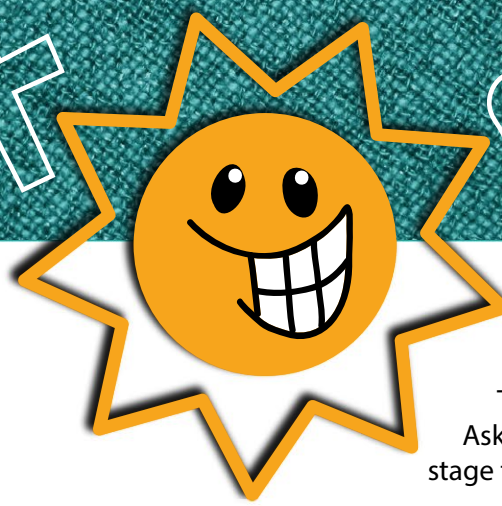


Week 45

Day 1



Jehovah Rocks:

*You are holy! You are amazing! You are perfect!
You are Yahweh! (Psalm 29:2)*

See It:

'Our God, won't you please judge them? We don't have the power to face this huge army that's attacking us. We don't know what to do. But we're looking to You to help us.' (2 Chronicles 20:12)

On It:

Have you ever been outnumbered? Maybe you were the last person left on your dodge ball team. Well, King Jehoshaphat of Judah was outnumbered. The Moabites, the Ammonite, and some Meunites were coming to war against Judah. A huge army was mobilizing from Edom. So, Jehoshaphat called a fast. And then he directed everyone to pray. And this is a bit of his prayer to God. 'We don't know what to do, but our eyes are on You.' This sounds a bit like when Jesus said that He couldn't do anything by Himself - He could only do what He saw God the Father doing. Well, we know that Jesus could see everything that the Father was doing. And Jehoshaphat and his people were looking closely to God to see how He would respond. The Holy Spirit came on Jahaziel and he prophesied God's answer to them. It all worked out in the end. Lessons for us? Fasting is good. Prayer is essential. Look to God, even when you don't know what to do. God will answer. He might use someone else to deliver the answer. And then? Obey! (You can read the rest of the story in 2 Chronicles 20)

Live It:

We are all about getting people saved. That is our mission and that is the whole reason we exist. So, the next few weeks are going to be spent looking at a tool for evangelism called 'The Bridge'. We will explain how to use The Bridge in your evangelizing, and we want you to try it out on as many people as you can.

Do It:

This week we want to focus on sharing prayer with others. Ask your mom or dad if you could pray with them at some stage today.



In It:

Please help me to have a huge memory for all my memory verses so that I can use the Bridge in my evangelizing.

Eat It:

'Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.' (Philippians 4:6-7)

Read It:

One-year Bible Plan: Read Job 28-29 & Galatians 1-2

Week 45

Day 2



Jehovah Rocks:

You are the King, the strongest, and You win every battle! (Psalm 24:8)

See It:

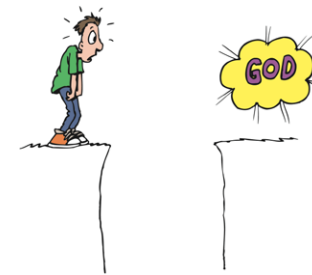
'I was speaking and praying. I was admitting that I and my people Israel had sinned. I was making my request to the Lord my God about His holy mountain of Zion. While I was still praying, Gabriel came to me. I had seen him in a vision I had had before. He flew over to me very quickly. It was about the time when the evening sacrifice is offered... He said, "Daniel, I have come now to give you a good knowledge and understanding of these things. You are highly respected. So as soon as you began to pray, the Lord gave you an answer. I have come to tell you what it is. Here is how you must understand the vision.' (Daniel 9: 20)

On It:

Daniel is doing his rations, reading the book of Jeremiah, and he does the math on a prophecy of Jeremiah about 70 years of exile and realizes that the time is up. So, he starts to pray. Now, Daniel is a guy who never sins in the Biblical record. But a lot of his prayer is confession and repentance. Did you notice that? He was praying and repenting not for himself but for his people. He was confessing their sins for them, and the angel Gabriel showed up with the answer. In yesterday's reading, God gave the answer to Jahaziel; today, to Gabriel. Who knows who will get the answer when you pray? But Daniel was open to God's ways. There are at least three lessons for us today: first, do your rations with open eyes and ears; second, don't sin but be prepared to confess the sins of your people; third, be prepared for any answer God gives, in any way He wants to give it.

Live It: The Bridge

This tool is called the bridge because it helps us to see the gap between us and God. You have to imagine standing on the edge of a giant cliff. You can see the other side that you need to get to, but there is no bridge and no way to cross. We stand on one side and God stands on the other. How are we going to get across?



Do It:

Find a friend at school who you know is a Christian. Ask if you could be prayer pals. Meet once a week at school to pray for a few minutes. Start today!

In It:

Think of three people you are going to present the Bridge to in a few weeks. Start praying for them every day in preparation.

Eat It: Philippians 4:6-7

'Do not be anxious about anything.' People get anxious because they are unsure about what might happen. If you hide in Jesus, you have no reason to be anxious!

Read It:

One-year Bible Plan: Read Job 30, Psalm 120, & Galatians 3-4

Week 45

Day 3



Jehovah Rocks:

I lift up my head and look to You. You are going to come down and be with me now. (Psalm 24:9)

See It:

'Then David spoke to the whole community. He said, "Praise the Lord your God." So all of them praised the Lord. He's the God of their people who lived long ago. The whole community bowed low. They fell down flat with their faces toward the ground. They did it in front of the Lord and the king.' (1 Chronicles 29:20)

On It:

Have you ever played the game Simon Says? Whenever you hear 'Simon' in the instructions you have to imitate the leader? Well, King David is not playing Simon Says here. But he does call on the people of Israel to praise the Lord. And they all do! A massive crowd hits the deck. Have you ever played that game? 'Captain's coming'? It's when you pretend you are on a ship, and somebody shouts the commands and the whole group has to follow the commands. And when you shout, 'Scrub the deck!' everyone has to fall to the floor. Well, when David shouts "Praise the Lord your God", it was like saying to all the people "scrub the deck!" They hit the ground fast in worship of Yahweh! Some of the most amazing prayer you will experience will be alone with God. But a lot of it will happen when you are with a bunch of warriors who are giving their worship to God with all of their bodies and all of their voices and all of their hearts. These are fantastic prayers. Enjoy them. God does.

Live It:

So, we are standing on the edge of the cliff. And we think, "does God want us to get across?" Yes! Step one is all about explaining God's Love and His plan. God created us in His image to be His friend and to experience a full life convinced of His love that is so good and eternal.

Do It:

Ask your teachers if they would like prayer for anything. Write a prayer for them tonight and then pass it on to them tomorrow.



In It:

Thank you! You made us in your image and you want us to experience full life in You! Praise You, Yahweh! Thank You!

Eat It:

Philippians 4:6-7
'In everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving.' This is a great way to handle the challenges of life – by prayer and petition (making requests of God), WITH THANKSGIVING. Thanksgiving in times of trouble shows God that you trust Him.

Read It:

One-year Bible Plan: Read Job 31-32 & Galatians 5-6

Week 45

Day 4



Jehovah Rocks:

You are the King of glory. Everyone worships You!
(Psalm 24:10)

See It:

'But when you fast, anoint your head and wash your face so that your fasting will not be obvious to others, but only to your Father, who is unseen; and your Father, who sees what is done in secret, will reward you.' (Matthew 6:18)

On It:

We are back to some great teaching from Matthew, and today's lesson is on fasting. Fasting is when you stop doing something. Maybe you stop eating food all together, or maybe a certain type of food like chocolate. Maybe you stop watching TV, or maybe you give up some sleep and get up earlier to pray. Fasting is giving something up. The important part that makes it a spiritual fast is when it is done for God. Some people fast because they want to pray hard about one particular thing, or some people fast until something happens so that they remember to persevere in their prayer. Others fast once a week in obedience to God as a way of remembering to include Him in their life. To fast takes incredible discipline. It is learning to say NO to your body, and in that way, you get past some of your regular habits and start to concentrate on God completely. When your focus is totally on God instead of on ourselves, we start to hear and see Him a little better. If you are to fast, remember it is for God, and not for you. So, don't tell people you are fasting, instead make it look like you are not fasting. Worship God each time you think of wanting the item you are fasting. (Though, until you are an adult, you have to tell your mom or dad about your fast to make sure you stay healthy.)

Live It:

Here is the first verse you need to use to explain the first step of the Bridge. Make sure you have memorized it, so that you can use it in your story. But, if you can't, at least remember the reference so that you can look it up with them. 'Jesus said, "... I have come that they may have life and have it to the full.'" (John 10:10b)

Do It:

Ask one of your friends from your corps to be a prayer pal with you. Pray for your corps together once a week.



In It:

Thank You that you're going to use me in Your plan for others to know You!

Eat It:

Philippians 4:6-7
'Present your requests to God!' Well, we're commanded to do it. So, do it! Those who follow Jesus are children of God, so we belong to the family – we can ask our Father. And we do it not out of our merit but out of His mercy.

Read It:

One-year Bible Plan: Read Job 33 & 1 Corinthians 1-3

Week 45

Day 5



Jehovah Rocks

Yahweh, I invite You to come in to this place and fill it!
(Psalm 24:7)

See It:

'For if you forgive people when they sin against you, your heavenly Father will also forgive you. But if you do not forgive people their sins, your Father will not forgive your sins.' (Matthew 6:14-15)

On It:

This verse trips a lot of people up. Some people think that it is unfair. Some people think that it goes against what we have been told about grace. After all, I thought we were forgiven when we repented of our sins and believed in Jesus! Now we have to do even more?! Yes and no. You see, repenting of our sin, all of our sin, includes forgiving people who have hurt us along the way. Why? I mean it wasn't your sin! Why should somebody else's bad sin against you stop you from being forgiven? What if what they did was really bad, and they don't 'deserve' forgiveness from you? This is exactly the reason that Jesus wants us to forgive. You see, sin is like a big brown ball of gunk. When people sin against you, they are handing that big brown ball of gunk over to you. And until you forgive them, you are holding that big brown ball of gunk for them. You are holding onto sin, and it is not even yours! Why would you do that? When we forgive someone, we are not saying that what they did was okay. We are saying, 'I don't want to carry your sin for you anymore. You can have it back.' Jesus can't forgive us until we have given over ALL of the sin we hold, ours or other people's. When God forgives us, He is not telling us He doesn't care about the things we did. He is telling us He loves us despite of the things we did, things we no longer need to hold onto to, or feel guilty about, because Jesus takes them away, whether we deserve it or not. So, go and forgive, and keep on forgiving.

Live It:

And the second verse that you need for the first step is...
'We have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ.'
(Romans 5:1)

Do It:

Ring one of the children or youth leaders from your corps and ask if they would pray with you over the phone and if they would pray for you every day.



In It:

Jesus, You are the reason that I can know God my Father. Thank You!

Eat It:

Philippians 4:6-7

'And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding.' God's peace is better than you can put in words. And it is more amazing than you can even comprehend. Hallelujah! Now, memorize this verse!

Read It:

One-year Bible Plan: Read Job 34 & 1 Corinthians 4-6

Week 45

Day 6



Jehovah Rocks:

I love coming to You and being near You. I love to worship You. (Psalm 26:8)

See It:

'Whoever shows that they know Me before people here and now, I will also show that I know them before My Father in Heaven. But whoever ignores Me and pretends not to know Me before people, I will ignore them before My Father in Heaven.' (Matthew 10:32-33)

On It:

Wow, another day, another tough verse. But this one is easy to understand, just hard to tell others. It is however really important to tell others, or else they are going to get a big shock when they die. Jesus is telling us how to get into Heaven! How? By acknowledging Jesus to people on earth before you die. Then, when you die, and you get to the gateway of Heaven, Jesus, like a holy 'bouncer' outside the best club in the universe, will say 'yeah, I know you' and He will let you into Heaven! But if you or anyone else say that you don't know Jesus and don't believe in the things He did, then Jesus, like a holy 'bouncer' outside the best club in the universe, will sadly say, 'Nope, sorry, I don't know you.' And you or that other person won't get into Heaven. This is why you must use the bridge verses we are teaching you to help everyone get into the best club in the universe. Do it, because no one should ever miss out.

Live It:

We have now explained step one. We are God's child, and Jesus is the one who can give us peace. But then we ask, 'Since God planned for us to have peace and full life right now, why are most people not having this experience?'

Do It:

Ring your Sunday school leaders and ask if you could pray with them on the phone.



In It:

Give me courage and the right words when I tell others about You! Please!

Eat It:

Philippians 4:6-7

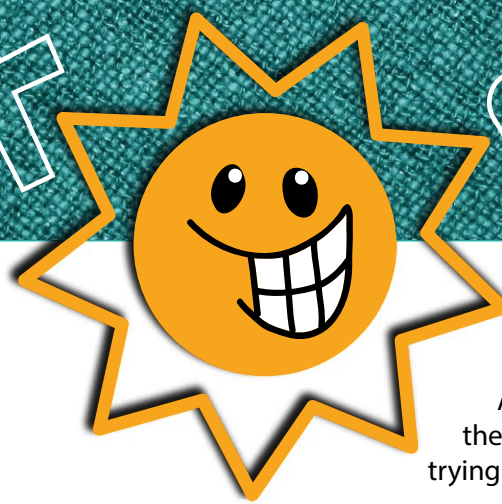
'Will guard your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.' God's peace guards our heart and mind in Christ Jesus. How beautiful is that? No commentary necessary.

Read It:

One-year Bible Plan: Read Job 35-36 & 1 Corinthians 7-8

Week 45

Day 7



Jehovah Rocks:

I am here to tell You that You are the greatest! You are the most amazing and the most powerful. (Psalm 29:1)

See It:

'At that time Jesus said, "I praise You, Father, Lord of Heaven and earth, because You have hidden these things from the wise and learned, and shown them instead to little children.' (Matthew 11:25)

On It:

What!? Little children can understand God better than really holy Bible scholars?! How?! Jesus is reminding us that to believe in God and follow Jesus, we have to have faith. And faith is about believing without always knowing exactly how everything works or will work. Does a baby worry about how its mom will afford their food? No. The baby will just ask for the food when it is hungry. Do small children think about why Jesus loves them? Nope, they just know that Jesus loves them because the Bible tells them so. This is the kind of knowledge and faith; God wants us to have of Him. He wants us to accept and love Him. He wants us to stop worrying about all the things that 'might' happen and just trust Him. Even when it doesn't make any earthly sense to do so. God has revealed His ways to little children. The lesson is to keep the faith of a child, and not lose the simple reliance on God that children do much better than adults.

Live It:

When you are talking about the question from yesterday, you might use examples like loneliness, or bullying, or when people get angry at each other. You just need to show that this life really could be a lot better. And then you tell them that you know the way to make it better!

Do It:

Ask your Corps Officers if they will pray with you today. Tell them you are learning the bridge and are soon going to be trying it on three friends.

In It:

Praise You, Jesus, because You are the Prince of Peace!

Eat It:

Philippians 4:6-7
'Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.' (Philippians 4:6-7)

Read It:

One-year Bible Plan: Read Psalm 122 & 1 Corinthians 9-11

