse and reference to a parent.

The bald eagle is
the national bird of
the United States.



Think About It!

Jesus taught about prayer. God wants you to pray.

Circle some of the things you will pray about.



God Helps Me

Those who mourn are blessed. *Matthew 5:4*

"You look sad, Timothy," said Mom. "What is the matter?"

"I did not get any hits in the game today," answered Timothy.

"You played well on second base," said Mom. "You payed attention and did your best. It is OK if you don't get a hit in every game. Let's talk to God. He wants you to be happy. Ask Him to help you feel better."

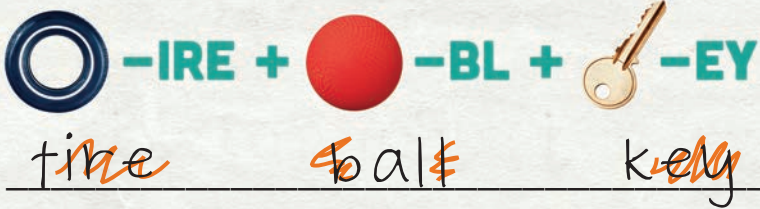
★ **Dear God,** Thank You for helping me when I am sad.



Picture This!

- Print the word for each picture on the line below it.
- Cross out the letters after the - signs.
- Add the letters after the + signs.

Read the new words on the lines to find out something Jesus taught.



At night, a tiger can see six times better than people can see.

Hint:
The first word is done for you.



Be Kind

The gentle are blessed. *Matthew 5:5*

"May I play a game on your DS®?" asked Sydney.

"Sure," said Alex. "I will show you a game I like to play."

"This will be fun. Thanks for showing me how to play," said Sydney.

"It will take a little time, but you will learn to play," said Alex.

God wants you to be kind to others. One way to be kind is to share your things. God is pleased when you share with others.

★ **Dear God,** Help me to be kind to others. Help me to share.



Crocodile eggs are very tiny, about two inches long.



Secret Message

Circle the word that is different in each row. Now read the words in order to find out what is so special about the Bible.

Baseball

Baseball

Follow

Baseball

Jesus'

Soccer Ball

Soccer Ball

Soccer Ball

Basketball

Example

Basketball

Basketball

Football

Football

Football

Show

A

Tennis Ball

Tennis Ball

Tennis Ball

Beach Ball

Beach Ball

Great

Beach Ball

Golf Ball

Attitude

Golf Ball

Golf Ball

Show Mercy

The merciful are blessed. Matthew 5:7

Isabel went with her dad to Sara's house every day. Isabel's dad was building cabinets for Sara's mom. Isabel liked to play dolls with Sara. Isabel did not have a doll of her own. One day Sara gave Isabel one of her dolls to keep.

God is pleased when you show mercy to others. You show mercy when you feel sad for others who have needs. You show mercy when you help people who have needs.

★ **Dear God,** Help me to show mercy by being a good friend.



The polar bear has a thick, waterproof coat. It keeps the bear dry and warm.



Unscramble It!

Read *Matthew 6:11-12*. Unscramble the words to find two things Jesus said to pray for.

ailyd readb _____

giveforness _____

Help Others

Give to the one who asks you, and don't turn away from the one who wants to borrow from you. *Matthew 5:42*

"Dad, Jake called. Can he come over? He wants to shoot some baskets with us," said Sam. "Jake does not have a basketball goal. We want to practice. Maybe you can teach us some shots. Do you have time to play with us?"

"Sure," said Dad. "That is a great idea. Tell him to come over. We will shoot some baskets together."

★ **Dear God,** Help me to look for ways to help others.



The great white shark has big, black eyes. He can roll them back to protect them.

LOL!

Why is 6 afraid of 7?

because 7 ate 9.



Friday, September 6

Make Peace



The peacemakers are blessed. *Matthew 5:9*

Caroline, Haley, and Abbie went to the waterpark. At the waterslide Caroline pushed Haley. Haley pushed back. Caroline slipped and began to cry. Abbie ran to her two friends.

"Let's go get a snack before someone gets hurt," Abbie said.

God wants you to get along with others. He is pleased when you help your friends get along without fighting. He is pleased when you are a peacemaker.

★ **Dear God,** Help me to be a peacemaker.

Saturday, September 7

Do Good

Let your light shine before men, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven. *Matthew 5:16*

Others may believe in God because of the good things you do.

★ **Dear God,** Help me to do good things.

Sunday, September 8

Love your neighbor as yourself. *James 2:8*

Read the verse two times.

Now cover the verse with your hand. Can you say the verse and reference from memory?



You Can Do It!

Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you.

Matthew 5:44

"Chelsea said she did not like me," said Cara. "That was not nice. I do not like her either."

"You and Chelsea have been friends a long time," said Mom. "Let's talk about how you can be friends again. We can ask God to help you."

God wants you to love people. Even people who do not like you. He wants you to pray for them.

★ **Dear God,** Help me to love people who do not like me.

The king cobra is the largest poisonous snake in the world. It can grow 16 feet long.

Groupie

Can you find where each animal name belongs in this puzzle?



elephant



ant



bear



giraffe



tiger



Do Good Quietly

Be careful not to practice your righteousness in front of people, to be seen by them. Otherwise, you will have no reward from your Father in heaven. *Matthew 6:1*

"All my friends are going to the circus except Janie," said Emma. "Her mom said it costs too much. Could we get an extra ticket for her?"

"Yes, we can," said Mom. "I am proud of you. Remember to do good deeds quietly. Do not brag about it to your friends."

★ **Dear God,** Help me to do good without talking about it to others.



Circus people often braid elephant tail hair into bracelets.



Think About It!

God does not want you to worry. He wants you to trust Him. He will take care of you. What do you worry about?

Print your answer here. _____

Teach Us to Pray

When you pray, go into your private room, shut your door, and pray to your Father ... in secret. And your Father ... will reward you.

Matthew 6:6

When Jesus was on earth, He taught people how to pray.

Here are some things Jesus taught:

- God wants you to talk to Him.
- God is always listening.
- God will answer your prayers.

You can pray any time. You can pray anywhere you are.

A baby frog is a tadpole.
A baby mouse is a kitten.

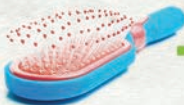
★ **Dear God,** Teach me to pray.

Picture This!

- Print the word for each picture on the line below it.
- Cross out the letters after the - signs.
- Add the letters after the + signs.



-ACO +



-B AND H + T



-AT +



-OG

God's Way

Your kingdom come. Your will be done on earth as it is in heaven.

Matthew 6:10

Pray every day. Ask God to help you do what He wants you to do.

Here are some things God wants you to do. Look at the list. Put a check beside the ones you will do today.

- | | |
|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Obey your parents. | <input type="checkbox"/> Help someone. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Show love to your family members. | <input type="checkbox"/> Share your toys. |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> Be kind to someone. |

★ **Dear God,** Help me to know what You want.

Number the Books

Number the books to put them in order.
Use the table of contents in your Bible to check your answers.

- _____ **Exodus**
- _____ **Deuteronomy**
- _____ **Genesis**
- _____ **Numbers**
- _____ **Leviticus**

A baby snake is a snakelet.

A baby owl is an owlet.



Praise God

You should pray like this: Our Father in heaven,
Your name be honored as holy. *Matthew 6:9*

Jesus taught people to praise God when they prayed. You praise God when you tell Him how good He is.

Here are some things you can tell God:

- You are good.
- You are loving.
- You are all-powerful.
- You are great.
- You are awesome.
- You are my teacher.

★ **Dear God,** I praise You. You are awesome.



Saturday, September 14

Ask God

Give us today our daily bread.
Matthew 6:11

God hears you when you pray. You can pray anytime. You can pray anywhere. You can ask God to give you what you need for today.

★ **Dear God,** Please give me the food I need.

Sunday, September 15

Even a young man is
known by his actions.
Proverbs 20:11

Copy the verse and reference on a piece of paper. Tape it to your mirror. Read it three times while you brush your teeth.



Forgive Me

Forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors.

Matthew 6:12

"You are dumb, Ben! You can't even play the game right!" shouted Jack. Jack saw Ben look down at the floor. Jack knew he had hurt Ben's feelings.

"I am sorry," said Jack. "I did not mean that. You are not dumb. I will help you know how to play the game."

Jack asked God to forgive him for what he said. He asked God to help him be kind to his friend.

★ **Dear God,** Help me not to say mean things.



A baby fish is a fry.
A baby goat is a kid.

Unscramble It!

Unscramble the words to find 3 things Jesus taught that God takes care of.

ouy _____

sirdb _____

owersfl _____

Love and Obey

Where your treasure is, there your heart will be also. *Matthew 6:21*

How do you show that you love God? You love God by obeying Him. Below are some ways to obey God. Can you think of another way? Write it on the paper.

- Tell the truth.
- Help at home.
- Treat others kindly.
- Be honest.
- Share things I have.
- Do what I am told to do.



A sheet of white paper with horizontal blue lines, intended for writing additional ways to obey God.

★ **Dear God,** Help me to love and obey You.

LOL!

The stork is a bird that does not have a voice.



What do you call a flying skunk?

A smell-icopter!



God Cares

Look at the birds of the sky: They don't sow or reap or gather into barns, yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Aren't you worth more than they? *Matthew 6:26*

Linda woke up. She lay still in her bed. She listened to a little bird singing. The bird was outside her window. Linda remembered what Jesus said about the birds.

Jesus said that God takes care of the birds. He said God loves people more than birds.

God loves me, thought Linda.
I know He will take care of me.

★ **Dear God,** Thank You for caring for me.

Songbirds can
sing two notes
at a time.



Missionary Kids



Hi, my name is Elizabeth Flook. I live in Bolivia, South America. Two boys, four girls plus "Mom" and "Dad" make up our family of 8!

I live in Santa Cruz, a city of about 2 million people. Mountains can be seen in the distance. The people from this area speak Spanish and are called "Camba."

My parents teach followers of Jesus how to make disciples and plant churches that will start more churches.

My favorite thing about being an MK (missionary kid), is making new friends and going on airplanes to different countries. Some of my favorite things to do in Bolivia are to play at my friend's house, go to the park, go swimming, and camping.

★ **Please pray** for me, my family, and the people of Bolivia. Pray for me as I learn more about Jesus, and that I will tell my friends about Jesus. Pray that my family will stay healthy, and that God will use us to lead many people to become Christians who start many new churches.

Source: kidsonmission.org

Show Love

Do not judge, so that you won't be judged. Matthew 7:1

How do you treat people who are unkind to you? Do you act rude to them? Are you unkind to them? Do you think of mean things to do to them?

The Bible says that God judges between right and wrong. Good deeds will be rewarded. Bad actions will be punished. The Bible also says not to judge others. Love people no matter how they act.

They will see God's love in the way you act.
Let God be the only Judge.

★ **Dear God,** Help me to love everyone.



Baby armadillos are pink and always come in sets of four.

Think About It!

God has a great plan for you! You follow God's plan when you pray, read your Bible, and obey Him.

Draw a picture of one way you obey God.

Friday, September 20

It's Important

Seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness. *Matthew 6:33*

"God, help me to obey You today," prayed Henry. Every morning Henry prayed the same prayer. You can pray this prayer too.

Obedying God is important. It is the most important thing you can do.

Do you know what pleases God? Here are some ways to learn.

- Ask Him.
- Read your Bible.
- Talk to your parents.
- Listen to your Sunday School teachers.

★ **Dear God,** Help me to please You every day.



Saturday, September 21

Don't Worry!

Don't worry about tomorrow, because tomorrow will worry about itself. *Matthew 6:34*

God is always with me. He always takes care of me. I do not need to worry about tomorrow. He will take care of what happens tomorrow.

★ **Dear God,** Help me not to worry.

Sunday, September 22

**Speak the truth.
*Ephesians 4:25***

Say the verse to yourself five times. Now say the reference five times. Put the verse and reference together and say it twice.



Keep Praying

Keep asking, and it will be given to you. Keep searching, and you will find. *Matthew 7:7*

Jeremy prayed for his cousin to get well. He prayed for his dad to find a job. He prayed for a friend who needed food. Jeremy also prayed for himself. He prayed that he would be a good student. He prayed that he would be kind to his cousin. He also prayed that he would make good choices.

Jesus said to keep praying. God answers every prayer.

★ **Dear God,** Thank You for answering my prayers.

The tallest, fastest free-fall waterslide is the "Summit Plummet" at Walt Disney World.

Picture This!

- Print the word for each picture on the line below it.
- Cross out the letters after the - signs.
- Add the letters after the + signs.

Read the new words on the lines to find out something Jesus taught.





-AR+



-GG+



-OCK+



-B

God Knows Best

If you then ... know how to give good gifts to your children,
how much more will your Father in heaven give good things
to those who ask Him! *Matthew 7:11*

"Dad, can I have a BB gun for my birthday?" asked Tom. "I really want one!"

"No," said Dad. "A BB gun would be dangerous for you to have."

Your parents must decide what is best for you. God knows what is best. He will answer your prayers with what is best for you.

★ **Dear God,** Thank You for giving me what is best for me.



The word circus comes from the Latin word meaning "ring or circle."

Before, Between, & After

In the blank, write the name of the book that is missing. Use the books of the Bible list in your Bible to check your answers.

Leviticus, _____, **Deuteronomy**

_____, **Exodus, Leviticus**

Exodus, Leviticus, _____

Others First

Whatever you want others to do for you, do also the same for them.

Matthew 7:12

Maddie was worried. In a few days she would go to a new school.

"What will I do if no one speaks to me?" she asked her mom.

"What will I do if no one sits by me at lunch?"

"Jesus said to treat others the way you want to be treated," answered Mom.

"Smile and speak to others first. You will make new friends."

★ **Dear God,** Help me to treat others the way I want to be treated.

Strawberries are the only fruit with seeds on the outside instead of the inside.



Fun & Games

Unscramble the letters. Find the names of four disciples of Jesus.

eterP _____

drewAn _____

ameJs _____

nhoJ _____

Good News?

So Philip proceeded to tell him the good news about Jesus, beginning from that Scripture. Acts 8:35

"Storms, earthquakes, war. My dad says there is no good news!" said Elyssa.

"I know some good news!" said Andrea. "It is in the Bible."

"What is it?" asked Elyssa.

"God sent Jesus to earth. Jesus taught us about God. He is the Savior of the world. Jesus loves us. He will take care of us. He provides for our needs."

★ **Dear God,** Help me to tell others the good news about Jesus.



Kiwi fruit is named for the national bird of New Zealand, the brown kiwi bird.

LOL!



What has 18 legs
and catches flies?

A baseball team!



Good Fruit

A good tree can't produce bad fruit; neither can a bad tree produce good fruit. *Matthew 7:18*

Have you eaten a peach right off a peach tree? Most of the time they are delicious. Jesus talked about fruit trees when He taught people. He said a good tree would make good fruit. Jesus was teaching the people to believe in God. He was teaching them to do good deeds.

Your actions are like fruit. Your good actions show other people that you love Jesus.

★ **Dear God,** Help me to do good things.



Saturday, September 28

Be Wise

Everyone who hears these words of Mine and acts on them will be like a sensible man who built his house on the rock.

Matthew 7:24

To learn to obey God, study the Bible. Do what Jesus taught. Act the way Jesus taught people to act.

★ **Dear God,** Help me to obey Jesus every day.

Sunday, September 29

I will tell what He has done for me. *Psalms 66:16*

Read the verse. Think of two things Jesus has done for you and your family. This week tell two other people what Jesus has done for you.



Pay Attention

A woman named Lydia, a dealer in purple cloth ... was listening. The Lord opened her heart to pay attention to what was spoken by Paul. Acts 16:14

"Why do I always get in trouble?" Craig asked Sam. "I do not think the teachers like me."

Sam knew Craig did not follow the rules. He did not obey the teachers. He did not tell the truth.

Sam told Craig about Jesus. "Jesus will help you do what is right," said Sam.

Craig listened to what Sam said.

★ **Dear God,** Thank You for helping people listen when I tell them about Jesus.



Sunflowers are a great choice to attract birds to your yard.

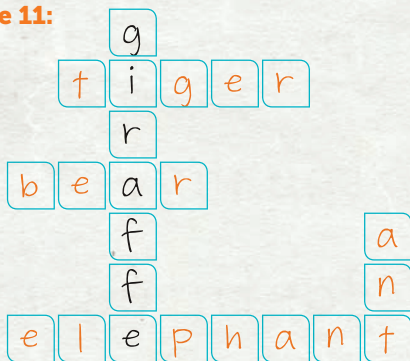
Answers

page 6: talk to God

page 7: Follow Jesus' example, show a great attitude.

page 8: daily bread, forgiveness

page 11:



page 13: trust God

page 14: 1. Genesis, 2. Exodus, 3. Leviticus, 4. Numbers, 5. Deuteronomy

page 16: you, birds, flowers

page 21: tell about Jesus

page 22:

Leviticus, Numbers, Deuteronomy
Genesis, Exodus, Leviticus
Exodus, Leviticus, Numbers

page 23: Peter, Andrew, James, John

page 27: Jesus taught about being kind

Secret Message

Follow the clues to cross out words. Print the rest of the words in order in the blanks. Read a message about Jesus.

Clue 1. Cross out the words that name flowers.

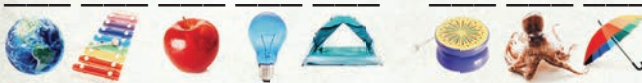
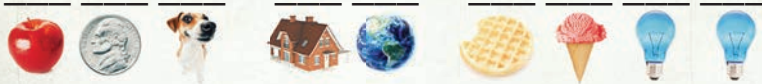
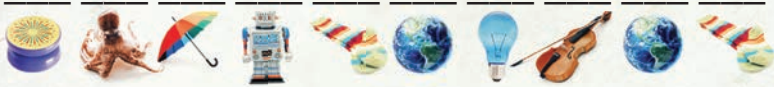
Clue 2. Cross out the words that rhyme with tell.

Clue 3. Cross out the words that name Jesus' disciples.

Clue 4. Cross out the words that name colors.

Jesus	bell	daisy	Peter
yellow	taught	fell	purple
rose	Andrew	daffodill	green
about	yell	lily	being
sunflower	sell	John	green
kind	bell	pink	Philip

Fill in the blanks
with the first letter
of the object found
underneath.



James 4:10

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