Thank You for the love You give me. It is a miracle that God, the creator and the most powerful and amazing God, loves me. (Psalm 107:8)

See It:

'He appointed twelve--making them apostles--that they might be with Him and that He might send them out to preach and to have authority to drive out demons.' (Mark 3:13-15)

On It:

This is what it's all about! Jesus picks disciples - His followers, His students. What is the deal? That they might BE WITH HIM. That is the secret of discipleship. Being with Jesus. They 'adhere' to Him – that means, they stick to him. That's a lot simpler, isn't it? Just stick to Him. Stay WITH Him. All the time – at school at home, at school, at the corps, at the playground, at the mall, at your grandmother's. And look at what He does. He sends you out to preach and authorizes you to kick out demons. How easy is that?!

Live It:

If you are between 7 and 10 years old you are officially 'Ready to be God's Soldier', and if you are 11-13 you are 'Ready to Rock (en)Roll' in The Army's @theREADY framework. If you're ready to be God's soldier tell your corps officer.

Do It:

This week we are going to be making some cards to give away and encourage people. Could you find some paper and markers and write the names of six people you would like to encourage in their walk with or toward Jesus? in it:

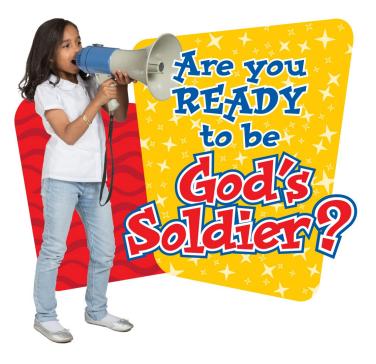
Help me to stick with You, Jesus.

Eat It:

'So, then, just as you received Christ Jesus as Lord, continue to live in Him, made strong in Him, growing in the faith as you were taught, and overflowing with thankfulness.' Memorize this verse this week. (Colossians 2:6-7)

Read It:

One-year Bible Plan: Read Jeremiah 52, Psalm 143-144, & Revelation 1



You love Your children, and You do amazing things in our lives to help us and to show us how much You love us. (Psalm 107:21)

See It:

'If anyone comes to Me and does not hate their father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters or even their own life, they can't be My disciple. And anyone who does not carry their cross and follow Me cannot be My disciple.' (Luke 14:26-27)

On It:

What? Hate your parents? Ouch! That's hardcore. But look, it is about this person and that person and those people and EVEN your own life! So, don't include your parents in this for a second. What Jesus seems to be saying is that compared to your commitment to Jesus your interest in your life must be nothing. You must not care for your own life at all. If you want to be a disciple of Jesus, you must live completely for Him, not for yourself or for your parents or for your sisters and brothers or friends. Live for Him. And that's not all. You have to carry your cross. Do you know what that means? Well, in Jesus' day, if you saw someone carrying his cross it meant that he was on his way to his crucifixion – he was about to be killed. Does that make sense? He was a walking dead man! So, if you want to be a disciple of Jesus you have to be a walking dead boy or a walking dead girl. A disciple of Jesus is a student and follower. And to be a disciple you just must live for Jesus and be dead to yourself. That's it! Too easy, mate!

Live It:

The Salvation Army has an @theREADY set of challenges and teaching for each age group you'll be in until you are way out of high school!

Do It:

Make a card that tells this person they are loved by Jesus. Write a prayer inside the card somewhere.

Today, l'm going to make a card for:

in it:

I love that I am in Your family, and that with You in my life, I have all that I need. Help me to place You as number one!

Eat It: Colossians 2:6-7

'Just as you received Christ Jesus as Lord.' First, you must receive Jesus as Lord. To all who receive Him, to those who believe in His name, He gives the right to be called children of God.

Read It:

One-year Bible Plan: Read Ezekiel 1-3, & Revelation 2

You always help me and tell me what to do. I know that if I follow You, I will be honouring You, and I will honour You all of my days. (Psalm 73:24)

See It:

'Then, He said to them all: "If anyone would come after Me, he must put himself last, take up his cross daily and follow Me. Whoever wants to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for Me will save it. What good is it for you to gain the whole world, and yet lose yourself? If anyone is ashamed of Me and My words, the Human Son will be ashamed of you when He comes in all His glory, in the glory of the Father and of the holy angels.' (Luke 9:23-26)

On it:

Wow! This discipleship stuff is extreme! You may know people who want to get rich when they grow up, or who want to buy a big house or a big car or have a big pool, or take great vacations all the time or save lots of money for retirement... But Jesus is telling us that if we get all of that stuff but go to hell, we're in hell. None of that stuff matters. Do not knock yourself out trying to get rich or any of that other stuff. Instead, seek first the Kingdom of God and His righteousness. Do not lose your soul. Get saved, keep saved, and get other people saved. If you are ever ashamed of Jesus, He'll be ashamed of you. And that is disastrous. Always stand up for Him and He'll always stand up for you.

Live It:

Corps Cadets is a hardcore soldier-training course for teens.

Do It:

Make a card that tells this person to keep up their Bible reading. Write a memory verse inside the card somewhere.

in it:

Name all the people in your class and pray one thing for each of them.



Eat It: Colossians 2:6-7

'Continue to live in Him.' This is an important part that too many people overlook. This is the journey of discipleship. A lot of people receive Christ Jesus as Lord but then do not follow Him, do not continue to live IN Him. And that is a massive problem.

Read It:

One-year Bible Plan: Read Ezekiel 4-7, & Revelation 3

I love You Yahweh, so I want to be obedient to You and show You how much I love You. (Psalm 85:9)

See It:

'Jesus travelled through all the towns and villages, teaching in their synagogues, preaching the good news and healing every disease and sickness. When He saw the crowds, He felt sorry for them, because they were bullied and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. Then He said to His disciples, "There is plenty to be harvested but the workers are few. Ask the Lord of the harvest, then, to send workers out into His harvest field." (Matthew 9:35-38)

On It:

First, look at Jesus' example. Everywhere He goes, Jesus preaches that people can be saved from sin and hell if they repent of their sins and trust and obey Him. He heals sick people. He cares for them. This is a great example. And He sees that they are lost and need someone to lead them and take care of them. Jesus explains to His disciples that there are lots of people out there ready to get saved but that we need more warriors to rescue them from the bonds of the devil. Then He told them to pray for God to force warriors out onto the battlefield. Pray that prayer today. You will likely find that you become an answer to your own prayer. By that we mean He is sending you!

Live It:

Technically, you can sign up as a Senior Soldier when you are 14, but in some places, we play up Junior Soldiership from 7-17 and then transition to Senior Soldiership at 18.

Do It:

Make a card for the next person on your list and tell this person you are praying for them.



in it:

Please God, send more people to help in Your mission to save people! Please send Your Holy Spirit into them to fire them up for lost people everywhere.

Eat It: Colossians 2:6-7

'Rooted and built up in Him.' You must be rooted in Jesus – your roots go down deep into Him. Root your beliefs, your actions, your trust, the things you do, in Him. And be built up in Him. Build your life on Jesus. Each act of obedience, each bit of love, each exercise of faith, each expression of worship helps you build your life in Him.

Read It:

One-year Bible Plan: Read Ezekiel 8-11, & Revelation 4

You made all of creation. You made all of the people of the world. And one day, all of Your children will bow down and worship You. You deserve it! (Psalm 86:9)

See It:

'After they had crossed, Elijah said to Elisha, "What can I do for you before I'm taken from you?" Elisha replied, "Please give me double the amount of your spirit!"" (2 Kings 2:9)

On It:

Elijah discipled Elisha. Elijah was a mighty warrior of Yahweh, a powerful prophet of God. And Elisha followed him around, watching, learning, imitating. And when Elijah was about to head to Heaven (he flew up, while still alive, in a fiery chariot!) Elisha knew (God let him in on it!), so he asked for a double portion of Elijah's spirit. Whew! I ask for a double portion when someone is serving ice-cream! And, do you know what? He got it! Elisha did twice the number of miracles as Elijah. He was hardcore. He even raised a dead guy from his grave (the dead body came back to life when it touched Elisha's bones! I think Elisha should get some credit on that one too)! He took Elijah's mantle – his anointing, his calling, his authority. And he used it to glorify God. When you disciple someone well, that person will end up like you! And as you get discipled by a great Christian, you will end up with similarities to your discipler. Brad discipled me, and even though we are really different kinds of people, we end up saying and doing similar things because of the influence he had on me. So, be careful who disciples you and how you disciple. Choose the best!

Live It:

Is God calling you to be an Officer? If so, tell your Junior Soldier Sergeant and Corps Officer, then train hard and prepare to be the best one possible.

Do It:

Make a card that tells this person that you have thought of them and prayed for them that day. Write a praise point inside the card somewhere.



in it:

Please help these cards to bring joy to the people that receive them and please send Your love with each card I give.

Eat It: Colossians 2:6-7

'Strengthened in the faith as you were taught.' Get strong by being taught to follow Jesus. Make sure the teaching you receive is solid, Biblical, missional training and discipling that will raise you up into a mighty warrior.

Read It:

One-year Bible Plan: Read Ezekiel 12-14, & Revelation 5

Yahweh, You are the God who saves me. Continue to help me! I want to praise You and say thank You that You have saved me and forgiven me of all of my sins. (Psalm 79:9)

See It:

'You heard me teach in front of many people. To people you can trust, teach the things you've heard me say. Then they will be able to teach others.' (2 Timothy 2:2)

On It:

This is a really important verse. Paul is speaking to his disciple, Timothy. Paul is old and is setting things up for the future. He has faithfully trained up Timothy in the Salvation War. And he teaches Timothy to use reliable people, pouring into them the essential lessons that Paul has taught Timothy. You see Paul has a good plan. He is hoping that his teaching will mean that Tim will be a good leader, and then Tim will pass on the teaching to others who will also become good, and then they will pass it on, and so on and so on. That way, Paul's influence keeps going and going even longer than the energizer bunny! Let's do some math. If you got one person saved every day for a year, 365 people are going to heaven. If you did that every day for a decade, 3,650 people would be saved. If you did it every day for 20 years, 7,300 people saved from hell. That's fantastic. But watch closely. If you discipled two kids for a year, so that they become solid Jesus warriors, there would be three of you at the end of the year. That's good (though not anything close to 365). If all three of you disciple two kids each the second year, then there are six at the end of the year. Praise God. Watch how the math goes, if you each disciple two people each year: After ten years - 1536 disciples of Jesus; After 20 years - 1,572,864 disciples of Jesus! Disciple kids! It just makes more mathematical sense!

Live It:

Senior Soldiers sign up to fight as warriors for life with God in The Salvation Army.

Do It:

Make a card that tells this person how much you appreciate their leadership and discipleship in your life. Write a praise point inside the card somewhere.



in it:

Thank You for creating me! Help me to be a good disciple of Yours, Jesus!

Eat It: Colossians 2:6-7

'Overflowing with thankfulness.' If you receive Him as Lord, if you root your life and build it up in Him, and if you are strengthened in the faith as you are taught Biblically, you WILL overflow in thankfulness. You will be aware of having so much for which to be thankful!

Read It:

One-year Bible Plan: Read Ezekiel 15-16, Psalm 70, & Revelation 6

You love us, and there is nothing You wouldn't do for us to show us You love us. You are so amazing! Thank You! (Psalm 107: 31)

See It:

'I am the vine; you are the branches. If you stay joined to Me and I to you, you will bear lots of fruit. Without Me you can do nothing. If anyone doesn't stay joined to Me, you are like a branch that is thrown away and dries up. Those branches are picked up, thrown into the fire and burned. If you stay joined to Me and My words remain in you, ask whatever you want and it will be given to you. When you bear much fruit, it brings glory to My Father, and you show yourselves to be My disciples.' (John 15:5-8)

On it:

Have you ever seen a grapevine? It has one big bit of plant attached to the ground, and then all the branches go off their separate ways. But they are all attached to one bit in the middle. That is the relationship of Jesus with His disciples. So, if you are a disciple of Jesus you are like the branches of the grapevine connected to the vine, which is Jesus. Do you catch that? The branch can't grow on its own. It must suck the nutrients and water out of the vine. If a branch stops getting that stuff out of the vine, then it dies on the vine and is cut off and thrown out. Do you get the application? If we are not sucking stuff out of the vine, if we are not growing, if we are not connected to Jesus, we are cut off and thrown out. That's disastrous. So, remain IN Jesus. Stay connected to Him. And if you do, you will bear much fruit. And THAT is how you show yourself to be a disciple of Jesus!

Live It:

The Salvation Army has rations - rations are the daily spiritual food that a soldier takes in through prayer and Bible reading. Take your rations daily

- this book is intended to help you make it a life-long habit.

Do It:

Make a card that tells this person how important it is to pray. Write a prayer inside the card somewhere.



in it:

Help me to stay close to You so that I can produce good fruit for Your kingdom.

Eat It:

'So, then, just as you received Christ Jesus as Lord, continue to live in Him, rooted and built up in Him, strengthened in the faith as you were taught, and overflowing with thankfulness.' Colossians 2:6-7. Memorize this verse and tell five friends.

Read It:

One-year Bible Plan: Read Ezekiel 17-19, & Revelation 7