

# Week 8

# Day 1



## Jehovah Rocks:

*You love us and love to hear us worship You. You want us to live forever and join the angels in their worship of You. Thank You that I will live forever in Heaven praising Your name! (Psalm 6:5)*

## See It:

'Hold me close to Your heart like the seal around Your neck. Keep me close to Yourself like the ring on Your finger. My love for You is so strong it won't let You go. Love is as powerful as death. Love's jealousy is as strong as the grave. Love is like a blazing fire. It burns like a mighty flame.' (Song of Songs 8:6)

## On It:

Song of Songs is an interesting book and pretty deep, too. Love is as strong as death. What are most people are afraid of? What can't anyone avoid? Death! And yet, love is as strong as death! Love is redeeming, it restores us, makes us feel alive, it is powerful, it defeats hate... Forget about death, love is much stronger! And God's perfect love casts out all fear. And that seal? The seal is like stamping the King's symbol with some wax using the King's ring. It is like the King's signature. It is an emblem of the King's authority and power, of what He is going to do. And He wants to seal you over His heart! Wow! You are going to be super tight with God, the creator of the universe!

## Live It:

We know our primary purpose is to get people saved. So, why is The Salvation Army known for doing so much with the poor? Well, William and Catherine wanted it that way, and so did Jesus. They wanted us to seek out those who had the hardest life and often get ignored. This week we'll give you some great things that were said by the Booths that tell us a bit about our mission.

## Do It:

Think of three people that you love. Go and tell them that you love them.



**In It:** This week we are praying some of Isaiah 58  
Help me to worship in the way that You want me to. Let me show my love for You by helping to end any kind of slavery. Help me to find a way to untie the ropes that hold people as slaves.

**Eat It:** (memorize this week)

'I am not ashamed of the gospel, because it is the power of God for the salvation of everyone who believes: first for the Jew, then for the Gentile.' (Romans 1:16)

## Read It:

One-year Bible Plan: Read Numbers 5-6, Psalm 22, & Acts 26

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# Day 2



## Jehovah Rocks:

*You are a strong and mighty God who protects me from all of my enemies. Save me from people who put me down and tease me. Rescue me! (Psalm 7:1)*

## See It:

'The Lord says, "My servant will act wisely and accomplish his task. He will be highly honored. He will be greatly respected. Many people were shocked when they saw him. He was so scarred that He did not even look human. His body was all twisted. But many nations will be surprised when they see what He has done. Kings will be so amazed that they will not be able to say anything. They will understand things they were never told about. They will know the meaning of things they never heard about.'" (Isaiah 52:13-15)

## On It:

How can you summarize the whole book of Isaiah with one verse? It is pretty difficult. This bit prophesies (which means predicts the future) about Jesus and His suffering and restoration and the blessing that He would make available to all of us today. It is amazing evidence of God's care that 2,800 years ago He provided this and other prophecies of the coming Messiah (that's our Jesus!) and other Godly interventions into our history to help build our faith in Him. You can trust God's Word, the Bible. It points us to Jesus, even before Jesus was born!

## Live It:

'But what is the use of preaching the Gospel to men whose whole attention is concentrated upon a mad, desperate struggle to keep themselves alive?' (William Booth) In other words, hungry people worry about their empty stomach before their empty soul, so talk about Jesus over lunch!

## Do It:

Find a way to help somebody who really needs to be helped today.

Someone who needs help:

Ways I could help:

## In It:

Help me to set free those who are crushed and to break every evil chain.

## Eat It:

Romans 1:16

Do you know what ashamed means? It means humiliated, reluctant, embarrassed, unwilling. Is that how you feel about the talking about the gospel?

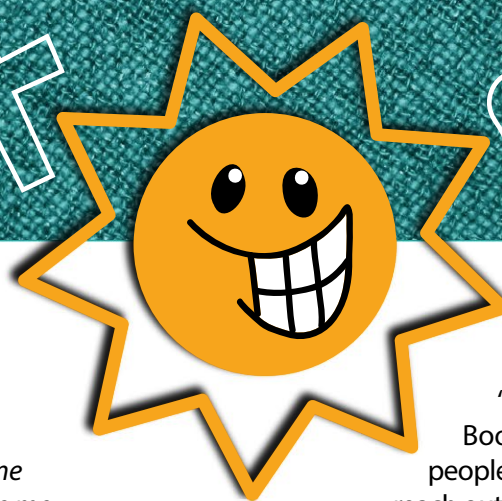
## Read It:

One-year Bible Plan: Read Numbers 7, Psalm 23, & Acts 27



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# Day 3



## Jehovah Rocks:

*You are like a giant shield that protects me from any attack from satan or from others who try to put me down. I trust in You and Your shield protects me. Keep me holy Lord and protect me from things that will try to take me away from You. (Psalm 7:10)*

## See It:

'A message came to me from the Lord. He said, "Before I formed you in your mother's body I chose you. Before you were born I set you apart to serve me. I appointed you to be a prophet to the nations." "You are my Lord and King," I said. "I don't know how to speak. I'm only a child." But the Lord said to me, "Do not say, 'I'm only a child.' You must go to everyone I send you to. You must say everything I command you to say. Do not be afraid of the people I send you to. I am with you. I will save you," announces the Lord.' (Jeremiah 1:4-8 NIRV)

## On It:

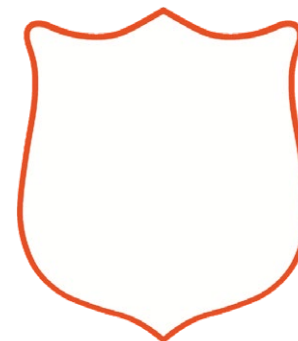
Has your mom ever told you to pick up your socks? Has your dad ever told you to put away your sneakers? Did you think it was a drag to have to do something you didn't want to do? Can you imagine having to do it for 40 years? Now you're starting to smell what Jeremiah was stepping in! Here was a guy from the suburbs (Anathoth, suburb of Jerusalem) who was directed by God to prophesy a very hard message to the people of Judah and her last five kings. He wasn't a popular guy, and sometimes he felt sad about that. But he was faithful, and had the job of telling the Kings what God had planned, even though it was very hard to do. God had handpicked him for this job for which no one would have put up their hand. But he was faithful. And we're talking about him today. What do you make of that?

## Live It:

"Go straight for souls, and go for the worst." (William Booth)  
Booth is saying that as Salvationists we need to reach out to people that no one else wants to know or play with. He wants us to reach out to people who everyone has forgotten (or chosen not) to love.

## Do It:

Try to make up a cool quote that describes The Salvation Army's mission.



## In It:

Help me to share my food with hungry people and ask my parents to provide homeless people with a place to stay. May everyone find food and a home.

## Eat It:

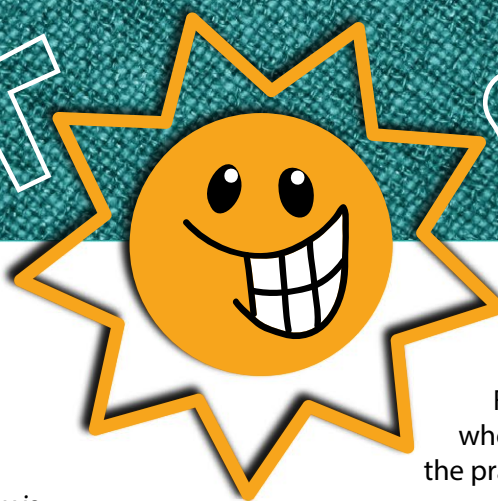
Romans 1:16  
Some people get embarrassed talking about Jesus. Why?! Jesus came to this earth and, by His death, saved us and now we can call God our friend! Never be ashamed about that!

## Read It:

One-year Bible Plan: Read Numbers 8-9, & Acts 28

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# Day 4



## Jehovah Rocks:

*You love me, Yahweh! Show me in Your amazing way how much You love me! I want to be completely protected by You and because You are so powerful and mighty, You can, no matter who or how strong the enemy is.*  
(Psalm 17:7)

## See It:

'The Lord loves us very much. So we haven't been completely destroyed. His loving kindness never fails. His great love is new every morning. Lord, how faithful You are!' (Lamentations 3:22-23)

## On It:

More than 2,500 years ago the author of this book saw the destruction of Jerusalem. The result is the saddest book in the Bible – it is all grief, suffering, sadness and melancholy. There is one exception – these verses. In the middle of all the misery, the writer takes a deep breath and looks to God's loving kindness. That is a huge word that talks about God's covenant love for us. His compassions never fail. They are new every morning. God's faithfulness is wonderful. And if you listen up, you'll notice it today, as well.

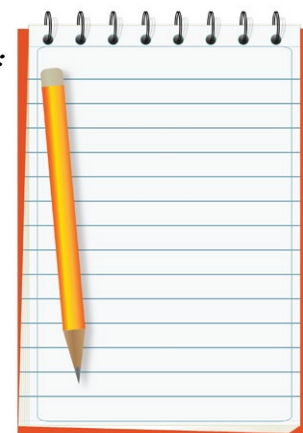
## Live It:

"While women weep, as they do now, I'll fight; while children go hungry, as they do now, I'll fight; while men go to prison, in and out, in and out, as they do now, I'll fight; while there is a drunkard left, while there is a poor lost girl upon the streets, while there remains one dark soul without the light of God, I'll fight, I'll fight to the very end!" (William Booth) Today he tells us that part of our mission is to help those people who have life really tough. Sure, our mission is to everyone, but most importantly it is to people whose lives are really hard to live.

## Do It:

Find out the middle name of everyone in your class, and when they ask why you want to know, tell them they are on the prayer list.

*Names on my Prayer List:*



## In It:

When I do my part to bring justice into this world, I know that the light of Your blessing will shine on me like the rising sun. Yahweh, You will heal me quickly. You will march out ahead of me and Your glory will follow behind me and guard me.

**Eat It:** Romans 1:16 (memorize this verse)

The Gospel, or the mission of Jesus, has power! It has the ability to save us from hell. People need to know that! They need to grab that power! But how can they unless you tell them about it?

## Read It:

One-year Bible Plan: Read Numbers 10-11, Psalm 27, & Mark 1



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# Day 5



## Jehovah Rocks:

*You are a King! You are worthy of all the praise in the world! And yet when I need You, You come and rescue me! I call out to You, Yahweh, and You save me from my enemies. Thank You! (Psalm 18:3)*

## See It:

'You must give them My message. But the people of Israel do not want to listen to you. That is because they do not want to listen to Me. All of the people of Israel are very stubborn but I will make you just as stubborn as they are. I will make you very brave. So do not be scared of them. Do not let them scare you, even though they refuse to listen to Me.' (Ezekiel 2:7a; 3:7-9)

## On It:

Ezekiel was what we might call a 'stunt' preacher. He used whatever he could to get the crowd's attention and get them to do what God wanted them to do. One time, he laid on his side for 390 days! Why?! It was a prophetic act or symbol of the years of punishment coming to Israel because they had been disobedient! Wow, he would have had a sore back! Then he laid down on his OTHER side for 40 days to show that Judah was going to get some punishment too. He did whatever was humanly possible, using the power of God, to call his people to repent of their sins. Some people expect to live a crazy life for God when they go to a really poor missionary country. But Ezekiel was in his own country and was preaching to his own people. And this is the worst part, God warned him ahead of time it wouldn't work! The point for us is that sometimes it is harder to evangelize to our own family and friends than it is to complete strangers. So God makes us just as stubborn as they are, and very brave. God made Ezekiel tough so he could keep going, and He can do the same for you.

## Live It:

'I must assert in the most unqualified way that it is primarily and mainly for the sake of saving the soul that I seek the salvation of the body.' (William Booth) He is saying that he helps people because it is a great way to get people saved.

## Do It:

Make up an advertisement for God that would help people get saved.



## In It:

I call out for help and You always answer me. I cry and You say, 'Here I am.'

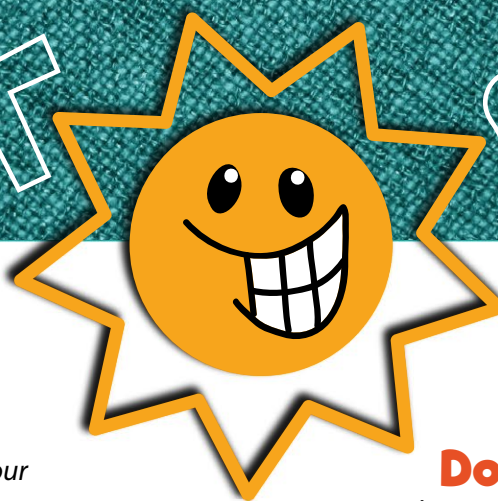
**Eat It:** Romans 1:16 (how is the memorization of the verse going?) It says first for the Jew, because the Jews were the chosen people of God all through the Old Testament. God made a special promise that He would be their God, so He offers salvation to the Jews first.

## Read It:

One-year Bible Plan: Read Numbers 12-13, Psalm 90, & Mark

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# Day 6



## Jehovah Rocks:

*You save me when I am in trouble and need Your help. But You also protect me before trouble even comes my way! You keep me safe because You love me and I am Your child. (Psalm 18:48)*

## See It:

'But the court will open. And the power of that king will be taken away from him. It will be completely destroyed forever. Then the authority, power and greatness of all of the kingdoms on earth will be handed over to the people of the Most High God. His kingdom will last forever. Every ruler will worship and obey Him.' (Daniel 7:26-27)

## On It:

Fiery furnaces, lions' dens, and graphic prophecies are all used in this Old Testament book. The people of Israel had been disobedient to God and many were exiled (which means they were forced to leave their country and go to another) to Babylon. Daniel is one of the great young exiles who was trained in the royal court. The book explains things that he did through his long life that saw his loyal service rewarded with big-time leadership positions in three regimes! He is a living prophetic act that kings come and go. But you know what? While kings and leaders come and go, God reigns! And the prophecies through Daniel point to the final victorious reign of God. His kingdom will be an everlasting kingdom and all rulers will worship and obey God. Keep that in mind today if you run up against any 'powers' that try to hold you back - God reigns!

## Live It:

'Nobody gets a blessing if they have cold feet and nobody ever got saved while they had a toothache!' (William Booth) Here is another way of saying that it is hard to talk about the love of God to someone who

is hungry and in pain. We want to help them feel loved on earth before they can accept the love of God.

## Do It:

Pick out one of your toys that you are going to donate to The Salvation Army, and give it to your parents to give it away today.



## In It:

Help me stop using mean ways that hold others down and make them feel sad. Forgive me for pointing my finger at others as if they had done something wrong. Forgive me for saying harmful things about them.

## Eat It:

Romans 1:16

The good news for us is that salvation is now for the gentile too! Gentiles are everyone who's not a Jew, which means us (unless, of course, you are Jewish)! We are saved if we repent and believe!

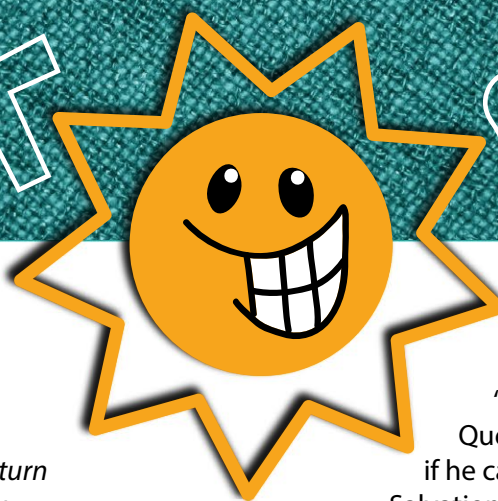
## Read It:

One-year Bible Plan: Read Numbers 14-16, & Mark 3



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# Day 7



## Jehovah Rocks:

*You rescue me and protect me and love me. I want to live my life in a way that makes You happy. But others are not nice to You and say they don't love You, and in return You push them so that they will change their ways to You.*  
(Psalm 18:26)

## See It:

'The Lord said to me, "...My people have broken the covenant I made with them. They have refused to obey My law... If you change your ways, you will produce good crops. So plant the seeds of doing what is right. Then you will harvest the fruit of your faithful love. It is time to turn to me. When you do, I will come and shower My blessings on you."  
(Hosea 8:1; 10:12)

## On It:

I love going to football games and cheering on my team. I wear all the colours and know all the players. But imagine if half way through the game, I started cheering for the other team. What would the players of my team think if I was wearing my team colours, but cheering for the enemy?! Well, apart from being a little confused, I think they would be angry! This is sort of the story of Hosea. You see, God has followed through on all of His promises, and the Jews had gone along for the ride. But when they started disobeying God by worshipping other gods, He was jealous, and rightly so! God's not a football team, He is the creator of the world, so He would be even angrier than every member of my football team combined! But does God get angry because He is mean? No, in fact, He continues to tell His people what they need to do so that they can have the peaceful life they desire. God reminds His people that if they soften their hard hearts and do the right thing, He will restore them. We cannot put anything else before or above God. Not our family, friends, hobbies or heroes. God wants us to be holy.

## Live It:

'He may not be able to put together two sentences of the Queen's English, but if he can say that he has been born again, if he can say, "once I was blind but now I see", he will do for The Salvation Army.' (Catherine Booth)

## Do It:

Tell three new people that you are a Christian and tell them what that means.



## In It:

Thank You that You always satisfy my needs.

## Eat It:

'I am not ashamed of the gospel, because it is the power of God for the salvation of everyone who believes: first for the Jew, then for the Gentile.'  
(Romans 1:16)

## Read It:

One-year Bible Plan: Read Numbers 17-18, Psalm 29, & Mark 4