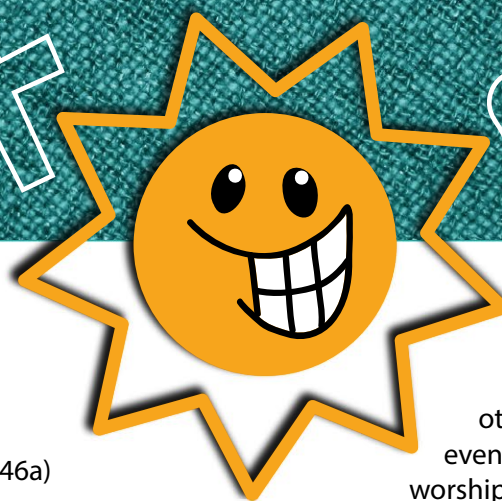


Week 2

Day 1



Jehovah Rocks:

Yahweh, You are alive! Thank You that You are the one I rely on when everything seems to go wrong and that You are always strong and always there. (Psalm 18:46a)

See It:

'Then God said, "Let Us make human beings in our image, to be like Us. They will rule over the fish in the sea, the birds in the sky, the livestock, all the wild animals on the earth, and the small animals that scurry along the ground." So God created human beings in His own image. In the image of God He created them; male and female He created them. Then God blessed them and said, "Be fruitful and multiply. Fill the earth and look after it. Rule over the fish in the sea, the birds in the sky, and all the animals that scurry along the ground." Then God said, "Look! I have given you every seed-bearing plant throughout the earth and all the fruit trees for your food. And I have given every green plant as food for all the wild animals, the birds in the sky, and the small animals that scurry along the ground—everything that has life." And it all happened just like this. Then God looked over all He had made, and He saw that it was very good! And evening passed and morning came, marking the sixth day.' (Genesis 1:26-31)

On It:

There are a few important points here:

1. He made us 'in His image'. That means we have God's stamp on us and we've got a bit of God in us! We are connected to God like a computer to a printer! That's one of the reasons we get so frustrated when we're not 'plugged' into Him.
2. 'He saw that it was very good.' If you check back to the rest of creation, each time it 'was good'. When He made us, it was 'very good'. This is an enormous jump up from the rest of creation! That's because we were made in His image.

3. If we are only a little bit like God, and other creations are not even that, we shouldn't be worshipping superstars, food, cars, toys or anything else that was created. Instead, you should worship THE Creator!



Live It:

When Catherine and William first started The Salvation Army in 1865, it was called 'The Christian Mission'. It didn't become known as The Salvation Army till 1878.

Do It:

Pray that God will bless every home that you pass on your way to school with peace and the things they need for their life, and an opportunity to hear the gospel.

In It:

Thank God for three people at your school.

Eat It:

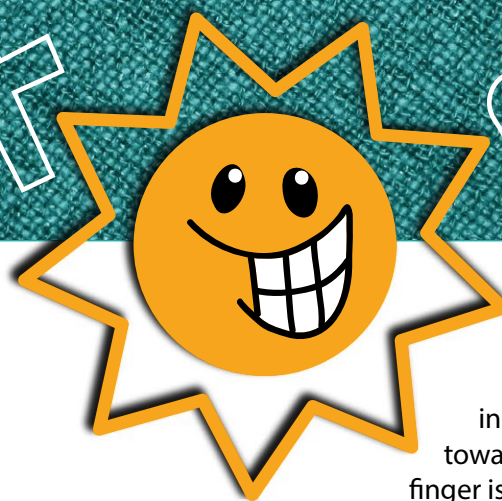
(Memorize this verse this week)
'I tell you the truth, anyone who will not receive the kingdom of God like a little child will never enter it.' (Mark 10:15)

Read It:

One-year Bible Plan: Read Genesis 20-22 & Luke 8

Week 2

Day 2



Jehovah Rocks:

You are the reason I feel alive and free, and I am so happy and thankful to You! (Psalm 18:46b)

See It:

'On the seventh day God had finished His work of creation, so He rested from all His work. And God blessed the seventh day and said that it is holy, because it was the day when He rested from all His creation work' (Genesis 2:2-3)

On It:

This is God's day off, and I think after creating the whole world, He deserves one! But He doesn't just rest, He blesses the rest, meaning He decided that resting was a good thing that we should all do. The rest day was Saturday and so He 'sanctified' Saturday (which means He made it holy). You'll learn as you read the rest of the Bible that sometimes God's people make mistakes and make too big a deal of a thing, or a symbol, instead of what it is supposed to mean. It happened with symbols like the Ark of the Covenant, the bronze serpent, the temple, or the ritual of circumcision (you'll learn about some of these later). The same thing happens with the 'Sabbath rest'. It becomes such a special rest day, that people think you are supposed to do absolutely nothing on that day! What God actually meant by a Sabbath is that you stop being busy and take some time to 'rest' with God. And we can do that all of the time. We can rest in God whenever we like! And, do you know what? God will always 'bless that rest'.

Live It:

In the military army, they like to salute each other as a way of saying hello and goodbye. You might have seen it in the movies. In The Salvation Army we have a salute as well, but it says even more than hello!

How do you do it? You have to point your right index finger straight up toward Heaven so that your finger is about level with your ear.

And what does it mean if not hello? It means, "I'm on my way to Heaven and I'm doing everything I can to get everyone to join me." But the shorter way of saying it is 'Hallelujah!'



Do It:

Practice your salute some time today and tell someone what it means.

In It:

Please help me to hear from You, today, God.

Eat It:

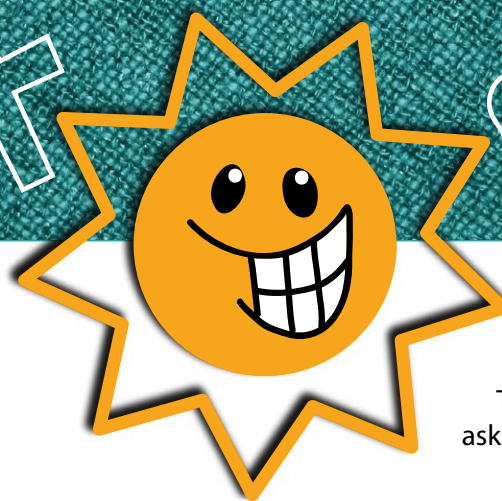
'I tell you the truth, anyone who will not receive the kingdom of God like a little child will never enter it.' (Mark 10:15) "Anyone." Do you know what this says to us? It means that there are no exceptions. It doesn't matter if you do a lot of other good things, you give a lot of money to The Salvation Army, you know a lot about God, or are a great preacher. 'Anyone' means anyone!

Read It:

One-year Bible Plan: Read Genesis 23-24 & Luke 9

Week 2

Day 3



Jehovah Rocks:

*I praise You, Yahweh, because You are so powerful.
I am going to cheer and celebrate all the amazing and
massive things that You have done. (Psalm 21:13)*

See It:

'Let all that I am praise the LORD. O LORD, my God, how great You are! You are dressed with honor and majesty. You put the whole world on its foundation so it could never be moved. O LORD, so many things you have made! In wisdom you have made them all. The earth is full of your creatures.' (Psalm 104:1,5,24)

On It:

An old version of the Bible puts it this way: 'Bless the LORD, O my soul; O LORD my God, Thou art very great' (NASB). When they put 'Lord' in caps (LORD) the Hebrew word is God's name, YAHWEH. Yahweh is the 'triune' God, which means that is talking about the three persons of God (God the Father, God the Son, God the Holy Spirit). Yahweh is the creator God. He created everything! (and Yahweh is another form of the name Jehovah – man...how many names does He have!) Now when I did something good at school, I used to get a sticker or stamp from my teacher. Don't you think He is worthy of a stamp or sticker for creating the whole world for us?! So we praise Him as a way of telling Him, 'Well done! Excellent work!' Or, we say, Hallelujahweh! (hallel – praise; Yahweh- our triune God).

Live It:

Hey, you're only young! Aren't you too young to be a mighty soldier in the Army? No! The Salvation Army has Junior Soldiers, and they have the same mission as Senior Soldiers. They are young covenanted warriors exercising holy passion to win the world for Jesus!

Do It:

Try to memorize the definition of a Junior Soldier and then ask your leader on Sunday to explain what it means!

In It:

If you're not a Junior Soldier, ask God if He would prepare your heart to become one. If you are, ask God to fill you with Holy passion for the mission.

Eat It:

'I tell you the truth, anyone who will not receive the kingdom of God like a little child will never enter it.' (Mark 10:15) "Receive the kingdom of God." First up, you have to receive the Kingdom of God. And don't worry, little flock, your Father in Heaven delights to give you the Kingdom. So you have to receive it!

Read It:

One-year Bible Plan: Read Genesis 25-26, Psalm 6, & Luke 10

Design a stamp that tells God, 'Well done! Excellent work!'



Week 2

Day 4



Jehovah Rocks:

You are so good and have done so many wonderful things and I can't help but talk about You to my brothers and sisters, and to everyone I meet. (Psalm 22:22)

See It:

'I was there when He established the heavens, when He drew the horizon on the oceans. I was there when He put the clouds above in the sky, when He established springs deep in the earth. I was there when He decided how far the sea could come up on the shore, so they would not spread beyond their boundaries. And when He made all the edges of the continents and countries, I was the architect at his side. I was His constant delight, rejoicing always in His presence. And how happy I was with the world He created; how I rejoiced with the human family!' (Proverbs 8:27-31)

On It:

Do you know what? This bit in Proverbs is talking about Jesus! I bet you thought Jesus wasn't around till Mary gave birth to Him. Jesus wasn't just around for 33 years in Israel a couple of thousand years ago. He was there for creation as well! And get this... He was the 'master workman' of creation. He was happy or 'delighted' in all that was created. And, the Hebrew word that shows up in verse 30 and 31 means to frolic, laugh, and play. So, Jesus is a joyful creator! He was so excited when He was creating the world and everything in it. He was like a little child who is making a playhouse.

Live It:

I like having birthdays, Christmas, Easter... or any day that means I get cake and sweets! So ask mom to add this one to your cake-eating calendar! July 2 is Founders' Day! It celebrates the day William Booth first preached at Mile End Waste in East London.

Do It:

Talk to one friend about Jesus.

In It:

You are worthy of glory and honour and power and blessing and strength and treasure and praise!

Eat It:

'I tell you the truth, anyone who will not receive the kingdom of God like a little child will never enter it.' (Mark 10:15) "Like a little child." Try to remember what it was like when you were a little kid. You were completely dependent on your mom or dad. You needed someone to change your diapers. You needed someone to feed you. You needed someone to protect you.

Read It:

One-year Bible Plan: Read Genesis 27-28, Psalm 4, & Luke 11



Week 2

Day 5



Jehovah Rocks:

I praise You and I get excited when I think of all of Your people praising You together. Help us to all to live a life that You would be proud of. (Psalm 22:23)

See It:

'In the beginning the Word already existed. The Word was with God, and the Word was God. He existed in the beginning with God. God created everything through him, and nothing was created except through him.' (John 1:1-3)

On It:

Do you remember last week when we talked about how powerful God's voice is? Well, here Jesus is called the Word – the spoken Word, both with God (as we learned yesterday, in creation) and God Himself. Hmm... does it sound confusing? Well, the Word was God and the Word is God! AND Jesus is God! AND Jesus, the Word of God, made all things! In fact, nothing that has been made was made without Jesus' help. These are really important truths for us to try to understand about who Jesus Christ is and why He is here. In a nutshell, Jesus was and is God! That is an important nutshell!

Live It:

There are some awesome quotes (things people have said) from our early leaders in The Salvation Army. Here is one from Catherine Booth: "The decree has gone forth that the kingdoms of this world shall become the kingdoms of our Lord and of His Christ. He shall reign whose right it is from the River to the ends of the earth. We shall win. It is only a question of time. I believe that this Movement shall inaugurate the final conquest of our Lord Jesus Christ." She is saying that The Salvation Army is going to help defeat satan and that all people will belong to Christ at last! Woohoo! Though we have some work to do, so start evangelizing!

Do It:

Pray for every kid in your class. Pray that God will bless them and that they will be given an opportunity to get saved.

I will pray for my classmates:

In It:

Make a list of everyone in your class and stick it somewhere beside your bed. Pray that list everyday!

Eat It:

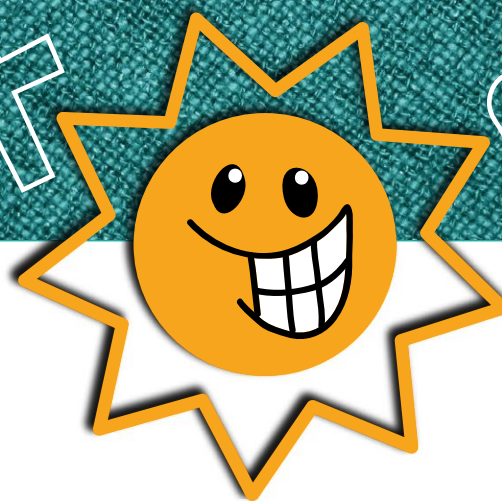
'I tell you the truth, anyone who will not receive the kingdom of God like a little child will never enter it.' (Mark 10:15) "Like a little child." Try to remember what it was like when you were a little kid. You completely trusted people older than you. If your mom or dad told you to do something, you did it. You didn't try to trick people. If you wanted something, you let them know. So, God wants us to do the same thing with him. Receive the Kingdom like a little child.

Read It:

One-year Bible Plan: Read Genesis 29-30, & Luke 12

Week 2

Day 6



Jehovah Rocks:

*No matter how hard life seems, I will keep on praising
You and that will bring me so much happiness forever.*
(Psalm 22:26)

See It:

'Faith is the confidence that what we hope for will actually happen; it gives us a knowledge about things we cannot see. Through their faith, the people in days of old gained a good reputation.' (Hebrews 11:1-2)

On It:

Just yesterday we learned that Jesus is God, the creator God. Today's story tells us this same thing again. The whole world and all the 'ages' were made by Jesus. Jesus is the 'radiance of (God the Father's) glory and the exact representation of His nature, and upholds all things by the word of His power' (Hebrews 1:3 NASB). That means that Jesus is just like God the Father as a human. He is God as a person. He didn't just make everything, but He keeps it all going by His powerful word (there's that 'word' thing again). Praise Jesus!

Live It:

So how does The Salvation Army fit in with the rest of God's people? Well it is part of the Holiness Stream, which basically means that we are a people who believe that God can make you holy right now if you repent, believe, and dedicate your life to Him. To be Holy is to be free from all the stuff that holds you back from God. Cool! I want to be holy!

Do It:

You have a list with all your class on it. Now make a new list for some others in your life. Tell your Corps Officers, Junior Soldier Sergeant, Sunday School leader and YPSM that you are adding them to your prayer

list (and then do it!) By the way, you are going to end up with a lot of people on that list!



In It:

The Salvation Army has a Songbook that we use at meetings. But I don't sing very well, so I use it as a prayer book instead. Here's one for you to pray today – "The King is mighty to save and in conflict He is always near". Thank You, God, that You are the King who will defeat the enemy!

Eat It:

'I tell you the truth, anyone who will not receive the kingdom of God like a little child will never enter it.' (Mark 10:15) "You will never enter it." So, that 'anyone' rule we looked at a few days ago, is for people wanting to enter the Kingdom of God. So, it doesn't matter who you are or what you know or what you've done – if you don't receive the Kingdom of God like a little child, you can't get in!

Read It:

One-year Bible Plan: Read Genesis 31-33 & Luke 13

Week 2

Day 7



Jehovah Rocks:

I sit before You now Yahweh and tell You how thankful I am for You. You have done so many miracles and amazing things. (Psalm 26:7)

See It:

'The one who was around from the beginning is the one we have heard and seen. We saw Him with our very own eyes and touched Him with our very own hands. He is Jesus Christ, the Word of life. This one who is life from God was shown to us, and we have seen Him. And now we tell others and announce to you that He is the one who is eternal life. He was with the Father and then He was shown to us.' (1 John 1:1-2)

On It:

The creation story continues as others see it and pass it on. John has seen the Creator Jesus with his own eyes and he is so excited he has to tell the story to whoever will read it. That includes us! Once Jesus has transformed your life (when you are born again through repentance and faith, the Bible says that you are born again – that's a new creation!) you can tell everyone you meet of the power of Jesus and how He wants to help everyone to transform their lives. Once you know Jesus and once He has totally changed your life, you end up living just like John and you spread the great news of eternal life for everyone who will listen.

Live It:

When you become a Junior Soldier, you sign the Junior Soldier Promise (sometimes called the Junior Soldier's Pledge). Then, when you become a Senior Soldier, you sign the Soldier's Covenant (also known as the Articles of War).

Do It:

Find someone who doesn't usually have friends to play with at lunchtime and play with them today.



In It:

Thank you God that You want to make promises with us, and that You keep Your promises to us!

Eat It:

'I tell you the truth, anyone who will not receive the kingdom of God like a little child will never enter it.' (Mark 10:15). Memorize this verse and then tell it to five friends!

Read It:

One-year Bible Plan: Read Genesis 34-36 & Luke 14