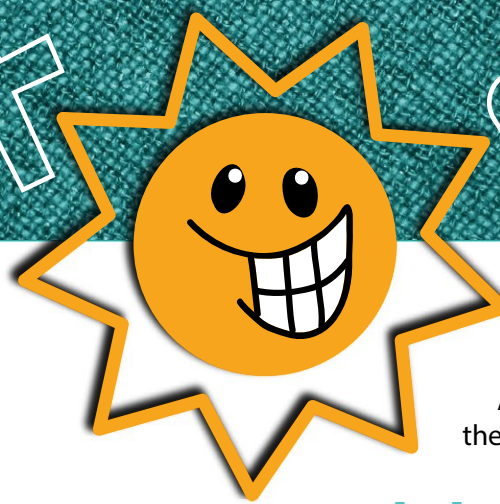


Week 10

Day 1



Jehovah Rocks:

*I want the whole world to tell You how good you are
Yahweh! I want everyone to join in and sing praises to
You! (Psalm 66:8)*

See It:

'Be silent in front of me. I am the Lord and King. The day of the Lord is near. I have prepared a sacrifice. I have set apart for myself the people I invited.' (Zephaniah 1:7; 3:17 NLT)

On It:

Man, these minor Prophets are tough guys. If God told me to go to bullies in the school yard and tell them off for all the things they were doing wrong, I'd be a little bit scared. Think about it for a second. Old Zeph had to say some pretty harsh stuff to the people of God. Now, I'm certain it was all deserved, but still, he had some guts! The important thing to note for today is, that even in all the judgement, God still offers hope. He has not written the bullies off. He has not told His people that they are so mean He doesn't want to be friends with them anymore. In fact, He says quite gently that He will calm their fears and sing songs over them. When I read this I think of a new mom, singing over a baby in a crib that is slowly drifting off to sleep. The lesson for us should be getting through now. Repent and obey God and He will be so happy, like a mother singing over her baby. But keep on sinning and we keep ourselves separated from God.

Live It:

There are two kinds of Soldiership: Junior and Senior. To be a Junior Soldier you have to be at least seven years old and a committed Christian.

Do It:

Ask God to show you where you have sin in your life and then ask Him to take it away.

In It:

Thank You for loving me! Please calm my fears and sing songs over me today.

Eat It: Doctrine Two

We believe that there is only one God, who is infinitely perfect, the Creator, Preserver, and Governor of all things, and who is the only proper object of religious worship.

Read It:

One-year Bible Plan: Read Deuteronomy 1-2, & Mark 12



loving • worshipping • serving God

Week 10

Day 2



Jehovah Rocks:

Whenever I need Your help, I know I can cry out to You and You will be there for me. Even while crying out to You, I will continue to praise You. (Psalm 66:17).

See It:

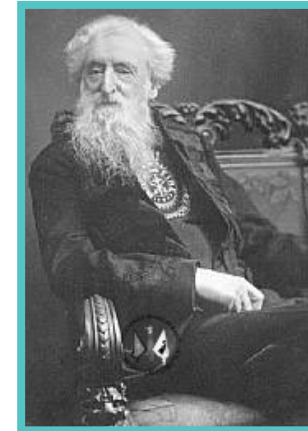
'He continues, "Think carefully about how you are living. Go up into the mountains. Bring logs down. Use them to rebuild My house. Then I will enjoy it. And you will honor Me," says the Lord. "You expected a lot. But you can see what a small amount it turned out to be," announces the Lord who rules over all. "I blew away what you brought home. Why? Because My temple is still destroyed. In spite of that, each one of you is busy with your own house.'" (Haggai 1:7-9 NLT)

On It:

There is a saying about people 'missing the forest for the trees'. They get so focused on the trees - the little things in which they are involved - that they miss the forest - the big picture, the important stuff. Now, that has nothing to do with Haggai's instruction to the people of Israel to climb the mountain and cut down some trees. But it has a lot to do with him telling them off for their bad priorities. They were making for themselves nice homes but ignoring God's house! Forget about the buildings for a minute and think about that spiritually - a lot of people worry about their own well-being and safety and happiness while ignoring God. This can be a 12 year-old who buys snacks after school every day while ignoring the collection plate on Sundays at the meeting. But it can also be your parents who invest their money in nice things instead of pouring cash into God's purposes. It is important for you to get this right at a young age so that when it comes to the fancy temptations later, like cars and stereos, you'll be ready to defeat it. As Haggai instructs the people, 'think carefully about how you are living'.

Live It:

As a soldier you are not a member or an attender or a spectator, you are a soldier in an Army. "Soldiers fight. They live to fight. They love to fight. They love the thickest of the fight. And they die in the midst of it." So said General William Booth.



Do It:

Read a whole chapter of the Bible out loud to anyone that will listen.

In It:

Live Your life through me today, please.

Eat It: Doctrine Two

It is important to know that we only believe in and worship ONE God.

Read It:

One-year Bible Plan: Read Deuteronomy 3-4, Psalm 36, & Mark 13

Week 10

Day 3



Jehovah Rocks:

*I love You, Yahweh. You always listen to my prayers
and You love me perfectly and constantly. Thank You!*
(Psalm 66:20)

See It:

'And now He says to us, "Return to me. Then I will return to you," says the Lord.' (Zechariah 1:3)

On It:

By this point it must have been beginning to sound like a broken record to the people of Israel. Do you know what a broken record is? It's a bit like when your iTunes skips and plays the same bit over and over again. Anyway, here is Israel, in a place of disobedience again. So God has a prophet call on them - 'return to God and He'll return to you'. It is almost like a magnetic principle. The book of James instructs us to 'resist the devil and he'll flee from you.' The flip side of that instruction is here in Zechariah - return to God and He'll return to you. As Commissioner Ingrid Lindberg likes to say, "Stay close to Jesus." There is some classic stuff in Zechariah, and if you read the book with that in mind, there are some important lessons for you to pick up.

Live It:

Junior Soldiers sign a Junior Soldier Promise that testifies to their salvation and obedience to God and promises their commitment to trying to get other people saved.

Do It:

We often say, 'God bless you' when people sneeze. Today, say 'God bless you' to three people even if they haven't sneezed!



In It:

'Lord, we'll be heroes, we'll be heroes when the battle is fierce. When the raging storm louder grows will our courage increase by the Cross.'
(Songbook – 811)

Eat It: Doctrine Two

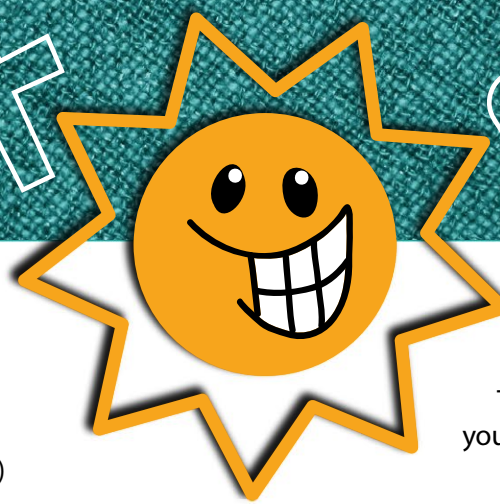
We believe that God is perfect. There is absolutely nothing God can't do and He is completely 100% holy. Everything God does, says, creates, inspires... all perfect because it comes from God... who is just... perfect!

Read It:

One-year Bible Plan: Read Deuteronomy 5-6, Psalm 43, & Mark 14

Week 10

Day 4



Jehovah Rocks:

You are perfect Yahweh and I praise You! I am so thankful that I am able to be near You and I sing and dance and rejoice because You are my God. (Psalm 68:4)

See It:

'The Lord who is in charge of you says, "I will send My messenger. He will prepare My way for me. Then the Lord you have been searching for will come to His temple. The messenger of the covenant will come. He is the one you long for."' (Malachi 3:1)

On It:

The whole Old Testament is a mind-boggling, future predicting, document. There are literally thousands of prophecies, not one of which has been false! That's 100%! The prophecies are right every time! That gives us complete confidence in trusting the teaching of the Old Testament for our lives and warfare, and this verse is just one example of the thousands. It is a particularly important verse in that it points to John the Baptist. Jesus used this verse to apply to John the Baptist (Matthew 11:10 and Luke 7:27). John's father Zechariah understood this (the hard way – see Luke 1), too. We celebrate that John the Baptist prepared the way of the Lord. It opened the way for us to follow Him. And now we can take the confidence we get from fulfilled prophecy and the encouragement we get from John's example, and prepare the way of the Lord for a bunch of people we know now – in our families and schools and corps – and people to whom God will send us in the days to come.

Live It:

Soldiership is one of the toughest covenants in history. It requires so much from you. But while you might not be able to earn God's love you can earn His trust - and soldiership is the best way to do that.

Do It:

Think of someone who is lonely or sad. Send a note saying that you have prayed for him/her. (Oh, and make sure you do pray!)

My prayer for

In It:

Lord, continue to speak to us all so that we can bring about Your will on earth!

Eat It: Doctrine Two

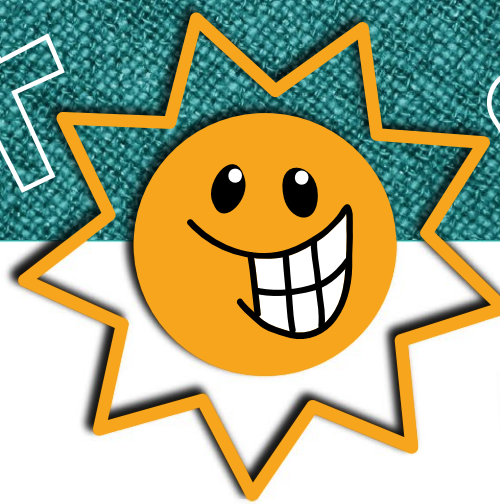
We believe that God is the creator, which means we know that everything in Heaven and on earth was created by God. Nothing came about by accident! Not the world, not animals and especially not you!

Read It:

One-year Bible Plan: Read Deuteronomy 7-9, & Mark 15

Week 10

Day 5



Jehovah Rocks:

Praise You, Yahweh! You are strong and You look after me. You are my Saviour! Praise You because each day You carry us in Your arms. (Psalm 68:19)

See It:

'For the eyes of the LORD look throughout the earth to help those whose hearts are fully dedicated to Him. You have done a silly thing, and from now on you will be at war.' (2 Chronicles 16:9)

On It:

Over the next three days of verses we want to summarize the whole Old Testament! Wow. What a challenge! Here's the first bit. You know, most people think that in the Old Testament God is a big meanie. He just wants to judge and punish people and take away their fun. It's not true at all! He gives us free will, which means He gives us the choice of how to live our lives. And in the end, free will boils down to this: discipline now, or punishment later. That means you can choose to listen to God and do what He asks of you now OR He'll correct your bad behaviour later (on Judgement Day) with punishment. But this verse shows us that He is always on the lookout for those who are fully committed to Him. If you are fully committed to Him, you are very blessed!

Live It:

Soldiers don't just do whatever they want. They fight under the direction of their Commanding Officer, who coordinates the Salvation War on their front. So ask your leaders for some directions today!

Do It:

Ask mom or dad if there is any chore they would like you to do around the house to help today.



In It:

Ask God for something you need help with.

Eat It: Doctrine Two

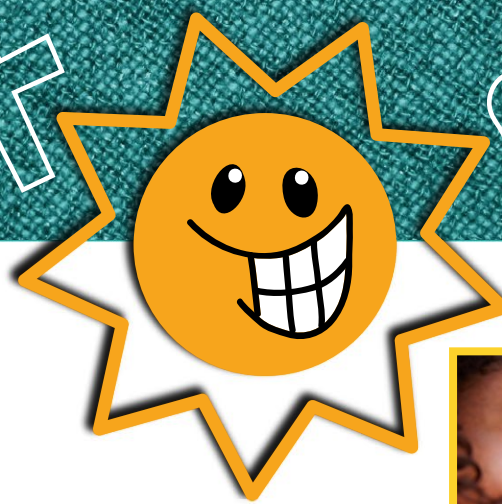
We also believe that God is the Preserver, which means that God continues to work His original plans for the world as the world goes on. We mess His plans up all the time, but God does not change His plans. He preserves them and changes and moulds us in the process.

Read It:

One-year Bible Plan: Read Deuteronomy 10-12, & Mark 16

Week 10

Day 6



Jehovah Rocks:

You are so awesome God! Without You, there would be no life. Praise You! (Psalm 68:26)

See It:

'Create in me a pure heart, God, and keep a strong spirit within me. Do not send me away from Your presence or take Your Holy Spirit from me. Give back to me the joy of Your salvation and give me a willing spirit, to keep me going. Then I will teach sinners Your ways, and they will turn back to You.' (Psalm 51:10-13)

On It:

Here's the second of the three summary verses. It would help you to read the whole chapter in which David repents of his sins. In our text he is begging God to transform him from the inside out and to restore to him the joy of salvation! And do you see what (super) naturally happens after you receive forgiveness, are transformed, and experience the joy of salvation? You go out and preach to people the good news of Jesus and sinners turn from their sins and follow Him! Go for it!

Live It:

To help you be good soldiers there are Junior Soldiers preparation classes and Junior Soldier classes (Ready to Serve), and Orders and Regulations for Soldiers (a whole book to help Senior Soldiers).

Do It:

Invite one of your friends to come to Sunday School with you.



In It:

Please give me a way to be used by You today, Lord!

Eat It: Doctrine Two

We believe that God is the Governor. This means that God is in charge and in control. We are not here by chance. God has a plan and a purpose for His creation and we need to give up our own ways and step into His perfect plan for our life. God has ultimate authority over everything!

Read It:

One-year Bible Plan: Read Deuteronomy 13-15, & Galatians 1

Week 10

Day 7



Jehovah Rocks:

God You are wonderful! You give me power and strength and I love You, God! (Psalm 68:35)

See It:

'He will turn the hearts of the fathers to their children, and the hearts of the children to their fathers; or else I will come and hit the land with a curse.' (Malachi 4:6)

On It:

The last verse of the Old Testament is the last Old Testament text we'll tackle. In the Jewish Bible they like to flip this one with the one before it so the whole Testament doesn't end on such a downer ('striking the land with a curse!'). But there it is. The promise is that God will bring reconciliation in the future. Reconciliation means getting things that were once together, back together again. So if two friends have a fight, a teacher might reconcile them by getting them to talk to each other and make up. God is all about reconciliation. He is about bringing generations back together and families back together. You see, there will be a dreadful day of the LORD when judgement comes. But before that Jesus has come and provided the way for forgiveness of sins and reconciliation. Once you are reconciled with God by repentance and faith you can set out to reconcile others to Him. And our reconciliation with other people comes through shared fellowship with the Father and with His Son Jesus Christ (so John tells us in 1 John 1:3).

Live It:

We highly recommend that you become a Junior Soldier. If you are already one, then we urge you to take it very seriously. This book will help.

Do It:

Ask your mom or dad if they would like to invite one of their friends to an Army meeting this week, and then keep asking till they do it.

In It:

Thank You that you are the only creator, governor and preserver!

Thank you...

Eat It:

Doctrine Two (can you recite it yet?)

God is the only proper object of religious worship. That means we can't worship anything other than God. We can't worship our favourite movie or sports stars. When we do, we offend God... and He doesn't deserve to be offended!

Read It:

One-year Bible Plan: Read Deuteronomy 16-18, Psalm 38, & Galatians 2