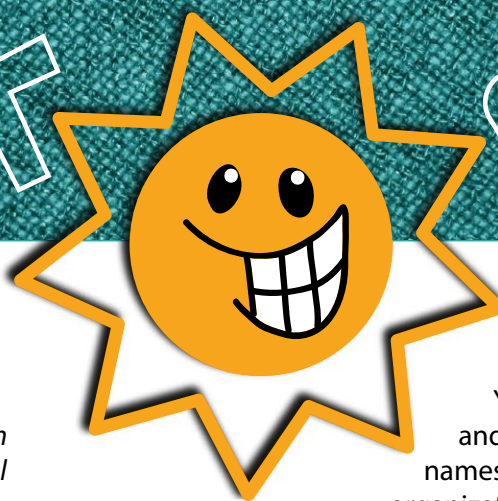


# Week 9

# Day 1



## Jehovah Rocks:

*I know that You are mighty and awesome! When I need You, I call out to You and You rescue me! But when I think I can do it all myself, I fall down. You are in control Yahweh! (Psalm 18:27)*

## See It:

'Then, after doing all those things, I will pour out My Spirit upon all of you. Your sons and daughters will prophesy. Your old men will dream dreams, and your young men will see visions. In those days I will pour out My Spirit even on servants, both men and women. And I will make wonders in the heavens and on the earth—blood and fire and columns of smoke. The sun will become dark, and the moon will turn blood red before that great and terrible day of the LORD arrives. But everyone who calls on the name of the LORD will be saved, for some on Mount Zion in Jerusalem will escape, just as the LORD has said. These will be among the survivors whom the LORD has called.' (Joel 2:28-32)

## On It:

Some of these minor prophets are a tough go. They use symbolic language that makes it hard for us to understand exactly what they are talking about 2800 years later! This bit you read today is chock full of juicy stuff for us. Joel foresaw (which means he saw into the future) a time when God would pour out His Spirit on all people (up to this point He came to certain people at certain times). Women and men, boys and girls would be dreaming and seeing visions (at this point only certain people seemed to receive and interpret divine dreams and visions). Well, points go to Joel because that time has come and the prophecy, like every Bible prophecy, is correct! The Holy Spirit wants to bless all of us, and will bless us once we have a strong and obedient friendship with Jesus. And the absolutely sensational news is that everyone who calls on the name of the LORD (Yahweh) will be saved. Hallelujah! So saved + obedient = Holy Spirit poured on you!

## Live It:

You already know that we are an Army that has Soldiers and Officers. Well, it's not just our people that have Army names. The whole system is militant – including structures and organization and buildings...

## Do It:

Tell your family that you love them and thank them for something they do for you.



## In It:

Pour Your Spirit out on me, please!

## Eat It:

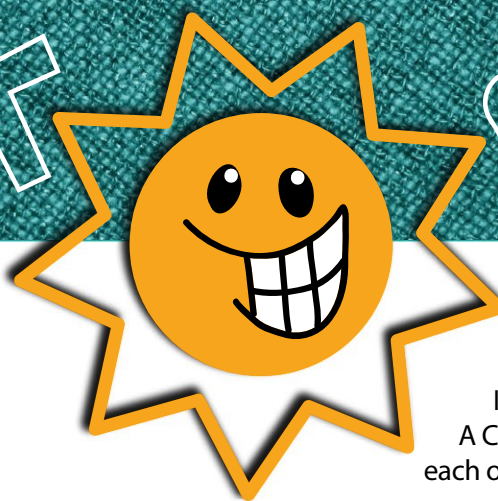
(Memorize this verse this week)  
'In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world.' (John 16:33b)

## Read It:

One-year Bible Plan: Read Numbers 19-20, Psalm 28, & Mark 5

# Week 9

# Day 2



## Jehovah Rocks:

*Without You, I fail, but with You, I can fight a whole army of the enemy, or jump over any obstacle. Nothing will stop me when I am with You God! (Psalm 18:29)*

## See It:

'In that day I will restore David's fallen tent. I will repair its broken places, restore its ruins, and build it as it used to be.' (Amos 9:11)

## On It:

God has Amos, a sheep herder, prophesying about rebuilding a tent that King David used to have that blew down or something? Amos lived 250 years after David took the throne. What is it about some tent that is so important?! Well, that 'tent' was known as the tabernacle and it is used in the Old Testament for worship and closeness with God. It was the tent that held the ark of the covenant, which showed the presence of God. David sent hundreds of Levites to worship before the ark in the Tabernacle, 24 hours a day! That means there was someone praying every minute of every day, right in the presence of God! Year's later, David's son Solomon built a Temple and there were all sorts of rules and restrictions about accessing God. In fact, only one person every YEAR - a specially chosen priest - could even go in to the room that held the ark of the covenant (and HE had to crawl). God is having Amos prophesy a return to non-stop, intimate worship of God. God wants His people to start praying like they used to. The key is Amos 9:12 (explained even more in Acts 15:17) is that all kinds of gentile nations will come to the Lord. Did you catch that? When we devote ourselves to endless intimate worship, the nations will be drawn to God! That is our goal, to get everyone saved. And guess what? It is starting now - pockets here and there. Maybe you can spread it! Start praying!

## Live It:

Instead of belonging to a congregation, we fight with a Corps. A Corps is a collection of Salvation warriors combating alongside each other to win the world for Jesus, starting in their local area.

## Do It:

Can you help get someone saved today?

## In It:

Imagine Jesus was sitting right in front of you. What will you ask Him to do for you today?



**Eat It:** John 16:33b (memorize the verse from day one)  
God is very powerful and loves us very much, but we are still going to have difficult times in our life.

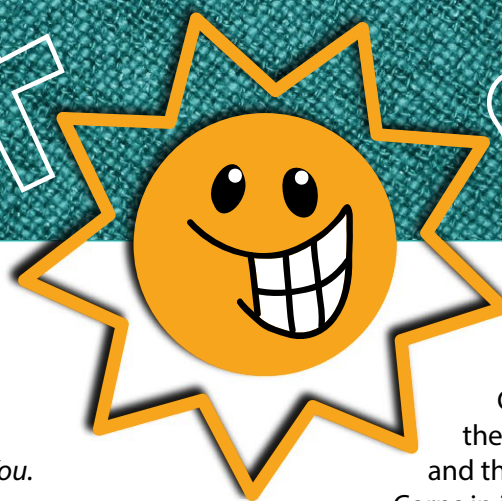
## Read It:

One-year Bible Plan: Read Numbers 21-23, & Mark 6-7



# Week 9

# Day 3



## Jehovah Rocks:

*When I am sad or in trouble, I call out to You and You rescue me! I trust that You are in control of every situation and that You will help me every time I call on You. You will not let me down. (Psalm 22:5)*

## Do It:

Call, go and visit, or send your Corps Officers a note. Thank them for leading the Corps, tell them you are praying for them, and then ask them what they would like you to do to help the Corps in its mission.

## See It:

'The day of the LORD is near for all nations. As you have done, it will be done to you; your deeds will return upon your own head.' (Obadiah 1:15)

## On It:

Obadiah is the shortest book in the Old Testament. Obadiah is a name that means 'Yahweh's worshipper/servant'. We don't know heaps about the writer, but he does have a message for us today. Obadiah is reminding us of a few things. Just because we belong to The Salvation Army, we are part of a Salvation Army family, or we 'accepted Jesus as our Saviour' a few years ago in Sunday School, doesn't mean that we are set for life. Judgement is coming to everyone. That means whatever we do now, we will have to explain later before God. That sounds scary. But don't worry! What protects you and me from a bad judgement is Jesus' forgiving blood which cover all of our sins. His redemptive power is added to all of the things we do, and so He helps us to not make mistakes in the first place. Thank You, Jesus!

## Live It:

At your Corps, you usually have a Corps Officer. S/he leads the Junior Soldiers and Senior Soldiers in the fight to save everyone in your neighbourhood from sin and hell by turning from their sins and following Jesus.



## In It:

'Salvation soldiers, fighting on, be more courageous still; To God the world shall yet belong!' (from the Songbook)

## Eat It:

John 16:33b

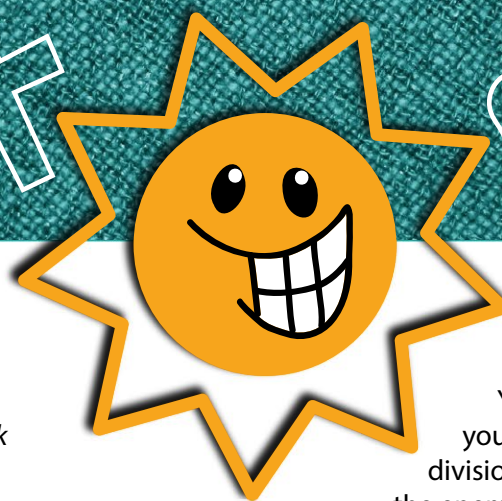
Difficult times come, but not because God isn't paying attention to us, and not because He wants us to suffer.

## Read It:

One-year Bible Plan: Read Number 24-27, & 1 Corinthians 13

# Week 9

# Day 4



## Jehovah Rocks:

*Yahweh, I want You to look at me and smile. It is only by Your love and Your grace that I am able to live! Thank You! (Psalm 31:16)*

## See It:

“As my life was slipping away, I remembered the LORD. And my serious prayer went out to You... I will give sacrifices to You with songs of praise, and I will complete all my promises. For my salvation comes from the LORD alone.” Then the LORD ordered the fish to spit Jonah out onto the beach.’ (Jonah 2:7-10)

## On It:

When I was in school, there was one boy who was very naughty. When he got in trouble he always deserved it so I never felt bad for him, even when he had to sit in a corner! This was kind of how Jonah felt. The Ninevites were people who sinned against God, and therefore, deserved any punishment heading their way. However, God sent Jonah to tell them that God would judge them unless they repented. Jonah was scared, so he ran away. He got on a ship, got thrown overboard and was swallowed by a giant fish! Jonah was smart enough to know it was because he had disobeyed God, so he repented and God saved him and the fish spat him out! He went to the Ninevites and, guess what? They repented and were saved by God. End of the story? No, Jonah wasn't happy. He thought they deserved punishment. There are many lessons in Jonah. One, obey God no matter what. Two, repent as soon as you can! Three, God wants to forgive everyone whether you think they deserve it or not. Four, (and this is the big one for today) you **MUST** tell as many people about God as you can, so they can repent and be forgiven.

## Live It:

Your Corps is connected with a bunch of other Corps in your area, and they make up a 'Division'. In a military army, a division is an organized group that fights battles together against the enemy. That's how it works with us, except that we fight against the devil by Jesus' love to save people.

## Do It:

Think of someone who has made you sad that you know you haven't forgiven yet. Go and do it right now, and then tell them the story of Jonah.

## In It:

Think of something you've done that has hurt God and ask for forgiveness.



## Eat It: John 16:33b

Difficult times happen for three reasons. 1. We make bad choices and then suffer the consequences. 2. Satan has a hand in stuff that happens on earth unless we stop him. 3. This is earth and not Heaven so bad things, like illness, happen.

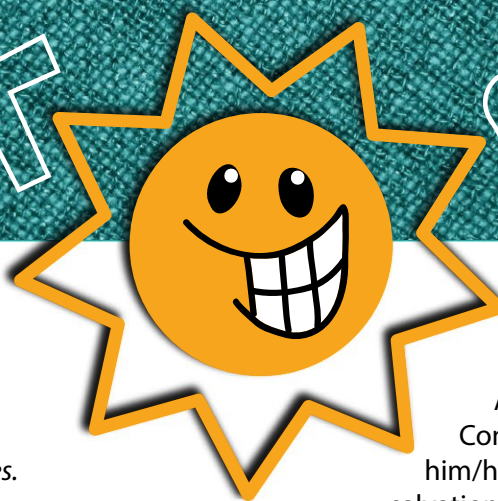
## Read It:

One-year Bible Plan: Read Number 28-29, & Mark 8



# Week 9

# Day 5



## Jehovah Rocks:

*You save everybody! You save the weak and the strong, the rich and the poor. All we need to do is cry out to You and You will rescue us from any of our troubles.*  
(Psalm 34:6)

## See It:

'But you, O Bethlehem Ephrathah, are only a small village among all the people of Judah. Yet a ruler of Israel will come from you, one whose origins are from the distant past.' (Micah 5:2 NLT)

## On It:

You should keep an eye out for the little guy. Maybe you are him! You know, the last one to get picked for teams during recess or after school but the first one to get picked ON by bullies and other meanies. People usually look down on the little people. Don't fall into that trap. History is full of 'little' people, limited people, marginalized people, who did great things by their faith and perseverance. You might become one of them. And this little book, Micah, is one. It is short and is tucked in amongst a lot of 'minor' prophets. Bethlehem is another one. It is a tiny little town with nothing exciting to make it a popular place to visit. And this prophecy looks forward to another one - Jesus. He was considered so unimportant He was born in a cattle trough in an animal cave or stable. And look what happened to Him? He transformed history and eternity. Isn't it great that God gave us the 'heads up' on Jesus' birthplace? Let's cheer for the underdog today.

## Live It:

Your Division will have a place and a group of Officers that help support the mission of the Corps, and that place is called Divisional Headquarters, or DHQ.

## Do It:

Ask someone to help you write a letter to your Divisional Commander. Thank the DC for helping with your Corps, tell him/her you are praying and then ask for some orders for the salvation war.

My prayer for our  
Divisional Commander:

## In It:

Ask God for the things that you will need that will help you in your mission.

## Eat It:

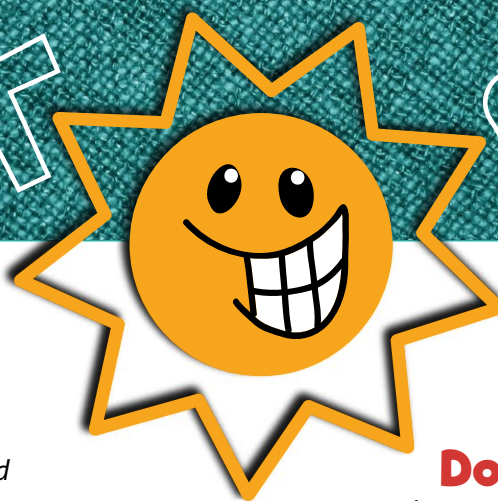
John 16:33b  
What is the verse again? Have another practice... 'In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world.'

## Read It:

One-year Bible Plan: Read Numbers 30-31, & Mark 9

# Week 9

# Day 6



## Jehovah Rocks:

*You are so close to those who are sad and lonely. I love that You are a God who cares for those who can't see any good in their life. I love that You rescue them and give them life! (Psalm 34:18)*

## See It:

'The LORD is slow to anger and great in power; the LORD will not leave the guilty unpunished. His way is in the whirlwind and the storm, and clouds are the dust of His feet.' (Nahum 1:3)

## On It:

When I was little I thought God was an old man with a long white beard who lived in the fluffy clouds. Even now, when I meet adults who don't know God, I hear many stories of God described as a luck charm or someone you pray to when you want something good to happen. When we read Nahum, we find that the real God has a bit more muscle and a little less... fluff. You need to understand that God hates sin! He hates lies, stealing, idolatry, gossip, bullying, injustice, fighting, laziness, jealousy, selfishness, and disrespect. You need to understand that He can't let any of that stuff into Heaven. It all needs to be gone, as soon as possible! He hates sin because it hurts us, and He loves us so much that he doesn't want anything that hurts us anywhere near us! He hates sin, not us. But if we are still holding onto that sin, we will feel God's push toward repentance and obedience. When you feel that push, please act on it, stop sinning, ask for forgiveness and then get back to doing what God wants.

## Live It:

So we have a Corps sitting in a Division, helped by Salvationists at DHQ and led by the Divisional Commander. Then all the Divisions are huddled together and create a Territory. And the officers who help the divisions

come from THQ... Territorial Headquarters, led by the Territorial Commander!

## Do It:

Ask someone to help you write a letter to your Territorial Commander. Thank the TC for helping with your Corps, promise your prayer support, and then ask for some orders for the salvation war.



## In It:

Thank you God for my body and for all the things I can do because it works!

## Eat It:

John 16:33b

Bad things happen from time to time. Does that mean we give up? No! Jesus says to 'take heart' which means be comforted. God cares for us and He cares when we are sad.

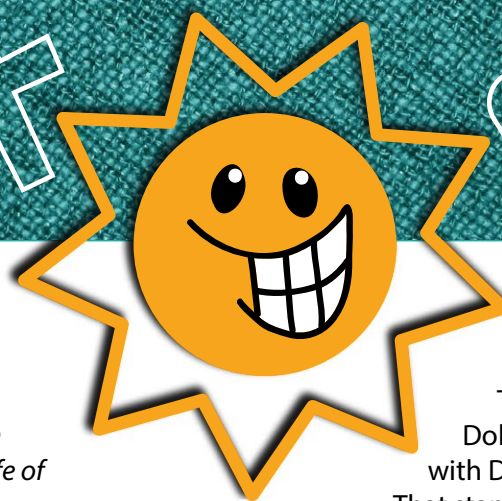
## Read It:

One-year Bible Plan: Read Numbers 32-33, & Mark 10



# Week 9

# Day 7



## Jehovah Rocks:

*I praise You because You take us from a life of darkness and bring us into Your light! You save me from the horrible stuff that hurts me and instead offer me a life of love and comfort with You. (Psalm 37:40)*

## See It:

'This vision is for a future time. It describes the end, and it will be fulfilled. If it seems slow in coming, wait patiently, for it will surely take place. It will not be delayed. Look at the proud! They trust in themselves, and their lives are crooked. But the righteous will live by their faithfulness to God. I have heard all about You, LORD. I am filled with awe by Your amazing works. In this time of our deep need, help us again as You did in years gone by. And in Your anger, remember Your mercy.' (Habakkuk 2:3-4; 3:2 NLT)

## On It:

Habakkuk. Not only is it tough to spell, it is tough to pronounce. But did you know that you can trace the whole 'protestant reformation' (that was the time when lots of Christians made significant changes in the way they organized and worshipped) back to that verse above (2:4)? The apostle Paul picked it up and slipped it into his letter to the Romans. And that verse blew Martin Luther (the old dude who started the reformation) away. What's the point? Our faith is what helps us to live the life God wants for us. It is faith, and not following a bunch of rules, that God wants. Faith helps us to live right. Righteousness has to do with living well with others. And Paul teaches us that your faith is what grabs the grace that we need to live well with others. Wow, that's cool! So, we follow rules because they help us remember right from wrong. But following rules is not what impressed God. He looks for faith, and faith becomes the key to getting an A+ from God at living life!

## Live It:

The Salvation Army is kind of like one of those Russian Dolls that all live in the big mama doll! A Corps, a Division with DHQ, a Territory with THQ...and then the big Mama...IHQ! That stands for International Headquarters in London, England. Our General leads The Salvation Army from IHQ.



## Do It:

Ask someone to help you write a letter to your General. Thank him for all he does, tell him you are praying for him and then ask for some orders for the salvation war.

## In It:

Help me to understand the Bible more!

## Eat It: John 16:33b

There will be hard times during our life, but, Jesus has overcome the world, which means if we repent and believe, we get to leave this world and all of its troubles and head to Heaven for an eternal life of good times!

## Read It:

One-year Bible Plan: Read Numbers 34-36, & Mark 11