

God & Toast

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Dedication

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How to use your God and Toast book

It is so important that you speak to, listen to, learn from and praise God every single day. In fact, the more often you have God in your day, the more amazing and full your life becomes! This book will give you a great start to your day and will help you learn about God, The Salvation Army, and yourself.

Just like breakfast, you need to make a time in the morning (every morning!) where you sit down in a quiet spot and read your daily ration. So, every morning, you will have some God and some breakfast...Or, God and toast! (You don't actually have to eat toast!)

Each day will have eight parts that will turn you into an unstoppable Junior Soldier (notice that each part starts with J R S O L D I E R?!). Here's what you will be doing in each part:

Jehovah Rocks: Jehovah is a name of God. And He Rocks! These short praise points have been rewritten just for you, and have been taken from the book of Psalms. When you read it, remember that you are speaking it straight to God, so worship loud and proud!

See It: This is a chunk of Bible for each day. You can read it from here, or you can look it up in your own Bible.

On It: This is where we will explain the Bible chunk that you just read in 'See It', or maybe even the book we took the Bible bit from. It is important that you think about what you read, and then work out what you need to do next. Remember, the Bible is not just a history book, and we read it so that God can speak to us and tell us what to do. There might be a challenge for you, something you need to research, or maybe something that needs to be explained even better by someone at your Corps.

Live It: In the 'Live It' part, you can read an interesting fact about The Salvation Army, or a quote from a great Salvationist. This is important, as we need to know why we are fighting, and how we are going to win the war against satan.

Do It: Cool! A challenge for every day! This will be a great chance to push you to do things that will make God very happy. They are things that He asks us to do as His children.

In It: This is the prayer time. Here's where you can really get in on God's plans and connect with Him directly! You will have a prayer you can read, or a prayer activity that you can do.

Eat It: You will have one verse every week that you need to memorize. You will also get to learn the eleven doctrines of The Salvation Army, and the Junior Soldier Promise. It is so important that you know Scripture off by heart. It will help you fight against the enemy and help you rescue people trapped in sin.

Read It: In God and Toast, we will take you through every book of the Bible and try to tell you a little bit about it. But it is very important for you to read the whole Bible for yourself. Here are two plans of attack to get it done: 1. You can try to read the whole Bible in a year or 2. Try to read just the New Testament. If you want to read the whole Bible, you read all of the passages we record for that day. If you just want to read the New Testament, just read the New Testament books we record for that day. Maybe in your first year you can do the New Testament and in the second year through this book you can do the whole Bible!

So, just eight parts each day, and you have done your daily ration with God, and kept your Junior Soldier promise! Well...time to get into it! Have fun, Soldiers!



Week 1

Day 1



Jehovah Rocks:

I thank You and praise You, Yahweh, because You always do what is right. I love to sing about You and let everyone know how great You are. (Psalm 7:17)

Do It:

Talk to one friend about Jesus today.

In It:

Thank God for three people in your family.

See It:

'In the beginning, God created heaven and earth. The earth didn't have any shape. It was just empty. Darkness was all over the ocean. At that time, the ocean covered the earth so there was no land to see. The Spirit of God was hovering over the waters.' (Genesis 1:1-2)

On It:

Can you imagine the world before it was created? It was nothing. There was nothing at all. And then one day, God decided to start a new adventure. The heavens and the earth were created. God hovered over the surface of the earth. What do you think He was looking for? Not sure? Well, think about this. God has seen and moved through every part of the earth and the heavens, even before they were made. This is the beginning of the creation journey. A journey that all starts with God! We are on a journey that begins with this page and this day. Promise that you will go all the way to the end and learn all about what it means to be a radical and world-changing follower of Jesus Christ. It is going to be awesome!

Live It:

There are lots of definitions of what The Salvation Army is. We say that The Salvation Army is a revolutionary movement of covenanted warriors exercising holy passion to win the world for Jesus. What does that mean? We are an army, we want to change the world, we are committed, we are holy, we are dangerous to the enemy, and we want everyone to follow Jesus!

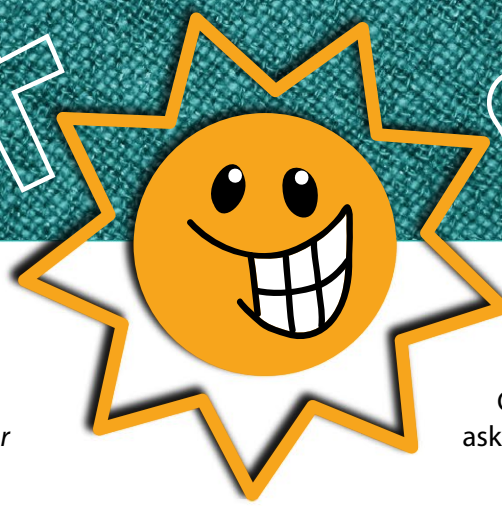


Eat It:

(You have all week to practice and memorize this!)
'For God so loved the world that He gave His one and only Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have eternal life.' (John 3:16)

Read It:

One-year Bible Plan: Read Genesis 1 & 2 and Luke 1



Jehovah Rocks:

Even though I am only small, I can praise Your name loudly! This praise is like a giant fortress that makes Your enemies silent and weak. (Psalm 8:2)

See It:

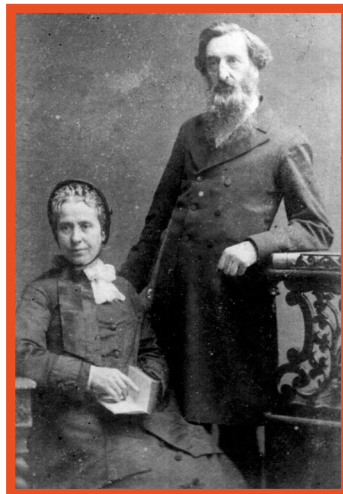
'God said, "Let there be light." And there was light. God saw that the light was good. He separated the light from the darkness. God decided to call the light "day." He called the darkness "night." Then the evening came, and there was morning. It was day one.' (Genesis 1:3-5)

On It:

Have you ever tried to make it from one place to another without any lights on? Stub your toe? It hurts, doesn't it? Well, it's a good thing that God decided to make light or else we would have been fumbling through the dark a lot. Imagine that you decide one day that you would like to create light and...bam! There is light. Of course, if it was light all the time we would have no idea when to go to bed, so God created the darkness as well. Thanks, God!

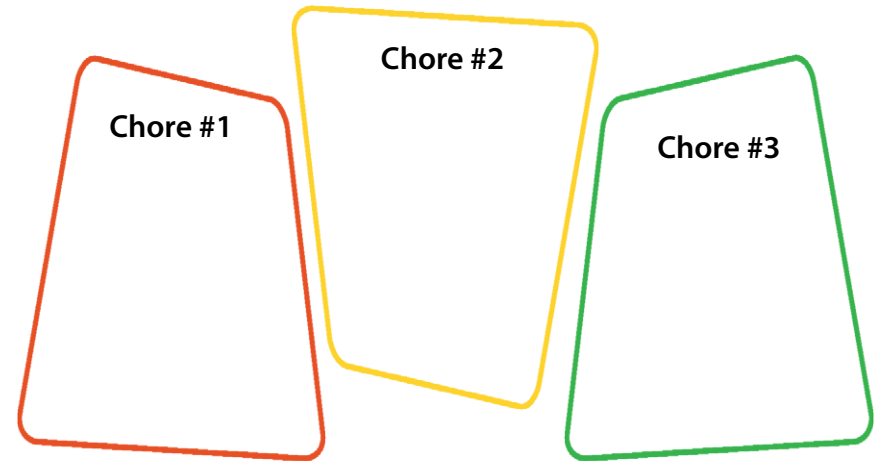
Live It:

Who came up with the idea of The Salvation Army? Well, it was started by William and Catherine Booth, but they were, of course, inspired by God!



Do It:

Complete three chores around your home without being asked.



In It:

Lord, please help me to understand the Bible.

Eat It:

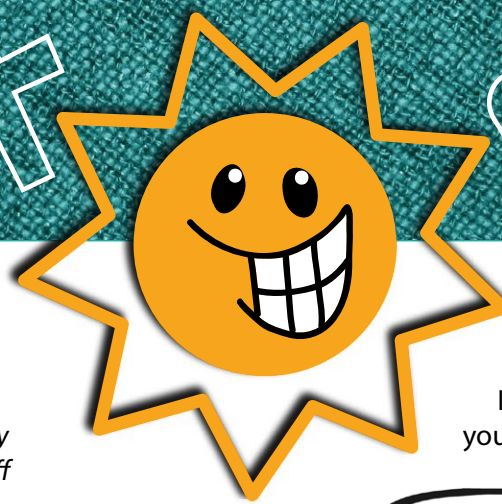
John 3:16
Did you know that God loves the world? He loves you, He loves your family, He loves all the things in the world. But mostly... He loves you!

Read It:

One-year Bible Plan: Read Genesis 3 to 5 & Luke 2

Week 1

Day 3



Jehovah Rocks:

Today I am going to praise You using all of the love in my heart. I will praise You and feel it all the way from my toes! Then I will tell everyone about all the amazing stuff You have done. (Psalm 9:1)

See It:

'God said, "Let there be a huge space between the waters. Let it separate water from water." And that's exactly what happened right then. God made a huge space between the waters. He separated the water that was under the space from the water that was above it. God called the huge space He had created "sky." Then it was evening, and there was morning.' (Genesis 1: 6-8)

On It:

God made the sky. We can't even imagine what things would have been like without that beautiful blue roof that sits on the earth, that has a few fluffy white clouds, and is colored every now and again by a gorgeous big rainbow. And where would the birds, airplanes, and footballs fly? Anyway, God made the sky! God is one amazing God! He's THE amazing God!

Live It:

Do you remember who started The Salvation Army? That's right... William and Catherine. And William was born on April 10, 1829. Can you work out how old he was when he helped start The Salvation Army? (It started in 1865)

Do It:

Try to bless ten people by encouraging and saying something nice to them today.

In It:

Imagine Jesus was sitting right in front of you. What would you like to say to Him?



Eat It:

 (Keep learning John 3:16!)

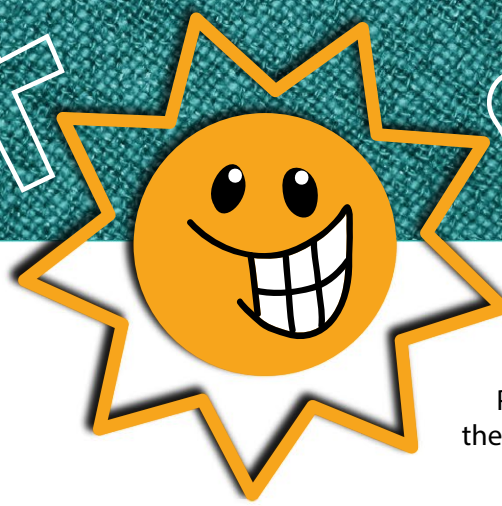
God loved the world, but we were all unholy and filled with yucky sin! So, He needed something to clean us up before He could have us come live with Him. Do you know whom He chose?

Read It:

One-year Bible Plan: Read Genesis 6 - 8 & Luke 3

Week 1

Day 4



Jehovah Rocks:

Because I have You in my life, I feel happy and glad and full. You are amazing and wonderful and so powerful. (Psalm 9:2)

See It:

'God said, "Let the water under the sky be gathered into one place. Let dry ground appear." And that's exactly what happened. God called the dry ground "land." He called the waters that were gathered together "oceans." And God saw it and He thought that it was good. Then God said, "Let the land produce plants. Let them bear their own seeds. And let there be trees on the land that bear fruit with seeds in it. Let each kind of plant or tree have its own kind of seeds." And that's just what happened. The land grew plants. Every plant had its own kind of seeds. The land produced trees that grew fruit with seeds in it. Each kind of tree had its own kind of seeds. God saw that it was good. And there was evening, and there was morning. It was day three.' (Genesis 1: 9-13)

On It:

Day three of Creation was a big one! Not only did God arrange all of the oceans and seas, (and lakes and ponds, and waterfalls and rivers... well, you get the point) but He also created the whole plant world, just by talking! Check this: "Let the land produce plants. Let them bear their own seeds. And let there be trees on the land that bear fruit..." Basically, God said, let the earth have veggies! Yahoo! We are thankful for Day Three because now we have apples and kiwi and pineapple and strawberries and sweet potatoes and pickles and... Just think, without this day, all of the vegetarians out there would be starving!

Live It:

Mark your calendar! Catherine Booth was born on January 17, 1829! How old was she when The Salvation Army started? (It all started in 1865)

Do It:

Pray for every child in your class. Pray that God will bless them and that they will be given a chance to try to get saved.



In It: (Journal)

Write down all the things you did today. Read over it and look to see where God was speaking to you.

Eat It: (Can you remember John 3:16 without looking?)

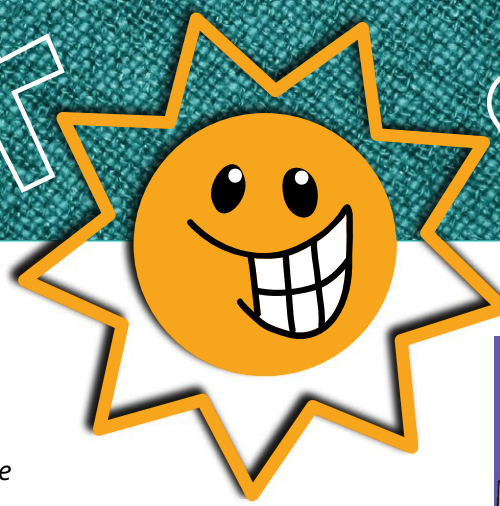
What could be good enough to make us clean enough to go and live with God!? How about Jesus? He is God's son, so He is worthy, but would God really give up His son for you?

Read It:

One-year Bible Plan: Read Genesis 9 to 11 & Luke 4

Week 1

Day 5



Jehovah Rocks:

I praise You, Yahweh, because You are a strong and mighty King who rules from Your throne. I think You are so good that I am going to tell everyone I meet all the fantastic things You have done. (Psalm 9:11)

See It:

'God said, "Let there be lights in the huge space of the sky. Let them separate the day from the night. Let them serve as signs to mark off the seasons and the days and the years. Let them serve as lights in the huge space of the sky to give light on the earth." And that's just what happened. God made two great lights. He made the larger light to rule over the day. He made the smaller light to rule over the night. He also made the stars. God put the lights in the huge space of the sky to give light on earth. He put them there to rule over the day and the night. He put them there to separate light from darkness. God saw that it was good. And there was evening, and morning and it was day four. (Genesis 1:14-19)

On It:

Look at this. "God said"... "And that's exactly what happened". Did you catch that? God speaks... and things pop up! There is nothing there at all, and God says something like "Stars, be!" and there are millions of stars dotting the universe. This is one mind-boggling God! He spoke, and the next thing you know, the universe is there! You know what this tells me? God's voice is pretty powerful. His voice is so powerful that it creates life. And do you know what? He speaks to you! Listen up to find out what He will say to you. Even if you think your life has 'nothing' or isn't anything special, God can speak to you and, bam! Or if you think someone else's life has nothing, you can pray for them, ask God to speak, and who knows what could happen!



Live It:

We have lots of special names for things in The Salvation Army. One of them is 'Promoted to Glory' and that is the term we use when Soldiers die and go to Heaven. Getting promoted means moving onto something better, and when we die, we get to go to Heaven! So it's sad for us, but good for them.

Do It:

Talk to one friend today about how Jesus takes away your sin.

In It:

You are the King of kings, the Lord of lords, the God of gods!

Eat It:

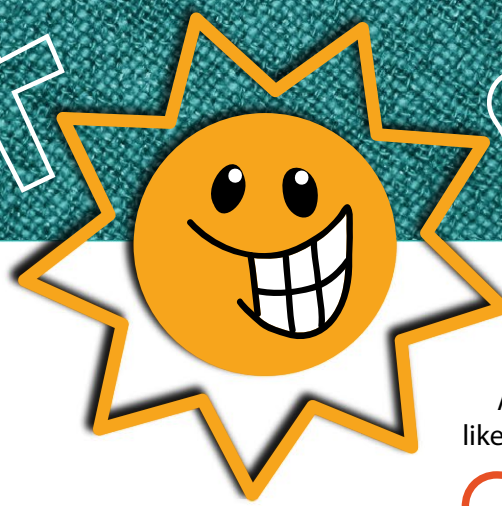
Jesus died for you! All you have to do now is ask for forgiveness!

Read It:

One-year Bible Plan: Read Genesis 12 -14 & Luke 5

Week 1

Day 6



Jehovah Rocks:

You are so great! You always show me what I should be doing. Even while I am sleeping at night, my heart teaches me even more about You. (Psalm 16:7)

See It:

'God said, "Let the waters be filled with living things. Let birds fly above the earth across the huge space of the sky." So God created the great creatures of the ocean. He created every living and moving thing that fills the waters. He created loads of them, all different. He created every kind of bird that flies as well. And God saw that it was good. God blessed them. He said, "Have babies and increase your numbers. Fill up all of the oceans. Let there be more and more birds on the earth." There was evening, and there was morning. It was day five.' (Genesis 1: 20-23)

On It:

God filled all those bodies of water He made a couple of days ago with living creatures. So, Nemo, Jaws, Little Mermaid, Shark's Tale, and Jonah along with a bunch of other movies wouldn't have been possible unless God planted swarms of fish and sea monsters in the water. And don't forget that He also made the birds to fly around in the sky that He made a couple of days before that. What an inspiring God! What a creative Creator! (Can you say that three times fast?!)

Live It:

Instead of saying, 'William died in...'; we say 'William Booth was promoted to Glory on August 20, 1912'. Now he gets to kick back and praise God all day long!

Do It:

Ask your teacher if there is anything for which s/he would like prayer for.

Prayers for my teacher:

In It:

Did you know you can pray the Bible? Try praying Psalm 20. Here's a little bit... "God grant me the desires of my heart and make all my plans succeed. I will shout for joy when I hear of Your victory and raise a victory banner in the name of You God. May You answer all my prayers."

Eat It:

John 3:16
Once we have asked for forgiveness and we believe Jesus has taken away our sins, we get to be with God, now, and forever... even after we die!

Read It:

One-year Bible Plan: Read Genesis 15 - 17 & Luke 6

Week 1

Day 7



Jehovah Rocks:

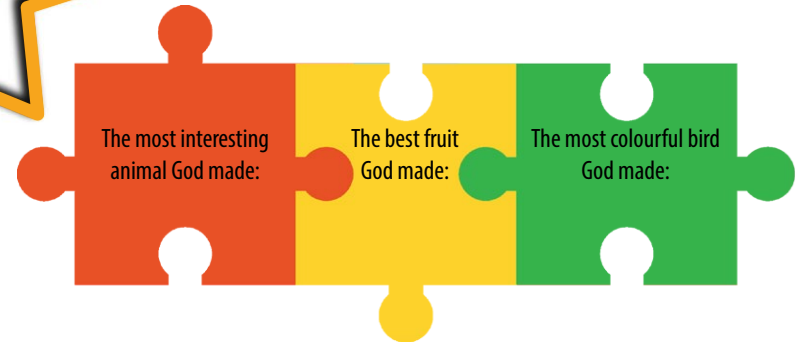
When I feel sad or scared, I know I can speak to You and speak about how wonderful You are. I know that You save me from anyone who doesn't like me or who doesn't like You. (Psalm 18:3)

See It:

'God said, "Let the land have all kinds of living things. Let there be livestock, and creatures that move along the ground, and wild animals. Let there be all kinds of them." And that's exactly what happened. God made all kinds of wild animals. He made all kinds of livestock. He made all kinds of creatures that move along the ground. And God saw that it was good.' (Genesis 1:24-25)

On It:

This is Creation Day Five. God makes all the animals on the earth – living creatures of every kind, beasts of every kind, creeping things of every kind – basically every animal you can shake a stick at (though I don't think you should shake a stick at the animals or they might get scared!). God made them. You'll learn more about this kind of stuff later in school but we're talking about a very special and fragile system – a whole bunch of things that fit together carefully like the water, the sky, the vegetation, the seasons, the light and dark, and all of these different animals – that is like God's creative signature, His divine autograph. It is living proof the God is real. God created the biggest and most difficult jigsaw puzzle ever, and we live in it!



Live It:

Now, don't be sad, but Catherine was promoted to glory on October 4, 1890. We don't have to be sad, because she is living forever in Heaven! She believed what it said in John 3:16. (Sometimes I still get sad, though... but I am happy, too, all at the same time!)

Do It:

Use this week's memory verse in a conversation with somebody who doesn't know Jesus yet.

In It:

God, I want Your will to be done today, through my life.

Eat It:

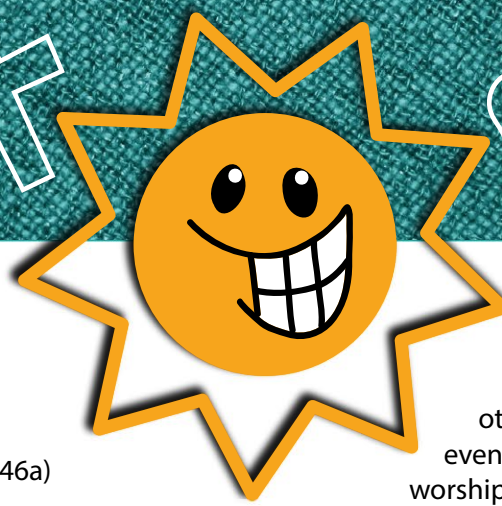
Here it is for the last time! You should be able to say it without looking now! 'For God so loved the world that He gave His one and only Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have eternal life.' (John 3:16)

Read It:

One-year Bible Plan: Read Genesis 18 & 19, Psalm 3 & Luke 7

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)

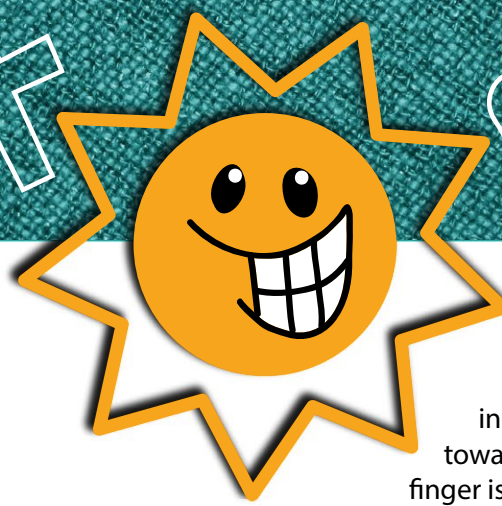
'I tell you the truth, anyone who will not receive the kingdom of God like a little child will never enter it.' (Mark 10:15)

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:

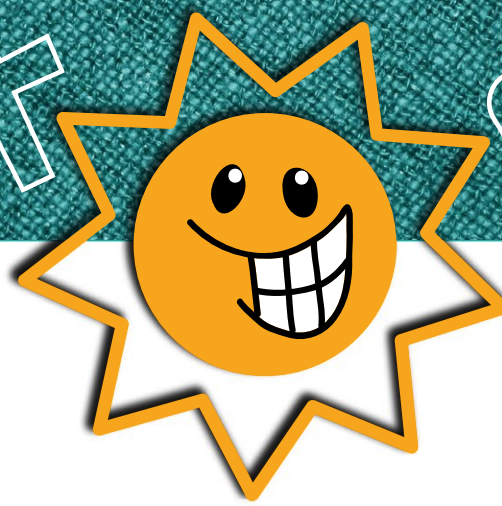
'I tell you the truth, anyone who will not receive the kingdom of God like a little child will never enter it.' (Mark 10:15) "Like a little child." Try to remember what it was like when you were a little kid. You completely trusted people older than you. If your mom or dad told you to do something, you 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:

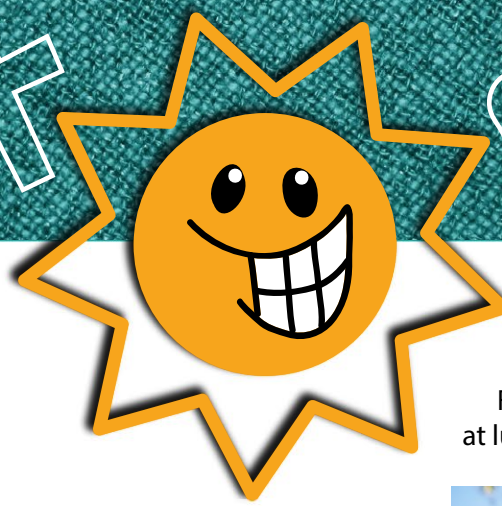
'I tell you the truth, anyone who will not receive the kingdom of God like a little child will never enter it.' (Mark 10:15) "You will never enter it." So, that 'anyone' rule we looked at a few days ago, is for people wanting to enter the Kingdom of God. So, it doesn't matter who you are or what you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

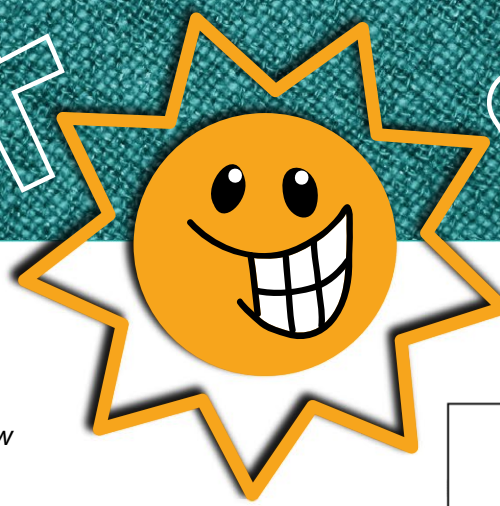
'I tell you the truth, anyone who will not receive the kingdom of God like a little child will never enter it.' (Mark 10:15). Memorize this verse and then tell it to five friends!

Read It:

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

Week 3

Day 1



Jehovah Rocks:

I have decided that You are my God and I will not change my mind. I will not be afraid to tell everyone how wonderful I think You are. (Psalm 26:12)

See It:

'The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full. "I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep.'" (John 10:10-11)

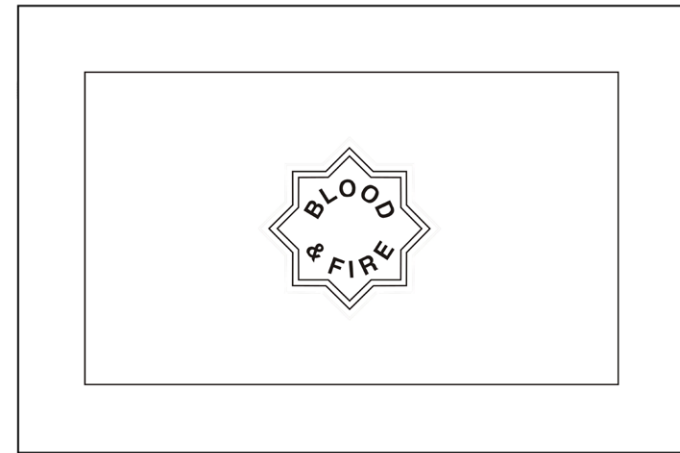
On It:

Do you know who the thief is? He's the devil, satan. And he is out to destroy you. But don't worry. He is a pipsqueak compared to our Jesus, who came to 'destroy the works of the devil'. What the devil wants to steal from you, Jesus wants to provide. Jesus Christ, the generous God, wants each of us to have an overflowing, full, rich, meaningful, happy, good, important, fun, challenging, super, tops, awesome, amazing, dazzling, tremendous life! Sounds good to me!

Live It:

You probably already know this, but The Salvation Army has a flag! And it is the same flag all over the world. It has three colours, not by chance, but because the flag itself represents the three persons of God, or in other words, the Trinity! Now that's clever!

Can you add colour to The Salvation Army flag?
Remember it's yellow, red and blue.



Do It:

Tell your family members that you are adding them to your daily prayer list (and then do it).

In It:

Thank You so much Jesus, that You have come to give me life! I am free and alive because of You! Thank You, Jesus!

Eat It:

 (Memorize this verse this week)

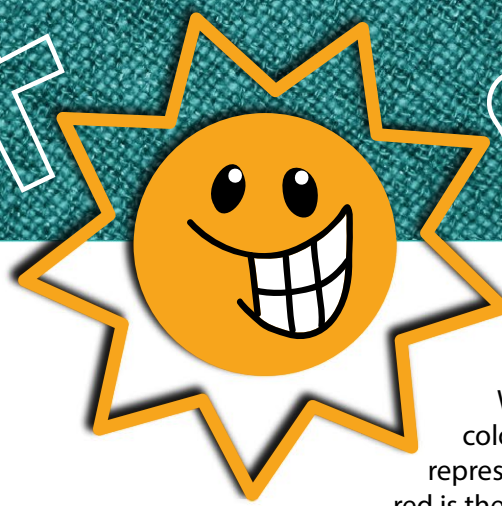
'The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full!' (John 10:10)

Read It:

One-year Bible Plan: Genesis 37-38, Psalm 7, & Luke 15

Week 3

Day 2



Jehovah Rocks:

I love You, Yahweh, and am so thankful that You look after me and comfort me whenever I am feeling sad or lonely. (Psalm 28:6)

See It:

'We have been made right with God because of our faith. Now we have peace with Him because of our Lord Jesus Christ. Through faith in Jesus we have been given God's grace. In that grace we stand strong. We are full of joy and happiness because we know we are going to share in God's glory. And that's not all. We are full of joy even when we suffer! We know that even though we are suffering, He gives us the strength to go on. The strength to go on gives us character. Character produces hope. And hope will never let us down. God has poured his love into our hearts. He did it through the Holy Spirit, whom He has given to us.' (Romans 5:1-5)

On It:

Is your life really busy? Is it stressful? Sad? Lonely? Do you sometimes feel an emptiness deep down inside? It sort of feels like when you are really hungry, and your stomach calls out to you 'give me food!' You are doing everyday stuff like eating, sleeping, school and play, but you just feel like you are missing something and it needs to be filled. Well, what you might be missing is peace! We're talking about peace with God. When you have peace with God, no matter how tough, hard or busy life gets, you just know it is going to be okay because you know that God is in control. It's a great feeling. How do get it? Through our Lord Jesus Christ! That's easy because you know Him. All you have to do is ask Jesus to fill you with His peace, and then just wait for Him to do His thing.

Live It:

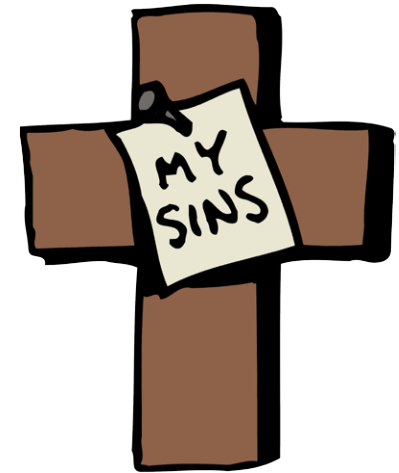
We are talking about the flag, and the three different colours in the flag. One part of the flag is red, which represents God the Son. You can remember this easily because red is the colour of blood, and the red reminds us of the forgiveness that comes from the blood of Jesus.

Do It:

Take your Bible to school.

In It:

Thank You, Jesus that You died on the cross for my sins!



Eat It:

'The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full!' (John 10:10) The thief sounds scary, but he is a weakling! Stand up and stomp on his head saying, 'Jesus has more power than you!'

Read It:

One-year Bible Plan: Read Genesis 39-41 & Luke 16



Jehovah Rocks:

You are so incredible and You always show me your amazing love that will never, ever run out. Even when I feel like the whole world is falling apart I still feel safe because I know that You love me. (Psalm 31:21)

See It:

'Everyone has sinned. No one measures up to God's glory.' (Romans 3:23)

On It:

All of us have sinned - your best teacher, the principal, even your Sunday School teacher! None of us have lived up to God's glory or His hopes of us to reflect His glory in our lives to the world. No one is as good as God made us to be. Think about it... He is God, the creator of the universe, and we are humans who do all sorts of nasty and silly things. Wait - does that mean we're all failures? Might that make us feel bad? Good. That's the idea. But do hang in for the rest of the week, because good news is coming!

Live It:

The next colour in the flag is blue, which represents God the Father. Think of a perfect blue sky over a big blue ocean. It is clean, perfect, and pure and reminds us of the clean, perfect, and pure God the Father.

Do It:

Think of something that you love about your mother or father, then go and tell them.

In It:

Imagine Jesus was sitting right in front of you. What would He say to you? (ask!)



Eat It: (Memorize the verse)

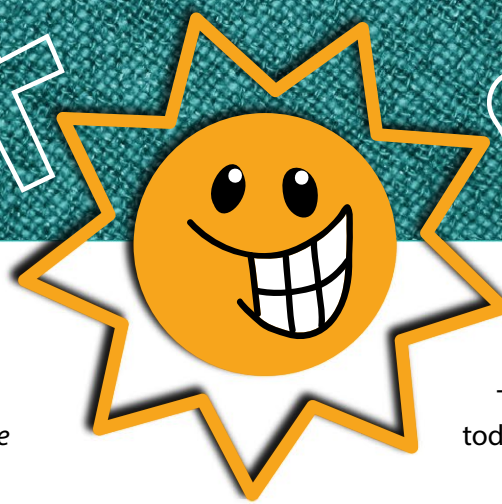
'The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full!' (John 10:10) Satan loves sin, and we learned today that we have all sinned! But he doesn't love you, he just loves to hurt and destroy you. Ick! Let's stay well away from satan and the sin he loves so much.

Read It:

One-year Bible Plan: Read Genesis 42-43, Psalm 5 & Luke 17

Week 3

Day 4



Jehovah Rocks:

When I think of all the things I could give my time or thoughts to, none are as important as when I spend time praising You. (Psalm 33:1)

Do It:

Try to pray a 'praise point' once every hour of your day today.

See It:

'When you sin, the pay you get is death. But God gives you the gift of eternal life because of what Christ Jesus our Lord has done.' (Romans 6:23)

On It:

When you get a job they'll start paying you money – a wage. But in Romans today we read that the wages of sin is death! So, a life of sin is paid up with death. Yesterday we learned that we have all sinned, so put that with today's lesson... and this is not good news for us! We have sinned, so we have to die!? No, wait! There is good news! God has a gift for us – eternal life! It's just the opposite from death. Woohoo! So, where do you pick up your gift? From the store? No! You get it direct from Jesus Christ our Lord! Believe me, it's the best gift you will ever receive. You won't even need to keep the receipt!

Live It:

The third colour of the flag is yellow, which represents the third part of the Trinity; God the Holy Spirit. Why yellow? The Holy Spirit is often shown by fire because the Holy Spirit fires up with a passion for soul saving mission!



In It:

Praise You Holy Spirit! You are so powerful!

Eat It:

 (Memorize the verse)

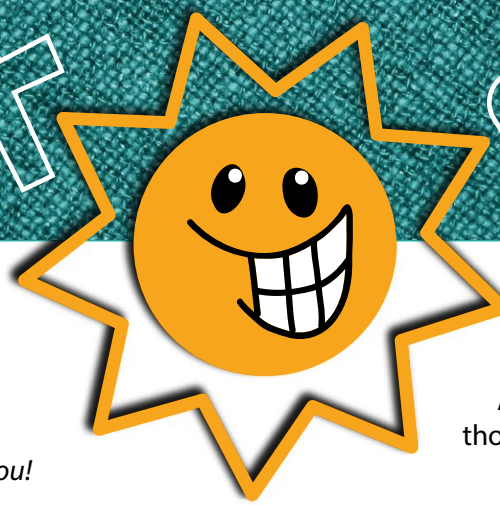
'The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full!' (John 10:10) Jesus comes to give you full life! That's like a massive full bowl of ice-creamy goodness that doesn't make you sick! He doesn't even cheat and give you the cheap version!

Read It:

One-year Bible Plan: Read Genesis 44-46 & Luke 18

Week 3

Day 5



Jehovah Rocks:

When I think of You, I want to praise You in so many different ways so that You know how awesome I think You are. I want to sing and dance and make songs for You!
(Psalm 33:2)

See It:

'Just as people are destined to die once, and after that to face judgement.' (Hebrews 9:27)

On It:

Alright, so a lot is going on here. First, we all die. You expected that, right? But that also means that we don't come back as a mouse, or a cow or even another human. We die once, and that's enough for me! Then what happens? We face judgement. That's right. God will judge us for all that we've done in that life. Oh dear! What are we going to do? The only smart way to head into judgement before God is with Jesus in your life. And since you don't ever know when you are heading into judgement, it is best to make sure you have Jesus in your life. Are you ready? Have a little think over it, and talk about it with someone today.

Live It:

In the center of the flag it says 'blood and fire'. These two words explain our mission as The Salvation Army. The blood of Jesus shows we are fighting for the salvation of everyone in the world! Getting people saved is the reason we exist. It is our purpose and our mission.

Do It:

Talk to one friend about how Jesus takes away your sin.

In It:

Ask for forgiveness of your sins and then say 'thank you' that those sins are now gone forever!

*You can
write your
prayer here.*



Eat It:

Do you know John 10:10 by heart yet? 'The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full.' (John 10:10)

Read It:

One-year Bible Plan: Read Genesis 47-48, Psalm 10 & Luke 19

Week 3

Day 6



Jehovah Rocks:

*You are so great that I want to tell You all of the time!
I don't want to let a minute go by without telling you how
amazing I think you are. (Psalm 34:1)*

See It:

'There is a way that may seem right to a man. But in the end it leads to death.' (Proverbs 14:12)

On It:

Do you know what? A lot of people out there think they have the right way worked out. They think that we should always get our own way, we should not have to do homework, we should get as many toys as we can, we should worship a little statue or a guy on the TV screen with a number on his back, or... They figure that if we do one of those things we will win in the end. But the Bible says here that all of those ways end up in death! And that's death for a really long time! Ahhhh! Don't depend on your own way or your own plan. Depend on God. Get it? Maybe read yesterday's again if it's foggy, and then talk to someone who is a Christian about it if that doesn't help.

Live It:

Yesterday we learned that in the 'Blood and Fire' motto, the blood stands for salvation. Well, the fire stands for sanctification through the Holy Spirit. What does that mean? I'll tell you tomorrow!

Do It:

Tell somebody at school about The Salvation Army flag.

In It:

Ask God for something you need help with.

Dear God, please help me...

Eat It:

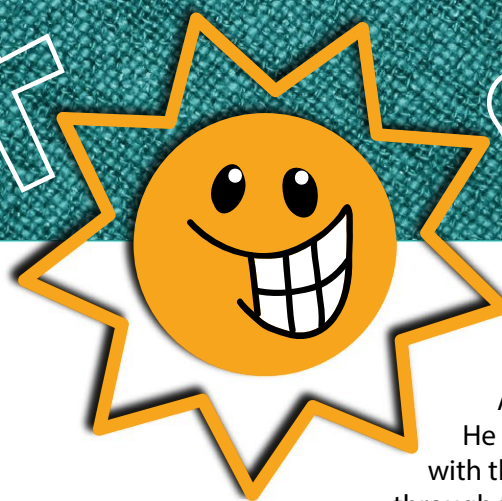
'The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full.' (John 10:10) Jesus came to give us full life! Praise God! Please get rid of my sin, Jesus, so that I can be filled with life!

Read It:

One-year Bible Plan: Read Genesis 49-50, Psalm 8, & Luke 20

Week 3

Day 7



Jehovah Rocks:

I want to tell others how much I love You. I am going to stand up in front of a huge group of people and tell them all how wonderful You are, because You are so fantastic that everyone should know it! (Psalm 35:18)

See It:

'Christ died for our sins once and forever. The One who only ever does what is right died for those who don't do what is right. He died to bring you to God. His body was put to death. But the Holy Spirit brought Him back to life.' (1 Peter 3:18)

On It:

Jesus Christ died for us. He died for you! Imagine that! Actually, you don't have to...He did it for real! He lived a perfect life. He did not deserve to be punished. Have you lived a perfect life? Never told a lie, and never been mean to anyone? I think I can safely say that you and I have not lived a perfect life. And we do deserve the consequences of our sins, as harsh as that sounds. But, we don't have to stay far from God! Why? Because Jesus died for us! And the reason He did it? So that you can be with God. He takes away the yucky sin in our life, forgiving it, and He replaces it with tasty loving goodness! Don't waste His sacrifice by not asking for forgiveness. Talk to God and ask Him to stay close to you today!

Live It:

The Holy Spirit wants to sanctify us, which means He wants to clean you out, and keep you clean. God's grace means we can always ask for forgiveness, but once we are completely or wholly sanctified, we can be free from sinning forever!

Do It:

Ask God to show you any sins remaining in your life. When He does, ask for His forgiveness. Tell God you are finished with those sins from now on. Tell any demons who bug you through those sins to go away forever in Jesus' name. And ask God to sanctify you.

In It:

Another prayer for you to read from the songbook (795):
'We'll tear hell's throne to pieces and win the world for Jesus. We'll be conquerors forever for we never will give in!'



Eat It:

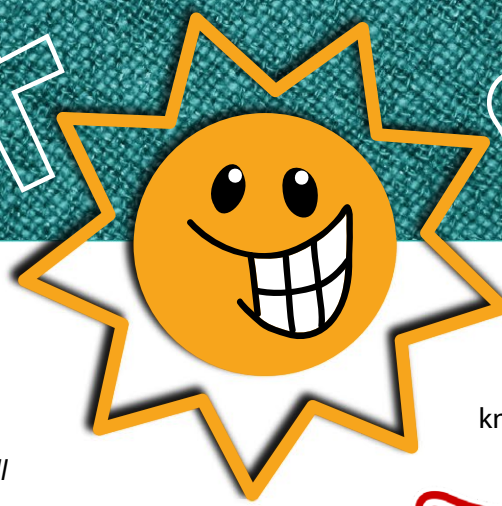
Can you recite John 10:10? 'The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full.' Do you know what? Once you have received salvation from Jesus, you are free! And satan can't do anything about it! Take that, you silly little thief!

Read It:

One-year Bible Plan: Exodus 1-2 Psalm 88, & Luke 21

Week 4

Day 1



Jehovah Rocks:

I love that You want everyone to have justice; that You want all of Your people to be treated fairly. I praise You because You love all of Your people and I want to tell everyone that You are good and that You love them.
(Psalm 35:28)

See It:

'When we were completely helpless, Christ came at just the right time and died for us sinners. Now, most people would not be willing to die for just a regular person, though someone might be willing to die for a person who is really good. But God showed His great love for us by sending Christ to die for us while we were still sinners. And since we have been made right in God's sight by the blood of Christ, He will certainly save us from God's condemnation.' (Romans 5:6-9)

On It:

When we read a fairy tale there is one story-line we can always count on. The female in the story will fall into some kind of evil trap, and the hero will drop into town at just the right moment and save her. Evil will be destroyed, the spell will be broken, they will kiss and then live happily ever after. For Jesus, we are kind of like the princess. We are utterly helpless and will die without help from our hero. And I am not even a princess! Who would possibly risk their life for me? Things are not looking good. But wait... our hero Jesus has come to save us! Our hero didn't just battle it out in a two-minute sword fight. He died on a cross for us! And because He did, and because I accept His help, I am now free from my death and instead am able to live... happily ever after.

Live It:

Last week we learned about the flag. This week we are going to learn about some other symbols in The Salvation Army. The Red Shield is

a very well-known logo and is the most recognized symbols in Canada! That basically means that just Canada knows who we are when we wear the shield!



Where are some places you have seen the shield?

Do It:

Tell your family members that you are adding them to your daily prayer list (and then do it).

In It:

Thank You for saving me!

Eat It:

 (Memorize this verse this week)

'But God demonstrates His own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.' (Romans 5:8)

Read It:

One-year Bible Plan: Read Exodus 3-5, & Luke 22

Week 4

Day 2



Jehovah Rocks:

Bless the Lord! You have been around from before the beginning of time and You will be around until the very end! Yes, yes, You are so powerful! (Psalm 41:13)

See It:

'This is the message we heard from Jesus and now declare to you: God is light, and there is no darkness in Him at all. So we are lying if we say we have fellowship with God but go on living in spiritual darkness; we are not practicing the truth. But if we are living in the light, as God is in the light, then we have fellowship with each other, and the blood of Jesus, His Son, cleanses us from all sin.' (1 John 1:5-7)

On It:

Remember back in the beginning when God created light? It would be silly of us to sleep through the day and try to get everything done at night. Things are just nicer in the daytime. Things are brighter, people seem happier and it feels a lot safer walking around. The Bible bit we just read talks about God being the light. So if we are going to live with God, we don't want to live in the darkness. We want to have all of the light come and live inside of us. How do we do that? We need to get rid of the darkness. And the darkness is sin. We need to ask God to forgive us, and then we know that God, through the sacrifice of Jesus will come give us a good clean out and set up a giant light bulb inside of us that will shine for the whole world to see!

Live It:

The Salvation Army also have a cool 'Crest' that you might have seen outside Corps buildings, or on this page! It has a 'S' wrapped around the cross, which stands for salvation (and not a dollar sign like my brothers try to tell me!).



Where are some places that you have seen the crest?

Do It:

If there is something you need to confess and ask forgiveness for from someone, go and do it today!

In It:

Lord, I want to win the world for Jesus. Help me!

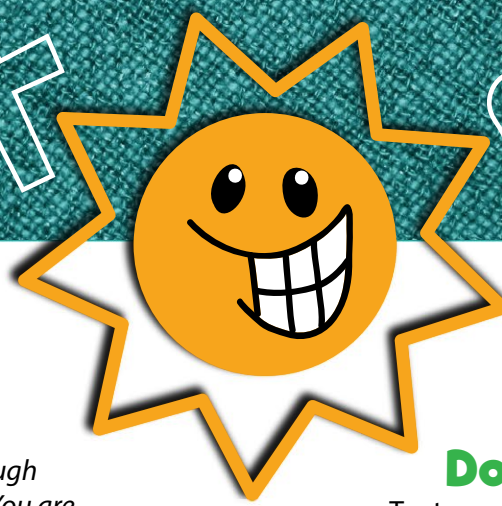
Eat It:

 (Memorize this verse this week)

'But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.' (Romans 5:8) God wanted to show us how much He loved us. So He stretched out His arms as wide as He could and said, 'I love you this much.'

Read It:

One-year Bible Plan: Read Exodus 6-8 & Luke Chapter 23



Jehovah Rocks:

Sometimes I feel sad and things don't always go the way I want them to. But even in these times I continue to have faith in You and believe in You. Your love is enough and I will praise You because You are always there and You are my amazing God. (Psalm 42:5)

See It:

'Later on, after John was arrested, Jesus went into Galilee, where He preached God's Good News. "The time promised by God has come at last!" He announced. "The Kingdom of God is near! Repent of your sins and believe the Good News!" (Mark 1:14-15)

On It:

I remember one time when I was little they told me Princess Diana was going to be visiting my hometown. I was very little and really didn't understand who she was, but I did know she was a princess and that she was very important. We dressed up in our good clothes and waited what seemed an eternity to watch her drive by in the fancy car while we waved. It was worth the wait. Back in the New Testament, the Israelites had waited a very long time for their king to come and now the time had finally come. Jesus was here and He was starting His mission on earth. Did they need to put on special clothes and wait for hours for just a small glimpse? No. They did have to do something to prepare, though. They had to turn away from their sins and believe that the good news was for them, and that the good news was that Jesus was the Saviour they had been waiting for. This good news is for us too, and just as Jesus told the Jews, He tells us, turn from your sins and believe!

Live It:

Have a look at the crest again. Can you see the crossed swords? They are there to show the salvation war. You see we can't just tell others about

Jesus and expect satan to do nothing about it. He wants us to fail! This is a battle... a war for souls! Let's fight!

Do It:

Try to recite all four memory verses to someone in your family.

John 3:16

Mark 10:15

John 10:10

Romans 5:8

Check off the boxes of the verses you remember.

In It:

"Through ten thousand battles, with Jesus I'll go. In danger I'm certain He'll take care of me. His Blood and Fire soldier forever I'll be"! Amen! (Songbook 674)

Eat It:

Romans 5:8
Do you know what's amazing? Jesus died for us before we even said we would follow Him. That means there are still many He died for that don't even know it!

Read It:

One-year Bible Plan: Read Exodus 9-11, & Luke 24



Jehovah Rocks:

I will sit before You now and tell You how wonderful You are. You are the reason that I can have fun and happiness and joy. From the bottom of my heart I will praise You. (Psalm 43:4)

See It:

'For God loved the world so much that He gave His one and only Son, so that everyone who believes in Him will not die forever but have eternal life. God sent His Son into the world not because He wanted Him to judge the world, but to save the world through Him. There is no judgement against anyone who believes in Him. But anyone who does not believe in Him has already been judged for not believing in God's one and only Son.' (John 3:16-18)

On It:

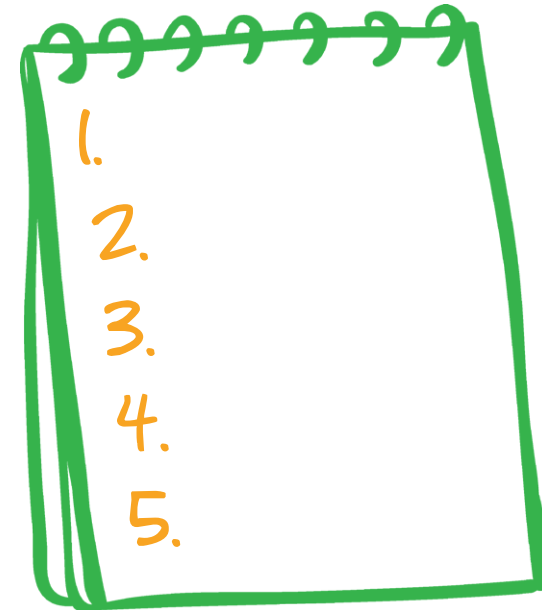
So, we know that we are sinners. We know that God is perfect. We know that we have no 'right' to have a conversation with God, let alone live in the same mansion! God has every right to spit us out, just like a baby spits up when being fed mushy peas! But, He doesn't! In fact, He does the opposite. He provides a way for us to be forgiven of our sins. So, instead of getting exactly what we deserve, instead of being judged and ending up in hell, we get to go to live forever in Heaven with God! Phew!

Live It:

Back to the crest, have another look. Can you see the little dots under the 'S'? They are Gospel shots! They stand for the truths of the Gospel that we hold firm to as Salvationists. They help us remember that the truth we follow is the message of the Gospel, and not something someone thought was a good idea.

Do It:

Learn the names of the first five books of the Bible by heart.



In It:

Read over last week's praise verses and say them all out loud to God.

Eat It:

Have you remembered it, yet? Here it is again... 'But God demonstrates His own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.' (Romans 5:8)

Read It:

One-year Bible Plan: Read Exodus 12-13, Psalm 21, & Acts 1

Week 4

Day 5



Jehovah Rocks:

All day, everyday I want to praise You! You are so good that I want to think about You and talk about You all the time. (Psalm 44:8)

See It:

'...I tell you the truth, the Son can do nothing by Himself. He does only what He sees the Father doing. Whatever the Father does, the Son also does. For the Father loves the Son and shows Him everything He is doing. In fact, the Father will show Him how to do even greater works than healing this man. Then you will truly be astonished. For just as the Father gives life to those He raises from the dead, so the Son gives life to anyone He wants. In addition, the Father judges no one. Instead, He has given the Son absolute authority to judge, so that everyone will honor the Son, just as they honor the Father. Anyone who does not honor the Son is certainly not honoring the Father who sent Him.' (John 5:19-24)

On It:

Wouldn't it be good if you sat down for a math test and found that all the answers had already been written down! It's this kind of tag teaming that Jesus had going with God the Father. Jesus could do some amazing things and He always seemed to know what to say and do at the right time. He can even raise dead people back to life! Jesus only does exactly what God is doing. For followers of Jesus, this is good news. We don't have to be a naturally gifted child to be able to do amazing things for God. But you do have to be able to see where God is moving and what God is doing. How do we do that? First, we have to honour the Father and Jesus the Son. Second, we have to ask for forgiveness of our sins. Third, we have to be asking God to speak to us and show us what He is doing. Then all we have to do is just wait and see, and be obedient when we see Him moving.

Live It:

Still a bit more on the crest! Can you see the squiggly lines around the crest? It kind of looks like a sun. Like a sun of righteousness! Well, that stands for the light and fire of the Holy Spirit.



Do It:

Try to mention God to every person you talk to today.

In It:

I love You, Yahweh!

Eat It:

Romans 5:8
Jesus was perfect! He never sinned. He is God. He died so that you could have life.

Read It:

One-year Bible Plan: Read Exodus 14-16, & Acts 2

Week 4

Day 6



Jehovah Rocks:

I love you so much and want to show You how much I love You by the way I live my life. And because of the things I do for You, others will learn about You, too, and then they will live for You and then the whole world will honour You because that is what You deserve. (Psalm 45:17)

See It:

'He came to His own people, and even they rejected Him. But to all who believed Him and accepted Him, He gave the right to become children of God. They are reborn—not with a physical birth resulting from human passion or plan, but a birth that comes from God!' (John 1:11-13)

On It:

Can you imagine what it would be like if you found out that a kid in your class was actually a celebrity? All that time you would have been treating them like any other person, and when you find out they are famous... well, you would at least grab an autograph! When Jesus was on earth, there were people walking around with Him not knowing, or refusing to believe, who He really was. Big mistake! When we believe in Jesus and accept Him as our Saviour, we receive a great gift. We are reborn and we become children of God. That is fantastic! God becomes our Father and we get to live with Him forever! It's not enough just to know who Jesus is. It's not enough to know about the things that He did. We need to actually believe that He is God, repent and then accept the gift of salvation from Him.

Live It:

On the very top of the crest you can see a crown. It is a crown of righteousness, and it stands for the crown of glory, that God will give to all His soldiers who are faithful to the end. That is the crown we will wear in heaven when we are promoted to glory!

Do It:

Do you think you could draw the Crest?



In It:

Please help me to have the courage to talk about You today with my friends.

Eat It:

Romans 5:8

Recite this week's memory verse at the dinner table tonight as your prayer.

Read It:

One-year Bible Plan: Read Exodus 17-20, & Acts 3

Week 4

Day 7



Jehovah Rocks:

Praise you, Yahweh! You are so amazing and I love You. You are King and I want to tell You that You are awesome! (Psalm 47:6)

See It:

One day when Jesus was walking along the shore of the Sea of Galilee, He saw Simon and his brother Andrew throwing a net into the water, for they fished for a living. Jesus called out to them, "Come, follow Me, and I will show you how to fish for people!" And so they left their nets straight away and followed Him. A little farther up the shore Jesus saw Zebedee's sons, James and John, in a boat repairing their nets. He called them at once, and they did the same thing and also followed him, leaving their father, Zebedee, in the boat with the hired men. (Mark 1:16-20)

On It:

"Come follow Me." Jesus invites you into His life and how you respond affects the life you will have for eternity. The thing is, if you don't follow Jesus, you don't end up where He ends up – Heaven. Did you know that no one is going to hell for terrible things they have done. They are only going to hell for saying no to Jesus' invitation into His life. You see, the bad things people do are done because they weren't following Jesus. It's the following Jesus part that we need to get right, and then the other stuff will work itself out. The other thing you need to realize about this verse is that while it is an invitation from a loving Saviour, it is also a command from the sovereign God. He commands us to follow Him and we must obey. So that's like getting a party invitation for a birthday from a sibling. You get asked to go, but really, you have to go because you know your mom will make you! So, rather than making everyone sad, it's better just to go to the party and eat cake!

Live It:

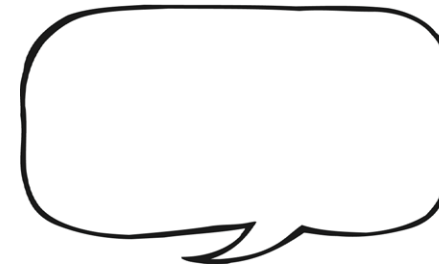
Some people say that Christianity is dying and that people aren't interested in hearing about Jesus anymore. Well, in a normal year about 150,000 people seeking Jesus for the first time at The Salvation Army in America alone! Doesn't sound like death to me! Let's add some more today!

Do It:

Show the crest to your teacher and explain each symbol and what they represent.

In It:

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



Eat It: Romans 5:8

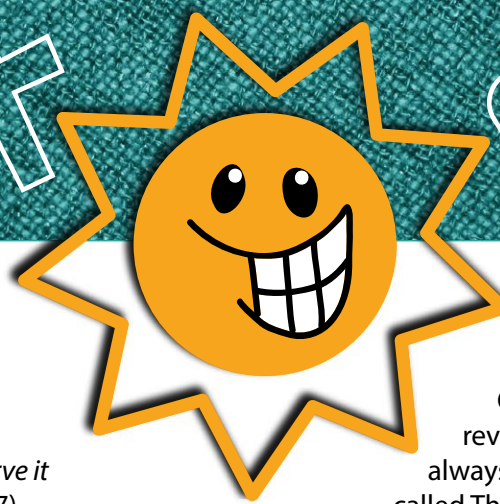
Did you know that Jesus died for every sin? So no matter who you are or what you have done, you can be forgiven! And all you have to do is repent of your sins!

Read It:

One-year Bible Plan: Read Exodus 21-22, Psalm 12, & Acts 4

Week 5

Day 1



Jehovah Rocks:

I serve the One who is King of the whole world! You are so powerful and so mighty and strong. I sing songs and tell You how good You are because I know that You deserve it and I am so thankful to have You as my King! (Psalm 47:7)

See It:

'The Lord had said to Abram, "Leave your country and your people. Leave your father's family. Go to the land I will show you. "I will make you into a great nation. I will bless you. I will make your name great. You will be a blessing to others. I will bless those who bless you. I will put a curse on anyone who calls down a curse on you. All nations on earth will be blessed because of you.'" (Genesis 12:1-3)

On It:

Have you ever been on a roller coaster? The worst part for me is climbing that first hill, waiting for the terror to begin! Well, I guess Abraham could have felt a little like that. He was a fairly regular guy, living with his family and his pets, when all of a sudden he gets word from God to leave! He doesn't have a GPS or even a travel guide, but he goes anyway. And because he does, he starts this amazing roller coaster ride that lasts the whole of the Old Testament. The story of the Israelites begins with Abraham and this moment in Genesis. And what does God promise Abraham in return for his obedience? Three things. He promises him a land to live in, heaps of family to share in all of God's blessings, and that the presence of God will be with them always. This promise is known as a 'covenant'. Remember that word, it is very important. Abraham is going to be the father of a special people that will be blessed by God. He will be blessed forever, and all Abraham has to do is follow God's instructions and keep the covenant... even when it doesn't seem to make sense! And you know what? The same deal applies for us today!

Live It:

One encyclopedia defines The Salvation Army as an 'ultra-revivalist' religious movement. That basically means we're always about getting people saved. I guess that's why we are called The 'Salvation' Army.



Do It:

Take a risk like Abraham and talk to someone about Jesus!

In It:

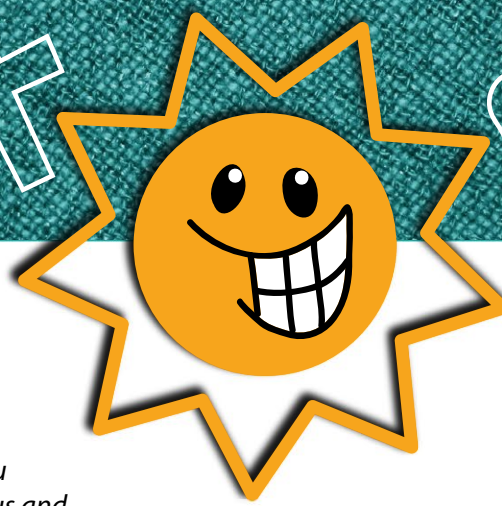
God, bless The Salvation Army.

Eat It:

Doctrine One (memorize this doctrine through the week)
We believe that the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments were given by inspiration of God, and that they only constitute the Divine rule of Christian faith and practice.

Read It:

One-year Bible Plan: Read Exodus 23-24, Psalm 14, & Acts 5



Jehovah Rocks:

People all over the world want You as their King. Children, grown ups, moms and dads, brothers and sisters, teachers and doctors, poor and rich all praise You and tell You how amazing You really are. You are famous and deserve all the attention and fame. (Psalm 48:10)

See It:

'Now, obey Me completely. Keep My covenant. If you do, then out of all of the nations you will be My special treasure. The whole earth is mine. But you will be a kingdom of priests to serve Me. You will be My holy nation.' That is what you must tell the Israelites.' (Exodus 19:5-6)

On It:

A lot has happened since yesterday! Abraham had some sons, who had sons, who had more sons and we end up with Joseph. He was a good guy, but he was a little smug and so his brothers sold him to Egypt... yep, the country. Joseph was able to work his way up to a powerful position and ended up bringing those silly brothers over to Egypt and saving their life (and, of course, all of the descendants of Israel still to come!). A few hundred years past and the descendants of Abraham ended up in slavery. This was not the deal Abraham made with God and of course God came through on His end of the bargain. He rose up Moses to free the Israelites from the Egyptians. There were a few plagues and miracles along the way, but it all ended well with the Israelites walking through the Red Sea! And as a united group of people, Moses, led by God, led the people toward the 'promised' land that Abraham went to so many years before. They started to obey God and, what do you know? They were blessed with people and land. And what must they do in return? You guessed it, obey God and keep the covenant.



Live It:

One reason people would think we are 'ultra-revivalist' is that at every meeting we (are meant to) challenge and invite people to get saved by repentance and faith, usually at the Mercy Seat.

Do It:

Make a promise to God that you know you will keep.

In It:

Please help us all to get more people saved than yesterday.

Eat It:

 (Keep memorizing Doctrine One)

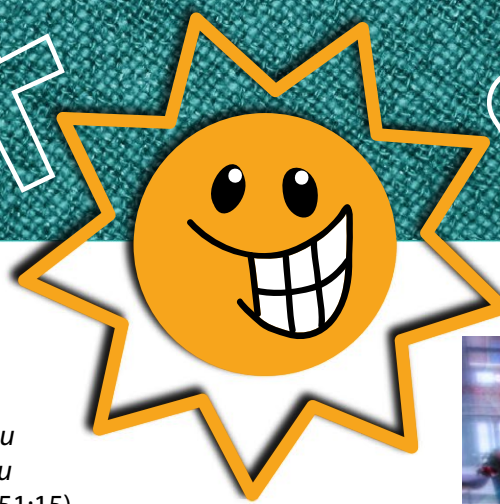
The Salvation Army has eleven doctrines that outline exactly what we believe and why. It is important for you to know them so that you always know what we believe.

Read It:

One-year Bible Plan: Read Exodus 25-27, & Acts 6

Week 5

Day 3



Jehovah Rocks:

You are so powerful and holy. What could I say that would be important enough for You to hear? And yet You help me to speak and You listen to my praises of You. You are patient and loving and so full of forgiveness. (Psalm 51:15)

See It:

'Then Moses spoke to Aaron. He said, "That's what the Lord was talking about when He said, 'Among those who approach Me I will show that I am holy. In the sight of all of the people I will be honoured.'" So Aaron remained silent.' (Leviticus 10:3)



On It:

Most people will tell you that the book of Leviticus is pretty boring. And you know what? Most people are right! But, just because it is a little on the boring side, don't let that make you think it is not important to read. The word 'Leviticus' comes from 'Levites' (they were the group of Israelites who served in the Temple and got things ready for people to worship God) but its Hebrew name is 'Law of the Priests' (and Levites are a bit different than Priests you might know). We like to call it God's Handbook of Holiness. In other words, it is the book that talks all about the things God did, and didn't want his people doing. If they kept holy, then God would show up and be pleased. This verse above shows that God reveals His holiness directly to the people! What would you do if you saw God's holiness? Well, I think Aaron's response might be the best – remain silent.

Live It:

The Mercy Seat was the lid of the Ark of the Covenant. And the Ark of the Covenant is the really special box the Israelites put lots of holy things in. But today it is the bench at the front of your Salvation Army hall. Can you picture it? Well, now you know what it is called!

Do It:

Write an encouraging note for somebody at school and leave it in their locker or on their desk.

In It:

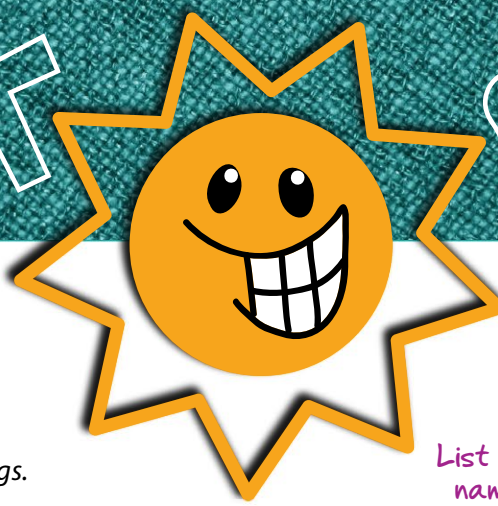
'I will join at once the fight. Leaning on my Saviour's might.' (Songbook 676)

Eat It: Doctrine One (memorize the doctrine)

This doctrine claims the authority of the Bible. Basically we are saying we believe that the Bible is God's truth, and so we can rely on His Word to determine and confirm what we believe about God.

Read It:

One-year Bible Plan: Read Exodus 28-29, & Acts 7



Jehovah Rocks:

I am so thankful for all You do for me. You give me real life and You give me love. You give me forgiveness and hope. You make my life new and give me good things. Thank You, Yahweh! (Psalm 52:9a)

See It:

'The Lord spoke to Moses in the Desert of Sinai. He said, "Count the Levites by their family groups. Count every male who is a month old or more." So, Moses counted them. He did just as the word of the Lord had commanded him.' (Numbers 3:14-16)

On It:

What is there to do in a desert? There's no TV, video games, or ice cream. What could you possibly do to pass the time? Well, you can count! And God told Moses to count the people. Do you know what that shows us? That we count to God! He cares about each one of us. He cares about you. He wants to keep track of you. And do you know what else is important here? Moses counted, just like God said. That's a great example for us – to obey and do exactly what God asks us to do.

Live It:

During a Salvation Army meeting, people are asked to come to the Mercy Seat to find Jesus. It's not because He is hiding there under the table! It's because it is a place where you can go to meet with God.

Do It:

Can you think of 50 people to pray for today?

List their names in the boxes.

In It:

Pray that each of the 50 people on your list will be filled with the Holy Spirit.

Eat It:

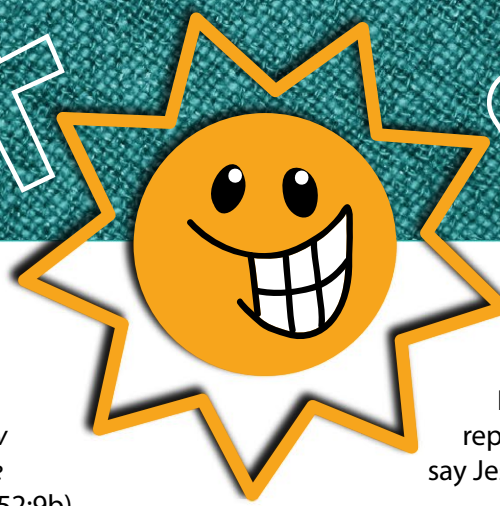
Doctrine One (memorize the doctrine)
How did we get the Bible? Well this doctrine tells us that it was given by 'inspiration'. That means God breathed out and the Word came. That is some powerful breath!

Read It:

One-year Bible Plan: Read Exodus 30-32, & Acts 8

Week 5

Day 5



Jehovah Rocks:

You are so good to me and make my life so much better that I can't help but tell others about You and how great You are. I want to tell friends, family and complete strangers about You and how amazing You are. (Psalm 52:9b)

See It:

'Israel, listen to me. The Lord is our God. The Lord is the one and only God. Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul. Love Him with all your strength. The commandments I give you today must be in your hearts.' (Deuteronomy 6:4-6)

On It:

This is a big passage so you need to read carefully. Remember, the Israelites are God's chosen people and He wants to bless them with good things. He doesn't want them wandering around the hot desert. He wants them in the Promised Land, just as much as they want to be there. But, He is Yahweh! He can't just let disobedience go unpunished. It's not because He is mean, it is because He is holy, pure, perfect, and completely in charge. The people of Israel had been given strict rules, which they understood, but decided to ignore. Imagine this; you are on your way to the house of someone famous. On the way, you step in the smelly stuff dogs leave on the grass! Do you decide to walk it into the carpet anyway? No way! You must take off your yuk and leave it behind before you enter into the special place you have been invited. This is where we are at with the Israelites. They are ready to go in and are 'clean', but before they do, God reminds them one more time to 'watch their step' if you know what I mean! He tells them He is the only God and that they must love Him completely, with every part of their life. God is the number one in our life and we must live life as though that is the case. Every part of our life must be lived as a personal gift to God that we are giving to say 'thank you'. Oh, and if you do step in the smelly stuff... wipe your feet!

Live It:

People go to the Mercy Seat to pray, to confess their sins, to repent and then to dedicate their lives to Jesus. That's why we say Jesus is there! I guess it is kind of like His office.

Do It:

Tell someone that you meet that Jesus loves them!

In It:

Thank You that You love each of Your children and that You help me to do the same.



Eat It: Doctrine One (memorize the doctrine)
We use the Bible to work out what God wants us to believe and do.

Read It:

One-year Bible Plan: Read Exodus 33-34, Psalm 16, & Acts 9

Week 5

Day 6



Jehovah Rocks:

*You have changed my whole life and made it better.
I am happy to give you anything that you want of me.
I offer you my gifts, my money, my worship, my time, and
my whole life! (Psalm 54:6)*

Live It:

You don't have to wait till you're at the Mercy Seat to meet Jesus. You can confess and repent and dedicate anywhere, anytime! So, Jesus gets out of the office whenever He is needed to get His job done.

See It:

'Be strong and brave. You will lead these people, and they will have the land as their own. It is the land I promised with an oath to give their people long ago... Never stop reading this Scroll of the Law. Day and night you must think about what it says. Make sure you do everything that it says. Then things will go well with you. And you will have great success. "Here is what I am commanding you to do. Be strong and brave. Do not be terrified. Do not lose hope. I am the Lord Your God. I will be with You everywhere You go.' (Joshua 1:6,8-9)

On It:

Wow, today is a good day! After forty years (and a whole lot of mucking around in Egypt), the Israelites are finally able to enter the land! How exciting! Go have a cookie in celebration! There is just one small hitch... there are already people living in the land God had promised to them, and they are not going to hand it over without a fight. God commands His people to be strong and brave because He knows that times are going to be tough for a little while. But, He reminds them of His promise. God will be with them everywhere they go, and so even though things might seem tough, God is there, too, and will give His people the victory! This is a good lesson for you and me. We have God and therefore we don't need to be fearful of anything. BUT, we do still have to do our share of the work. Don't sit around waiting for God to zap math knowledge in your brain or make you the fastest runner in your class. We have to work hard and keep our hope and praise God that He continues to go before us and prepare the way, wherever we go. Without God, we would have no hope, but with God... the land is ours!

Do It:

Help mom or dad with a chore around the house without being asked.



In It:

Please help me to have a bigger memory for all of the memory verses!

Eat It:

 Doctrine One (memorize the doctrine)

We use the Bible to find out how God wants us to live and how He wants us to serve others.

Read It:

One-year Bible Plan: Read Exodus 35-36, & Acts 10

Week 5

Day 7



Jehovah Rocks:

I trust You, Lord, because I know You love me and that You are in control. I will not be afraid and know that You protect me from my enemies. I can trust in You because You are faithful. (Psalm 56:4a)

See It:

'In those days Israel didn't have a king. The people did anything they thought was right.' (Judges 21:25)

On It:

This book is about the people that led the Israelites after Moses. There are some juicy stories in Judges. There's this one guy named Ehud. He was left-handed and he hid a sword under his clothes and went to visit a mean King named King Eglon, who was a very fat man. Ehud killed King Eglon by jamming a big double-edged sword right into his fat belly! You will also find the story of Samson in here, and a story of a cool chick named Jael who saved the Israelites all by herself! Basically, whenever the Israelites had good leaders or judges, things in Israel went well. And when there was no judge, things didn't go so well. Without the judges, Israel was in big trouble, because everyone did whatever they wanted. Now it may sound like fun to do whatever you want, but the fun runs out when people start getting hurt and killed and having their eyes poked out because of it! You know what they needed to do instead of doing whatever they felt like? They needed to submit to God and do what He wanted instead.

Live It:

The Mercy Seat is not sacred, it is just a piece of wood. Jesus is not stuck in the Mercy Seat. But it IS a sacred place, because people make special decisions there, so we must show a lot of respect for the Mercy Seat, and for the people who are kneeling to pray there.

Do It:

Can you recite all five memory verses?



In It:

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

Eat It: Doctrine One

So, do you know it by heart? Let's have it again: We believe that the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments were given by inspiration of God, and that they only constitute the Divine rule of Christian faith and practice.

Read It:

One-year Bible Plan: Read Exodus 37-38, Psalm 19, & Acts 11

Week 6

Day 1



Jehovah Rocks:

Yahweh, You make the most wonderful promises to me, promises I can trust in. You promise You will save me, that You protect me, that You love and forgive me, that You have a purpose for my life. Thank You for Your promises.
(Psalm 56:4b)

See It:

'But Ruth replied, "Don't ask me to leave you and turn back. Wherever you go, I will go; wherever you live, I will live. Your people will be my people, and your God will be my God. Wherever you die, I will die, and there I will be buried. May the LORD punish me severely if I allow anything but death to separate us!"' (Ruth 1:16-18)

On It:

Ruth is a great story of faithfulness and covenant. There is this lady named Naomi who has two sons who marry two women named Orpah and Ruth. First Naomi's husband dies and then both her sons! Poor Naomi! Now it is pretty tough in those days for women to survive without men, so Naomi tells Ruth and Orpah to head back home to their parents so they can be looked after. But Ruth has other ideas! She has no intention of leaving Naomi on her own and binds herself to her in a promise. And because Ruth stayed with Naomi, she got to meet a new man whose name was Boaz! They marry and have a son who ends up being the Grandpa of King David (who you will find out about soon!). The lesson? Sometimes we like to do what seems easy for us. People may even tell us it is a good idea, and it may not be sinful to do it. After all, Orpah is not a villain in this story and was obedient to what Naomi asked. But the easiest way is not always the right thing to do. We should always be looking for opportunities to place others before ourselves.

Live It:

People who want to promise to serve God within The Salvation Army can become Soldiers. Soldiers are covenanted warriors exercising holy passion to win the world for Jesus. Which means, they are people who promise to live a radical life that tries to get everyone in the world saved!

Do It:

Find out the birthday of every child in your class and then remember to say 'happy birthday' to them on that day.

In It:

Thank You for blessing me today. (Write down five things God did to bless you.)

Eat It:

 (memorize this verse this week)

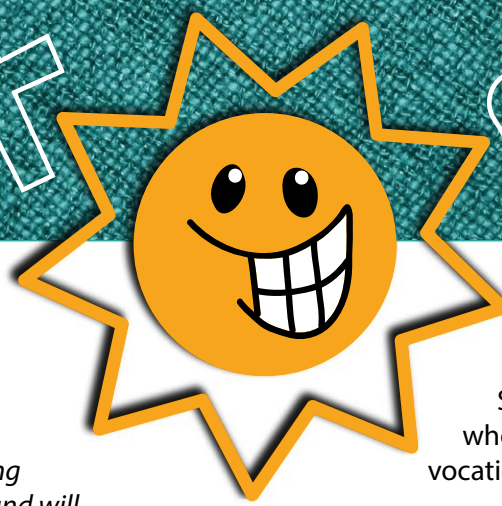
'Salvation is found in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given to mankind by which we must be saved.' (Acts 4:12)

Read It:

One-year Bible Plan: Read Exodus 39-40, Psalm 15, & Acts 12

Week 6

Day 2



Jehovah Rocks:

*I serve You, and know that You are a mighty King!
Nothing can separate me from You, and nothing can
stop me from praising You. What could any human being
do that could take me away from You? I am not afraid and will
serve You always! (Psalm 56:4c)*

See It:

'The LORD will not leave His people, because that would disgrace His great name. It has made Him happy to make you His own people. "As for me, I will not sin against the LORD by stopping praying for you. And I will continue to teach you what is good and right. But be sure to fear the LORD and faithfully serve Him. Think of all the great things He has done for you. But if you keep sinning, you and your king will be swept away!' (1 Samuel 12:22-25)

On It:

What a journey so far! It started with the world; then the covenant with Abraham; sin snowballed and landed the Israelites in Egypt where they became slaves; Moses led them out; God renewed His covenant and gave them clear instructions on how to stay holy; Joshua led them to the Promised Land but the people continued to mess up! They were led by a bunch of Judges before being led by God's anointed priests. And then we get to today! You see, the people of Israel looked around and saw that all the other nations had kings. And like a child in a toy store they whined to God and asked for a king of their own. God was their King so He didn't like that they wanted more than Him. Well, surprise, surprise it got them into trouble. God gave them their request but He wasn't happy. But even after all their silliness, God still doesn't turn His back on the Israelites! Why? Because God does not break His promises! Remember that because God makes some huge promises to you that He intends to keep. And if you keep your promises to God, there is no limit to your potential.

Live It:

Soldiers can become Officers, and Officers are soldiers who have made a life-time covenant with God to serve Him vocationally (instead of a job).

Do It:

Put some of your pocket money aside to put in the offering at The Army meeting. If you don't receive pocket money, ask a family member to help you out.

In It:

"Neath our colors, waving, we will fight, nor will we tire, while our God is saving the world by blood and fire." (Salvation Army Songbook song)



Eat It:

 Acts 4:12 (memorize the verse)

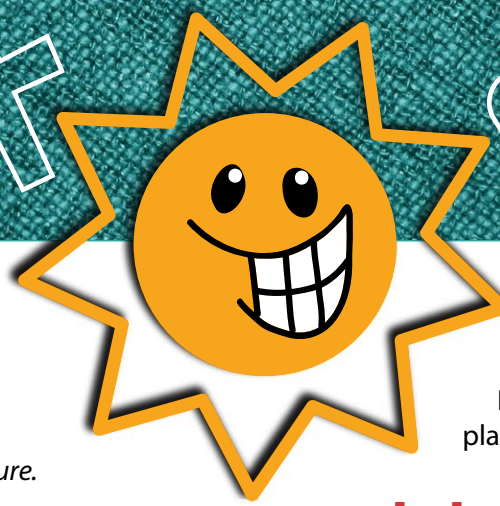
There are many who think they don't need to be saved. But unless we repent and believe in Jesus, we will not spend eternity with God.

Read It:

One-year Bible Plan: Read Leviticus 1-3, Acts & 13

Week 6

Day 3



Jehovah Rocks:

You are a mighty God and You are on my side! I thank You for all the awesome things You do for me now, but also for the amazing things You promise to do in my future.
(Psalm 56:10)

See It:

'All of us must die eventually. Our lives are like water spilled out on the ground, which cannot be gathered up again. But God does not just sweep life away; instead, He devises ways to bring us back when we have been separated from Him.' (2 Samuel 14:14)

On It:

At this point David has been king for a while and he is very good at it. While David is king, the kingdom grows, big time! Now, remember the things God promised to Abraham? One of them was land, and, boy, did they have a lot of that under David. Another promise was lots of people, and while David was king, the Israelites were definitely increasing in number and were triumphant in many battles. And the third thing - God's presence. David was described as a person after God's own heart. Wow, what a cool title! It basically means that David loved God and listened carefully to His plans. Now, David did do some disobedient things in his time, and he was punished for those. But God continued to use him because God wants to find a way to forgive. He wants to make life and not take it away. Like the verse above says, He will find a way to bring you back to Him so that you, too, can come and live in the Kingdom of God. It is a fact that we must die, and yet God finds a way to revive us. Praise the Lord!

Live It:

Officers have different ranks. You could be a Lieutenant, Captain, Major, Lieutenant-Colonel, Colonel, Commissioner, or a General!

Do It:

Play with someone at school today who you don't normally play with.

In It:

God bless The General and all of our comrades around the world. Give them a soul-saving zeal and energy in their war-fighting today, please!



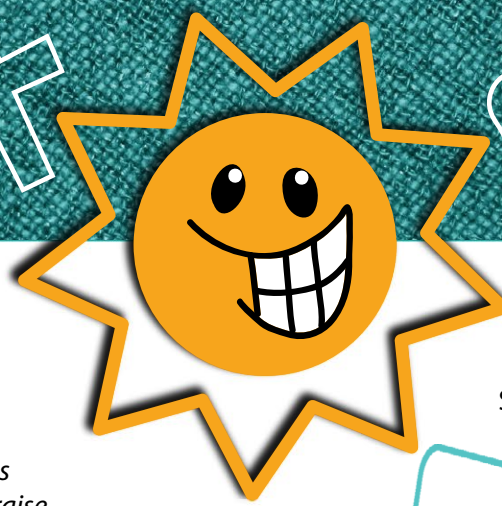
General Brian Peddle and Commissioner Rosalie Peddle

Eat It:

Acts 4:12 (memorize this verse)
Every single person born needs to be saved if they want to spend their eternal life in Heaven. And the only one who can offer salvation is Jesus.

Read It:

One-year Bible Plan: Read Leviticus 4-6, Acts 14



Jehovah Rocks:

I look around the world and see so many different people and cultures and I know that I can tell them that You are the one true God! I can tell them there is none as wonderful as You that You are the only one worthy of praise.
(Psalm 57:9)

See It:

'Observe the requirements of the LORD your God, and follow all His ways. Keep the decrees, commands, regulations, and laws written in the Law of Moses so that you will be successful in all you do and wherever you go. If you do this, then the LORD will keep the promise He made to me. He told me, "If your descendants live as they should and follow Me faithfully with all their heart and soul, one of them will always sit on the throne of Israel." (1 Kings 2:3-4)

On It:

King David was old and dying having lived a long and successful life for God. So he took his son Solomon aside and gave him some good fatherly advice. David had learned from his mistakes over the years and so he knew the best way to live, and he passed all of this advice on to Solomon. And what advice did the old dying man have for his son? If you want to prosper, you need to walk faithfully before God and obey Him with all of your heart. That advice is good for us, too! Thanks, Dave!

Live It:

There is only one General at a time. General Brian Peddle is the 21st and current General in 2021.

Do It:

See if you can find out the names of all 21 Generals.

In It:

Every day, every soldier in every corps around the world is meant to stop at lunchtime to pray for the General and our comrades around the world. That's what you did yesterday! And that way, with all the different time zones, there is non-stop prayer for the General! That will help the General lead The Salvation War.

Eat It: Acts 4:12

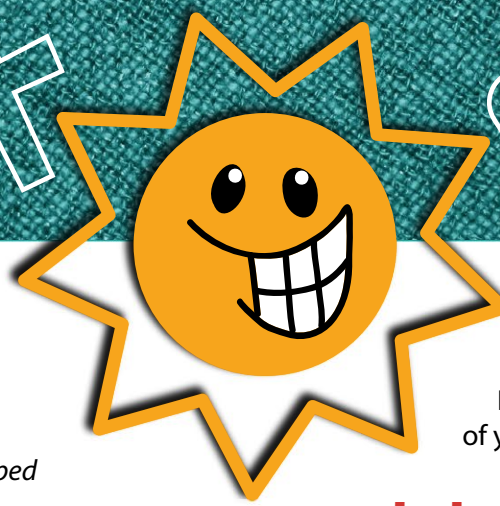
Salvation is made possible through Jesus because He was the only one worthy and strong enough to take on satan and get rid of our sin. The battle has been fought and won for us. To be saved, we only have to hand over our sin to Jesus and then follow Him.

Read It:

One-year Bible Plan: Read Leviticus 7-9, & Acts 15

Week 6

Day 5



Jehovah Rocks:

No matter how bad things seem or how scared I may feel, I can be happy and safe and know that You will defend me. You are the one I can run to when I feel trapped or lost or in trouble and I know that You always love me.
(Psalm 59:17)

See It:

'Nonetheless the LORD said to Jehu, "You have done well in following My instructions to destroy the family of Ahab. Therefore, your descendants will be kings of Israel down to the fourth generation." But Jehu did not obey the Law of the LORD, the God of Israel, with all his heart. He refused to turn from the sins that Jeroboam had led Israel to commit.' (2 Kings 10:30-31 - Read Chapters 9-11)

On It:

This book in the Bible is a list of different kings of Israel (which at this time had been separated into two different kingdoms). All were bad (even most of the good ones in Judah had their bad days). Jehu was a wild man (you should read up about him in the chapters around this one). But Jehu was rewarded by God for his obedience (verse 30). But the very next verse says that Jehu was not careful to follow God, so things fell apart for him. Learn from his mistakes and remember to stick closely to God every day... and not just on the days you feel like it.

Live It:

General William Booth was the first General and the only General with a full beard! General Gowans had a goatee; and General Rader has had a goatee at times since his retirement. I'm not sure that that's important for you to remember, though!

Do It:

Do a small project on one of the Generals and give it to one of your leaders on Sunday.

In It:

Write out a prayer for the General, and then ask your Corps Officer to send it to England for you.



Eat It:

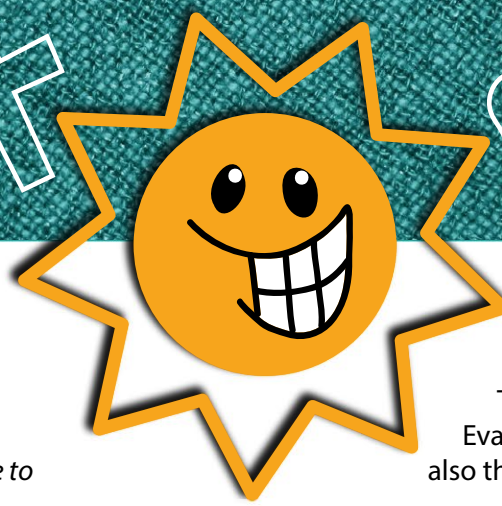
Acts 4:12 (memorize this verse)
Have you remembered this one yet? 'Salvation is found in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given to mankind by which we must be saved.'

Read It:

One-year Bible Plan: Read Leviticus 10-12, & Acts 16

Week 6

Day 6



Jehovah Rocks:

Everyday I will praise You. I will stop to tell You that I love You and that You are the only God who deserves my praise. Everyday I will follow through on my promise to tell You that You are the best. (Psalm 61:8)

Live It:

There have been three female Generals. Evangeline Booth, Eva Burrows, and General Linda Bond. General Burrows was also the youngest General to be elected, at 56 years old.

See It:

These are the leaders of David's mighty warriors. Together with all Israel, they decided to make David their king, just as the LORD had promised concerning Israel. Here is the record of David's mightiest warriors: The first was Jashobeam the Hacmonite, who was leader of the Three—David's mightiest warriors - he once used his spear to kill 300 enemy warriors in a single battle. Next in rank among the Three was Eleazar son of Dodai, a descendant of Ahoah.' (1 Chronicles 11:10-12)



On It:

Chronicles is a two-part book that gives you the official take on a history that happens at the same time as 1 and 2 Kings. So when you read them, you will notice some of the similarities. It is an interesting journey that teaches lessons of the blessings that come with obedience to God, and the disappointments and suffering that often come with disobedience to God. You can read through the whole book and learn about good kings and bad kings and the rise of David and so on. Our verses today highlight some heroes that you probably don't know. Their names are a bit strange but they have a fantastic couple of names - David's Mighty Men and 'The Thirty'. They are like the 'Justice League' on spiritual steroids or the latest superheroes infused with Holy Ghost-power. They are real people who performed really cool stuff for God. Two things for today: you can play an important role in the mission of God in your neighbourhood. And second, you might not get famous until you get to Heaven, but don't let that stop you!

Do It:

Can you recite the four memory verses and doctrine number one?

In It:

Thank You that You allow Your Holy Spirit to live in me.

Eat It:

Acts 4:12 (memorize this verse)
Salvation is found completely in Jesus. He died for our salvation! But people are not 'safe' until they accept the gift of salvation.

Read It:

One-year Bible Plan: Read Leviticus 13-14, & Acts 17

Week 6

Day 7



Jehovah Rocks:

Your love never, ever ends! You love me so much and I am so thankful. There is nothing better than being loved by You! Not even games or food or family or even life itself. (Psalm 63:3)

See It:

'Then if My people who are called by My name will humble themselves and pray and look for Me and turn from their bad ways, I will hear from heaven and will forgive their sins and restore their land.' (2 Chronicles 7:14)

On It:

David was going to build this really beautiful Temple for God, a place where the Ark of the Covenant would rest and where God would dwell. But David was a lifelong warrior so God gave the job to David's son, Solomon. Solomon finished the Temple and it was better and more amazing than you could imagine. Like Disneyland for the Israelites! When it was finished, God spoke to Solomon and agreed that this would be a place that He would be. God was going to come live in the Temple! This is massive! But you really need to understand why. Where you live, there are probably a half dozen Christian buildings around. But back in this time, there was only one. Why? Because Jesus hadn't come and paid the price for sin yet, so people didn't have the kind of direct access to God that we have now. To speak to God then you had to sacrifice some kind of animal, sprinkle blood...it was all very messy. And most importantly, you had to go to the Temple where God was to do it! When God says He is going to listen to every prayer said in the Temple, He means it, so the Temple was the place you wanted to be! So you see why the Temple is a big deal for Israelites... it was God's one and only house.

Live It:

If you want to become an Officer you probably will attend the Training College for a couple of years, where they will train you up to be a mighty warrior of Jesus.

Do It:

Add the General, your Territorial Commander and your Divisional Commander to your prayer list. Do you still have the prayer list up somewhere to go through everyday?

In It:

Ask God if He would like you to become an Officer in The Salvation Army!

Eat It: Acts 4:12

Salvation is like a gift that Jesus put on hold for us at a store. The gift is paid for, but we have to go and pick it up, or we will not have it in our possession. The gift is free, but we must unwrap it ourselves. Tell your memorized verse with people!

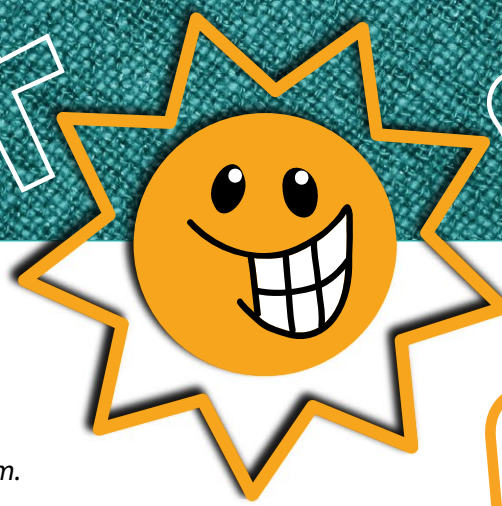
Read It:

One-year Bible Plan: Read Leviticus 15-17, & Acts 18



Week 7

Day 1



Jehovah Rocks:

I hope that I live a long life so that I have more time to thank You and tell you that I love You. I will pray to You everyday and wait for Your perfect truth and wisdom.
(Psalm 63:4)

See It:

'Ezra had committed himself to study and obey the Law of the Lord. He also wanted to teach the Lord's rules and laws in Israel.' (Ezra 7:10)

On It:

This is a really good verse that explains the Book of Ezra. Ezra dedicated himself to three things:

1. Studying God's Word;
2. Obeying God's Word; and
3. Teaching God's Word (so others will follow it).

That sounds a lot like Salvationists, who are all about getting saved, keeping saved, and getting someone else saved. Ezra's is a great example for us to follow. And working through this book and continuing every day for the rest of your life is a good way to follow.

Live It:

People who are Soldiers and Officers in The Salvation Army wear a uniform.

Do It:

Ask someone in your family if you can read a whole chapter of the Bible to them.



In It:

Thank You for dying on the cross for my sins and for conquering sin and death by rising back to life again.

Eat It:

Acts 3:19 (memorize this verse this week)
'Repent, then, and turn to God, so that your sins may be wiped out, that times of refreshing may come from the Lord.' (Acts 3:19)

Read It:

One-year Bible Plan: Read Leviticus 18-19, Psalm 13, & Acts 19

Week 7

Day 2



Jehovah Rocks:

*Thank you, Yahweh, that I don't feel empty inside.
Thank You that my soul can feast on all of Your love and
promises. Thank You! (Psalm 63:5)*

Live It:

The uniform has two 'S' badges. They stand for 'saved'... and 'save!' How easy is that to remember! The first 'S' gives our testimony that we have been saved by Jesus. The second 'S' gives our mission, which is to see others get saved.

See It:

'So the city wall was completed on the 25th day of the month of Elul. It was finished in 52 days. All of our enemies heard about it. All of the nations that were around us became scared. They weren't sure of themselves anymore. They realized that our God had helped us finish the work.' (Nehemiah 6:15-16)



On It:

I am the youngest out of seven kids, so I know a lot about walls. I wasn't allowed to go into my brother's room if the 'keep out' sign was on the door. I wasn't allowed to cross the marked line on the floor in my room, because that was my sister's side. There seemed to be an invisible wall around the computer because I wasn't allowed to go anywhere near that either. Basically, the 'wall' was used to keep me out and away from things I could destroy. That's exactly why Ezra and Nehemiah built a wall. The Israelite's had had enough of disobeying God and getting punished, so they decided that they would build a wall to keep the gentiles out! Gentiles were all other people besides Israelites. They were people who worshiped gods other than the true God and they were blamed for causing the Israelites to sin. So, they built a wall to keep the Israelites in and gentiles out! So why were the gentiles scared of a wall? Because they could see that something supernatural was going on and they were worried. If God helped the Israelites, and they were an enemy of the Israelites, that meant they were an enemy of God! However, God is on our side and He will enable us to do mighty things in His name. So be courageous, be obedient and pray hard!

Do It:

Play with someone at school today that you don't usually play with, and ask one of your friends to play with you, too.

In It:

Ask God to show you any sins remaining in your life.

Eat It: Acts 3:19

To repent means more than saying sorry. It means you 'ARE' sorry. And when you are sorry, it means you know what you did was wrong, and that you never want to do it again. When you repent, make sure you are really sorry.

Read It:

One-year Bible Plan: Read Leviticus 20-22, & Acts 20

Week 7

Day 3



Jehovah Rocks:

You are my King and You are mighty and You have the victory and that makes me celebrate and shout for joy! I can trust You and make promises to You and know that You will be with me and that I can praise You forever. (Psalm 63:11)

See It:

'What if you keep quiet and don't say anything? Then help for the Jews will come from another place. But you and your family will die. Who knows? It's possible that you became queen for a time just like this.' (Esther 4:14)

On It:

Esther was a Jewish girl who was very beautiful and was chosen to be a queen of a gentile king. At that time there was a terrible person named Haman and he was a powerful official of the king. He suggested to the king that it would be wise to kill all of the Jews in the kingdom. The king agreed! This is terrible! Esther had an Uncle that worked in the palace and he told Esther of the plan to kill their people, and asked her to speak to the king. Simple? Not quite. If Esther requested to see the king, she would normally have been killed. He had to invite you before you could see him. Esther told her Uncle she could not approach the king. Her uncle's response was the verse above. Esther had to risk her life in order to save her people! How does it end? You can read the book and find out for yourself. The point, however, for us is simple. There will be times in life where you have to stand up for what you know is right, even though it could cause you some pain. There will be times where God will ask you to act on His behalf and you must listen to that call. Rather than cursing the difficult position we have been placed in, let us praise God! Because, who knows, maybe you were placed in that situation for such a time as this!

Live It:

There are some who thought that the second 'S' on the uniform stands for 'serve' and not 'save'. It comes from the idea that serving the poor is the mission of The Salvation Army. Serving is very important and a part of what we do as Christians. But our primary mission is to bring about salvation!

Do It:

Talk to someone about Jesus today. Tell those you talk to what the cross means and ask them if they want Jesus to take away their sin and if they will follow Jesus.



In It:

Thank You, Lord, that You are worthy to take away our sin!

Eat It:

Acts 3:19 (memorize this verse)
To repent is like doing a U turn. It's like you are heading in one direction, and then you repent, turn around and go in completely the other direction. You see if we sin, we head away from God, and when we repent, we turn back towards God.

Read It:

One-year Bible Plan: Read Leviticus 23-24, Psalm 24, & Acts 21

Week 7

Day 4



Jehovah Rocks:

You have done so many good things for me and I thank You so much. I know that I can be happy and celebrate because You have saved me. (Psalm 64:10)

See It:

'He said, "I was born naked. And I'll leave here naked. You have given, and You have taken away. May Your name be praised."' (Job 1:21 NIRV)

On It:

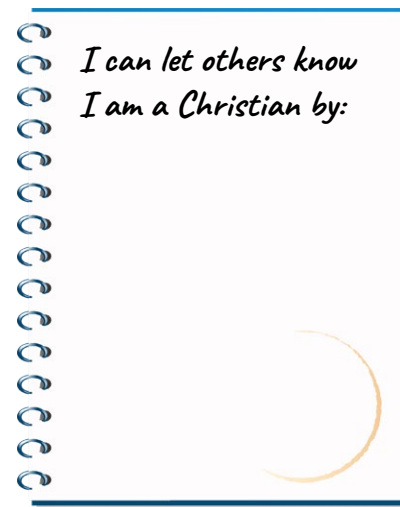
Job goes through a terrible time. Everything he has is taken from him: his properties are ruined, his possessions are destroyed, and his children are killed. Job doesn't have a great understanding on everything that is going on. But he has a great perspective, or point of view. First, he knows that he was born naked and he'll be naked when he dies. He is saying, 'I started with nothing and I'll end up that way too, so we shouldn't place too much importance on the middle part.' Second, he gives credit to God for providing everything that he has ever had. Third, he praises God when things are going well and when they aren't. That is really hard to do. When things aren't going so well, it is easier to blame God, or just ignore Him. But it is very important that you be patient, take a breath, and then praise God and ask Him for some help. You might want to try Job's approach to things when life gets a bit tough.

Live It:

Do we wear a uniform because we can't think of anything else to wear? No, we wear it for a few reasons. First, we wear it because it lets people know straight away that we are Christians – that we love Jesus (The Salvation Army – 'We love Jesus!' – good slogan!).

Do It:

Think of a way you can let others know you are a Christian without telling them. And then do it!



In It:

Thank You, God, that even when life is really hard, You're always there to comfort us. Help me to praise Your name in the good and the bad times.

Eat It:

Acts 3:19 (memorize this verse)
Now remember that God is perfect, which is why we need to dump off our sin before we turn back to Him. That means, that when we do repent, our sins will definitely be wiped out, gone, finished, lost, destroyed... for good!

Read It:

One-year Bible Plan: Read Leviticus 25, Psalm 25-26, & Acts 22



Jehovah Rocks:

I want to tell You that you are great! I can come to You and You are always there for me. You keep all of Your promises and You answer my prayers. You are a faithful God and I can trust You. (Psalm 65:2)

See It:

'Let everything that has breath praise the LORD. Praise the LORD!' (Psalm 150:6)

On It:

Praise the LORD. LORD in capital letters like that is Yahweh! That's His name. Hallelujah means 'praise Yah' (Yah is like God's nickname). Everything that has breath, praise the Lord. That means everyone! You can get everyone to praise the LORD. AND it means every breath that you take, you can use to praise the Lord. When you breathe in and when you breathe out. Morning, noon, and night. Everyone breathing and everyone praising! Praise the LORD. Hallelujahweh!

Live It:

When people see the uniform they will often come to you and ask for help, encourage you, ask you for prayer or even try to give you money! We wear the uniform so that people know we are here and are available to help whenever they need us. So make sure you know you are representing God when you wear it and do exactly as He wants you to do!

Do It:

Say 'Praise the Lord' at least three times today in your conversation.

In It:

Make a list of all the reasons to praise Yahweh. See if you can get to 40!

40 Reasons to Praise Yahweh are:

Eat It:

Acts 3:19
Do you know it by heart yet? Repent, then, and turn to God, so that your sins may be wiped out, and times of refreshing may come from the Lord.

Read It:

One-year Bible Plan: Read Leviticus 26-27, & Acts 23

Week 7

Day 6



Jehovah Rocks:

I sing to You and I shout out praises to You Yahweh! You are wonderful and all the things that You do are so good. You are so powerful that all of Your enemies fall down in fear of You! (Psalm 66:2-3)

See It:

'Proverbs teach you wisdom and train you. They help you understand wise sayings. They provide you with training and help you live wisely. They lead to what is right and honest and fair. They give understanding to childish people. They give knowledge and good sense to those who are young. If you really want to gain knowledge, you must begin by having respect for the Lord. But foolish people hate wisdom and training.' (Proverbs 1: 2-4, 7)

On It:

When I was little, I used to love when my parents would take me to a maze. I loved being stuck, knowing there was a way out that I needed to find for myself. The problem was, I was not very good at mazes, and would wait for one of my brothers to find me, or find a way to cheat and climb over the walls. Sometimes life can feel like a bit of a maze. You go a little way and then realize you are stuck and have come the wrong way. Wouldn't it be easier if we had someone standing above the maze who could shout out directions so that we never got lost or came to a dead end? You know, we already have that! God directs us in our path and all we have to do is listen for His directions. What's more, we have the book of Proverbs! This is a book full of wisdom, direction and discipline for life. If we follow the wisdom of Proverbs, life becomes more like a highway than a maze. The most important piece of wisdom Solomon gives us is to fear the Lord. That doesn't mean being scared of God! It means knowing that God is the boss of us. We have to make sure we do what He wants, and go where He wants, because where we want can sometimes lead us to a big, fat, dead-end.

Live It:

When a whole bunch of people in uniform get together we feel like a united force, a strong army ready to take on the enemy together. It helps me to remember that we are all fighting together, and that together, we win!

Do It:

Can you remember the first five books of the Bible? Try to say them now.

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In It:

From the Songbook...
"We're a band that shall conquer the foe, if we fight in the strength of the King; With the sword of the Spirit, we know, we sinners to Jesus shall bring."

Eat It:

Acts 3:19
So, we repent, turn back to God, have our sins wiped out and then... we get totally refreshed, cleaned out, renewed, and fired up!

Read It:

One-year Bible Plan: Read Numbers 1-2, & Acts 24

Week 7

Day 7



Jehovah Rocks:

It's not just me that thinks You are good. It is people from all over the world! We all worship You and say how amazing You are! (Psalm 66:4)

See It:

'Everything has now been heard. And here's the final thing I want to say. Have respect for God and keep His commandments. That's what everyone should do. God will judge everything people do. That includes everything they try to hide. He'll judge everything, whether it's good or evil.' (Ecclesiastes 12:13-14)

On It:

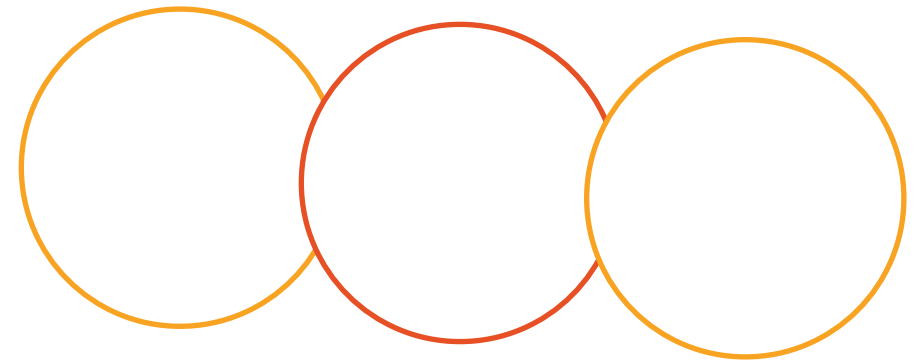
Have you ever watched a little kid play hide and seek? Their hiding places are not very well covered, but they think they are safe if they cover their eyes! They think that if they can't see us, we can't see them! Solomon, David's son who wrote Ecclesiastes, is sort of saying the same thing to us. When we read this entire book, it sounds a little sad, and it can make you think that life is one big merry-go-round that keeps going and going. The point, however, is this. Life becomes about the things we do in it, and not about the things that happen to us. And what are we supposed to do in life? That's easy; fear God, which means have a huge respect for God, worship Him and know that He is boss. Also, obey His commands, which means do all the things you know God wants you to do. Then comes the slam-dunk of Solomon. He says that God will judge us for everything we do. To God, we can sometimes look like a small child trying to hide, covering our eyes so God won't see the things we are doing. But we can't hide from God. This may sound scary, but really it is awesome. You will never be able to run away from God's love and forgiveness, so instead, make sure that the things He sees, are the things you know He wants you to do.

Live It:

The uniform tells the whole world exactly who we are and what we are here to do. It is a sign of covenant community that screams out that we are Christians, mighty warriors for Jesus, and we are here to get the whole world saved!

Do It:

Tell three people what the uniform means and why you will wear it.



In It:

I don't want to hide from You, Lord! Help me to take away the stuff in my life I don't want You to see.

Eat It:

 (Tell five friends this verse!)

'Repent, then, and turn to God, so that your sins may be wiped out, that times of refreshing may come from the Lord.' (Acts 3:19)

Read It:

One-year Bible Plan: Read Numbers 3-4, & Acts 25

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



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:

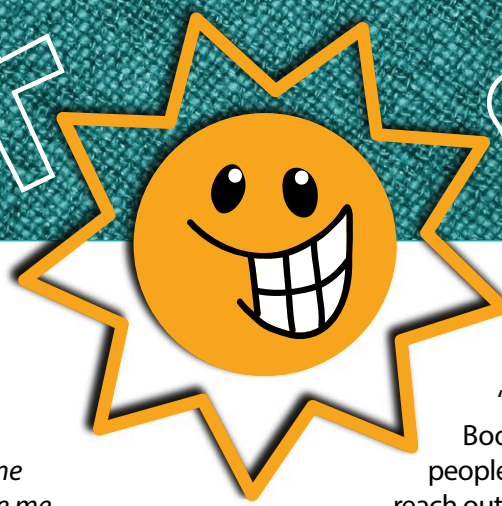
Romans 1:16
Do you know what ashamed means? It means humiliated, reluctant, embarrassed, unwilling. Is that how you feel about the talking about the gospel?

Read It:

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

Week 8

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:

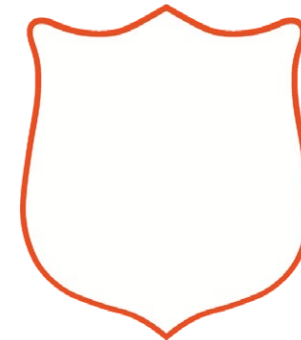
Has your mom ever told you to pick up your socks? Has your dad ever told you to put away your sneakers? Did you think it was a drag to have to do something you didn't want to do? Can you imagine having to do it for 40 years? Now you're starting to smell what Jeremiah was stepping in! Here was a guy from 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:

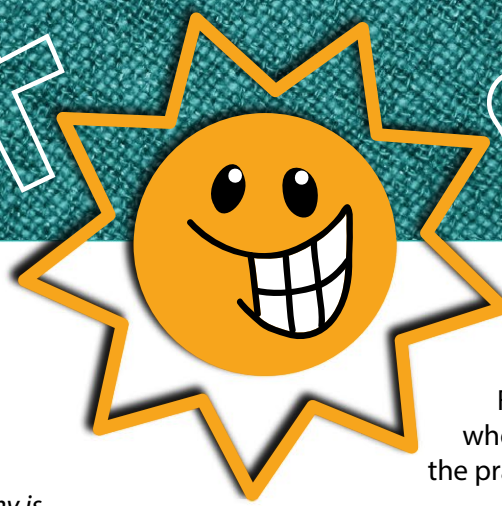
Romans 1:16
Some people get embarrassed talking about Jesus. Why?! Jesus came to this earth and, by His death, saved us and now we can call God our friend! Never be ashamed about that!

Read It:

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

Week 8

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.

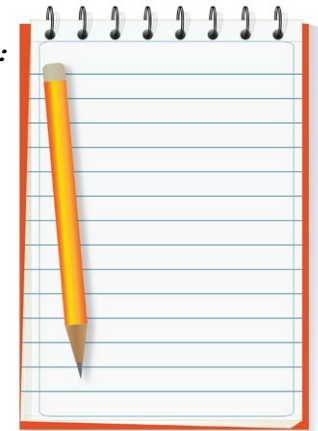
Live It:

"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

Week 8

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:

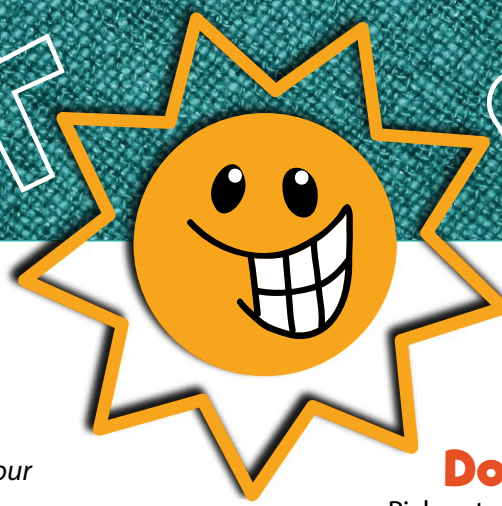
Romans 1:16 (how is the memorization of the verse going?) It says first for the Jew, because the Jews were the chosen people of God all through the Old Testament. God made a special promise that He would be their God, so He offers salvation to the Jews first.

Read It:

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

Week 8

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

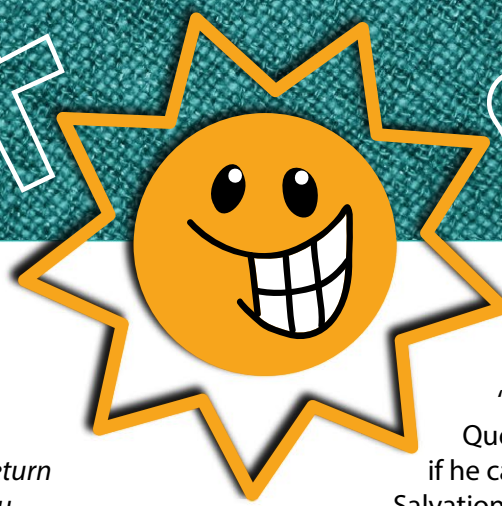
The good news for us is that salvation is now for the gentile too! Gentiles are everyone who's not a Jew, which means us (unless, of course, you are Jewish)! We are saved if we repent and believe!

Read It:

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

Week 8

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:

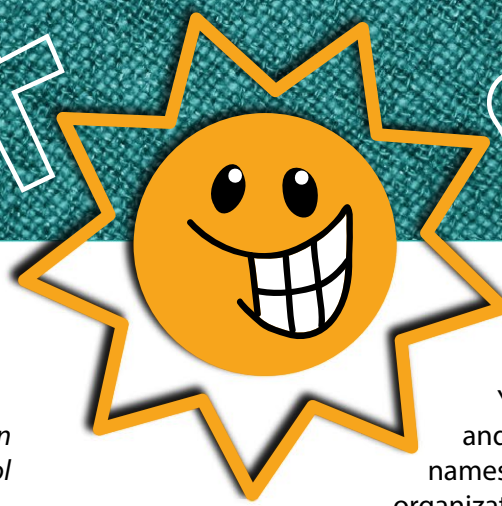
'I am not ashamed of the gospel, because it is the power of God for the salvation of everyone who believes: first for the Jew, then for the Gentile.'
(Romans 1:16)

Read It:

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

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:

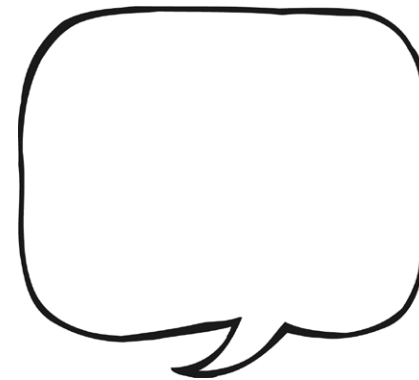
Instead of belonging to a congregation, we fight with a Corps. A Corps is a collection of Salvation warriors combating alongside each other to win the world for Jesus, starting in their local area.

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 in 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

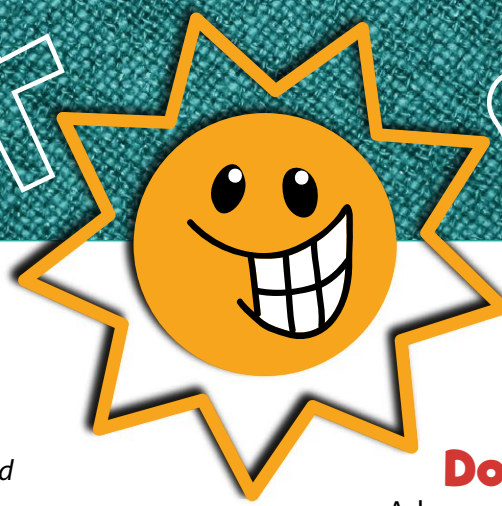
What is the verse again? Have another practice... 'In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world.'

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

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



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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:

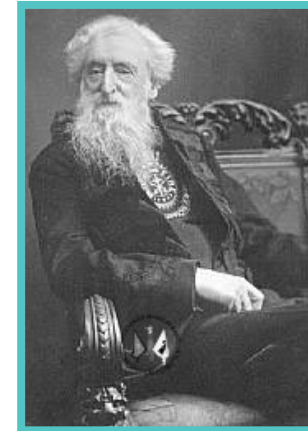
'He continues, "Think carefully about how you are living. Go up into the mountains. Bring logs down. Use them to rebuild My house. Then I will enjoy it. And you will honor Me," says the Lord. "You expected a lot. But you can see what a small amount it turned out to be," announces the Lord who rules over 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

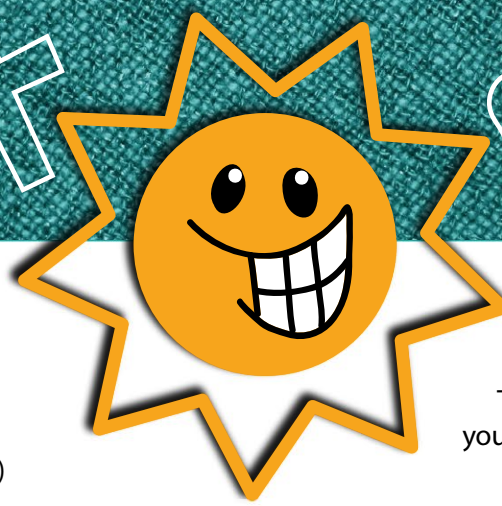
We believe that God is perfect. There is absolutely nothing God can't do and He is completely 100% holy. Everything God does, says, creates, inspires... all perfect because it comes from God... who is just... perfect!

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

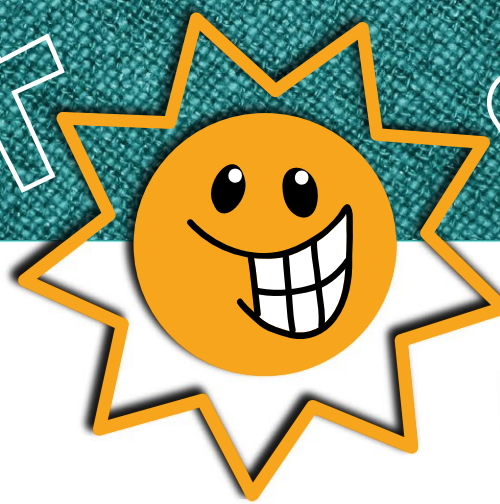
We believe that God is the creator, which means we know that everything in Heaven and on earth was created by God. Nothing came about by accident! Not the world, not animals and especially not you!

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

Week 11

Day 1



Jehovah Rocks:

I am so happy because I know that I am protected by You. I love You and You love me and You let me hide in Your love and strength. (Psalm 5:11)

See It:

'See how much our Heavenly Father loves us, for He lets us be called His children and we really are.' (1 John 3:1)

On It:

Are you starting to understand just how amazing God is? He was here before everything else. He made humans, He made trees, He made water, He made chocolate! He is worthy of all the praise we can sing, shout, dance, or write...get it? God is awesome! And here we find out that God wants to be a Father to us! Now we are pretty cool, but are we good enough to have the creator of the universe as our Dad? Not really, but God chooses to love and save us anyway! He loves you so much. He looks at you and sees all the good gifts He placed in you. He looks at you and sees a beautiful child that has an awesome plan and purpose for their life. He looks at you and sees a child that belongs to Him. I want you to know today that you are His. He is your good and holy Father who offers to love you and heal you and forgive you and guide you every single day.

Live It:

It's time for a little history...

In 1865 William Booth preached in a big old tent in a worn-down neighbourhood called Mile End Waste in East London. We say that this marks the birthday of The Salvation Army (It was called The Christian Mission in the early days).

Do It:

Make a list of all the good gifts God has given to you. Try to get to thirty!

In It:

Look over your list, and thank God for the gifts He has given you and then ask Him to show you how you can use them for His glory.

Eat It:

 (Memorize this verse this week)

'And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love Him, who have been called according to His purpose.' (Romans 8:28)

Read It:

One-year Bible Plan: Read Deuteronomy 19-21, & Galatians 3

Week 11

Day 2



Jehovah Rocks:

*Praise You Yahweh because I know You love justice.
You are righteous and You allow us to be Your friend
when we honour You. (Psalm 11:7)*

Do It:

Find or design something with The Salvation Army shield.
Attach it to your school uniform or backpack and wear it
everyday!

See It:

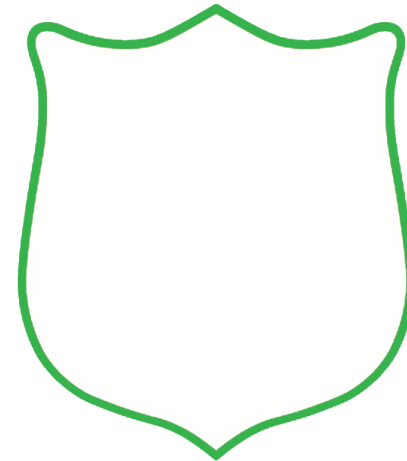
'Father to the fatherless, protector of the widows – this is God, whose
place is holy.' (Psalm 68:5)

On It:

We have been created by God and He adopts us as His own children
when we repent of our sins and trust Him. He is our Father and that
is very important for us to not just know, but to accept. Why is it so
important that we can have God as our Father? Because there are many
people who don't get to have the dads they deserve. Some kids don't
know their dad, some kid's have dads that aren't very nice to them or
their moms, and some kids have dads that leave them. God designed
the world so that everyone would have a mom and a dad because we
need to have someone special in our life that loves us, cares about us
and teaches us all the things we will need to know for life. So when this
doesn't happen, children can feel sad and lost. But there is a great truth
here for us today. God, the holy and perfect Father promises that He will
be the Dad that every child deserves. We no longer have to feel lost or
like we are missing an arm or a leg.

Live It:

In 1878 The Christian Mission became The Salvation Army. Evangelist
Elijah Cadman had already started using military terms and had worn a
uniform. It was this year that historic revival began (1878-1888).



In It:

Praise You God, our Father who loves us! Thank You, Dad!

Eat It:

Romans 8:28
Last week we learned from doctrine Two that God was the creator,
preserver and governor of all things. This week, that is backed up by our
memory verse from Romans 8:28.

Read It:

One-year Bible Plan: Read Deuteronomy 22-24, & Galatians 4

Week 11

Day 3



Jehovah Rocks:

You are my God and I trust You. I know that You love me and that You will live me forever. I am so happy that You have rescued me and that I can be close to You. (Psalm 13:5)

See It:

'There is only one God the Father, who is over all of us and in all of us and living through all of us.' (Ephesians 4:6)

On It:

There are four really important points for today's verse. First, there is only one God the Father. There is only one God and He is perfect. Why would you want or need any more than one perfect God!? You need to trust God completely and follow what God wants for your life. If you do this, you are going to be following the second point for today. God is our boss and He is totally worthy to tell us what we should be doing. The third point for you to think about is that God is living in us! We know we are never alone and we know that He is filling us with all the power and love and hope we will need to get God's mission accomplished. That leads us to the fourth point for today. God is living through us, which means that we don't need to be the smartest and have all the answers, or the funniest so we can make the most friends. God will give us the answers and plans each day as He lives through us. He won't leave us alone while you are trying to get your friends saved. He is going to be right there teaching you, leading you, filling you, and gifting you. And because of that... you are going to be able to change the whole world with God!

Live It:

In 1890, Catherine Booth was promoted to glory. And William Booth published 'In Darkest England And The Way Out', a book that talked about the best way to help all of the poor, hungry, and homeless people have a better life.



HOPE for ALL

Artist: Rachel Potter

Do It:

Ask your teachers if they would like any help today.

In It:

'With salvation for every nation to the ends of the earth we will go, with a free and full salvation all the power of the Cross we'll show.' (Songbook Song 794)

Eat It:

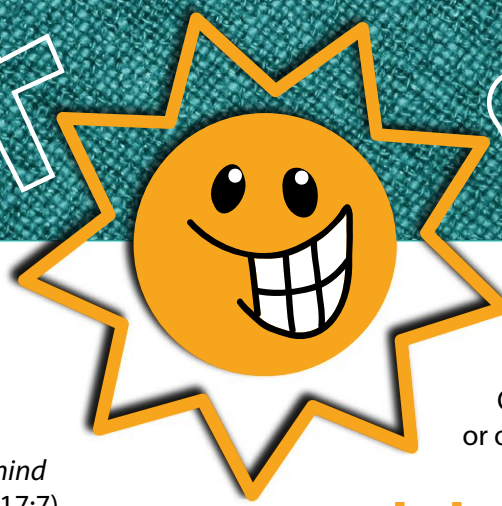
Romans 8:28
God is in control and He has an amazing purpose for the world, and for you. God always wants what is good for us, because He loves us, and we are His children.

Read It:

One-year Bible Plan: Read Deuteronomy 25-27, & Galatians 5

Week 11

Day 4



Jehovah Rocks:

Please keep showing me how much You love me, Yahweh! Continue to protect me from all those who want to hurt me and who want to make me sad and remind me today how powerful and wonderful You are! (Psalm 17:7)

See It:

'Beware that you don't dislike a single one of these children. For I tell you that in Heaven their angels are always surrounding my Heavenly Father.' (Matthew 18:10)

On It:

Imagine this... a weak little kid is being beaten up by a bully, and then all of a sudden, the hero comes and saves the day! Well, Jesus is the hero today! You see, back in Jesus' time, kids weren't really very well respected. You had to stay out of the way and stay quiet! Children were pretty much seen as pests and were not allowed to speak up, especially not to important people like Jesus. But in this verse, Jesus is telling the adults off and telling them how it should be! He wants adults to know that kids are valued and precious and they can't be stopped from being close to God, no matter how small they are. Kids are so loved by God that He keeps angels just for you around Him all the time! How do you feel knowing you are that loved by God?

Live It:

On May 28th, 1914 at 4:20pm, The Empress of Ireland (which was a big ship), carrying the Territorial Commander, the Canadian Staff Band, and many other Salvationists, sank on the way to the International Congress.

Do It:

Offer to share your favourite snack with your brother, sister or one of your friends.

In It:

Thank You for dying on the cross for my sins and for conquering sin and death by rising back to life again.



Eat It:

Romans 8:28
If God is powerful, and always wants good things for us, does that mean nothing bad will ever happen? Not exactly, because people (sometimes us) do things God doesn't want them to do, and sometimes those things hurt us.

Read It:

One-year Bible Plan: Read Deuteronomy 28-29, & Galatians 6

Week 11

Day 5



Jehovah Rocks:

*I love You, Lord! I Love You! You make me feel strong
and I know that with You, everything is going to be great.*
(Psalm 18:1)

See It:

'Not all people who sound religious are really godly. They may refer to Me as Lord, but they still won't enter the kingdom of Heaven. The only way they will get in is if they obeyed my Father in Heaven.' (Matthew 7:21)

On It:

There is a great quote from my favourite Christian musician, Keith Green. He says, "Going to church doesn't make you a Christian any more than going to McDonald's makes you a hamburger!" It's a great warning for us all. You see, sometimes we think that all we have to do to be a Christian is look like a Christian. We think we just have to go to Sunday School or Junior Soldiers, maybe pray from time to time and perhaps read our Bible. But doing these things is not what makes you a Christian. Jesus is reminding us that there are lots of people who look and sound right, but that doesn't mean they are right. So, if you want to be a Christian and live in the kingdom of Heaven, listen up to the rules of entry. We don't want you to get the door of Heaven and have the bouncer kick you out because you didn't know the not-so-secret password. Jesus tells us that if we want to get to Heaven, we need to obey our Father in Heaven. We must say sorry for our sins, ask Jesus to forgive us and then live life by the power of the Holy Spirit. Maybe you already know this password, but you'd better make sure you tell as many people as you can, or else they will miss out on spending eternity with God. Get cracking!

Live It:

In 1929, the first High Council was formed and the first elected General (Edward Higgins) was chosen. This was also historic in Salvation Army

history because we had our first General who outside of the Booth family!

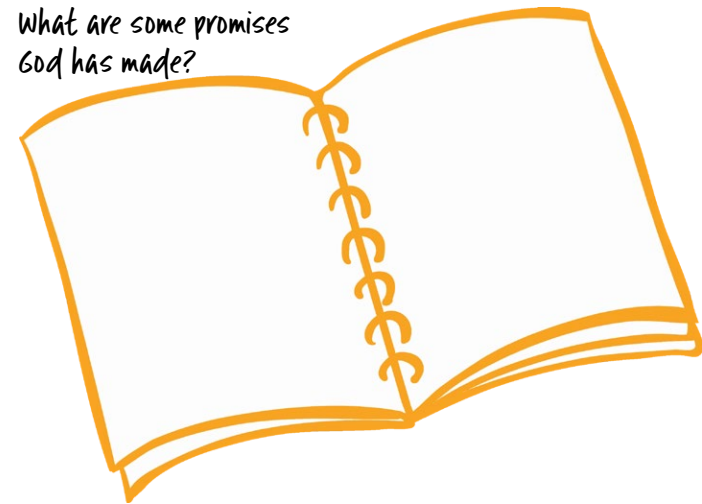
Do It:

Explain to someone today how you get into Heaven.

In It:

Thank You, God, for keeping all of Your promises.

*What are some promises
God has made?*



Eat It:

Here it is again... try to remember it! 'And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love Him, who have been called according to His purpose.' (Romans 8:28)

Read It:

One-year Bible Plan: Read Deuteronomy 30-31, Psalm 36, & 1 Corinthians 1

Week 11

Day 6



Jehovah Rocks:

Everyday, for the rest of my life, I am going to be surrounded by Your goodness and by Your love! I am going to live everyday knowing that I am Your child and I am in Your family and Your home, Father! (Psalm 23:6)

See It:

'In the same way your Father in heaven is not going to let any of these little ones be lost!' (Matthew 18:14)

On It:

Jesus tells the story about a shepherd who has 100 sheep. It is the story of what happens when one of these 100 wanders off. Sheep tend to follow each other and so you can understand that the shepherd might be concerned that all of the sheep might wander off. Anyway, Jesus explains that the shepherd will leave the 99 safe sheep together alone so he can search out and find and rescue the lost sheep. In the same way our Father God loves each of us so much that He wants to protect every little child – you included! He is happier to have found and rescued you from sin and hell than to know there are 99 (or 99 million!) people safe in His flock (that's what verse 13 is saying). When you are found by God, you are the reason there is huge celebration in heaven!

Live It:

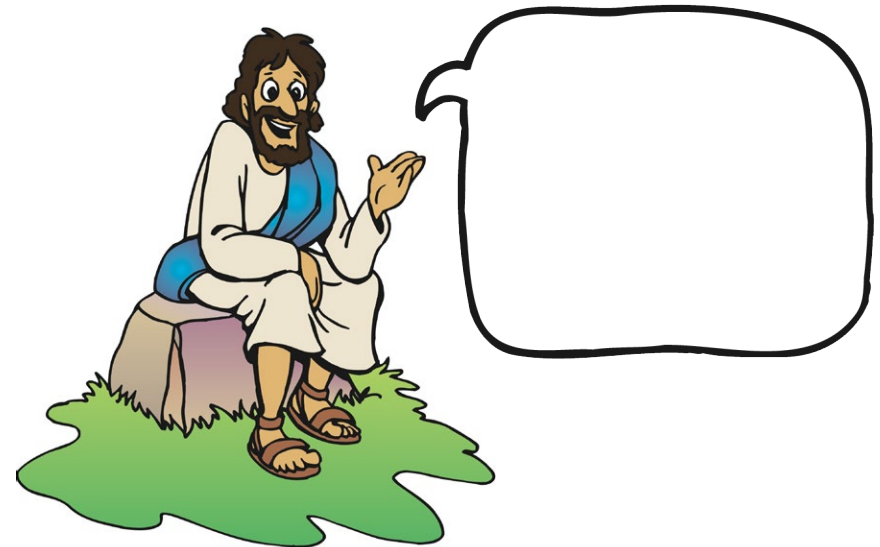
In 1980, The Salvation Army Act passed in the British Parliament. It said that, "The objects of the Army shall be the advancement of the Christian religion, and, pursuant thereto, the advancement of education, the relief of poverty and other charitable objects beneficial to society or the community of mankind as a whole." We made it all the way to Parliament! Basically this 'act' meant that legally we were seen as the real deal by the government. This was good news for The Army and helped us grow more stable and serious and mature as a movement (we were 115 years old at the time!).

Do It:

Recite four of your memory verses at the dinner table tonight.

In It:

Imagine Jesus was sitting right in front of you. You ask Him what makes Him happiest? What does He say?



Eat It: Romans 8:28

So, God is in charge, and He has a plan for you, and all you have to do is love Him, and do things in your life that He wants you to do.

Read It:

One-year Bible Plan: Read Deuteronomy 32-34, & 1 Corinthians 2

Week 11

Day 7



Jehovah Rocks:

You have always shown me love and compassion and forgiveness. I thank You so much for Your gifts, Yahweh!
(Psalm 25:6)

See It:

'Jesus said to them, "My Father is always working to get His work done to this very day, and I, too, am working.'" (John 5:17)

On It:

'My Father never stops working.' And Jesus follows the Father's example - He never stops working. God our Father becomes an example for us as well. He realizes that people are dying to be rescued from sin and hell, so He does not stop. Someone complained to General William Booth that Salvationists were going too fast in saving souls. William replied, "Can we go too fast in saving souls? If anyone still wants a reply, let him ask the lost souls in hell". Wow, William was an intense guy! Some people argue that we should take Saturday off (the Sabbath). God took it (the seventh day of creation!). But, do you know what? That seventh day is over! And now our Father never stops working. He's always at it. And now the idea of Sabbath rest is totally spiritual. The writer to the Hebrews encourages us to experience Sabbath rest, which is sanctification. We find our rest in God when we are holy. Let's find our Sabbath rest in our Father's embrace, AND follow His example in always working to save souls. In other words, we don't take a day off from doing God's work!

Live It:

Today, some people like to say that our brightest days are ahead! That means that today can be one of your best days! Press in to God, know Him well, and then in fifty years, your name and the amazing things you did for God could be in the latest edition of this book! Who knows... you could be writing this book!

Do It:

Recite one of the doctrines tonight at the dinner table.

Doctrine # _____

In It:

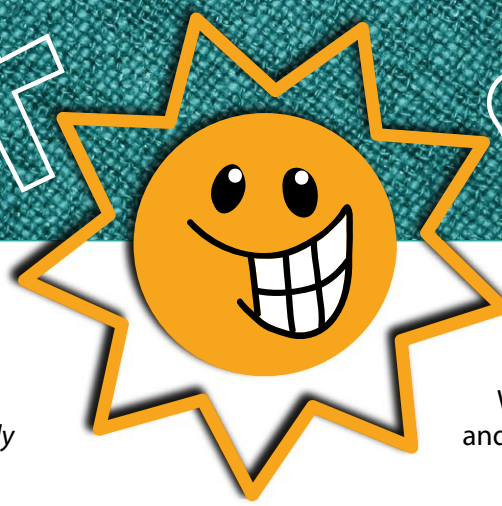
Ask God for opportunities to help others tomorrow

Eat It:

Romans 8:28
So, what does God want you to do for Him? What is your purpose in life? He wants you to find people who don't know about Him, He wants you to tell them about Jesus and He wants you to invite them into God's family. Do that, and you will find God helping you a fair bit along the way.

Read It:

One-year Bible Plan: Read Joshua 1-2, Psalm 37, & 1 Corinthians 3



Jehovah Rocks:

Everyday as I wake, walk around, eat and live, I know that You love me! And so everyday I will try to live exactly as You would want me to live. (Psalm 26:3)

See It:

'So, you have not received a spirit that makes you fearful slaves. Instead, you received God's Spirit when He adopted you as His own children. Now we call Him, "Abba, Father." For His Spirit joins with our spirit to affirm that we are God's children. And since we are His children, we are His heirs. In fact, together with Christ we are heirs of God's glory. But if we are to share His glory, we must also share His suffering.' (Romans 8:15-17)

On It:

There is a massive difference between being a slave and being a son or daughter. A slave is 'owned'; a son or daughter belongs and, even more than that, is an heir. A slave lives in fear; a son or daughter enjoys a security blanket of love. A slave has to do what the master commands; the spiritual son or daughter, by the Holy Spirit, cries, "Abba, Father." 'Abba' is a Bible word that is similar to 'daddy' or 'papa'. So, this is a warm, loving, close relationship that the Holy Spirit allows us to have with God our Father. And while the slave inevitably suffers, we as children of our Father God share in Jesus' sufferings and then, in His glory. Hallelujah.

Live It:

The Salvation Army is committed to reaching the whole world with the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Our mission is to win the world for Jesus.

Do It:

Write down a list of five people you are trying to get saved and put that list by your bed.

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.
- 5.

In It:

Pray for the list of five names you just wrote every morning before you get up, and every night just before you go to sleep.

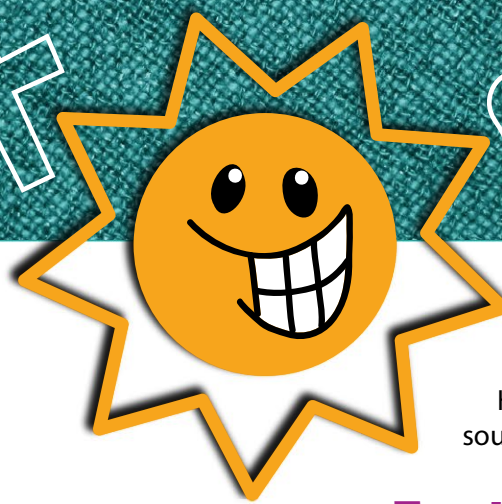
Eat It: (Memorize this verse this week)
'Pray continually.' (1 Thessalonians 5:17)

Read It:

One-year Bible Plan: Read Joshua 3-6, & 1 Corinthians

Week 12

Day 2



Jehovah Rocks:

I love being in Your presence and I love being able to be close to You. I love to worship You. (Psalm 26:8)

See It:

'Jesus replied, "If anyone loves Me, he will obey My teaching. My Father will love him, and We will come to Him and make our home with him."' (John 14:23)

On It:

It's just natural, isn't it? When you love someone you want to please that person. Jesus is pretty blunt about it – if you love Him you will obey Him. The opposite is also true. If you don't obey Him, then you don't love Him. Ouch. But it is a good way to measure your love for Him. And if you love and obey Jesus, then you receive the love of God the Father. And Yahweh (the name of the Godhead) comes to set up shop in your life, to lay down roots in your life, to hang His shingle outside your door, to change His address to yours, and to make your life His home!

Live It:

World Evangelization is: Enabling every person on earth to hear the gospel in a way they can understand, and have a real opportunity to become a Christian. (definition by The Salvation Army, IHQ).

Do It:

Ask those five people you are praying for if there is anything they would like prayer for.

In It:

Holy Spirit, please fill everyone with the passion to win souls for the kingdom today!

Eat It: 1 Thessalonians 5:17

You hopefully know nine verses and two doctrines by now, so this week, you get an easy one to remember, and a chance to catch up if you have fallen behind!



Read It:

One-year Bible Plan: Read Joshua 7-8, Psalm 69, & 1 Corinthians 5

Week 12

Day 3



Jehovah Rocks:

Thank You for loving me God! You know when I am sad, and when I am worried and You comfort me with Your love. (Psalm 31:7)

See It:

'Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of compassion and the God of all comfort, who comforts us in all our troubles.' (2 Corinthians 1:3-4a)

On It:

Amen! Hallelujahweh! God, our FATHER! And Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! You are the God of all comfort! You comfort us in all our troubles. Thanks for comforting me in the hard times I'm facing. And as You comfort me, I can comfort people in my family and at my corps and in school who are facing trouble these days. We pass on that comfort. Amen. The word 'comfort' means 'with strength'. God our Father brings us strength. Is there anything for which you need strength this week? Because if there is, our Father, God (assuming you are saved from sin), is here to strengthen you! Thanks, God!

Live It:

Between May 1882 and June 1883 The Salvation Army invaded seven countries. This remains the fastest rate of growth in our history. But, right now we want to challenge it with a growth rate that makes recording it in the yearbook impossible! Because as soon as they print it... we've grown even more!

Do It:

Tell your teacher you would like to recite all of the memory verses you know so far.

In It:

Look at a world map and pray for five countries.



Five empty rounded rectangular boxes for writing country names.

Eat It:

1 Thessalonians 5:17
Prayer is our lifeline to God. It is the most radical, world changing thing you will ever do. And here we are told to pray all the time!

Read It:

One-year Bible Plan: Read Joshua 9-11, & 1 Corinthians 6

Week 12

Day 4



Jehovah Rocks:

You love whatever is good and right and You want the whole earth to be filled with Your justice and love.
(Psalm 33:5)

Do It:

Make little reminder cards and put them in different places around your home that will help you remember your memory verses and doctrines.

See It:

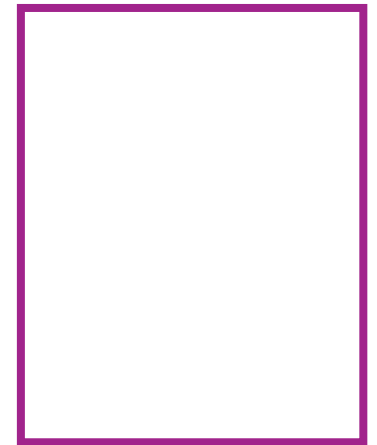
'I will be a Father to you, and you will be My sons and daughters, says the Lord Almighty. I will live with them and walk among them, and I will be their God, and they will be My people. Therefore, come out from them and be separate, says the Lord... I will be a Father to you, and you will be My sons and daughters, says the Lord Almighty.' (2 Corinthians 6:16-18)

On It:

When I was little, my brothers used to tell me that I was adopted. It was their way of being mean so that they could get me to cry... and it usually worked! I didn't want to be adopted, I wanted to be the real daughter of my real mom. As I got older, I started to realize that when you are adopted you do become a real daughter of a real mom! Well, good news! God wants to adopt you into His family! Then you will become a real daughter or son of the real Father in Heaven! Everyone who believes in Jesus, everyone who receives Him, becomes a child of God. We get adopted into His family, and we get born again (we are specially-chosen children – adopted – and naturally-born children). So, in the book of John 1, we are to receive Him. And here in Corinthians, He receives US! But there is a little catch. We need to come out from the world (which means loving the things God loves and not the things we love) and avoid evil.

Live It:

We are committed to World Evangelization because we accept that Christ's Great Commission applies to us and we know how much salvation has transformed us, so we want to share it with others throughout the world.



In It:

Think of something that is holding you back from getting people saved. Maybe it's your nerves, or not knowing the right words. Then ask God to take that away and fill you with the power to be able to introduce people to Jesus.

Eat It: 1 Thessalonians 5:17

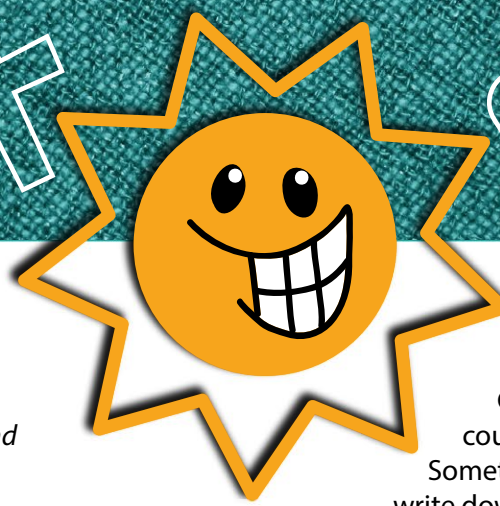
What makes prayer so special? It is our direct communication with God. It's just talking to God, telling Him what you're thinking, what you need, praising and thanking Him.

Read It:

One-year Bible Plan: Read Joshua 12-14, & 1 Corinthians 7

Week 12

Day 5



Jehovah Rocks:

I want You to stay near to me, God. I want You to watch over me. I will rely on You for my love and my strength and ask that You stay with me forever. (Psalm 33:18)

See It:

'Every good and perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of the heavenly lights, who does not change like shifting shadows.'
(James 1:17)

On It:

Did you ever get a present for Christmas or for your birthday? What was your favourite one? I once received Rock 'em, Sock 'em Robots and my brothers and I played it heaps. But do you know what? Every good gift, every perfect gift comes from our Heavenly Father! I'm not talking about Rock 'em Sock 'em or Hot Wheels 'Total Control Racing' (another gift from my childhood). I'm talking about gifts like health, friends, family, education (yes, school is a gift!), opportunities, and positive experiences. And I'm talking about deeper things than that – stuff like grace, mercy, forgiveness, salvation, sanctification, compassion, faith, and love. These good and perfect gifts come from our Father in Heaven! And He is amazing.

Live It:

Our activity that helps evangelize the world, no matter how small it may be, makes a contribution to world justice and peace and it helps prepare for the future coming of Jesus. (Mark 13:10 - The Salvation Army IHQ)

Do It:

Tell your teachers how much you appreciate all that they do for you and your class.

In It:

God says that He will be able to do even more than we could ask or imagine! Imagine something good for your life. Something that would honour God. Take your time, and then write down all the things that came to you.



Eat It:

 1 Thessalonians 5:17

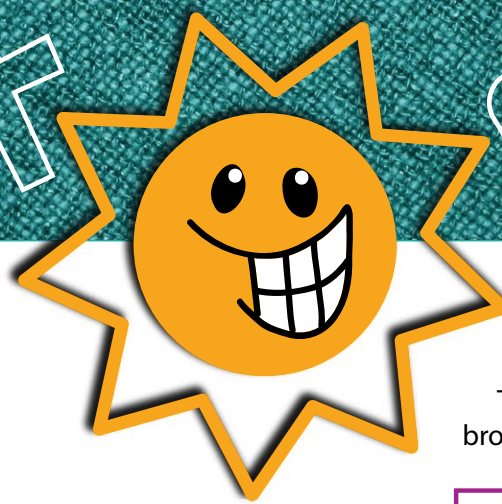
Prayer is powerful, because God listens to us! So, if we ask for God's help, we will be heard. You may receive a different answer to the one you wanted, but believe me, God's answer is always better!

Read It:

One-year Bible Plan: Read Joshua 15-17, & 1 Corinthians 8

Week 12

Day 6



Jehovah Rocks:

Yahweh, I put all of my hope in You. Fill me and surround me with Your love. (Psalm 33:22)

See It:

'Again, I tell you that if two of you on earth agree about anything you ask for, it will be done for you by My Father in heaven.' (Matthew 18:19)

On It:

Do you have lots of silly fights in your house with your brothers or sisters? I did! They were usually over a toy or a TV show, but my mom's solution to whatever problem we had was to take it away from the both of us. If we fought over a toy, neither would play and if we argued over who was given more chips on their plate, they were all taken away and we received none! It was hard, but it taught me a great lesson, and it is a lesson for today from Matthew. You see God is a fair Father, and He wants His children to get along nicely. Why? Because when we disagree, bad things happen and we end up sad, and your Father would prefer you to be happy and full of life. If we argue with our fellow brothers and sisters, God may take away our gifts all together so that we learn to get along. But, the flip side of that is great! When we get along and we work together to bring about something good for others, God will be like any other parent. He will smile and be joyful that His children are playing well, and He will bless you both! So get together with your friends and think of a way to help others and then ask God to help you. Just wait and see what God does!

Live It:

Salvationists share in world evangelization by being involved in Christian mission locally, wherever they are.

Do It:

Think of something nice you could do for one of your brothers, sisters, or friends. Then go and do it.



In It:

Ask God to forgive you for any fights you have been in over the last little while.

Eat It:

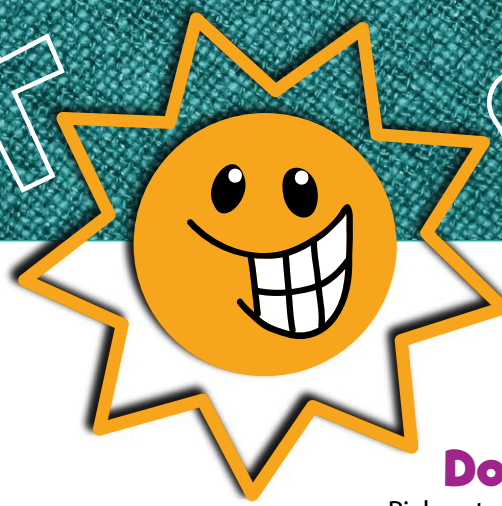
1 Thessalonians 5:17
Prayer connects our world with God's, and you know who doesn't like those world connections? Satan. He will do anything to distract you from prayer. So, try to say this verse a lot this week, and keep using it as a reminder to pray. Don't let Satan take away your power in prayer.

Read It:

One-year Bible Plan: Read Joshua 18-20, & 1 Corinthians 9

Week 12

Day 7



Jehovah Rocks:

Your love is so big and high and wide and strong and it will never fail me! You are so faithful it is immeasurable. (Psalm 36:5)

See It:

'Look at the birds of the air; they do not sow or reap or store away in barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not much more valuable than they?' (Matthew 6:26)

On It:

Have you ever watched a bird working behind the counter at McDonalds? Ever seen an ant cleaning hotel rooms? No? Me either, and yet they always seem to have food to eat and a tree to live in and a few birds to chase around the sky or a trail of honey to find. Well, right back in Genesis we heard about God creating the animals and plants. You see God had a plan that would make it totally possible to live on earth. He created something and wanted to make sure it could last. Why? Because He loves the earth He created and wanted to make sure that everyone who lived on earth could survive. Now the most valuable creation according to God was us! And He provides everything we could ever need so that we could survive. He loves us more than all the animals combined and He is not going to leave us on our own to die! He is a good Father who provides all the things His children need, and more. 'Well how can there be people starving?' you might say. Because often we humans can be like two seagulls fighting over a tiny chip. We can be greedy and selfish and leave others hungry. God gives His children plenty and He wants us to learn how to share.

Live It:

Salvation Army history has heaps of heroes and martyrs (people who were killed because of their faith) who sacrificed all to reach tribes and

nations who had never heard the Gospel of Jesus. You should read up on some of them.

Do It:

Pick out one of your toys, and ask mom or dad to donate it to The Salvation Army.

In It:

Sit in your room and write down all the toys you can see. Thank God for all the lovely things you have in your life.



Eat It:

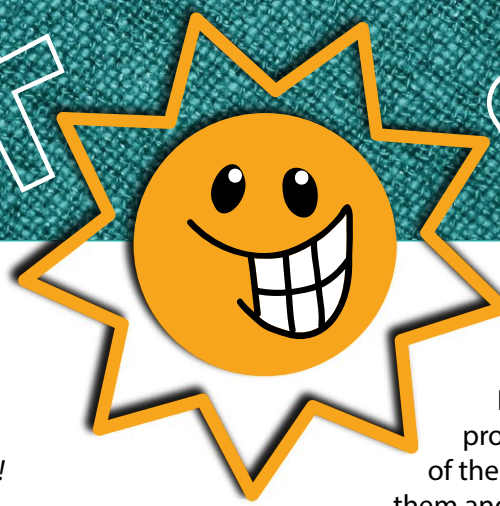
1 Thessalonians 5:17
So, do you remember this week's verse? Here it is one last time: 'Pray continually!'

Read It:

One-year Bible Plan: Read Joshua 21-22, Psalm 47, & 1 Corinthians 10

Week 13

Day 1



Jehovah Rocks:

Everything good comes from You, You deserve all of the honour for the victories that we see. You allow us to have good things, but they all belong to You, Yahweh!
(Psalm 21:5)

See It:

'But the time is coming—indeed it's here now—when true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and in truth. The Father is looking for those who will worship Him that way.' (John 4:23 NLT)

On It:

Do you have any peculiar habits? Are there any things that you like to do every day? For example, maybe you brush your teeth in the shower, or cut through the bushes at the street corner on the way to school. Some people like to worship God in the same way each time. There is comfort in what they call 'ritual' – which is just like doing things the same way each time. The problem with some worship habits is that they can become things that you do over and over without thinking about. Jesus wasn't too uptight about us having worship habits that make us do the same thing each time. For example, it is not essential that you always and only worship God on Sunday morning – you can worship Him every day! It isn't essential that you always and only worship God at The Salvation Army hall – you can worship Him at home or at school or in between! It isn't essential that you always and only clap during the chorus of songs – you can clap whenever you want or lie on the floor or raise your hands (in The Army we call that 'fix bayonets') or dance, or... You see, Jesus is more interested that you express your love and affection to God. Worship Him in spirit and in truth.

Live It:

Fred Fry and his sons were needed as body guards to protect The Salvation Army open air meetings from the attacks of the Skeleton Army. They brought their brass instruments with them and accompanied the music. This was the birth of the famous Salvation Army band.



The Fry Family Band

Do It:

Ask God to reveal to you someone at your school who may need prayer and then go and offer to pray for them.

In It:

Have a look outside and praise God for three things in nature that you see.

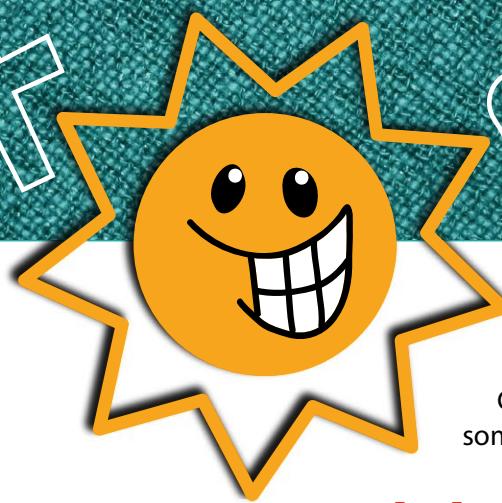
Eat It:

 Doctrine Three

'We believe that there are three persons in the Godhead – the Father, the Son and the Holy Ghost, undivided in essence and co-equal in power and glory.'

Read It:

One-year Bible Plan: Read Joshua 23-24, Psalm 44, & 1 Corinthians 11



Jehovah Rocks:

Yahweh, You are glorious and amazing. You defend truth and humility and justice and everything You do inspires me. (Psalm 45:4)

See It:

'Twenty-four thrones surrounded Him, and twenty-four elders sat on them. They were all clothed in white and had gold crowns on their heads. From the throne came flashes of lightning and the rumble of thunder. And in front of the throne were seven torches with burning flames. This is the sevenfold Spirit of God.' (Revelation 4:4-5)

On It:

Can you picture that scene? It is mind-boggling! Read it again, and picture in your mind the sea of crystal and four living creatures – God's pets (read the whole chapter for the details). Do you see what they are doing? They shout, "Holy, Holy, Holy!" God's glory in heaven is thick, maybe thicker than the heaviest fog you have ever seen. But glory isn't fog – it is a real sense of God's holy presence – it's enough to knock a person flat on their back. They talk about the fear of the Lord – there is a righteous fear, a profound reverence that envelopes you. These creatures are flat on their backs in God's glory. They lift their heads, open their eyes, and peek out at the flashes of lightning, rumblings, peals of thunder, blazing fires, and supernatural rainbows. They shout out the only thing that comes to mind, "Holy! Holy! Holy!" and then hit the deck again. If you are having a tough time worshipping God, remember this page and read and pray through this bit every day to help you worship God!

Live It:

Richard Slater is the father of Salvation Army music. He wrote some hits, including "Jesus, see me at Thy feet"; "Jesus is my Saviour, this I know"; "In the fight, say, does your heart grow weary"; and many more.

Do It:

Give away half of your pocket money or allowance to somebody you think might need it more than you.

In It:

Think of something you know you have done that has hurt somebody else and ask for forgiveness.



I'm sorry for...

Eat It:

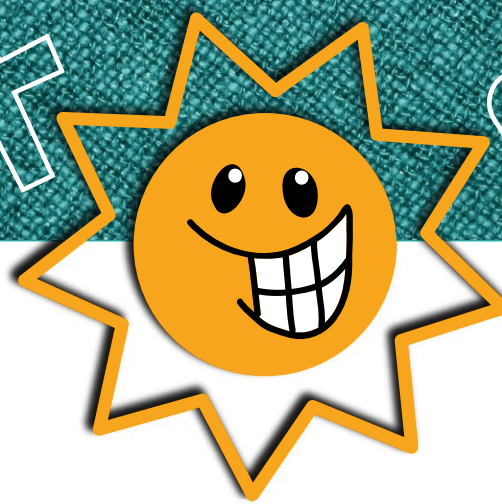
Doctrine Three
Now we know that there is only God, but there are three persons within God. Confused? Don't worry, it becomes clearer as you get older, and hopefully as this week goes on.

Read It:

One-year Bible Plan: Read Judges 1-3, & 1 Corinthians 12

Week 13

Day 3



Jehovah Rocks:

Your majesty and greatness shine over us all and we see just how strong and mighty You are. (Psalm 68:34)

See It:

'I can't stand your religious meetings. I'm fed up with your conferences and conventions. I want nothing to do with your religion projects, your pretentious slogans and goals. I'm sick of your fund-raising schemes, your public relations and image making. I've had all I can take of your noisy ego-music. When was the last time you sang to me? Do you know what I want? I want justice - oceans of it. I want fairness - rivers of it. That's what I want. That's all I want.' (Amos 6: 21-24)

On It:

Now, God's not slamming you. Don't worry. But He is expressing His unhappiness at the way some people worship. Did you catch that part - 'I've had all I can take of your noisy ego-music. What was the last time you sang to Me?' Wow. Some people are into singing, music, ritual, or habit and they forget that they are supposed to be expressing their adoration and affection to God. Don't forget. Singing to God is not like singing your favourite songs on the radio. You have to make sure you are singing to and for God. And, do you know what He really loves? Justice and fairness. Let's give it to Him.

Live It:

There are more than 250,000 senior soldier musicians in The Salvation Army, including brass players, songsters, and other musical combos.

Do It:

Write out a prayer that tells God how much You love Him and then ask to read it at your Corps meeting this week.



In It:

'The world for God! The world for God! I give my heart! I'll do my part!'
(From the Songbook)

Eat It: Doctrine Three

I like to think of the 'three persons' like an egg. There is the shell, the yolk and the white bit. Three parts, all different with different jobs and flavours, but just the one egg.

Read It:

One-year Bible Plan: Read Judges 4-5, Psalm 39,41, & 1 Corinthians 13



Jehovah Rocks:

When I think about You God I see amazing things. All honour and glory and majesty belong to You. You are strong and beautiful. (Psalm 96:6)

See It:

'And let us not neglect our meeting together, as some people do, but encourage one another, especially now that the day of His return is drawing near.' (Hebrews 10:25 NLT)

On It:

Now, the last couple of days we have taught on worship in a way that might lead you to conclude that we are not big on worship. We are big on worship. We just want you to worship for real. God wants us to meet together, so don't give up that habit. It is good to meet together to worship God. So, we're following God's instruction in the reading above and we are encouraging you to get together regularly in a community of believers to worship God. Whether it is on Sunday morning or Thursday afternoon or some other time is not that important. But be connected in with a group of believers who meet regularly (every week is great!) to worship. Your corps will have a few different options for you, probably. Make it happen.

Live It:

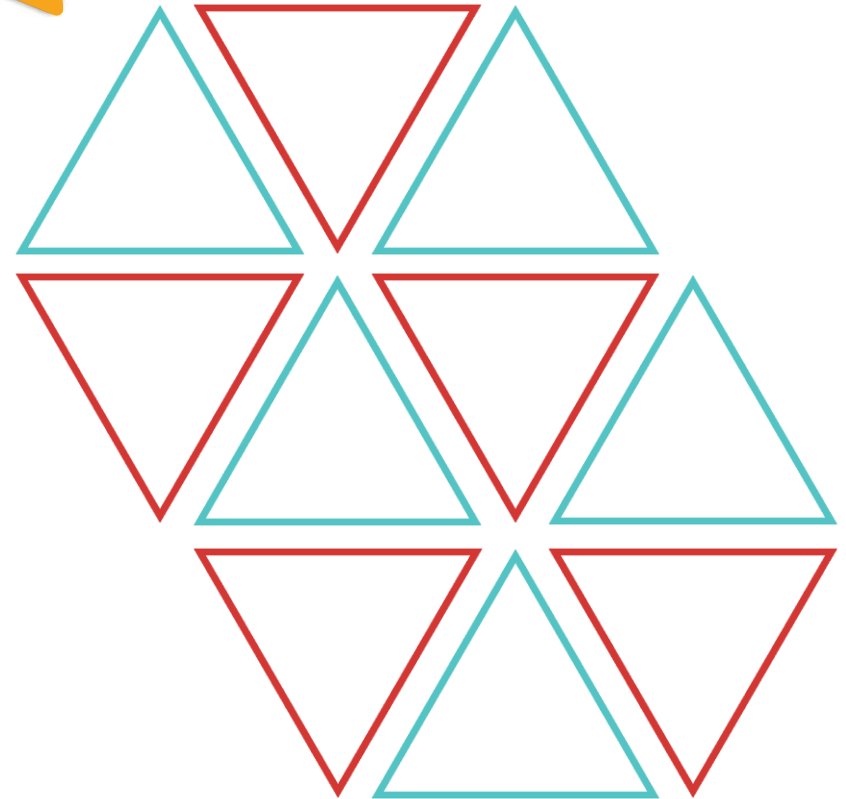
There are more than 385,000 junior soldier musicians in The Salvation Army, in young people's bands, in singing companies, and so on.

Do It:

Try to say a prayer once in every hour of your day today.

In It:

Tell God ten things for which you are thankful.

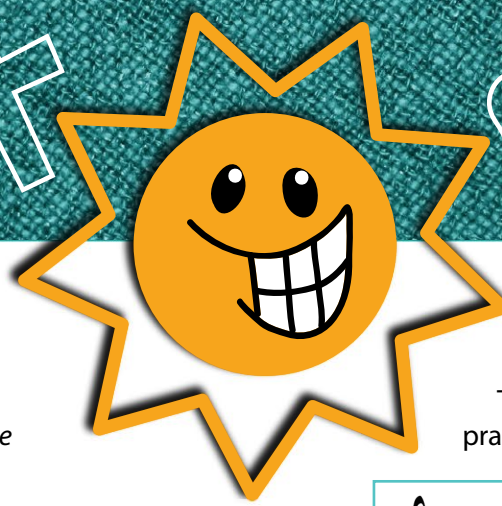


Eat It: Doctrine Three

There is God the Father. He is perfect and pure and has all authority. He created us, He loves us and we call Him, Father!

Read It:

One-year Bible Plan: Read Judges 6-7, Psalm 52, & 1 Corinthians 14



Jehovah Rocks:

Thank You! You renew my strength everyday! I only have to think about You and I am amazed and overcome by how wonderful You are. (Psalm 110:3)

See It:

"My Lord and my God!" Thomas exclaimed. (John 20:28)

On It:

After Jesus died for our sins and then rose again back to life, conquering sin and death, He showed up to startle a bunch of His friends. How many Facebook 'friends' do you have? Well, Jesus, after He rose back to life, met up with more than 500 friends! 500! They all saw the Person who WAS dead but rose back to life! But one of Jesus' friends and followers, Thomas, was out when Jesus appeared to the rest of the disciples. Thomas did not believe their story about Jesus. So in our text, Jesus showed up AGAIN so Thomas could see Him. Thomas had said he wouldn't believe it unless he could stick his hand in Jesus' wounds from His crucifixion. (First of all, yuck! Some friend you are, Tom!) Anyway, when Jesus showed up He told Thomas to stick his hands in His crucifixion wounds! Thomas was flabbergasted. He dropped to the ground and cried out in worship – My Lord and my God! This is a great example (the last bit) for us when we encounter Jesus – drop to our knees and cry out to Jesus, "My Lord and My God!"

Live It:

There are two mainstream singing groups in The Salvation Army - the Songster Brigade (for senior soldiers) and the Singing Company (for junior soldiers).

Do It:

Try to make up your own worship song! Use some of your praise points, or just tell God how you feel and then add a tune!



In It:

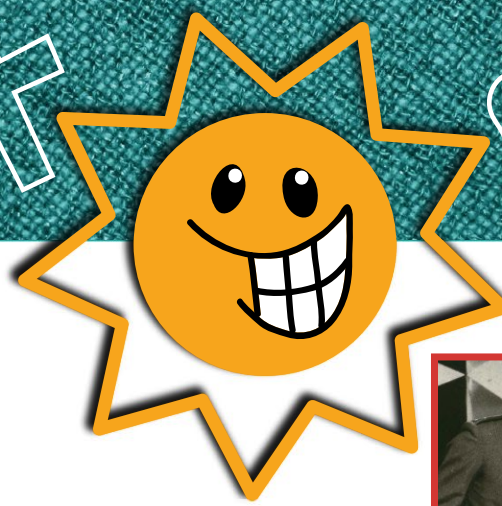
Thank you, God, for loving me so much.

Eat It: Doctrine Three

There is God the Son. This is Jesus and we will learn more about Him in doctrine four, but for now we know that Jesus is the only reason we can gain salvation. It is through His sacrifice that our sins are removed, and in turn that we can be in relationship with God the Father.

Read It:

One-year Bible Plan: Read Judges 8, Psalm 42, & 1 Corinthians 15



Jehovah Rocks:

Yahweh You are wonderful and miraculous! I praise You and know that You are worthy. (Psalm 145:5)

See It:

'Aaron's sons Nadab and Abihu put coals of fire in their incense burners and sprinkled incense over them. In this way, they disobeyed the Lord by burning before Him the wrong kind of fire, different than He had commanded. So, fire blazed forth from the Lord's presence and burned them up, and they died there before the Lord. Then Moses said to Aaron, "This is what the Lord meant when he said, 'I will display My holiness through those who come near Me. I will display My glory before all the people.'" And Aaron was silent.' (Leviticus 10:1-3)

On It:

Now, this is back in the day – the Old Testament – when people offered sacrifices to God. These two guys broke the rules and did not follow the instructions. This behaviour showed that they didn't take God's holiness seriously. But God dealt with them seriously. Fire shot out from the altar and consumed them. We should come into God's presence in obedience. So, if you have any sins, you should repent of them. If any have something against you, you should forgive them (or try to make up with them). You should recognize that God is holy. And God will show His holiness to you. So...honour Him is the lesson for the day!

Live It:

The Joystings were a pop band in the 1960s who had some hits like "It's an open secret" that climbed the charts (they were salvationists).



Do It:

Perform your worship song for someone in your family, or maybe even your Sunday School teacher.

In It:

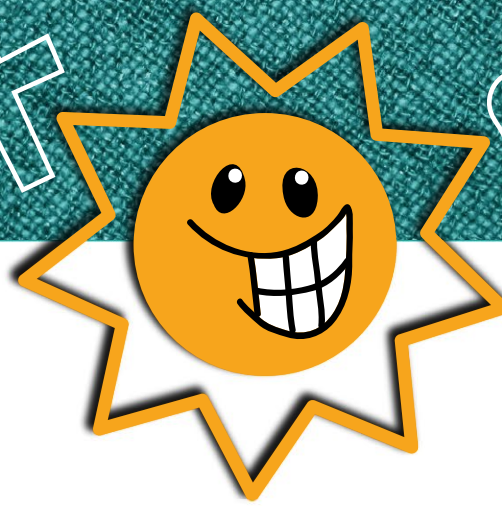
Help me to honour You in all that I do today! Protect my mind and my heart.

Eat It: Doctrine Three

There is God the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit, like God the Father and Son has been around since the beginning. However, He took on a much more direct role in our lives after the resurrection of Jesus. The Holy Spirit enables us to connect with God and to do mighty things in God's name. Basically, the Holy Spirit provides the batteries for the supernatural world!

Read It:

One-year Bible Plan: Read Judges 9-10, Psalm 49, & 1 Corinthians 16



Jehovah Rocks:

God, I want to praise Your name! I want to sing thanks and praise You. I want my whole life to show You that I am thankful of Your presence. (Psalm 69:30)

See It:

'The priests could not enter the Temple of the Lord because the glorious presence of the Lord filled it. When all the people of Israel saw the fire coming down and the glorious presence of the Lord filling the Temple, they fell face down on the ground and worshiped and praised the Lord, saying, "He is good! His faithful love endures forever!"' (2 Chronicles 7:2-3 NLT)

On It:

Do you remember a few days ago when we looked at the people in Heaven worshipping all the time? "Holy, Holy, Holy!" Well, this is a similar story, and it happened right here on earth. The glory of God was so thick that the priests couldn't even enter the temple! Fire is shooting down and the Israelites hit the deck, face down, and worship God, proclaiming, "He is good, and His love endures forever!" This is a great example for us to follow. And you don't have to wait for fire to fall before you start!

Live It:

Between 1967 and 1990, John Larsson and John Gowans teamed up to produce 10 musicals that introduced thousands of people to Jesus and shaped Salvation Army music for a generation. They had names such as Take Over Bid!, Spirit, Glory, Jesus Folk, and The Blood of the Lamb.

Gowans and Larsson



Do It:

Can you recite the first three doctrines? I know six year olds who can do all eleven, so I promise it's not too hard!

In It:

Please give me a gigantic memory for all the things I need to learn!

Eat It:

 Doctrine Three

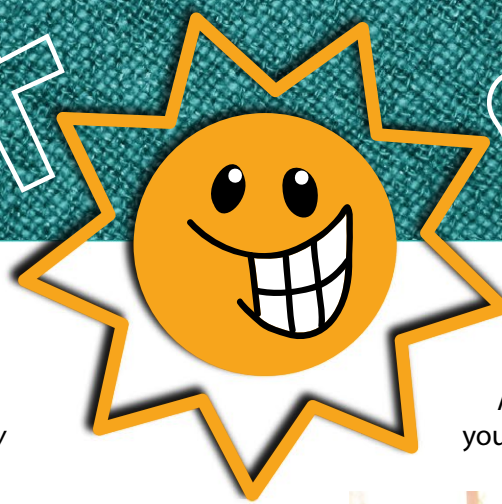
Now the second part of the doctrine is super important to understand. The three persons in the Godhead are not ranked in order. One isn't more important or powerful. They are co-equal, which means they all finish in first place! They are also undivided in essence which means that they are not three Gods who meet up from time to time... they are one God with different functions. Make sure you remember this doctrine... it's a really important one in our faith.

Read It:

One-year Bible Plan: Read Judges 11-12, Psalm 50, & 2 Corinthians 1

Week 14

Day 1



Jehovah Rocks:

Your love is so special and it is never-ending. Everyone on earth is able to feel safe when they are surrounded by Your love. (Psalm 36:7)

See It:

'Pray for kings. Pray for all who are in authority. Pray that we will live peaceful and quiet lives. And pray that we will be godly and holy.'
(1 Timothy 2:2 NIRV)

On It:

Imagine being the leader of a huge kingdom. You would be in charge of everything! You could decide that every school had to have a roller coaster, or that everyone had to kiss your feet when they came near you! You would have the power to do anything you wanted, and the power to make anyone do anything you want. The problem with having all of the power is that you would have all the responsibility. What happens if people didn't like kissing your feet? What happens if the children became ill in class because of too many rides on the roller coaster? Or worse...what if all the children became sick from kissing your feet?! When you are a leader you need lots of help so that you make the right decisions at the right times. We need to make sure that we are praying for our leaders so that they can be protected from all of Satan's traps, and so that they can hear directly from God and make good decisions. After all, the more you pray for them, the better off we will be!

Live It:

The Salvation Army has been big in the 24/7 prayer movement of non-stop prayer, with corps taking a week at a time and covering a year in a territory and more than 500 non-stop Salvation Army prayer rooms operating at once, not too long ago.

Do It:

Ask your parents, or someone in your family to check you if you have completed your rations at the end of each day.



In It:

'O the blessed Lord of light, we will serve Him with our might, and His arm shall bring salvation to the poor.' (From the Songbook)

Eat It:

'As the body without the spirit is dead, so faith without deeds is dead.'
(James 2:26)

Read it:

One-year Bible Plan: Read Judges 13-16, & 2 Corinthians 2

Week 14

Day 2



Jehovah Rocks:

Please continue to give us Your love and continue to show us Your justice. (Psalm 36:10)

See It:

'God is able to do far more than we could ever ask for or imagine. He does everything by His power that is working in us. Give Him glory amongst 'the called out' and in Christ Jesus. Give Him glory through all time and for ever and ever. Amen.' (Ephesians 3:20-21)

On It:

Think of something you want God to do. Got it? Okay, He can do even better than what you just thought. It's not just that He is powerful and smart enough to make it happen, it's that He WILL make it happen! You see He gave us free will, which means He lets us choose our own path and make up our own mind on stuff. So if He thinks it's a really good idea for you to evangelize to your friend to get her saved, He could make it happen. But, instead, He lets us decide what to do and when we are going to do it. Why? Because we are His children, not His robots. That means God has to wait for us to ask for His help. So, ask away! Ask God to help you get your friends saved... He'll do it! Ask God to help you do better in your school work... He'll do it! Ask God to... well, you get the idea. But you know what's even cooler if that He takes our good idea, and He makes it into a super-duper idea! Just get praying!

Live It:

The Salvation Army War Room in Vancouver had 3 ½ years of non-stop prayer!

Do It:

Play with someone you don't normally play with at lunch time today.



In It:

Pray that God will give you the courage to ask for big things!

Eat It:

James 2:26
The first part that we need to know here is that we are people that are dead unless we have the Holy Spirit living in us.

Read It:

One-year Bible Plan: Read Judges 17-18, Psalm 89, & 2 Corinthians 3

Week 14

Day 3



Jehovah Rocks:

Yahweh You love to see that justice is done. You love Your children and You love to care for us. You will never leave us. (Psalm 37:28)

See It:

'I have heard about your faith in the Lord Jesus. I have also heard about your love for all of God's people. That is why I have not stopped thanking God for you. I always remember you in my prayers. I pray to the God of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is the glorious Father. I keep asking Him to give you the wisdom and understanding that come from the Holy Spirit. I want you to know God better.' (Ephesians 1:15-17)

On It:

Do you have a best friend? What is your favourite thing to do together? What would life be like without that person? Not as fun? Well, then, you should be praying for that friend all the time. We heard yesterday that God can do even bigger and better things than we can ask or imagine, so if you have friend who you love and care about, you should be asking God to help them. It is the kindest present you can ever give to them. After all, if you are not thankful for your friends, and wanting the best things imaginable for them, how good a friend are you?!

Live It:

Prayer brings revival that lack of prayer makes necessary.

Do It:

Choose something from your lunch that you really like and give it to someone else in your class.



In It:

Thank God for three people from your Corps.

Eat It:

Once we repent and believe in Jesus, the Holy Spirit can come to live in us - then we are really alive.

Read It:

One-year Bible Plan: Read Judges 19-21, & 2 Corinthians 4

Week 14

Day 4



Jehovah Rocks:

I don't want to keep what You have done in my life a secret. I want to tell everyone of Your salvation and love and faithfulness. (Psalm 40:10)

See It:

'Pray continually!' (1 Thessalonians 5:17) (You should know that one!)

On It:

There are a few things you have to do today. Probably go to school, maybe some chores, hopefully some homework, play on screen, go to the toilet, eat (maybe do those in reverse!) But one thing we are asked to do, is pray continually! Well, now how are we supposed to do all the things we have to do AND pray all day? Two things you need to remember that will help you. First, dedicate your whole day to God in the morning when you wake up and ask that each of the things you do will bring glory and honour to Him. Second, say a short prayer to God as many times as you can at different times in your day. You might say, "You are holy, Lord", or "Thank You for saving me!", or "You are good and Your love endures forever", or something else short that you can remember easily. After that, all you have to do is remember to say it to God at different times in your day, and then before you know it, you will be praying continually!

Live It:

There is an old Salvation Army tradition called 'praying until' and it reminds us that we are to continue battling everyday until the victory is won.

Do It:

Come up with a creative way of blessing your neighbours without letting them know.

In It:

Walk up your street and pray for the people in every house.



Eat It: James 2:26

The second part of the verse tells us that faith without works is dead. That means that if we say we believe in Jesus, there should be ways people can see it without us having to tell them.

Read It:

One-year Bible Plan: Read Ruth 1-2, Psalm 53, 61, & 2 Corinthians 5

Week 14

Day 5



Jehovah Rocks:

You love me and You will never keep Your love and forgiveness from me! Your love is going to keep me alive and protect me. (Psalm 40:11)

See It:

'Then the four living creatures and the 24 elders fell down in front of the Lamb. Each one had a harp. They were holding golden bowls full of incense, which stand for the prayers of God's people.' (Revelation 5:8)

On It:

How would you describe prayer? If you had to use a symbol or an analogy, what would you use? John had a supernatural revelation of God – more real than a vision – and in it he saw some things he struggled to describe in words. Here he saw the four living creatures – 'God's pets' – and the 24 elders face down before the Lamb (that's our Jesus!) with a harp in one hand (representing worship) and a golden bowl of incense in the other hand (representing prayer). This might help you when you are praying. It is almost as if your prayers join the prayers of others on your specific topic until at some point the golden bowl is full and overflows at the throne of grace to pour out answer on earth. So, basically, it is like saying that your prayer, and your friend's prayer, and you teacher's prayer all go into one big bowl, and when the bowl gets full, it all comes flowing out like a waterfall.

Live It:

'General Booth knew this first hand: We must do more praying. I can easily see how, in the rush of all this mighty sweeping work, we can be taken off from God. The great problem we have to solve is to keep equally a hold of God and man, trusting Jehovah, and yet using every human tactic that is possible to be devised.' (William Booth, in George Scott Railton, COMMISSIONER DOWDLE, p81) He was saying that, while

we have lots of work to do to help people, we can't forget to talk to God about it!

Do It:

Write the name of every teacher in your school onto your prayer list and start to pray for them everyday.

I will pray for my teachers:

In It:

Look over the list of names you have on your prayer list. Add people you think you have left off and then read each name aloud asking God to bless them.

Eat It:

 James 2:26

If we have faith in Jesus we will have the fruit of the Spirit showing in our lives. We will have love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control in our lives.

Read It:

One-year Bible Plan: Read Ruth 3-4, Psalm 64-65, & 2 Corinthians 6

Week 14

Day 6



Jehovah Rocks:

All who look for You will find You and they will be happy and free. All who love You will praise You and say "You are the greatest, Yahweh." (Psalm 40:16)

See It:

'When that day comes, you will no longer ask Me for anything. What I'm about to tell you is true. My Father will give you anything you ask for in My name. Until now you have not asked for anything in My name. Ask, and you will receive what you ask for. Then your joy will be complete.' (John 16:23-24)

On It:

In this passage Jesus talks about a mother who has just given birth. Now most of us don't know what that feels like, but I think we can all guess that it hurts... a lot! BUT, if you talk to your mom, or any mom they will almost always say that the pain was worth it, because the result was a beautiful baby... like you! We realize that sometimes in life, things will be hard, but if we stay close to God, good things will come eventually. Our prayers during this time will not always be to ask God to take away the pain, but to ask God what life is coming from it. We also need to remember that what we ask for is IN the Father's name. That's like saying what we ask for is going to be paid for by dad's credit card... so we'd better make sure that what we ask for is something the Father would want you to have.

Live It:

"To those nights of prayer perhaps more than anything else we owe the perfect unity of teaching and of aim as to holy living which is so vital to our existence. If The Army were to develop an enthusiasm not fully directed towards holiness and righteousness of life it would be sadly in danger of becoming either fanatical on the one hand or worldly on

the other." (George Scott Railton, HEATHEN ENGLAND, 1887, p31) He used a lot of big words here, but basically, remember that prayer is important!

Do It:

Think of something you know God would want you to do to help someone in your class.



In It:

Ask God to help you to do the thing you thought of to help out the person in your class.

Eat It:

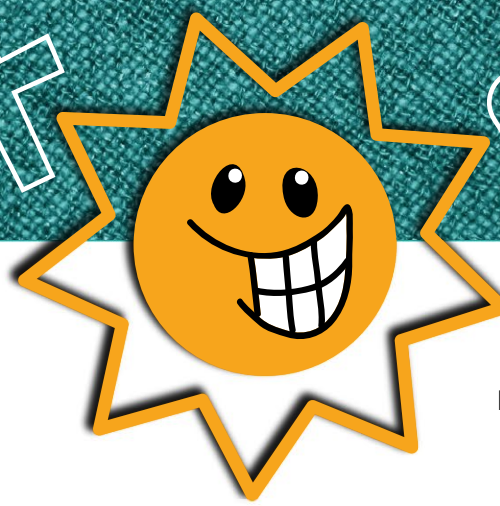
James 2:26
People will know that we are Christians in the way that we show our love for others. We will help and serve others even if they are not our family or friends.

Read It:

One-year Bible Plan: Read 1 Samuel 1-2, Psalm 66, & 2 Corinthians 7

Week 14

Day 7



Jehovah Rocks:

All day Your love is with me, and all night Your love and joy is with me. My whole life is a prayer to You. (Psalm 42:8)

See It:

'So here is what I say to you. Ask, and it will be given to you. Search, and you will find. Knock, and the door will be opened to you. Everyone who asks will receive. He who searches will find. And the door will be opened to the one who knocks. Fathers, suppose your son asks for a fish. Which of you will give him a snake instead? Or, suppose he asks for an egg. Which of you will give him a scorpion? Even though you are evil, you know how to give good gifts to your children. How much more will your Father who is in heaven give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!' (Luke 11:9-13)

On It:

Let's keep going from yesterday. The way I see it, there are four responses that God can give us when we ask for things in His name: "Yes" - He will give you what you ask for, or maybe even something better! "No" - It is not something that will help you or others in your mission with Him, or He has something else planned for you. "Not yet" - sometimes God needs us to wait a little while before He answers our prayer. His timing is perfect, though, so don't sweat it. "Do it yourself" - when we ask for something that we can do ourselves, God will expect us to do it. So if we ask God to put times tables in your head instead of you doing your homework, you can expect God to say, 'Do it yourself!' The lesson? God gives good gifts to His children, so expect good things to come. But just remember to treat those gifts with care, because they came all the way from Heaven!

Live It:

Pray hard, pray long, pray often.



Do It:

Ask your teacher if there is anything she would like help with around the class room.

In It:

Pray something specific for all of the teachers in your school, and pray for the principal, too!

Eat It:

So, here it is for the last time! Can you say it by heart? 'As the body without the spirit is dead, so faith without deeds is dead.' (James 2:26)

Read It:

One-year Bible Plan: Read 1 Samuel 3-5, Psalm 77, & 2 Corinthians 8

Week 15

Day 1



Jehovah Rocks:

I want You to be happy to save me and to be always quick to help me. (Psalm 40:13)

See It:

'Jesus came and told His disciples, "I have been given all authority in Heaven and on earth. Therefore, go and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit. Teach these new disciples to obey all the commands I have given you. And be sure of this: I am with you always, even to the end of the age."' (Matthew 28:18-20)

On It:

The Old Testament was all about God's covenant with His people. The New Testament is also about covenant, but this time, God goes one step further. And with this step, He changes everything for you, for me and for the whole world. It all starts with the four Gospels, the first of which is Matthew. This book starts with a whole bunch of names that are hard to pronounce! The reason they are there is to prove that Jesus, the focus of the New Testament, is the Messiah those prophets kept writing about. Remember how everything started with Abraham? You see the list of names starts with Abraham and works its way through to David and from David it continues all the way to Jesus. So Jesus was a direct descendant of Abraham, and this was very important to prove He was the prophesied Messiah. Matthew tells the story of Jesus from birth to death... and resurrection! It's a book about discipleship, so it's very important for you to read because you are a disciple of God. The text for today is often called 'the great commission' and gives us our mission as disciples. We must tell others about Jesus, disciple them just as we have been discipled and encourage them to be obedient to God in everything they do. Sound hard? Well, it would be, except that Jesus promises to be with us always, so really, there is nothing stopping us!

Live It:

The Order of the Founder was started on 20 August 1917 by General Bramwell Booth, and is the highest Salvation Army honour for distinguished service.

Do It:

Try to remember the first ten books of the Old Testament.

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In It:

Lord, fill me with a passion and the courage to make disciples.

Eat It:

Romans 3:23
'For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God.' (Romans 3:23)

Read It:

One-year Bible Plan: Read 1 Samuel 6-7, Psalm 72, & 2 Corinthians 9

Week 15

Day 2



Jehovah Rocks:

I call out to You, God, and You save me! (Psalm 55:16)

See It:

“The time has come,” He said. “The kingdom of God is near. Turn away from your sins and believe the good news!” One day Jesus was walking beside the Sea of Galilee. There He saw Simon and his brother Andrew. They were throwing a net into the lake. They were fishermen. “Come. Follow me,” Jesus said. “I will make you fishers of people.” (Mark 1:15-17)

On It:

People only go to hell for not responding to Jesus’ invitation here – Come follow Me. If they say ‘no thanks’ or ‘maybe later’ or anything other than ‘yes,’ they are not going to Heaven, because they will end up in a different destination than Jesus (and we know that Jesus was headed to Heaven!). Now, it is those people who don’t accept Jesus’ invitation into His life that do all of those other horrible sins. But those evil sins are just evidence of them having made the wrong decision. What you need to remember is that this invitation is also a command – Come follow Me. These two verses give us the way to get saved in a nutshell – repent and believe; follow Jesus. Some people think that everyone will get to Heaven because God loves us all so much. He does, and would love for us all to be with Him in Heaven. After all, that’s why He sent Jesus. But if you don’t want to follow Jesus while you are on earth, why would God force you to in Heaven? He gives everyone a choice while they are on earth, and you have to make sure people know what their options are. Try to tell someone today.

Live It:

The Order of the Founder is given, ‘to mark outstanding service rendered by officers and soldiers such as would in spirit or achievement have been specially commended by the Founder.’ So, do some cool stuff and you could end up with a medal!



Do It:

Write out the birthdays of everyone in your class including your teacher.

In It:

Please show me any sins that I have in my life.

Eat It:

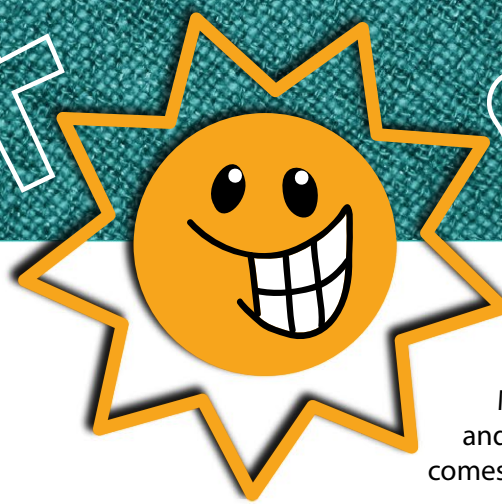
Romans 3:23
‘For all have sinned! Really? Everyone? Even the preacher down at The Salvation Army? Yes. Everyone. We are all guilty. We are all in need of a Saviour.

Read It:

One-year Bible Plan: Read 1 Samuel 8-10, & 2 Corinthians 10

Week 15

Day 3



Jehovah Rocks:

Please come to our help! Save us with Your perfect and strong love. (Psalm 44:26)

See It:

'Little flock, do not be afraid. Your Father has been pleased to give you the kingdom. Sell what you own. Give to those who are poor. Provide purses for yourselves that will not wear out. Put away riches in Heaven that will not be used up. There, no thief can come near it. There, no moth can destroy it. Your heart will be where your riches are.' (Luke 12:32)

On It:

It was a challenging season for soldiers of Jesus. They weren't sure if they would be able to survive because they didn't have a lot of money, and people wanted them gone. But Jesus didn't promise them escape or guarantee that everything was going to turn out hunky dory. Instead He told them not to worry. He reminded them that they were not alone - they were a part of a flock. He assured them that they were part of the family. He explained that their Father delighted to give them the kingdom - they were part of the plan. What is the kingdom? All those who are saved by Jesus' blood through repentance and faith. What does the kingdom consist of? Love, joy, and peace in the Holy Spirit. Also signs and wonders, miracles, healing, prophecy, deliverance, and salvation. God delights in pouring that out on and through us!

Live It:

The first awards (OF) were made in 1920 to 15 officers and one soldier. Three years later, seven officers and one local officer were honoured, but since then the awards have been made much less frequently and, to date, 144 officers and 88 other soldiers have been recognized with the Army's highest honour. Only 232 in total over the first 88 years. But hang in there! You could be one of the few!

Do It:

Make a chart with all the birthdays of your class members and then remember to make them a card when that date comes around.



In It:

Please convict my friends who don't know You, yet, of their guilt with regard to sin, righteousness, and lead them to salvation that leaves no regrets.

Eat It:

Romans 3:23
"For all have sinned." Sinned? But what IS sin? There are different kinds of sin: 1. When we intentionally disobey God; 2. When we are unable to obey Him; 3. When we unintentionally disobey Him; 4. When we don't do what we ought. This verse covers them all.

Read It:

One-year Bible Plan: Read 1 Samuel 11-12, 1 Chronicles & 2 Corinthians 11

Week 15

Day 4



Jehovah Rocks:

You will be King forever and ever, Yahweh. You will rule with justice and righteousness. (Psalm 45:6)

See It:

'But these are written so that you may continue to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that by believing in Him you will have life by the power of His name.' (John 20:31)

On It:

Sometimes you get a writing assignment in school. It is important that you write with purpose. If you don't know what your point is, you won't likely hit it. Sort that out before you start. John wrote a Gospel of Jesus Christ. And he wrote with a purpose. He wanted everyone who will ever read it to believe that Jesus Christ is the Messiah, the Christ, the Anointed One, the Son of God; and that in believing this truth (in accepting that truth to change your life) each reader will experience abundant and eternal life in Jesus' name. Every story that John includes, every conversation that he records aims at this goal. It is essential for people to believe and obey Jesus as the Christ, the Son of God, and to receive eternal life through Jesus.

Live It:

The first presentation was to a soldier, Private Herbert Bourne, for outstanding Christian witness and service during military service in the First World War.

Do It:

Add the birthdays of each of your family members to your chart.

In It:

'The world for God! The world for God! For this, dear Lord, give to my soul consuming fire. Give fire that makes men heroes, turns weakness into might. The fire that gives the courage to suffer for the fight.' (from the Songbook)

Eat It:

Romans 3:23
"Fall short." It's like missing the mark. When you shoot an arrow with a bow at a target and miss – that is the word 'sin' in this verse. We all miss the target of obedience to God. He is the target and we miss it – that means we are separated from Him.

Read It:

One-year Bible Plan: Read 1 Samuel 13, 1 Chronicles 2-3, & 2 Corinthians 12



Week 15

Day 5



Jehovah Rocks:

I worship You and thank You for Your amazing love that is always there and will never end. (Psalm 48:9)

See It:

'But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you. Then you will be My witnesses in Jerusalem. You will be My witnesses in all Judea and Samaria. And you will be My witnesses from one end of the earth to the other.' (Acts 1:8)

On It:

If you knew you had one last kick at the can – one final opportunity to teach a friend the important things in life, or to tell your family what you thought of them, or to leave a message for the whole world, what would you say? Here are the disciples, surrounding Jesus – who had been dead but was raised back to life. Don't you think they were listening closely to every word He said? These are His famous last words before He ascends to Heaven! He tells them that when Holy Spirit comes on them, they will receive power – explosive, dynamite power (the Greek word is *dunamis*). Why? To witness. To whom? Well, it seems that they are to start witnessing in their neighbourhood and then spread from there to the next neighbourhood, to the whole town, and from there to the ends of the earth. And do you know what? YOU shall receive power when the Holy Ghost come upon YOU, and YOU shall be His witnesses here, and there, and over there, and God knows where else. Just stay close to Jesus!

Live It:

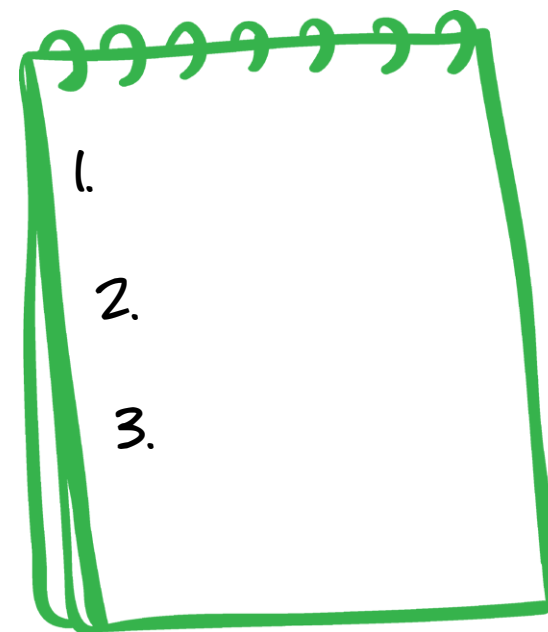
A few senior leaders such as Commissioner Henry Howard, General Evangeline Booth and Commissioner Catherine Bramwell-Booth have been recipients of the Order of the Founder, but, much more commonly, faithful and devoted service by less well-known personalities has been acknowledged.

Do It:

Add the birthdays of everyone in your Sunday School to your list.

In It:

Thank God for three great things about yourself.



Eat It:

Romans 3:23

"Glory of God." God is glorified by our obedience. When we fall short and miss the mark He is not glorified. He is not glorified by sin.

Read It:

One-year Bible Plan: Read 1 Samuel 14, 1 Chronicles 4, & 2 Corinthians 13

Week 15

Day 6



Jehovah Rocks:

Have mercy on me and forgive me for anything I have done to make You sad, Yahweh. (Psalm 51:1)

See It:

'For I am not ashamed of this Good News about Christ. It is the power of God at work, saving everyone who believes—the Jew first and also the Gentile. This Good News tells us how God makes us right in His sight. This is accomplished from start to finish by faith.' (Romans 1:16-17)

On It:

Paul did a lot of travelling, and as he traveled, he would meet people and start corps. When he moved on to the next place, he would write letters to the friends he had made. These letters are very important and have important information for us today about how to be an awesome Christian and how to have a healthy community of disciples. The letter for today is Romans, which means it was a letter written to a corps in Rome. For Paul, telling others about Jesus and what Jesus requires of them is the most important thing in life, and it was worth sacrificing everything. Sometimes Paul got himself into some trouble for evangelizing, and eventually he was killed for it! Some Jews didn't like that he was preaching that Jesus was the messiah, and some gentiles didn't like him preaching that they were going to go to hell unless they believed in Jesus. It is not easy when people don't like you, is it? It is much more pleasant when everyone wants to be your friend. But if we choose being liked and accepted by people over telling others about Jesus, we are being disobedient to God. We must go and teach others about Jesus, so that by faith, they will be saved!

Live It:

The Order of the Founder is not given out very often because every nomination is looked at carefully by a panel of senior leaders at

International Headquarters. Salvationists have every reason to be proud of those who have been awarded this outstanding recognition for meritorious Christian example.

Do It:

Find out the names of all The Salvation Army Generals (hint- Peddle is the 21st!).

In It:

Give me the courage to tell others about You and give me the strength to handle any teasing that may come because of it.

Eat It: Romans 3:23

"Have sinned." That is past tense – something that happened. But it doesn't necessarily have to be happening now, if God sanctifies us.

Read It:

One-year Bible Plan: Read 1 Samuel 14-16, 1 Chronicles 5 & Matthew 1

Week 15

Day 7



Jehovah Rocks:

I thank You so much because You have saved me.
(Psalm 52:9)

See It:

'I passed on to you what was most important and what had also been passed on to me. Christ died for our sins, just as the Scriptures said. He was buried, and He was raised from the dead on the third day, just as the Scriptures said. He was seen by Peter and then by the Twelve. After that, He was seen by more than 500 of His followers at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have died.' (1 Corinthians 15:3-6)

On It:

Do you know any bullies? Any kids at your school or in your neighbourhood who roam around picking on other kids, and making them cry? They are nasty! Well, I'm sorry to say that before Paul met Jesus, he was a bully. Paul was a mean and nasty person who terrorized followers of Jesus. But everything changed when he gave his life over to Christ. He went from persecuting Christians, to being one of them! And thank God for it! Without Paul, the God's people may not have spread as far, wide and hugely as we did. Paul was well worth the effort. I know it is hard to think of bullies as people God loves and wants to use in His mission, but if Ananias had not witnessed to Saul (he was called Saul before he became a Christian) then Paul may never have been used by God. Saul received information that allowed him to become Paul! And what was that information? Jesus died for our sins and was raised on the third day. And the lesson for us? We must pass this message on to everyone, whether we like them or not. We must even tell the bullies. Who knows what plan God has in store for them once they follow Him!

Live It:

It is a great honour and normally recipients include 'OF' behind their name.

Do It:

Memorize the names of all the Generals of The Salvation Army.

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| William Booth | Jarl Wahlström |
| Bramwell Booth | Eva Burrows |
| Edward Higgins | Bramwell Tillsley |
| Evangeline Booth | Paul Rader |
| George Carpenter | John Gowans |
| Albert Orsborn | John Larsson |
| Wilfred Kitching | Shaw Clifton |
| Frederick Coutts | Linda Bond |
| Erik Wickberg | Andre Cox |
| Clarence Wiseman | Brian Peddle |
| Arnold Brown | |

In It:

Help me to evangelize - even to bullies!

Eat It:

Romans 3:23
For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God. It is important for people to accept that they are sinners, separated from God (don't worry, the good news of salvation through repentance and faith is coming soon!).

Read It:

One-year Bible Plan: Read 1 Samuel 17, Psalm 9, & Matthew 2

Week 16

Day 1



Jehovah Rocks:

Only You can save me, Yahweh! You are the only one who has the power to give salvation, and You give it out to Your people. (Psalm 3:8)

See It:

'Since we have these promises, dear friends, let us purify ourselves from everything that contaminates body and spirit, perfecting holiness out of reverence for God.' (2 Corinthians 7:1)

On It:

Paul is teaching his converts and recruits and soldiers in Corinth by letter on how to fight the Christian fight. In chapter 6 he uses a phrase that became a key text for my session in Training College – "In the power of God; by the weapons of righteousness." He goes on to instruct and encourage them, finishing with a promise by God Almighty that He shall be a father to them and that they will be sons and daughters to Him. It is in this context that our verse for today arrives. Since we have these promises, let's get rid of every stain, let's purify ourselves from everything that makes us yucky, let's perfect holiness in the fear, or reverence, of God. He is the almighty Creator of the universe! And He wants a close friendship with us. Let's wash behind our spiritual ears and between our spiritual toes (AND toenails) so that we are 'home and hosed'.

Live It:

We said that between May 1882 and June 1883 The Salvation Army invaded seven countries, the fastest rate of growth in our history to date. We'll try to beat that in the days to come! (Imagine invading Saudi Arabia, Egypt, Israel, Jordan, UAE, Iran, and Iraq in the next 13 months!)

Do It:

Write a letter to Jesus thanking Him for what He has done for you.



In It:

Thank Jesus for all the things you can think of that He did on earth.

Eat It:

'There is a way that seems right to a man, but in the end, it leads to death.' (Proverbs 14:12)

Read It:

One-year Bible Plan: Read 1 Samuel 14-16, 1 Chronicles 5, & Matthew 1

Week 16

Day 2



Jehovah Rocks:

*You bless those who love You and do the right thing.
You cover Your children with a giant shield and protect them. (Psalm 5:12)*

See It:

'So, it is simple to understand, that no one can be made right with God by trying to keep the law. For the Scriptures say, "It is through faith that a righteous person has life." This way of faith is very different from the way of law, which says, "It is through obeying the law that a person has life." But Christ has rescued us from the curse given to us by the law. When He was hung on the cross, He took upon himself the curse for our wrongdoing.' (Galatians 3: 11-13b)

On It:

I used to think it would be cool if my best friend was a robot. She would do everything I asked, including my homework and getting me snacks from the fridge. Of course, I would never really know if the robot was my friend, or just my slave. In the letter to the Galatians, Paul was trying to convince them to stop being robots. They had accepted Christ through faith and were living by the Spirit. But after Paul left, some of the leaders convinced the people that they needed to follow many of the old laws from the Old Testament. Now why would you go backwards when you know you have been freed from sin through Jesus? Basically, the people felt that they had to earn their way into Heaven and God's love by being perfect, like a robot. I guess they thought being loved and forgiven by God and only having to repent, believe and obey was just too easy. The thing is, it is that easy! It is impossible to earn God's love and forgiveness. Don't get caught up in trying to please God, as though He would love you more that way. It is through Jesus, and by nothing we do, that we are made right with God.

Live It:

One great way of growing The Salvation Army is by using the apostle Paul's method – tent-making. Paul had a job making and fixing tents. That's how he paid for his food and his travelling. Then he preached when he wasn't mending tents. Today we call it 'bi-vocational' warfare (two jobs - your job or school, and the salvation war).

Do It:

Ask one of your family members to help you read three chapters of the Bible.

In It:

Thank You, God, that You created me to be special.

Eat It: Proverbs 14:12
Memorize this verse.

Read It:

One-year Bible Plan: Read 1 Samuel 19, 1 Chronicles 7, Psalm 59, & Matthew 4



Week 16

Day 3



Jehovah Rocks:

You bless me and You will forever. We are happy because we know that You are close. (Psalm 21:6)

See It:

'Therefore, I, a prisoner for serving the Lord, beg you to live your life in a way that is worthy of your calling, for you have been called by God.' (Ephesians 4:1)

On It:

Growing up in my house, birthdays were a big deal. I had six brothers and sisters which means there were six days of the year you had to watch others opening special presents that were all for them! It was tough. I guess this was how the gentiles might have felt about the Jews. For their whole life, gentiles had been told that they were not the chosen ones. They were not God's special children. They watched the Jews opening presents from God all the time, and their turn never came around. Until, of course, Jesus. Suddenly, it was everyone's birthday! And the present was God's forgiveness. So, what are you going to do with this unexpected and undeserved gift? Throw it away? Trample it in the dirt? Give it to your baby sister to drool on? NO! You treasure it, and use it, and thank God for it everyday. Paul was telling the new Christians in Ephesus that they had been given the gift of life from God, and that they were to live that life worthy of the value of the gift. We have been given the same gift. We have been given power to overcome satan, freedom to lead others to Jesus, spiritual gifts to perform miracles in Jesus' name. So, are we going to sit around and let these gifts just collect dust? No! Let's get out there and live life using all the gifts God gives us. What are you waiting for?

Live It:

Some salvationists made up a rule of life called Infitum – Latin for 'Boundless' – to help us live the Salvation Life. You can look into it at infitumlife.com or get a parent to download the Infitum app.

Do It:

Play with one child in your school that is younger than you at lunch time today.



In It:

Help me to use my gifts for You!

Eat It:

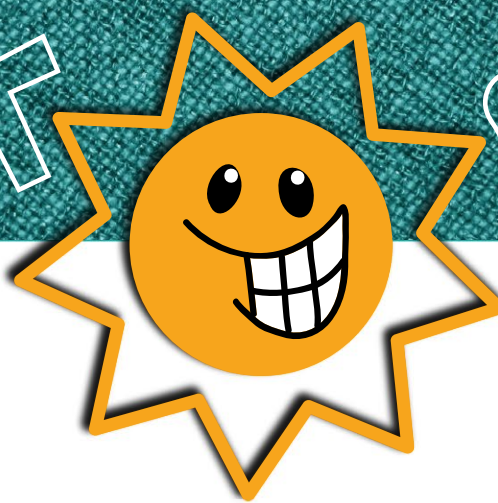
Proverbs 14:12 (memorize this verse)
Some plans we get from schools, games, movies, music, or celebrities. This verse is drumming into us that all paths that don't come from God end in death.

Read It:

One-year Bible Plan: Read 1 Samuel 20-21, Psalm 34, & Matthew 5

Week 16

Day 4



Jehovah Rocks:

Please give Your children strength and give us peace throughout the world. (Psalm 29:11)

See It:

'Remember, you must live life in a way that is worthy of the Good News about Jesus. Then, whether I come and see you again or only hear about you, I will know that you are standing together with one spirit and one purpose, fighting together for the faith, which is the Good News.' (Philippians 1:27)

On It:

This is a great letter that Paul wrote to his converts and recruits and soldiers in Philippi, the first Christian outpost in Europe. Paul wrote it from a prison in Rome. He writes to encourage and instruct his comrades of the faith. This verse tells us two things: 1. He instructs them to live life in a way that is worthy of the Gospel. That tells us that it is possible to live a life worthy of the Gospel. We know that seems reasonable, but some people try to weasel their way out of that. 2. He tells them to strive together for the faith of the Gospel. This is no hobby or past-time or recreational activity. It tells us that it is not only worth striving for but that it's something we have to strive for. If you just coast through your Christian life, you end up slowing down to a stop (that's what happens when you coast on a skateboard or bicycle, too). You have to strive. They are to strive together. Find some friends who are sold out to Jesus as well (or train them up to become like that!) and strive together.

Live It:

A great Salvation Army way of advancing the Salvation War is evangelizing. General William Booth said, "Go for souls and go for the worst." For you that might mean getting the biggest bully in your school saved...



Do It:

Compliment the younger child from yesterday on something they are trying to learn.

In It:

You are holy!

Eat It:

Proverbs 14:12
Now, we are memorizing this set of verses for a reason. When you finish learning them all we will piece them together and show you how they form a clear presentation of the Gospel with stick figures and all that you can share with all kinds of people. So, memorize this verse!

Read It:

One-year Bible Plan: Read 1 Samuel 22, Psalm 17, 35, & Matthew 6

Week 16

Day 5



Jehovah Rocks:

You send gifts from Heaven for me. You give me salvation and love and faith. (Psalm 57:3)

See It:

'And now, just as you accepted Christ Jesus as your Lord, you must keep on following Him. Let your roots grow down into Him, and let your lives be built on Him. Then your faith will grow strong in the truth you were taught, and you will overflow with thankfulness.' (Colossians 2:6-7)

On It:

It must be some kind of rule that children ask, 'Are we there yet?' a minimum of fifteen times before you arrive at a holiday destination. Life as a Christian can sometimes feel a little like this. We hear about Jesus, accept Jesus as Lord, maybe enroll as a Junior Soldier, and then the long journey begins. Being a Christian is a constant battle with the enemy for the lives of everyone who does not yet know Jesus. It is a continuous journey of serving others and a never-ending fight to rid the world of injustice. It is a permanent state of knowing you are forgiven and loved by God, and a call to pass that love on to everyone we meet. It is an exciting and challenging life! But if we are going to do well and win, we have to make sure that we are doing everything with Jesus and not on our own. We must be praying, reading our Bible, learning more about God, going to The Army, listening to the teaching of older Christians. If we do this, God will increase our strength and our faith, and then He will release us for even harder battles!

Live It:

Another great Salvation Army way of advancing the Salvation War is discipling. Based on 2 Timothy 2:2 we train up newer Christians in how to get closer to Jesus, to please Him, to get others to get closer and to please Him...

Do It:

Invite one friend from your school to come to The Army with you.

In It:

Pray for the friend you are going to invite to the meeting. List all the things you want God to do in his/her life.

Eat It:

Proverbs 14:12
God does have a path for you. It starts with 'repent and believe'. But it continues with "Follow Me." Who knows where God is going to lead you on the way to Heaven? But we can guarantee you that it will be an amazing, wonderful, powerful, supernatural experience. Take His path.

Read It:

One-year Bible Plan: Read 1 Samuel 23, Psalm 31, 54, & Matthew 7



Week 16

Day 6



Jehovah Rocks:

I am so blessed by You, Yahweh, because all of my sins have been forgiven. (Psalm 32:1)

See It:

'Brothers and sisters, you are not in darkness. So that day should not surprise you as a thief would. All of you are children of the light. You are children of the day. We don't belong to the night. We don't belong to the darkness. So, let us not be like the others. They are asleep. Instead, let us be wide awake and in full control of ourselves.' (1 Thessalonians 5:4-6)

On It:

Paul preached hard in Thessalonica and it was working very well when he suddenly had to leave. So, he wrote this letter to his converts and recruits and soldiers there to help establish a firm foundation on which they could build their faith. Have you ever had a parent or teacher, or older brother or sister encourage you? Maybe they pumped you up for something you did or spoke into your life something that could be as if it already was (maybe a potential that no one else had noticed yet)? Well, Paul is doing that to these new soldiers of Jesus. He says to them – hey, you are children of light. You don't belong to the night or the darkness anymore. And do you know how children of the light live? As if it is daytime! That is, they don't sleep or daydream when they are supposed to be fighting, or goof off by sinning. Instead, children of light are alert and under control. And, if you have repented and believe, if you have accepted Jesus' invitation into His life, then you are a child of light! You have nothing to do with the darkness or night anymore. No more sleeping on the job! No more sinning! Be in full control and awake!

Live It:

1878-1888: The Salvation Army was the fastest growing movement to that date in history; the closest thing to a national revival in Canadian history was The Army's, going from 0 to over 200 corps in 1 ½ years.

Do It:

Ask someone in your family to pray with you about the friend you are inviting.



In It:

Help me to be awake and to know when You want me to help others today.

Eat It:

Proverbs 14:12 (memorize this verse)
God's path ends in Heaven. Any other path you take ends in death. So, keep that in mind. If you follow Jesus, you end up in Heaven.

Read It:

One-year Bible Plan: Read 1 Samuel 24, Psalm 57-58, 1 Chronicles 8, & Matthew 8

Week 16

Day 7



Jehovah Rocks:

I think You should be praised higher than the heavens and all over the earth. (Psalm 56:10)

See It:

'With all these things in mind, dear brothers and sisters, stand firm and keep a strong grip on the teaching we passed on to you both in person and by letter.' (2 Thessalonians 2:15)

On It:

My prep/kindergarten teacher's name was Mrs. Longstaff and I thought she was the most beautiful teacher in the world! One day I tried to impress her using my super skills on the monkey bars. The problem was I didn't know how to go across the monkey bars without someone holding onto me! So... I fell... a long way... and broke my arm... badly. I lost my grip on the bars and fell to the ground... painfully! Falling is what happens when we lose our grip. Paul warns the Thessalonians to hold on tight to their teachings about Jesus. How do we hold firm to something we can't feel? It means we have to firstly understand what the Bible says. Hopefully, this book helps with that, so make sure you don't miss a day! And secondly, we have to stand firm when people attack us and tell us that what we believe is wrong. The enemy uses people to try to pry your fingers away from the grip you have on the truth. So, stand firm and know what you believe and why you believe it and you won't have any fear of falling.

Live It:

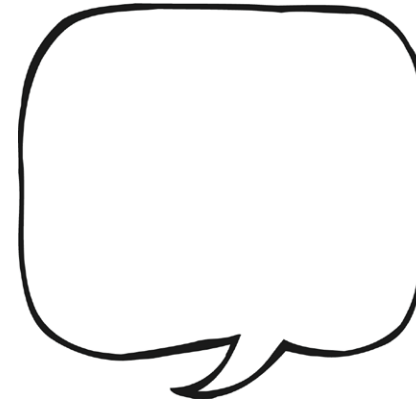
In 1887 The Salvation Army exploded by 50%, from 1,552 to 2,328 Corps. That is 15 new corps each week!

Do It:

Ask someone at your corps to pray for the friend you have invited to follow Jesus.

In It:

Imagine Jesus was sitting right in front of you. What would you like to say to Him?



Eat It:

Proverbs 14:12
Write the verse. Recite it. Memorize it. Tell it to five friends and try to get them to follow God's plans.

Read It:

One-year Bible Plan: Read 1 Samuel 25-26, Psalm 63, & Matthew 9

Week 17

Day 1



Jehovah Rocks:

I praise You and thank You because you deserve it. I will sing songs and praises to You because You are amazing. (Psalm 7:17)

See It:

'Do not ignore your gift, which was given to you through a prophetic message when the body of elders laid their hands on you. Pay attention to these matters; give yourself completely to them, so that everyone may see your progress. Watch your life and doctrine closely. Keep a close eye on them and stay true to them, because if you do, you will save both yourself and the people who listen to you.' (1 Timothy 4:14-16)

On It:

We guess Paul wrote this letter to his disciple and partner in the fight, Timothy, in AD63. Paul trained up Timothy and assigned him leadership responsibility. In this letter Paul is instructing him in how to live and lead as well as straightening out a few issues. These verses are so important for each of us. And the reason for the instructions are even more important. In verse 12 he encourages Timothy and says, "Don't let anyone look down on you because you are young, but rather, in speech, conduct, love, faith, and purity, be an example to the believers." Then he pushes him to stir up the spiritual gift Timothy had received. The Holy Spirit gives out gifts whenever He wants. If He is filling you up, He can give you whatever He thinks you might need. Stir up yours, today!

Live It:

This week we are going to be talking about giving away our money! We're going to learn about how generous The Army has been, even those with little money, in giving to others. And, it all starts with an officer named Major John Carleton in 1886.

Do It:

Write your next story for school on a Christian topic.

In It:

From Isaiah 6:3... "Holy, holy holy is the Lord God almighty. The whole earth is filled with Your glory."

Eat It:

'But your iniquities have separated you from your God; your sins have hidden His face from you, so that He will not hear.' (Isaiah 59:2)

Read It:

One-year Bible Plan: Read 1 Samuel 27, Psalm 141, 1 Chronicles 9, & Matthew 10



Week 17

Day 2



Jehovah Rocks:

Babies and children can praise You and with our praise we will silence our enemy. (Psalm 8:2)

See It:

'Work hard so you can give yourself to God and gain His approval. Be a good worker, one who does not need to be ashamed and who correctly explains the word of truth. Avoid worthless, silly talk that only leads to more godless behavior. This kind of talk spreads like cancer.' (2 Timothy 2:15-17a)

On It:

There is a great Veggie tales' story that comes to my mind when I read today's reading. It tells the story of a rumour which spreads like a giant weed over the whole city. That's what happens when we lie or spread rumours about people. It spreads everywhere fast and everyone who hears it is infected by the yuckiness that comes with mean stuff that has been said about others. It seems harmless or even fun sometimes to tell stories about others that make them look bad. But it is anything but harmless! Satan loves it when we say mean things because he wins when people feel sad and start to doubt how special they are. It reminds us, that even though we are a Christian and we have God on our side, we are still going to have difficult times in life. But the lesson for us is that even when things are not feeling so great, God still needs us to keep going and do His work. We have to live the life God requires of us every day. Will you do that today... no matter what comes your way?

Live It:

Major Carleton was at a large Salvation Army meeting at which General William Booth challenged 'well-to-do' supporters to promise to donate money over the season to The Salvation Army. Major Carleton, pretty poor, grabbed a slip of paper and promised to go without pudding for a year and donate the 50 shillings!

Do It:

Try to find out two interesting facts about William Booth you don't already know.

Fact #1

Fact #2

In It:

Thank You, God, that You have a special plan and purpose for my life.

Eat It:

Isaiah 59:2
'Your iniquities.' 'Iniquity' means injustice or immoral act (which means bad stuff you do). And these are YOUR iniquities. It gets very personal. The injustices you have done, and immoral acts you have performed are what separated you from God.

Read It:

One-year Bible Plan: Read 1 Samuel 28-29, Psalm 109, & Matthew 11

Week 17

Day 3



Jehovah Rocks:

Thank You, Yahweh, with all of my heart. I want to tell You all the things that make me think You are amazing.
(Psalm 9:1)

See It:

'As for you, Titus, promote the kind of living that reflects good teaching.'
(Titus 2:1)

On It:

Imagine if you woke up one day and you were completely blind. Everything you could see yesterday... colours, shapes, trees, the sky, people... suddenly everything is dark! You learn how to walk using a cane, you learn to follow the sounds of people's voices, you learn to touch and smell more than you ever have before. But then one day, your sight returns! Would you continue to keep your eyes closed? Walk around with the lights off? No, of course not! You would be thankful that your sight had returned, and you would live with all the benefit of sight. The book of Titus instructs us in the way to live now that we have been restored to God and empowered by the Holy Spirit. Are we going to go back to the life of sin and nastiness before we were saved? No, of course not! We are going to be thankful that we have been forgiven and are going to live with all the benefits of living for Jesus. So, don't get caught up in lies and gossip and fighting. That was a life in darkness. Now, the light has surrounded us, and we see the better way to live for God!

Live It:

General William Booth was impressed by Major Carleton's sacrifice and figured that it could be multiplied to great effect. So, he started this fantastic thing called Self Denial. Every Salvationist is challenged to sacrifice something for a season and donate the funds thus saved to the Self Denial fund.

Do It:

Write a little assignment on William Booth.



Start here. Write down a few things you know about William Booth.

In It:

Fill me up and send me out, Lord!

Eat It:

Isaiah 59:2
'Your sins have hidden His face from you.' God does not like to look at sins. So, if we have sin in our lives, He doesn't want to look at us. What a terrible reality! Memorize this verse.

Read It:

One-year Bible Plan: Read 1 Samuel 30-32, 1 Chronicles 10, & Matthew 12

Week 17

Day 4



Jehovah Rocks:

I am so happy to have You in my life. I love to praise You and I will praise You everyday! (Psalm 9:2)

In It:

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

See It:

'I pray that you will always be sharing your faith, so that you will have a full understanding of every good thing we have in Christ.' (Philemon 1:6)

On It:

We know that you are young, but we wonder if you have ever gone through a hard time while trying to follow Jesus. There are often different pressures that make it difficult to be obedient to God and to have faith for God's purposes for you. The Jesus freaks in Philippi were in a similar situation, and Paul encouraged them. This encouragement applies to you as well if you stay faithful to God. Paul is confident that He who began this good work in you – just think, He died for you, rose again, prodded you and provided for you to hear the Good News, AND (if you have repented and believe, following Him) forgave your sins, regenerated you, adopted you into His family, came to live within you, and so much more – He is faithful to perfect it until the day of Christ! Be encouraged!

Live It:

The idea is that for a few months leading up to Resurrection Day, we all sacrifice things in our lives and put the money aside to give to poor and needy people through The Salvation Army.

Do It:

Hand in your assignment into your teacher as extra homework.

Dear God...

Eat It:

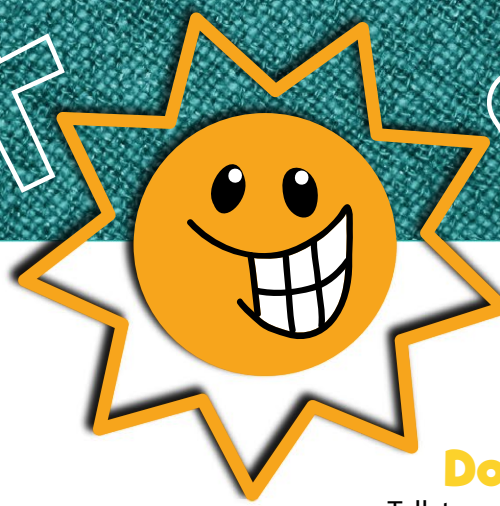
Isaiah 59:2
'He does not hear.' Did you catch that? Our sins make it so that God does not hear us! Now, God is God and can override this, but it seems here that God does not listen to the prayers of sinners or slacker Christians. The exception is if sinners or slacker Christians start their prayers with repentance. So, sorry seems like a good place to start when we talk to God.

Read It:

One-year Bible Plan: Read 2 Samuel 1, Psalm 140, & Matthew 13

Week 17

Day 5



Jehovah Rocks:

I praise You Yahweh! You are my King. I am going to tell everyone I know how good You are. (Psalm 9:11)

See It:

'...in these final days, He has spoken to us through His Son. God promised everything to the Son as an inheritance, and through the Son He created the universe. The Son shines God's own glory and expresses the very character of God, and He sustains everything by the mighty power of His command. When He had cleaned us from our sins, He sat down in the place of honour at the right hand of the majestic God in Heaven.' (Hebrews 1:1-3)

On It:

I love when I get into bed at night after the sheets have been cleaned and the bed freshly made. There is something about being totally clean that makes me feel happy. Well, you feel even happier when you are totally cleansed of your sins! Jesus takes it all away and we are filled with the Holy Spirit when we confess our sins and believe we have been set free through faith in God. The book of Hebrews is all about the cleansing we receive because of what Jesus did for us on the cross. Jesus is like a giant washing machine that takes all our stains and makes us white as snow. Once we have confessed those sins all we have to do in return is have faith and know that there is no longer any need for us to sin. We don't have to be weighed down by feelings of guilt and shame but instead we can run and jump and laugh because Jesus has taken it all away!

Live It:

OWSOMS is one excellent way of doing Self Denial (it happens in Australia!). It stands for One Week's Salary On Missionary Service. You put aside one week's salary and give it to God through The Army. So,

whatever your weekly pocket money is, no matter how large or how small, we give it away at OWSOMS.

Do It:

Talk to one of your friends about Jesus today.

In It:

Ask God to help you to see what He is going to do in your day tomorrow so that you can get involved in His plans.

Eat It: Isaiah 59:2

The verse before our verse talks about God's arm being strong enough to save and His ear clear enough to hear. So, if we are not saved it is not because God cannot save. It is because of us. Memorize the verse.

Read It:

One-year Bible Plan: Read 2 Samuel 2, 1 Chronicles 11, Psalm 142, & Matthew 14



Week 17

Day 6



Jehovah Rocks:

Thank You, Yahweh, because You always instruct me and show me what You want me to do. Your word is full of guidance and You even speak to me in my sleep.
(Psalm 16:7)

See It:

'What good is it, dear brothers and sisters, if you say you have faith but don't show it by your actions? Can that kind of faith save anyone? Just as the body is dead without breath, so also faith is dead without good works.' (James 2:14, 26)

On It:

When I was little, I told my teacher I was a good swimmer so that I could miss a day of school for the swimming carnival. It all went according to plan until I had to dive in! That was when everyone realized I couldn't swim, and my teacher had to pull me out of the pool before I drowned! In today's reading, James says that our faith is kind of the same as my story about swimming. If we say we are a Christian, but then can't follow through and act like one, our faith is not going to be very useful to God. If we say we are a Christian but then we treat others badly, or we are too embarrassed to pray for someone or tell them about Jesus, then people are going to think we are not a Christian at all, and our faith will be like me trying to swim in a pool... useless! BUT... don't think that doing good things is what makes us a Christian. Our faith in God is the only thing that proves we are Christian. We have faith and because of that faith we serve others. Or, in swimming terms, I dive in and because I can swim, I make it to the other end. So, have faith in God... and let His good works move through you.

Live It:

Each territory is teamed up with one or more other territories. So, when we give, we know who we are giving to. These are called 'Partners in Mission'. Wealthier territories share their blessings with poorer territories.



Do It:

Try to read the whole book of James today!

In It:

Imagine Jesus was sitting right in front of you. You ask Him what makes Him happiest. What does He say?

Eat It: Isaiah 59:2

This is an important lesson for people. Some people want to blame God for their problems, but God is not to blame. He is able to save. He wants to save. It is up to us to repent of our sins. Trust Him. Then He will rescue us.

Read It:

One-year Bible Plan: Read 2 Samuel 3, 1 Chronicles 12, & Matthew 15

Week 17

Day 7



Jehovah Rocks:

I call out to You and You help me. You are worthy to be praised and I love You. (Psalm 18)

See It:

'Live such good lives among the pagans that, though they accuse you of doing wrong, they may see your good deeds and glorify God on the day He visits us.' (1 Peter 2:12)

On It:

It may be that, even though you are young, people have given you a hard time for following Jesus. That is called persecution. Some soldiers of Jesus are denied jobs and benefits and are rejected from society. Others are imprisoned, starved, and tortured. If you have this book the persecution you experience is probably less than that, but it may be real and hurtful anyway. Peter's first letter, written from Rome, was to soldiers of Jesus throughout Roman provinces who were experiencing persecution (or were soon to experience it) for following Jesus. His words to them are meant to offer instruction and encouragement for you, too. The advice from this verse – keep your behaviour excellent among those who don't follow Jesus yet – is actually a strategy that The Salvation Army uses in countries where soldiers of Jesus are regularly persecuted. Living 'supernatural holiness' (or staying good even when people are mean) was really helpful back in Peter's day in Rome, and it is still very helpful today in very difficult countries and in very difficult schools and homes.

Live It:

The first Self-Denial week £4,280, and most of it came, to William Booth's delight, in small change. It has grown to many millions of pounds today (lots of dollars!).

Do It:

Tell someone in your family how much you love them.



In It:

Please help me to understand the Bible.

Eat It:

 Isaiah 59:2

- Write the verse.
- Recite it.
- Memorize it.
- Share it with five friends.

Read It:

One-year Bible Plan: Read 2 Samuel 4-5, Psalm 139, & Matthew 16

Week 18

Day 1



Jehovah Rocks:

Let everything on earth and everything in Heaven praise You! Let the fish and everything in the sea praise You! (Psalm 69:38)

See It:

'By his holy power, God has given us everything we need for living a godly life. We have been given all of this by coming to know Him, the one who called us to Himself by means of His marvelous glory and excellence. And because of His glory and excellence, He has given us great and precious promises. These are the promises that let you to share His divine nature and escape the world's corruption caused by human desires.' (2 Peter 1:3-4)

On It:

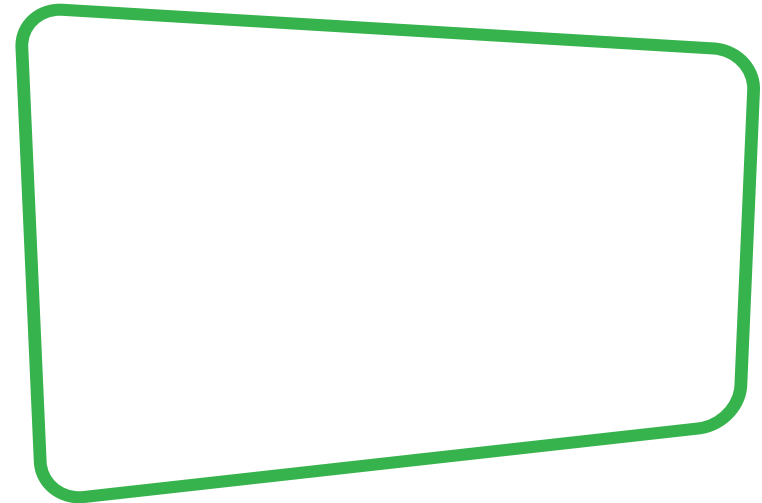
Being a superhero would be awesome! You would have superpowers, you would get to fight a super evil enemy, you would get to save the world and you would get a cool costume! Hang on a second... that sounds just like a Junior Soldier in The Salvation Army! It looks like we are all superheroes! And if we read the second book of Peter, we find out all about how we got our powers from Jesus. We find out about the nasty plans of the evil enemy who will try to knock us off our mission, and we find out how to stop them. We find out about the kind of training we need to receive, and we find out about the kind of victory we are going to have when our ultimate superhero returns to destroy the enemy once and for all! Wow, you are a super superhero... Simon Peter says so!

Live It:

When talking about what the world thinks of The Salvation Army, Herbert Booth once said, 'They regard us as dangerous, which we are.' Now, he didn't mean that we were going to hurt people! He meant that as an Army, we have real power to change the world and really shake people up!

Do It:

This week, all your challenges will build on designing a theme park. All the rides will have something to do with stories from the Bible. Start by drawing the logo and sign at the front of the park.



In It:

Please give me the Spirit of wisdom and revelation in my knowledge of You.

Eat It:

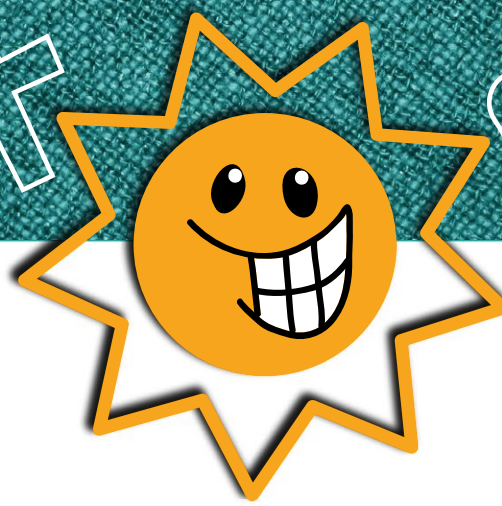
'For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.' (Romans 6:23)

Read It:

One-year Bible Plan: Read 2 Samuel 6, 1 Chronicles 13, Psalm 68, & Matthew 17

Week 18

Day 2



Jehovah Rocks:

You have been with me even before I was born. You are the one who kept me safe to this point and You are the one I give the glory to! (Psalm 71:6)

See It:

'He is pure. All who hope to be like Him make themselves the same way. Everyone who sins breaks the law. In fact, breaking the law is sin.' (1 John 3:3-4)

On It:

John Wesley is sort of the grandfather of The Salvation Army. He started the holiness movement that eventually saw the birth of The Army. And 1 John was his favourite book of the Bible. In it, John is on about holiness – the most important doctrine of The Salvation Army. And what does holiness mean we will do? Fix your hope on Jesus. Purify yourself. Forget about sin. Stop every little sinful habit. Quit disobeying God. Wow, sounds hard! But we have the help of the Holy Spirit. Ask Him to help you! It is worth it. Completely.

Live It:

William also had an idea of what The Salvation Army would do. He said that, 'Salvationism means simply the overcoming and banishing from the earth of wickedness.' (William Booth, THE OFFICER. 1893) Wow! So, we know what battle we have for the rest of our lives as soldiers!

Do It:

Choose a story from the Bible and use this as your theme for a roller coaster.



In It:

'Lord, You have searched me and You know me. You know when I sit down and when I wake up. You know my thoughts and You know my path.' (Psalm 139)

Eat It:

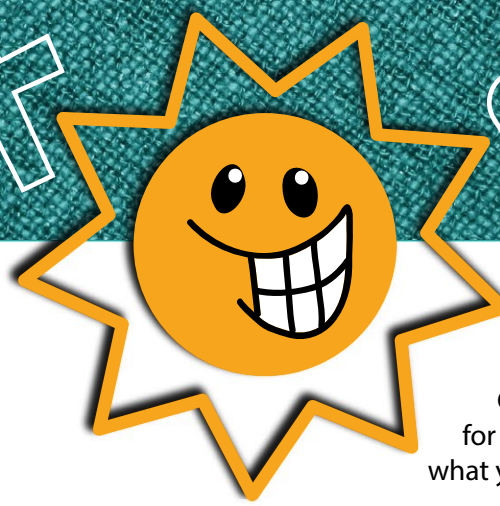
Romans 6:23
'Wages of sin.' Now, you are too young to have a paid job. But when you are old enough, and an employer hires you to do certain work in return for a wage. The wage is the money you get for the work you do. In this verse, the work you do is sin. And we'll look at the wages you get for your sin, tomorrow. Memorize Romans 6:23.

Read It:

One-year Bible Plan: Read 1 Chronicles 14-15, Psalm 132, & Matthew 18

Week 18

Day 3



Jehovah Rocks:

All day long I want to tell You how good You are!
(Psalm 71:8)

See It:

'Watch out that you do not lose what we have worked so hard to achieve. Do the right things so that you receive your full reward. Anyone who wanders away from this teaching has no relationship with God. But anyone who sticks with the teaching of Christ has a relationship with both the Father and the Son.' (2 John 1:8-9)

On It:

One time, when I was about five, I was in a shopping centre with my mom. I remember looking up and realizing my mom was no longer there! I was lost. And like most five-year olds lost in a shopping centre... I started to cry. I am sure it didn't take long to be reunited with my mom, but those moments were long and painful. The second book of John warns us about the troubles that come when we get distracted and stop following Jesus closely. We may not mean to get lost. We may just get distracted for a little while. But that little while without God can send you to terrible places before you even know it. That's why you must do your rations with God every day and remember to resist being distracted by people who don't want you to walk so closely with Jesus. Like John says... 'WATCH OUT!'

Live It:

Here is another important early Salvationist talking about The Army. He said, "We are revolutionists." George Scott Railton. And what is a revolution? It's like taking the world that we have now and turning it up-side-down. All the rich are to become poor, and the poor rich. We are taking the world, turning it upside down and making it fair, the way God has always wanted it to be.

Do It:

Choose a story from the Bible and use this as your theme for a restaurant. Decide what food will be on the menu and what you will call the meal deals.



In It:

'So, we'll lift up the banner on high, the salvation banner of love; We'll fight beneath its colors till we die, then go to our home above.' (From the Songbook)

Eat It:

Romans 6:23
'Wages of sin is death.' The wage you get for your sinning is death. Physical death, yes. Adam's sin brings us physical death. Spiritual death. Our spiritual sin brings us spiritual death – spiritual separation from God. You sin? You die. Oh dear!

Read It:

One-year Bible Plan: Read 1 Chronicles 16, Psalm 106, & Matthew 19

Week 18

Day 4



Jehovah Rocks:

Because I have You in my life, I know that I can always have hope. I will never give up praising You!
(Psalm 71:14)

Do It:

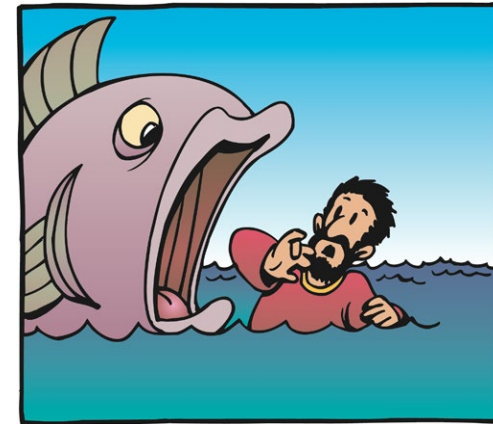
Choose a story from the Bible and use this as your theme for a story ride. You might choose Noah's Ark and have a ride that cover people with water. Or you might have a ride that sails into the mouth of a whale!

See It:

'Dear friend, don't let this bad example get you off track. Follow only what is good. Remember that those who do good prove that they are God's children, and those who don't do good things prove that they do not know God.' (3 John 1:11)

On It:

Sometimes, bad behaviour can rub off on us, and before we know it, we are copying kids at school who are not followers of Jesus. And sometimes that's okay. When they are teaching you a new song, or game, it's fine to learn from your unsaved friends. But when you are copying behaviour that you know God would not like... the kind of stuff that would make people doubt the good things you have said about Jesus... that's when John would freak out! Don't let your friend's bad behaviour influence you. Instead, make sure your Jesus ways are rubbing off on them!



Live It:

The Salvation Army is one of the world's 'Ten Most Enduring Institutions'. 'While culture and values necessary for endurance are apparent in all ten organizations, one, The Salvation Army, an international charity organization, is iconic in its ability to motivate and inspire its workforce. The Salvation Army's skill is in creating the culture and expressing the values that make its own endurance possible through simple but effective practices, such as the wearing of readily recognizable uniforms. What does all that mean? It means people inside and outside of The Army think we are doing well and want us to keep going!

In It:

Thank Jesus for forgiving your sin so that you can have a friendship with God.

Eat It:

Romans 6:23
'Free gift of God! The free gift – aren't all gifts free? Paul is telling us that you don't have to work for it! So, if our work is sin, our wage is death. But grace is a gift. You can't earn it. You can't work for it. God gives it to you... for free!

Read It:

One-year Bible Plan: Read 2 Samuel 7, 1 Chronicles 17, Psalm 2, & Matthew 20

Week 18

Day 5



Jehovah Rocks:

*You are so faithful and always keep Your promises.
Thank You! You are the Holy One! (Psalm 71:22)*

See It:

'Dear friends, I had been wanting to write to you about the salvation we all share. But now I think I need to write about something else, telling you to fight for the faith that God has entrusted once for all time to His holy people. I am saying this because some ungodly people have wormed their way into your lives, saying that God's marvelous grace allows us to live lives that aren't holy. They are in big trouble because they have denied our only Master and Lord, Jesus Christ.' (Jude 1:3-4)

On It:

There are a couple of really important points in this tiny little book called Jude. One is that there will be people who call themselves Christians who will tell you stuff that is wrong about God, and that can be really bad. In John, he warns about people who say you can sin as much as you want because God will forgive you again and again. Now, it is true that God will forgive you, but that doesn't mean we take advantage of God's gift to us. That would be like deliberately crucifying Jesus all over again just because you can! Second, there are people who are not Christians who are going to try to hurt you and be mean to you because you believe in Jesus. That just comes with being a Christian, and we work all the harder to get those people saved... no matter how much you think they don't deserve to be forgiven.

Live It:

Catherine Booth, Jr. says, 'Christianity is heroism.' And what does that mean? Well, it means that to be a Christian is to be a hero. That means you will be spending your whole life doing dangerous things just to save others and getting none of the glory for yourself. Sounds great!

Do It:

Choose a story from the Bible and use this as your theme for a mascot that will walk around the park. It might be Samson who walks around with huge hair!

In It:

Think of something you know you have done that has hurt God and ask for forgiveness.



Eat It:

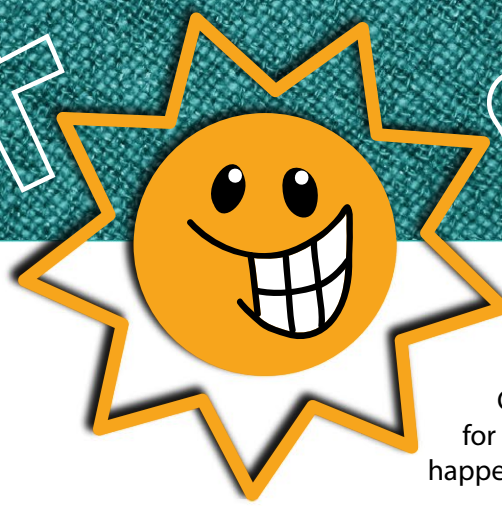
Romans 6:23
'Eternal life.' God gives us eternal life. Hallelujah! Jesus came and died and rose again so that you can have eternal life. Memorize this verse.

Read It:

One-year Bible Plan: Read 2 Samuel 8-9, 1 Chronicles 18-19, & Matthew 21

Week 18

Day 6



Jehovah Rocks:

I shout Your name as loud as I can because I want You to know how much I love You! You have saved me, and I love You. (Psalm 71:23)

Do It:

Choose a story from the Bible and use this as your theme for a fun and happy ride. Make sure you draw what would happen while you are on the ride.

See It:

'This is the revelation that God gave to Jesus Christ. Jesus shows those who serve God what will happen soon. God told us what was going to happen by sending His angel to His servant John. John tells us everything he saw. The things he tells us about are God's word and what Jesus Christ has said. Blessed is the one who reads the words of this prophecy.' (Revelations 1:1-3)

On It:

God revealed an amazing bunch of things that are going to happen near the end of time. One of Jesus' best friends, John, who wrote the Gospel according to John, as well as 1-3 John, received and then wrote down this revelation (which sort of means dream about the future). It happened at a time when the soldiers of Jesus were being persecuted badly and things looked very grim. This book – Revelation – has some letters of encouragement and teaching to some corps, and then prophecy of the important 'end-time event' and also, a little sneak preview of what is happening in Heaven! What is key for us is the happy news that Jesus rules! By the end of the book Jesus defeats evil and those who are faithfully obedient to God's Word join Him in Heaven!

Live It:

You have had a few definitions of The Salvation Army. Here is one from Stephen! 'The Salvation Army is a revolutionary movement of covenanted warriors exercising holy passion to win the world for Jesus! We are people who are holy and want to turn the world up-side-down so that Jesus rules!

In It:

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



Eat It:

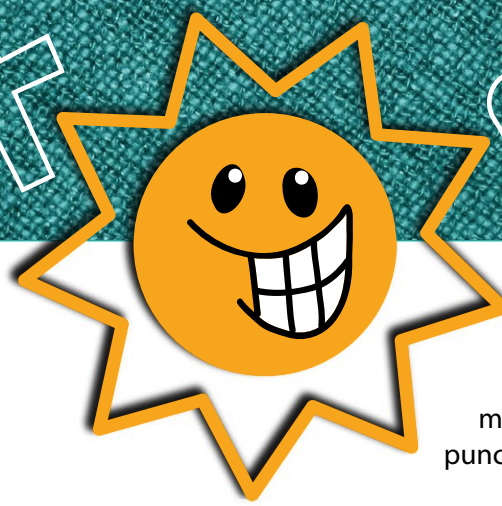
Romans 6:23
'In Christ Jesus our Lord! Do you see that God gives this free gift of eternal life to everyone for whom Christ Jesus is Lord? It is important that Jesus Christ is your Lord, then you get the gift. This is true for all of your friends and family as well. If Christ Jesus is their Lord, then God gives them the free gift of eternal life.

Read It:

One-year Bible Plan: Read 2 Samuel 10, 1 Chronicles 19-20, Psalm 20, & Matthew 22

Week 18

Day 7



Jehovah Rocks:

Blessed be Your name, Yahweh! You do the most amazing things! (Psalm 72:18)

See It:

'Here is God's witness. He has given us eternal life. That life is found in His Son. Those who belong to the Son Jesus have life. Those who do not belong to the Son of God do not have life.' (1 John 5: 11-12)

On It:

Basically, the whole New Testament is a story of God offering us eternal life through Jesus. We know that Jesus can save us as we turn from our sins and submit to Him. That's how we get forgiven, born again, and live forever in Heaven with Him. And that's pretty much it! Well... it would be it if you were the only person in the world, but you're not! There are more than seven billion people in the world and most of them need to know that Jesus is here to save them. Who's going to tell them? You! Wow, that's a lot of talking, but it's worth it. Did you know that if you were able to help one person get saved every day for the rest of your life you could help about 25,550 people reach heaven! (there IS a better way than addition and that's multiplication! Stay tuned!) That's a lot of people and a big difference you will make in the world. The more people you save the more life you bring into the world and the better everyone will be. So, you have an important mission! Get going!

Live It:

Here's another fun one from Stephen: 'The Salvation Army is the fist of the Body of Christ.' What does that mean? Well, Paul talks about the community of followers of Jesus as the body of Christ. So, we, as people of God, are the ones who do Jesus' mission now that He is in Heaven. We all have different responsibilities, and then that joins to make one body of Jesus! And Steve is saying that we, The Salvation Army, are

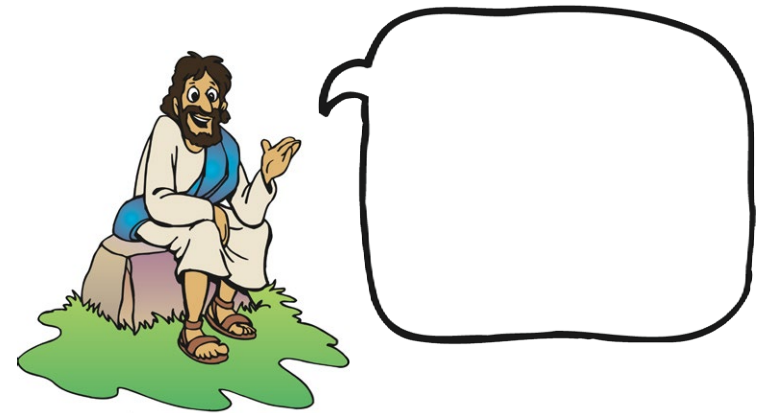
the fist part of the body! We get to be the ones who punch through evil and start the revolution! (fists only make sense when clenched and when we're ready to throw punches against evil!)

Do It:

Choose a story from the Bible and use this as your theme for a show bag full of goodies. You will need to invent some Bible toys and candies!

In It:

Imagine Jesus was sitting right in front of you. Ask Him who He would like you to pray for.



Eat It: Romans 6:23

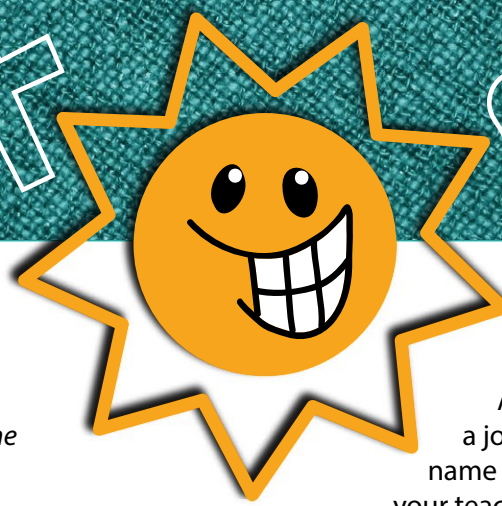
Write the verse. Recite it. Memorize it. Tell it five friends and try to get them to submit their lives to Jesus' Lordship.

Read It:

One-year Bible Plan: Read 2 Samuel 11-12, Psalm 51, & Matthew 23

Week 19

Day 1



Jehovah Rocks:

*Your name is going to be blessed and famous forever!
The whole earth is going to praise You and You will fill the
earth with Your glory. (Psalm 72:19)*

See It:

'So, the Lord made a covenant with Abram that day and said, "I have given this land to your descendants, all the way from the border of Egypt to the great Euphrates River." (Genesis 15:18)

On It:

It would be great to read the whole chapter – an amazing story. A covenant is an agreement that you stick to forever. It's like a promise. The Hebrew word is sometimes translated alliance, solemn oath, or treaty. Normally it is cut. You cut a covenant. Usually, blood is shed. The term 'covenant' emerges from Latin 'con venire', or, 'come together'. Some might say that one can't cut a covenant without bloodshed. In fact, that is what the cutting is all about. Whether it is Abraham and God, with God mysteriously passing through chopped up animals, a Junior Soldier enrollment on a Sunday morning, or Jesus on the Cross, covenant always involves death. But don't worry! You don't have to bleed in order to be a Junior Soldier! But you are putting your old life to death. You are making a promise to live for God instead of yourself. And when you do that, your old plans all die! Think about how the Junior Soldier covenant could be good for you or has been good for you.

Live It:

Every Junior Soldier memorizes, signs, and lives out the Junior Soldier Promise.

Do It:

As well as your list of prayer names, you might like to keep a journal of your prayers. That way you can write not just the name of someone, but also what they would like prayer for. Ask your teacher if there is anything, he or she would like prayer for, and then add it to your prayer journal.



In It:

Please bless me! Expand my heart, expand my boundaries; help me, strengthen me; keep me from evil and from causing pain to others and to You!

Eat It:

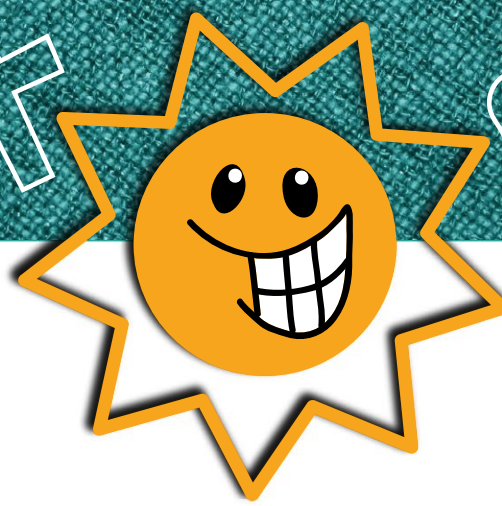
'For Christ died for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, to bring you to God. He was put to death in the body but made alive by the Spirit.' (1 Peter 3:18)

Read It:

One-year Bible Plan: Read 2 Samuel 13-14, & Matthew 24

Week 19

Day 2



Jehovah Rocks:

Those who feel sad, who are poor and lack justice continue to praise Your name. (Psalm 74:21)

See It:

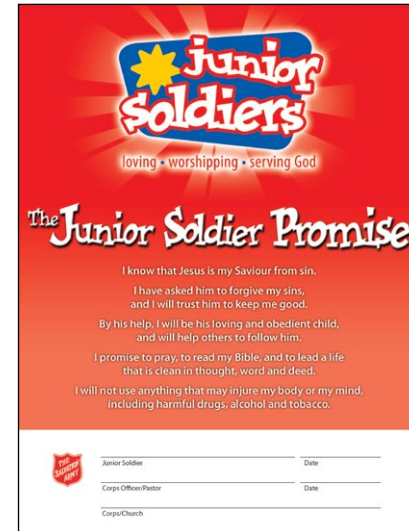
'Now if you will obey me and keep My covenant, you will be My own special treasure from among all the peoples on earth; for all the earth belongs to me. Then he took the Book of the Covenant and read it aloud to the people. Again, they all answered and agreed, "We will do everything the Lord has commanded. We will obey." Then Moses took the blood from the basins and splattered it over the people, declaring, "Look, this blood confirms the covenant the Lord has made with you in giving you these instructions.'" (Exodus 19:5; 24:7-8)

On It:

Here's some more blood-spilling! You'll see that the people have a responsibility in this agreement and God has a responsibility. If we fulfill our end of the agreement, then we can count on Him to keep His end. But it might help to explain things a bit. You see, our Father 'delights' to give us the Kingdom (Luke 12:32). As well as peace, righteousness, and joy in the Holy Spirit (Romans 14:17), the Kingdom involves all sorts of supernatural interventions for us – His 'possession'. Our Father would love to delight in us by giving us the fullness of His Kingdom, if He could trust us with it. Our covenant gives us a holy trustworthiness that allows God to release Kingdom fullness and, because of that, take delight in us. One of the important parts is the trust that can only come because of your covenant holiness.

Live It:

Over the five days we will give you a section of the promise that you can memorize, and then live out.



Do It:

Ask your mom or dad if there are any extras chores you can do.

In It:

'I believe we shall win, if we fight in the strength of the King.' (From the Songbook)

Eat It:

1 Peter 3:18
Christ suffered and died for our sins. Praise the Lord. This is a hard idea to understand but the bottom line for us is that He died for us. If He did not die for us, then there is NO way we could escape hell and get to Heaven. So, this is essential.

Read It:

One-year Bible Plan: Read 2 Samuel 15-16, Psalm 32, & Matthew 25



Jehovah Rocks:

I will not stop praising Your name and loving You, Yahweh! I will always praise You forever and ever and ever! (Psalm 75:9)

See It:

Noah and a rainbow. You can look up the story in your Bibles! (Genesis 9:9-17)

On It:

What is the biggest rainbow you have ever seen? The very first rainbow of all time happened in this story. God has kept His promise. Every time it rains you see evidence of God's covenant. Rainbows are the most visible sign of God's covenant relationships. You see God is a covenant-keeping God. If we don't understand covenant, we don't completely understand God. Throughout history God has used covenant to 'bind' Himself to His people in a promise. General William Booth argues that covenant is essential, 'not only for those who do wrong, but to prevent people from going wrong.' This basically means that once we promise God, we will do something, it will actually help us to stick to it because we won't want to let Him down.



Live It:

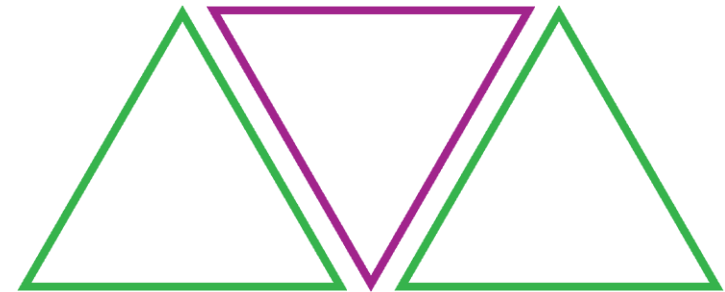
Memorize this first part of the promise. 'I know that Jesus is my Saviour from sin.'

Do It:

Make a list of all the things you would like God to do to help the world be a better place.

In It:

Thank God for three great things about your mom or dad. Write them into our journal as a praise point.



Eat It: 1 Peter 3:18

'Once for all.' The Hebrew religion needed a sacrifice of a lamb for the sins of the people – every year. So, every year they would literally kill a lamb, and that would be what God needed so that He could forgive them. But Jesus, whose nickname is 'The Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world', died once for all time. You don't have to keep killing Him for forgiveness.

Read It:

One-year Bible Plan: Read 2 Samuel 17, Psalm 71, & Matthew 26

Week 19

Day 4



Jehovah Rocks:

You are beautiful! More amazing than any beautiful mountain, or ocean, or sunset, or anything in nature.
(Psalm 76:4)

See It:

'I will bless those who bless you and curse those who treat you badly. All the families on earth will be blessed through you.' (Genesis 12:3)

On It:

Abraham is the father of Israel. That little country has turned out to be very important to the world. Historically, Israel and its people (the Jews) have felt the fulfillment of the covenant promise (which means God lived up to His end of the bargain in the Old Testament). But Abraham is also the father of faith. Paul tells us that all of us who show our faith in Jesus Christ and find righteousness in that faith are also Abraham's spiritual children. So, we the followers of Jesus (because we are now children of Abraham) are to bless all the families of the earth! Wow, that's a lot of families. How do we bless all the families of the earth? Well, people in countries around the world have been blessed because we have been obedient and done the things God wanted us to do for them. Most importantly, people all around the world get to hear the Gospel of Jesus Christ. That means, whenever people repent of their sins and believe in Jesus, they are saved AND God's covenant promise in these verses is being fulfilled even more! Phew, today was a hard one, well done for getting through!

Live it:

Memorize this next part of the promise. 'I have asked Him to forgive my sins, and I will trust Him to keep me good.'

Do It:

Look at one of the things on yesterday's list and find a way to do it.

In It:

Thank You that You make promises with me and that You keep them!

Eat It:

1 Peter 3:18
'The righteous for the unrighteous.' He's the one who never sinned, and He dies for all of us who have sinned. We can't make up for our sin. He never sinned. So, His sacrifice for us works. Memorize this verse.

Read It:

One-year Bible Plan: Read 2 Samuel 18, Psalm 56, & Matthew 27



Week 19

Day 5



Jehovah Rocks:

I am not going to hide the things You have done. I am not going to keep Your miraculous work a secret.
(Psalm 78:4)

See It:

'Speak to the Israelites and say to them: "If people want to make a special vow, a vow of dedication to the LORD as a Nazirite, they must abstain from wine and other fermented drink and must not drink vinegar made from wine or other fermented drink. They must not drink grape juice or eat grapes or raisins. As long as they remain under their Nazirite vow, they must not eat anything that comes from the grapevine, not even the seeds or skins. During the entire period of their Nazirite vow, no razor may be used on their head. They must be holy until the period of their dedication to the LORD is over; they must let their hair grow long. Throughout the period of their dedication to the LORD, the Nazirite must not go near a dead body." (Numbers 6:2-6)

On It:

Do you remember reading about Samuel? He dragged a bunch of tribes into nationhood (A united country, Israel). None of his words fell to the ground (which means his prophetic words were always correct and happened the way he had seen them happen earlier!). He was a Nazirite. Samson was a mighty warrior who overthrew his enemies and used the justice of God to fight for his people. He was a Nazirite. John the Baptist prepared the way of the Lord. Up to that time there was no one greater than John, at least according to our Jesus! (Luke 7:28). John was a Nazirite. These guys were all hardcore warriors of Jesus and their covenant was pretty simple. But their covenant is actually similar to Salvationists. Let's live up to our covenants.

Live It:

Memorize this next part of the promise. 'By His help, I will be His loving and obedient child, and will help others to follow Him.'

Do It:

Choose one thing on your list and ask someone to help you with that challenge.

In It:

Help us to see what You're doing and do what we're seeing.

Eat It:

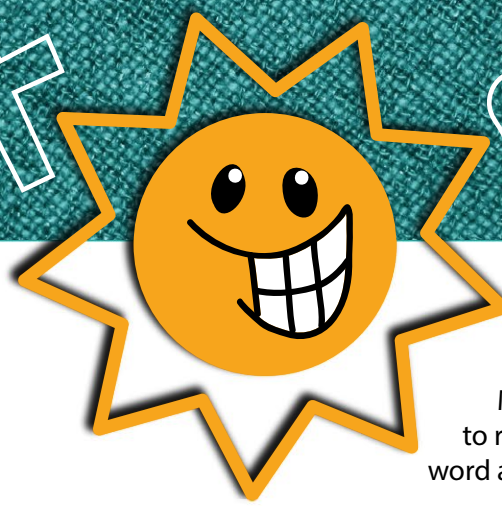
1 Peter 3:18
'To bring us to God!' This was not just a cool death to get some attention and respect. Jesus died for a cause. He died so that we can be forgiven and go to heaven.

Read It:

One-year Bible Plan: Read 2 Samuel 19-20, Psalm 55, & Matthew 28

Week 19

Day 6



Jehovah Rocks:

Thank You so much God! I thank You with all of my heart. I will sing praises to You forever! (Psalm 86:12)

See It:

'Then Jeremiah said to all of the family of the Recabites, "This is what the LORD Almighty, the God of Israel, says: 'You have done all the things commanded by your forefather Jonadab and have followed all his instructions and have done everything he ordered.' Therefore, this is what the LORD Almighty, the God of Israel, says: 'Jonadab son of Recab will never fail to have a descendant to serve Me.'" (Jeremiah 35:18-19 - read the whole chapter)

On It:

Have you ever had friends over and offered them the wrong kind of food? Maybe they were allergic to certain things (say, nuts) or were vegetarians and you offered them a hot dog. It is a bit awkward, isn't it? God told Jeremiah to invite the Recabites over and offer them wine to drink. Then he found out that they didn't drink wine (good decision!) because God told their ancestor Jonadab not to. God also told him a few other things to follow. These instructions were a bit annoying for these people, who had to keep moving around (they were instructed not to build houses), make new friends, and had to buy their food on the market (they were instructed not to plant vineyard or fields or seed). But they were faithful to this simple covenant. God used their faithful example to tell off Judah, who only had this one instruction but did not listen to God even though He spoke to them again and again (v14). What a great encouragement to us to be faithful to God's instruction to us. Who knows who will be blessed through our example?

Live It:

Memorize this next part of the promise. 'I promise to pray, to read my Bible, and to lead a life that is clean in thought, word and deed.'

Do It:

Ask mom or dad if you can bake some cookies and then give them as a present to your neighbour.



In It:

Ask for forgiveness of your sins and say thank you that they're now gone forever.

Eat It:

1 Peter 3:18
'Put to death in the body.' Some people of different religions can accept that Jesus was a great leader or a prophet or something but that He did not really die. But this is really important for us.

Read It:

One-year Bible Plan: Read 2 Samuel 21-23, & 1 Thessalonians 1

Week 19

Day 7



Jehovah Rocks:

The dead cannot speak of your wonderful deeds. They cannot praise You. But I can praise You forever.
(Psalm 88:10)

See It:

'This is My blood of the new covenant. It is poured out to forgive the sins of everyone.' (Matthew 26:28)

On It:

Earlier we told you that covenant needs blood. The most important covenant of all is this one, that Jesus gave us for the forgiveness of sins so that we can be reconciled with God. And it cost blood – the blood of Jesus. Now Jesus explains this during the Passover meal with His disciples. Passover is a yearly celebration of the original Passover (see Exodus 12), when God instructed the Israelites to kill a lamb and spread its blood over their door frame (and a few other things) so that they would be spared the terrible last plague that would hit the Egyptians. This blood and covenant thing is important because, 'without the shedding of blood there is no forgiveness' (Hebrews 9:22). But Jesus did shed His blood for us so that we can be forgiven if we enter that covenant. Our end of the agreement? Repent and believe and follow Jesus! And that means no blood shedding from us! All thanks to Jesus who shed it in our place.

Live It:

Memorize this last part of the promise. 'I will not use anything that may injure my body or my mind, including harmful drugs, alcohol and tobacco.'

Do It:

Tell your Sunday school leaders that you prayed for them today.

In It:

Imagine Jesus was sitting right in front of you. What would you like to say to Him?



Eat It:

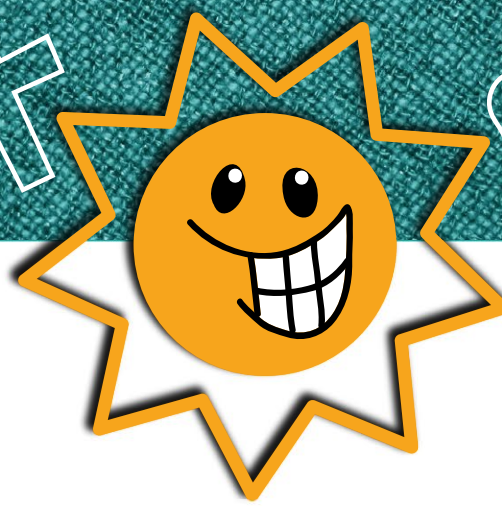
1 Peter 3:18
Write the verse. Recite it. Memorize it. Tell it to five friends and try to get them saved.

Read It:

One-year Bible Plan: Read 2 Samuel 24, 1 Chronicles 21, Psalm 30, & 1 Thessalonians 2

Week 20

Day 1



Jehovah Rocks:

Yahweh, let Your anger come out and rise up against the enemies of You. Wake up and bring about justice throughout Your world. (Psalm 7:6)

See It:

'Speak loudly for those who cannot speak for themselves; ensure justice for those being crushed. Yes, speak up for the poor and helpless, and see that they get justice.' (Proverbs 31:8-9)

On It:

There is something deep inside of us that screams out for justice. When you were a bit younger you might have declared to your mom, 'That's not fair!' That's what we're talking about. God put that desire for justice in us. But too often it is too easy to do nothing. When the least popular kid at school is being bullied it is easier to ignore or play somewhere else than to stop the bully or call the teacher. When an adult is hurting someone, you know it is easier to do nothing than to tell your officer or Sunday School teacher. But these verses command us to speak up for those who cannot speak for themselves.

Live It:

There are thousands of children dying everyday around the world because they don't have enough food, medicine or clean water to survive. There are lots of ways we try to help, and one way is to sponsor a child. Talk to mom or dad about helping out in this way and then salvationist.ca/world-missions/brighter-futures/ or salvationist.ca/world-missions/gifts-of-hope/ for more information!



Do It:

Ask your Sunday School teacher to help you come up with a project that will help the poor in another country.

In It:

Give me the strength to be able to fight against terrible things that are happening in Your world.

Eat It:

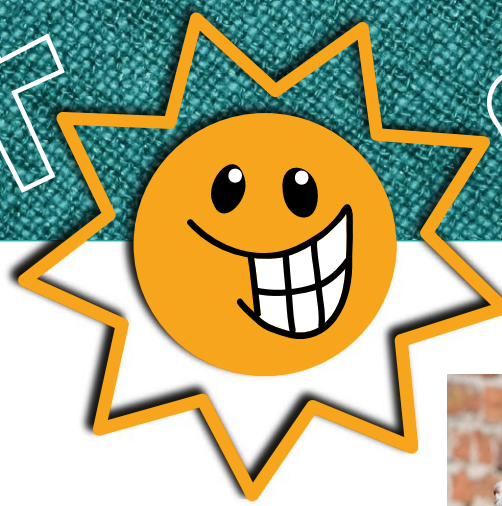
Memorize this verse
'Just as people are destined to die once, and after that to face judgement, (Hebrews 9:27)

Read It:

One-year Bible Plan: Read 1 Chronicles 22-24, & 1 Thessalonians 3

Week 20

Day 2



Jehovah Rocks:

You are going to judge the world with Your idea of right and wrong. You are going to rule the world and bring justice! (Psalm 9:8)

See It:

'Learn to do good. Seek justice. Help the oppressed. Defend the cause of orphans. Fight for the rights of widows.' (Isaiah 1:17)

On It:

On some Saturday mornings a group of very powerful people come together to fight. They call themselves the League of Justice. Batman, Superman, Spiderman, and so on are all about getting the bad guys. They want to stop the bad guys from doing bad things that hurt innocent people. In that way Junior Soldiers are junior superheroes, fighting for justice. According to Isaiah, we are to learn to do right. Sometimes we are stuck when we face bad situations because we don't know what to do. We're to encourage the oppressed. That can mean anything from being friends with the person who gets bullied to sponsoring a child in a poor country. Help them. God help us.

Live It:

If you go to salvationist.ca/world-missions/gifts-of-hope/ you can get to 'Gifts of Hope'. This is where you can buy something for someone overseas that they desperately need like a cow or some chickens. This becomes the gift that you give to your friend or family member on their birthday or Christmas instead of buying something for them that they don't really need. You give them the card that shows them how they can help someone overseas. Maybe you could ask mom or dad to buy something from that menu for you for your birthday this year!



Do It:

Give your week's pocket money (or some other money you have) into the project you came up with yesterday.

In It:

Please inspire all of Your children to be generous in their giving so that there is no longer poverty throughout the world.

Eat It: Hebrews 9:27

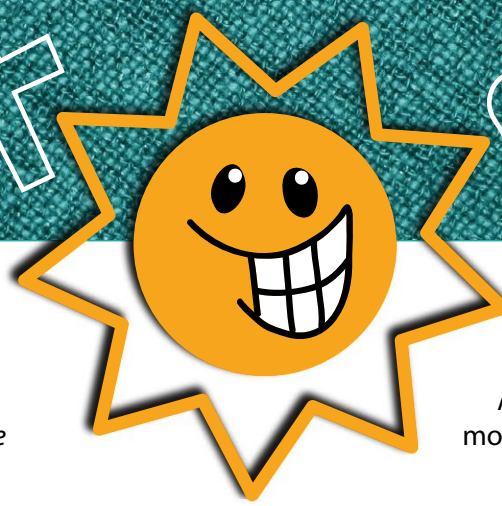
'People are destined to die once.' Now, of course, this means all men and women and boys and girls. It means that they die once. In a verse, the Bible shoots down the wrong belief in reincarnation (the wrong belief that you die and then come back to live a life as a monkey or goat or another human being). You only die once.

Read It:

One-year Bible Plan: Read 1 Chronicles 25-27, & 1 Thessalonians 4

Week 20

Day 3



Jehovah Rocks:

You are known by Your Justice. Those people who work against You and who trap Your children in injustice are going to be punished by You. (Psalm 9:16)

See It:

'I will establish your descendants as kings forever; they will sit on your throne from now until eternity!' (Psalm 89:4)

On It:

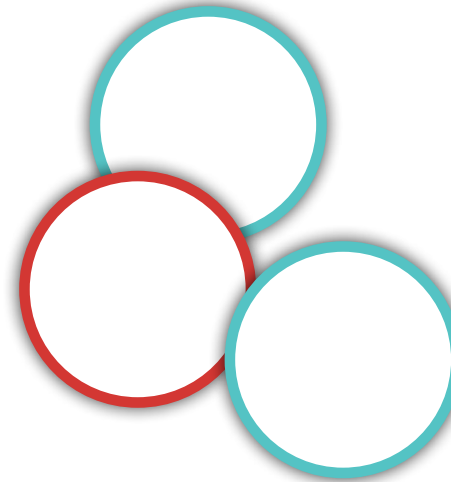
The power that King Jesus rules with is based on righteousness (that's goodness) and justice – they are the foundation of His throne. This is fantastic news for us. We can be safe knowing that He is Good and that His reign is based in goodness. But we can also be happy knowing that He is fair and that He brings justice. You might say that He IS good, and He DOES good (or right). As King Jesus' loyal subjects, we are committed to being good and doing good (or right) in our world. May His love and faithfulness lead you today in your war fighting. God help us.

Live It:

William Booth, in his final talk declared, 'While women weep, as they do now, I'll fight; while little 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!' This goes to show just how important helping others was to our founder, and how important it should be to all of us.

Do It:

Ask three other children to give up some of their pocket money for this project.



In It:

Please help our leaders in governments around the world to know how to help all those struggling with poverty and injustice.

Eat It:

Hebrews 9:27
If you only die once, it follows that you also only live once. It means that you should focus on living your one life very well. It is important to submit to Jesus right away and to try to get as many other people as you can to follow Him right away as well.

Read It:

One-year Bible Plan: Read 1 Kings 1, 1 Chronicles 28, Psalm 91, & 1 Thessalonians 5

Week 20

Day 4



Jehovah Rocks:

You are righteous! You are Holy! You are good! You love justice! And all those who serve you in the name of justice and goodness will see Your face. (Psalm 11:7)

See It:

'Praise the Lord your God, who is so happy with you and has placed you on the throne as king to rule for him. Because God loves Israel and desires this kingdom to last forever, He has made you king over them so you can rule with justice and righteousness.' (2 Chronicles 9:8)

On It:

We want you to be a good Junior Soldier (if you are not a Junior Soldier yet, then talk to your officer this week about it). And we want you to be a good Corps Cadet when you are old enough. Corps Cadets are trained to be good leaders. In this verse it is clear that the king is supposed to maintain righteousness (goodness) and justice. As you become a leader, you, too, are supposed to maintain goodness and justice. So, be fair to those on your team or in your group or your class. And be good to them. It will be part of your responsibility to God and to them. And the great part is, God will help you.

Live It:

We are against slavery and must be active in trying to end slavery throughout the world. Check out braveglobal.ca to find out ways you can help girls who are vulnerable to this evil in our own country.

Do It:

Ask three adults to give up some of their pocket money for this project.

In It:

Watch the news today on TV or online and pray for the people and places that are going through difficult times. Ask God to bring peace and love into the situations.



Eat It:

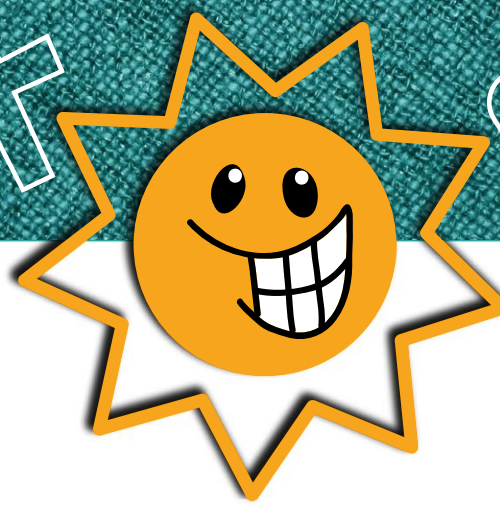
Hebrews 9:27
'And after that to face judgement.' So, we die. And then we face judgement. There are a lot of question marks in life. We don't know how our lives will go – whether we will marry or have children or live in a certain city or country or accomplish great things for God or... But we know these two things: 1. We will die (unless Jesus returns first!); 2. We will all be judged.

Read It:

One-year Bible Plan: Read 1 Kings 2, 1 Chronicles 29, Psalm 95, & 2 Thessalonians 1

Week 20

Day 5



Jehovah Rocks:

You love when the right thing has been done. You love when Your children are treated fairly. The whole earth is filled with Your love. (Psalm 33:5)

See It:

'Cursed is anyone who denies justice to foreigners, orphans, or widows.' And all the people will say, "Amen." (Deuteronomy 27:19)

On It:

You've probably heard kids curse other kids at school. They might say, "you're so stupid, there's no way you can do math" or "everyone will laugh at you if you try out for the school play". It isn't nice. But the curses here are even bigger than the schoolyard variety. These have to do with spiritual health and destiny. And who is getting cursed here? Well, a group of people are calling curses down upon THEMSELVES if they don't act to bring about justice! Whew! That's a huge thing. It's like saying, if I don't stand up for the kid getting bullied, curse me; if I don't help the kid who has no father, curse me; if I don't help the old lady who is all by herself and is lonely and needy, curse me. Wow. This one is a tough one! God help us.

Live It:

One example of slavery that you can help stop has to do with Chocolate. Chocolate comes from cocoa beans and half of those come from the Ivory Coast. Right now, thousands of children are being used as slaves to get the cocoa beans that go to make the chocolate that we buy at the supermarket! We must spread the word so people know! Eat 'fairtrade' chocolate instead of chocolate that enslaves boys and girls. Find a way to help!



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Do It:

Write a letter to your favourite chocolate companies and ask them to stop using slaves!

In It:

Please comfort the children that are trapped in slavery and please send people to save them!

Eat It:

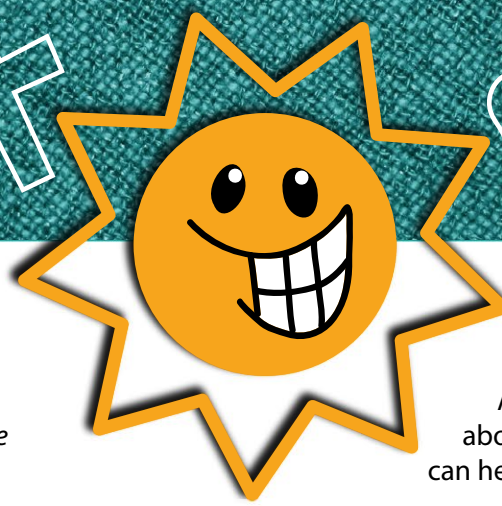
Hebrews 9:27
Since we know that we will be judged it is important to know how to face judgement. We must repent of our sin, believe, and follow Jesus. Our sins will be forgiven, and we will be born again. We will face judgement without sin. And we will go to Heaven. Without Jesus' forgiveness we will face judgement with sin our lives so we will not be able to enter Heaven. That means we will end up in hell.

Read It:

One-year Bible Plan: Read 1 Kings 3, 2 Chronicles 1, Psalm 78, & 2 Thessalonians 2

Week 20

Day 6



Jehovah Rocks:

You are holy and good. Your righteousness is like a mighty mountain that is big and strong, and Your justice is endless like an endless, deep hole where the bottom cannot be seen. (Psalm 36:6)

See It:

'Good and real religion for God the Father means caring for orphans and widows in their distress and refusing to let the world corrupt you.' (James 1:27)

On It:

Some people figure you are a good religious type if you dress in nice clothes, sing the right songs, show up to the meeting on Sunday morning, carry a big Bible and say the right words (and don't say any bad words!) and so on. These things are not necessarily bad – they can be great if you do them out of the right attitude and if they line up with the rest of your life. But they do not equal a pure religious life. What does? Well, according to God our Father, if we keep ourselves from getting messed up by the world (that's holiness) and if we care for those in need (that's mercy) we are all set. Holiness and mercy brings about justice in our world. Caring for orphans and widows and refugees and victims involves helping with their needs and removing the situation that bring about their needs. That second part is justice. God help us.

Live It:

Did you know that somewhere in the world, a child dies every three seconds from disease or hunger?

Do It:

Ask to do a class presentation and tell your class some facts about injustice around the world. Give them some ways they can help and then help them with their plan.

In It:

Please help children who are sick and dying to know that You love them. Please send some Christians to them and show them how they can help the children.

Eat It: Hebrews 9:27

It is important to tell everyone we can that they need to get ready to face judgement. The only way to prepare for judgement is to live your life the best way possible in following Jesus.

Read It:

One-year Bible Plan: Read 1 Kings 4-5, 2 Chronicles 2, Psalm 101, & 2 Thessalonians 3



Week 20

Day 7



Jehovah Rocks:

God of glory, secure the passage of those who obey You. We pray, and You answer. We call out for help and You say, 'Here I am.' (Isaiah 58:7-8)

See It:

'No, this is the kind of fasting I want: Free those who have been put in prison wrongly; lighten the burden of those who work for you. Let the oppressed go free, and remove the chains that bind people. Share your food with the hungry, and give shelter to the homeless. Give clothes to those who need them, and do not hide from relatives who need your help.' (Isaiah 58:6-7 - but read the whole chapter)

On It:

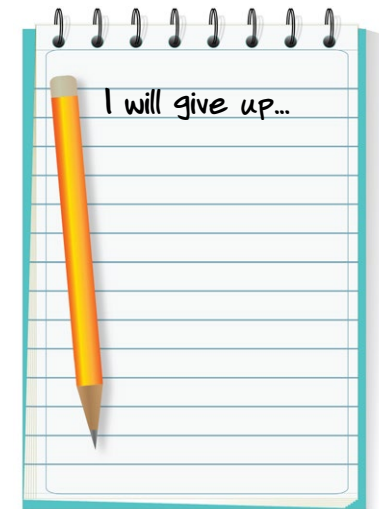
General William Booth, the Founder, looked to Isaiah 58 as the charter of The Salvation Army – the whole foundation for our work. It talks about fasting. Fasting is normally when you stop eating and pray instead. Fasting is a good thing when we do it with good motives. But in these verses God tells us He is looking for something more. His kind of fast includes freeing those wrongly imprisoned and stopping oppression. It involves sharing your food and your home and your clothing with those who need them. This is justice in action. And God likes it when we do it. God help us.

Live It:

Today, 21 million people throughout the world are forced into lots of forms of slavery. That means that people are taken against their will and forced to do things for others that hurts them. 21 million! That is more than half the population of Canada! That is too many, and The Salvation Army is working hard to try to end slavery. We need your help so start spreading the word!

Do It:

Think of a treat or snack you regularly eat and then decide that you will give it up. Instead of spending money on that, give that money to your Corps Officers and ask them to send it to the Self Denial fund to help others.



In It:

Remember the poor today, Lord. Inspire me to have a passion to help them more and more as I grow up.

Eat It:

'Just as people are destined to die once, and after that to face judgement!' (Hebrews 9:27)

Read It:

One-year Bible Plan: Read 1 Kings 6, 2 Chronicles 3, Psalm 97, & Romans 1

Week 21

Day 1



Jehovah Rocks:

You answer my prayers in more amazing ways than I could imagine. You are my God and You have saved me! I put all my hope in You, and all of the earth must place it's hope in You! (Psalm 65:5)

See It:

'But when people continue sinning, it shows that they actually belong to the devil, who has been sinning since the beginning. But the Son of God came to destroy the works of the devil!' (1 John 3:8)

On It:

When you were a bit younger, did you ever take a magnifying glass around lunch time out to the playground and focus the sun's light on an ant? It would quickly crackle up and burn to death. In a similar way, Jesus came to destroy the works of the devil – crackle them up and burn them up. The Greek word for 'destroy' can actually mean 'to unravel' which means un-wind or un-knot. Messing things up so they are like a giant knot is what the devil does best. But Jesus came to unravel the devil's works. So, when we think things are a mess, and can't possibly be fixed (kind of like that giant knot) we know that Jesus can fix it all up.

Live It:

'The decree has gone forth that the kingdoms of this world shall become the kingdoms of our Lord and of His Christ and that 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!' (Catherine Booth) That is quite a prophecy! It is telling us that earth is going to soon be controlled by Jesus and that the battle with satan will be over! And you know who she thinks is going to start it all? That's right! The Salvation Army!

Do It:

Ask your principal if there is anything he or she would like prayer for, and then add those requests to your prayer journal.



In It:

'Father, lead me day by day, ever in Your own sweet way. Teach me to be pure and true, show me what I ought to do.' (From Songbook: Song 837)

Eat It: (Memorize this verse.)

'Yet to all who received Him, to those who believed in His name, He gave the right to become children of God.' (John 1:12)

Read It:

One-year Bible Plan: Read 1 Kings 7, 2 Chronicles 4, Psalm 98, & Romans 2

Week 21

Day 2



Jehovah Rocks:

You are the most awesome God! You do things that amaze me. You have so much power that even Your enemies fall down and cringe before You. (Psalm 66:3)

See It:

'Then the angel said, "I am Gabriel! I stand in the very presence of God. It was He who sent me to bring you this good news!" (Luke 1:19)

On It:

The devil and demons are not even as strong as the most powerful angels. What a bunch of weaklings! One of the most powerful angels is called Gabriel. Check that out. Gabriel stands in the presence of God. Wow. These angels stand in God's presence. And they care for people like you. They are sent on missions by God.

Live It:

The mission of The Salvation Army is to win the world for Jesus, or, in the more colourful phrase of Colonel William Pearson, 'We'll tear hell's throne to pieces and win the world for Jesus.'

Do It:

Ask your mom or dad if there are any extra chores you can do.

In It:

'When in danger make me brave, make me know that You can save. Keep me safe and by Your side, let me in Your love abide.' (From Songbook: Song 837)

Eat It: John 1:12

'Yet.' When you see 'yet' you need to look at what came before it. Well, in this case, it is talking about Jesus coming to a world He created, but a world which did not recognize Him. YET. The world did not recognize Him. YET, to all who received Him...

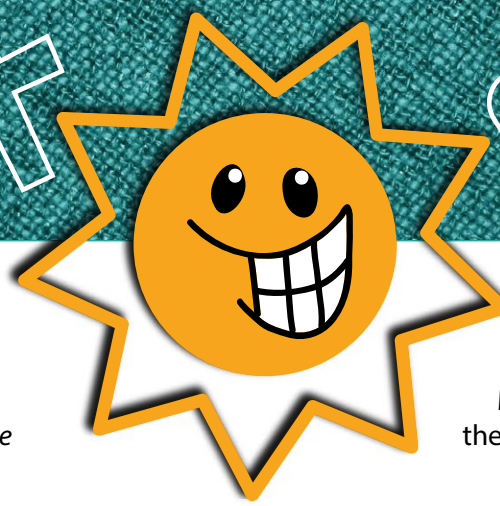
Read It:

One-year Bible Plan: Read 1 Kings 8, 2 Chronicles 5, Psalm 99, & Romans 3



Week 21

Day 3



Jehovah Rocks:

I want to tell everyone of the awesome things that You have done. Not only are they amazing, but You have done them for me! (Psalm 66:5)

See It:

'But if I am casting out demons by the Spirit of God, then the Kingdom of God has arrived among you all!' (Matthew 12:28)

On It:

Demon-kicking is a sign that the kingdom of God has arrived. And we have authority from God – those of us who are disciples of Jesus – to kick demons out of people. We can defeat demons. It is not a matter of us being more powerful. It is a matter of Jesus in us being much more powerful than any demon. And it should be a normal matter of our Salvation Warfare. We should be kicking demons out of people as a supernatural part of our war fighting. But we don't do it by picking on the demon. We simply tell it how amazing Jesus is and that He is Lord! They hate that. So, go in God's power!

Live It:

General Albert Orsborn put our mission this way: 'We are a movement for the revival of religion, a permanent mission to the unconverted, one of the world's greatest missionary societies; but not an establishment; not a sect; not a church, except that we are a part of the body of Christ called, "The Church Militant"- has not our strength lain in our separateness?' What does it mean? Well, it means that we are here to save souls and go about our mission, and we are not here to just be a happy congregation and hang out with each other.

Do It:

Make a list of all the things you would like God to do to help the world be a better place.



In It:

'When I am tempted to do wrong, make me steadfast, wise and strong. And when all alone I stand, shield me with Your mighty hand.' (From Songbook: Song 837)

Eat It: John 1:12

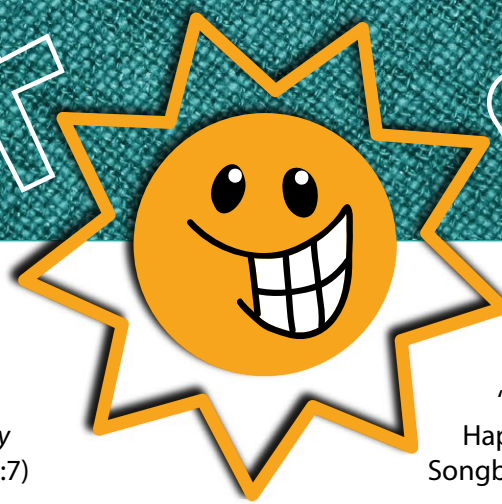
'To all.' Again, this is obvious to you reading it today. But we emphasize it for you because there are a lot of people out there who don't understand that 'all' means 'all', or everybody. The promise that follows is for everybody who keeps the rules.

Read It:

One-year Bible Plan: Read 2 Chronicles 6-7, Psalm 135, & Romans 4

Week 21

Day 4



Jehovah Rocks:

You will rule forever and ever with power and strength. You will watch over all of Your children in every nation and no one will be able to defeat You! (Psalm 66:7)

In It:

'When my heart is full of glee, help me to remember thee. Happy most of all to know that my Father loves me so.' (From Songbook: Song 837)

See It:

'We can stop satan outsmarting us. For we are familiar with his evil schemes.' (2 Corinthians 2:11)

On It:

Don't ever let the devil fool you. He dresses up like an angel of light, but he's a dirty, rotten scoundrel – a liar and the father of lies. Don't be fooled by him. He'll tempt you to do little things that displease God, to tell a 'little white lie', to linger at looking at something you know you shouldn't look at, to talk back to your mother or your teacher, to cheat on a test, etc. Stay close to Jesus. Keep your eyes fixed on Jesus. Obey Jesus all the time. And test anything dodgy against what the Bible says.

Live It:

Commissioner George Scott Railton (he's really important!) tells us four things: 1. The Army succeeds because it aims at immediate results. So that means we like to do things that work and that change people's lives straight away. (We'll look at the other three in coming days.)

Do It:

Look at one of the things on yesterday's list and find a way to do it.

Eat It: John 1:12

'All who received Him.' There is a promise to follow that applies to everyone who receives Him. The world did not recognize Jesus, but to everyone who does receive Him, the promise applies. Receiving Jesus is the key.

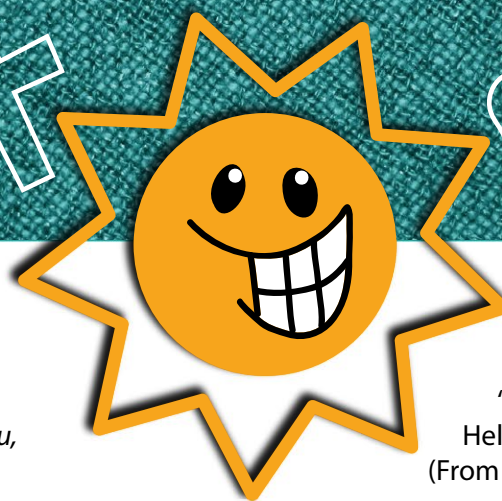
Read It:

One-year Bible Plan: Read 1 Kings 9, 2 Chronicles 8, Psalm 136, & Romans 5



Week 21

Day 5



Jehovah Rocks:

All those who come anywhere near You, even angels, are overcome with fear and awe. There is no one like You, Yahweh! (Psalm 89:7)

In It:

'When my work seems hard and dry, may I press on cheerily. Help me patiently to bear pain and hardship, toil and care.'
(From Songbook: Song 837)

See It:

'Right away an angel of the Lord struck Herod down. Herod had not given praise to God. So, he was eaten by worms and died.' (Acts 12:23)

On It:

Too often people are afraid of demons. But they aren't as afraid of angels. But they should be. Look at what happens in this verse. An angel takes a direction from God and strikes down Herod. Boom! He's dead. Worms eat him. Don't mess around with angels. They are real. They are mighty. And they don't mess around.

Live It:

Okay, so the second thing that George (Scott Railton) says is, 'The Army succeeds by making the most of the converts.' He is saying that The Salvation Army wins not only because we get lots of people saved, but because we train up and deploy those new followers in the salvation war!

Do It:

Choose one thing on your list and ask someone to help you with that challenge.

Eat It: John 1:12

'To those who believed in His name.' How do you receive Jesus? You believe in His name. Jesus means 'the Lord Saves'. If you believe that name – that the Lord saves – you are relying on Him to do what His name is. You are relying on Him to save you.

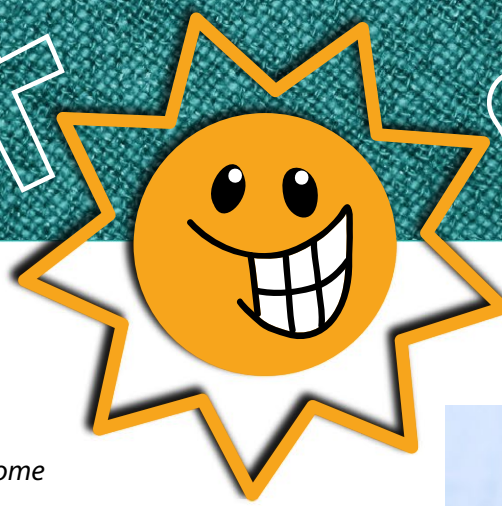
Read It:

One-year Bible Plan: Read 1 Kings 10-11, 2 Chronicles 9, & Romans 6



Week 21

Day 6



Jehovah Rocks:

You provided salvation and redemption for me! You made a promise to me that You would be my God and You have kept Your promise. I praise You! You are awesome and holy, Yahweh. (Psalm 111:9)

See It:

'So obey God. Stand up to the devil. He'll run away from you.' (James 4:7)

On It:

Do you ever find yourself in a situation that you know is wrong? Do you ever feel like you want to stand up for what is right but are afraid to do it? Do you ever get pressured to go along with a sin because of older friends or family members who intimidate you? Here's the verse you should remember – resist the devil. He's a liar. He's kind of like the wizard of oz, who pretends to be more powerful than he really is. Once you stand up to him, he flees (he doesn't just run away, he flees!).

Live It:

Okay, onto the third thing from Railton: 'The Army succeeds by teaching converts to be holy!' The way we get good at what we do is by teaching all of the new Christians to be close to Jesus. We are not a 'drive through!' No 'convert-and-run!' Stick around to teach all the new Christians.

Do It:

Ask mom or dad if you can bake some cookies and then give them as a present for your teacher.



In It:

'May I do the good I know, be Your loving child below. Then at last go I home to thee, evermore Your child to be.' (From Songbook: Song 837)

Eat It:

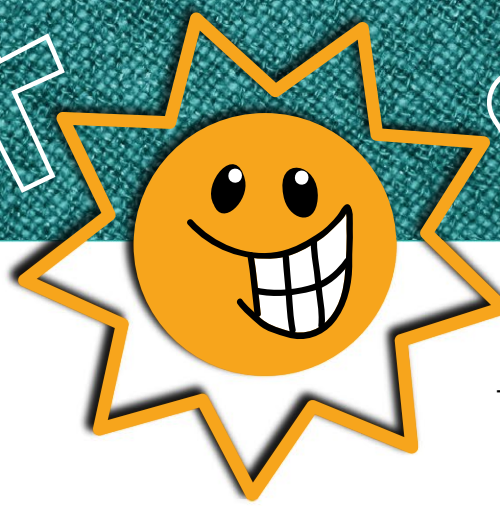
John 1:12
'He gave the right to become children of God.' Here's the promise part of the verse. If you receive Him and believe in His name, you get adopted into His family. You become His daughter or son. You become a child of God! This is amazing. Hallelujah.

Read It:

One-year Bible Plan: Read Proverbs 1-3 & Romans 7

Week 21

Day 7



Jehovah Rocks:

The whole world will talk about the great things that You have done. I will tell others of the good things that You have done in my life. (Psalm 145:6)

See It:

'A river of fire was flowing. It was coming out from in front of God. Thousands and thousands of angels served him. Millions of them stood right in front of Him. The court was sitting down. And the books were opened.' (Daniel 7:10)

On It:

When most people think of angels they think of cuddly and fat little cupids – little girls with wings floating around with loves arrows. But the real thing is awe-inspiring – almost scary. Powerful people of God normally faint when they run in to one angel. And God has armies of angels surrounding Him, serving Him. They are all mighty warriors. They are awe-inspiring supernatural beings. They serve God honourably.

Live It:

And the final one from George: "The Army succeeds by teaching its hearers to do their utmost towards meeting the expenses of its work." That basically means that we try to pay for all of the work that we do. That is really important. We have to be generous with our money so we can pay for as much mission as possible, otherwise it won't get done!

Do It:

Invite one of your converts to join an Infinitum hub with you (InfinitumLife.com).

In It:

Thank You that you allow me to be Your child!



Eat It: John 1:12

'Yet to all who received Him, to those who believed in His name, He gave the right to become children of God.' Memorize this verse and tell it to five friends.

Read It:

One-year Bible Plan: Read Proverbs 4-6, & Romans 8

Week 22

Day 1



Jehovah Rocks:

The people who spend time with You in worship and pray are people who can rejoice and know that life is good. They will praise You forever! (Psalm 84:4)

See It:

'God blesses those who are poor and realize their need for Him, for the Kingdom of Heaven is theirs.' (Matthew 5:3)

On It:

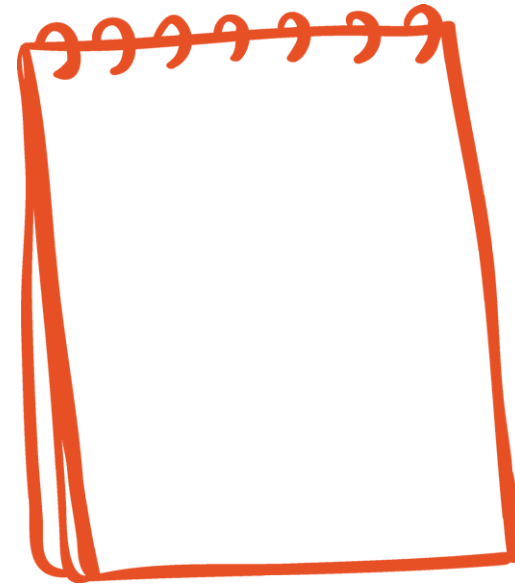
The 'Beatitudes' come from a famous message from Jesus to crowds of people one day while standing on a mountainside. It's famous because it gives us a good idea as to what Jesus values, and what the Father wants us to be like. It's kind of strange though and can be hard to understand. The first one for today says that God blesses those that are poor. Does that mean that God doesn't bless the rich? Well the first thing we must understand is that we are talking about the Kingdom of Heaven and not the kingdom of earth. God's ways, and our ways are not the same, but believe me... His ways are better! Now if you think about a rich person for a second you will realize that they have everything they need to feel happy. They can buy their way into a life on earth that is very comfortable and may not ever need to think about relying on God. If people forget to include God in their lives today, they may forget every day and that only leads in one direction for eternity... hell. When we need God, we call on God and when we call on God our lives are a bazillion times better... even if it doesn't seem that way here on earth.

Live It:

General Albert Orsborn defined The Salvation Army as, "the stormiest wind that ever blew through the halls of orthodoxy." We think that he alluded to the Holy Spirit as 'wind' blowing LIFE into mere right beliefs (orthodoxy).

Do It:

Think of ten ways God has blessed you.



In It:

Thank You for the Bible and that we can know the things that Jesus taught us.

Eat It:

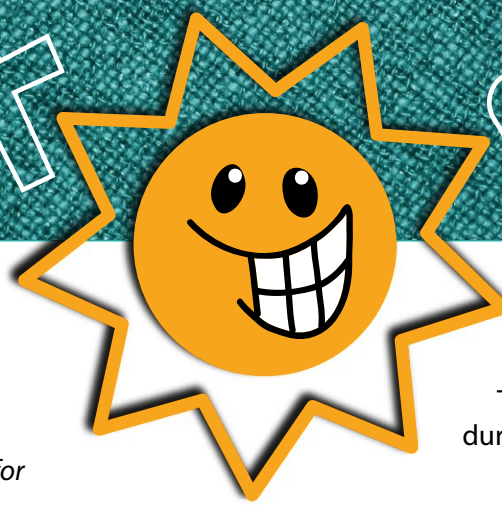
'We believe that in the person of Jesus Christ the divine and human natures are united so that He is truly and properly God and truly and properly man.' (Doctrine Four)

Read It:

One-year Bible Plan: Read Proverbs 7-9, & Romans 9

Week 22

Day 2



Jehovah Rocks:

Blessed are the people who rely on You and know that You are their source of strength. They know that their life is devoted to You and in following all that You have for them. (Psalm 84:5)

See It:

'God blesses those who mourn, for they will be comforted.' (Matthew 5:4)

On It:

You see, when we are sad things can be awful. Bad things can happen here on earth. Now I pray that God will protect me and my family, but here on earth, bad things happen... it is just what happens in life. So how does God respond to this? There is a famous story of this guy who had a dream of two people walking along a beach; one was God and one was him. The walk through the sand was the journey of his own life. When looking over the footsteps in the sand he realized that during the hardest times of his life there were only one set of footprints. He was upset and wondered why God would leave him alone during the hardest time in his life. But God said that He had not left him, but instead He had been carrying him through those times. The message of the story and of today's verse is that God comforts us. He loves us. He blesses us with His Spirit and with the ability to heal. God wants to be with us through hard times. The creator of the universe wants to comfort you through any pain or trouble you go through... and that is an amazing blessing.

Live It:

Here's the multiplication maxim: Salvationists aim at multiplying multiplying disciples multiplying multiplying bases. (base = cells + hubs [Infinitum hubs])

Do It:

Take your Bible to school take it out to read at some point during the day.



In It:

Please use me Lord! Please help me to know what to say, when to say it and who to say it to!

Eat It: Doctrine Four

'In the person of Jesus Christ.' Jesus Christ. Christ is not His surname (last name). It means 'Messiah' or 'Anointed One'. He is Jesus, the anointed one. Jesus means 'Yahweh saves'. Memorize this doctrine.

Read It:

One-year Bible Plan: Read Proverbs 10-12, & Romans 10

Week 22

Day 3



Jehovah Rocks:

Yahweh You are perfect! And I will trust You with my life and know that I am safe. (Psalm 84:12)

See It:

'God blesses those who are humble, for they will inherit the whole earth.' (Matthew 5:5)

On It:

God is the greatest. There is no one better. God made everything! He made animals, plants, trees, oceans, mountains... He made people! There is no one better! So when you walk around thinking we are the greatest; when you brag and put others down for not being as good as you; when you boast about how you can do better things than anyone else; when you take credit for the talents that God has given you instead of praising God for them... you are being the opposite of humble. And when you are the opposite of humble (which is arrogance) it means you are trying to make yourself like God. Instead, God wants us to be humble. God wants us to rely on Him and to know that we are the child and He is the Father. When we know this, and live like this, God can bless us because He can trust that we will give the glory and honour to Him and not try to keep it for ourselves.

Live It:

Following yesterday's 'live it', we want to make disciples who are making disciples who are making bases that makes bases. Multiply, multiply, multiply (remember earlier in the year we said that multiplication was better than addition for our mission!).

Do It:

Make a list of all the things in creation that God made and try to get to fifty!

In It:

Pray for someone on your prayer list for a longer time than usual and then send them a little card letting them know you have prayed for them.

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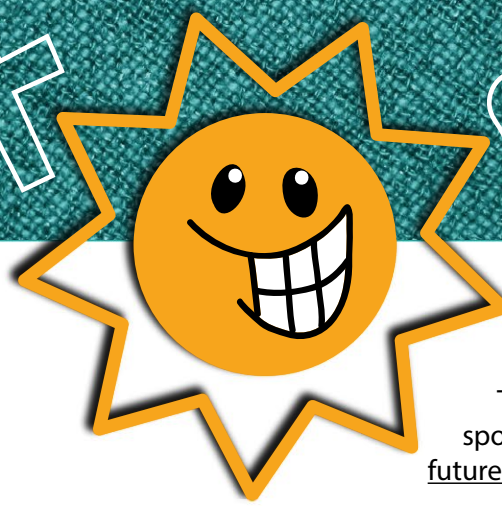
Doctrine Four
'The divine and human natures are united.' Something that is divine has to do with God. Something that is human has to do with people. Our nature is human. Jesus is unique in that He had a divine nature AND a human nature.

Read It:

One-year Bible Plan: Read Proverbs 13-15, & Romans 11

Week 22

Day 4



Jehovah Rocks:

Blessed are the people who know that worshipping You is the greatest way to live life. I love to walk close to You and feel the light of your presence. (Psalm 89:15)

See It:

'God blesses those who hunger and thirst for justice, for they will be satisfied.' (Matthew 5:6)

On It:

Have you ever had something happen to you that was really unfair? One time my brother was annoyed with me and he punched me in the face! My lip started bleeding and I ran straight to my mom to declare my brother's wrongdoing. My mom was not happy... with either of us. She said I must have done something bad to annoy him enough to punch me and so she punished us both! The world is a very unfair place for many people. People are starving, dying from diseases that just a little medication could fix, children are used as slaves, women are sold into prostitution... the list of injustice goes on. Western countries make up 20% of the world's population but use up 80% of the world's resources (which means stuff) and leave the poorest 80% of people with just 20% of the world's stuff. We have to change the world. We have to fight to make it fair for everyone, no matter where you are born. God loves it when we try to make it better for all His children. God loves it when we fight for justice. So, let's find a way!

Live It:

A soldier must be ready to preach, pray, or die at a moment's notice.

Do It:

Try to get three of your friends to convince their parents to sponsor children from salvationist.ca/world-missions/brighter-futures/.



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In It:

God, please bring peace and love throughout the world and help me to do my part.

Eat It:

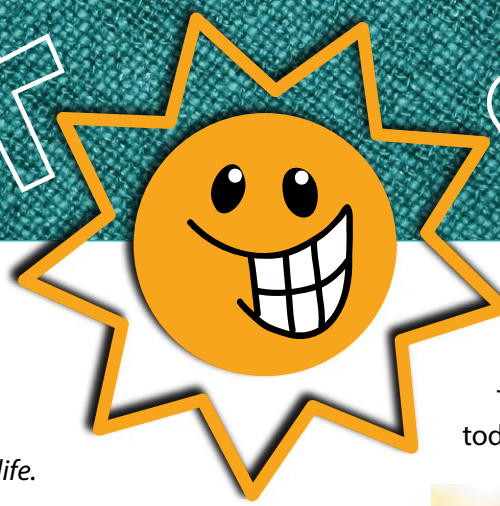
'Truly and properly God!' Jesus is God. Some people of different religions get confused when we tell them that Jesus is the Son of God (which is true). So, it is usually more effective to tell them that Jesus IS God (which is true).

Read It:

One-year Bible Plan: Read Proverbs 16-18, & Romans 12

Week 22

Day 5



Jehovah Rocks:

My life is better when I listen to You and follow Your ways. I am blessed when I do the things you require of me and when I learn of the way You want me to live my life.
(Psalm 94:12)

See It:

'God blesses those who are merciful, for they will be shown mercy. God blesses those whose hearts are pure, for they will see God.' (Matthew 5:7-8)

On It:

There is a great parable that Jesus tells where a man, let's call him Bob, owes a very large debt that he cannot possibly pay to a richer more powerful man, let's call him Frank. He was about to be thrown into jail, but Bob begs Frank for more time. Frank gives him a second chance and Bob walks free. On his way home Bob bumps into a poor man, let's call him Tom, who owes Bob just a small amount of money. Bob is very unhappy with Tom and he throws him into jail! How unfair! Bob was given mercy and yet he didn't show any to others. God loves it when we show others the same kind of love that He shows us. We have been forgiven of our sins and blessed with so many good things. So, when we hold a grudge against others, or treat them badly... even if you think they deserve it... we are not showing mercy. God is a God of justice and He knows the score. Don't worry about getting revenge and instead just show love, kindness and mercy to everyone you meet. It is hard and there are not many who will think it is a good idea but remember God's ways are different to ours and they are better.

Live It:

'Here is a war in which you will win celestial honours; honours that will last forever. Will you enlist? We take all recruits in this Army.' (General William Booth)

Do It:

Think of someone you need to forgive and go and tell them today that you do.



In It:

Thank You so much for all the love You show me and help me to show that love to others.

Eat It:

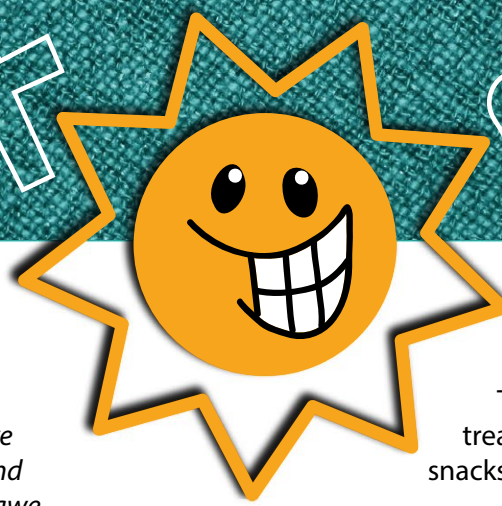
'Truly and properly man.' When we are convinced that Jesus is God it is sometimes tough to know that He is also human. But He was. He ate, got tired, played games, worked, went to school, did His rations, and even went to the toilet, just like you and us. Keep memorizing this doctrine.

Read It:

One-year Bible Plan: Read Proverbs 19-21, & Romans 13

Week 22

Day 6



Jehovah Rocks:

Praise You, Yahweh! You are perfect and You know all things! I love You and want to show You how much I love You by the way I live my life for You. You are so strong and powerful that I bow my head before You in respect and awe.
(Psalm 112:1)

See It:

'God blesses those who work for peace, for they will be called the children of God.' (Matthew 5:9)

On It:

It's easy to get fired up and angry. It is easy to feel wronged and tell others how unfair things are. Not a week goes by when I don't hear a child say, "it's not fair!" The problem is not the complaining... though I must admit I find it more annoying than fingernails on a blackboard. The problem is when people act on their angry feelings and turn that into a fight. Have you ever hit someone when you were angry? What was your excuse? Let me guess... they hit me first! That's not an excuse or a justification for hitting someone. If someone treated you badly, it does not give you permission to treat them badly. God wants us to make a set of rules for ourselves and keep them regardless of whether we are treated poorly or well. And those rules? To be people of peace! God doesn't want His children fighting over land, power, resources... or any other silly reasons that end up in war. He wants us to be people of peace, and all starts with the little decisions you make in your day to day. Treat people well, regardless of how you are treated. It's hard... but we are radical!

Live It:

'If you have a heart to love, come along. We want men and women indifferent to all other aims and ends but the extension of the Kingdom of Jesus.' (General William Booth)

Do It:

Think of someone who is usually pretty mean to you and treat them really well today. Maybe offer them one of the snacks from your lunch.

In It:

Forgive me for getting angry and being mean to others. Forgive me for being selfish and annoyed when things don't go my way.



Eat It: Doctrine Four

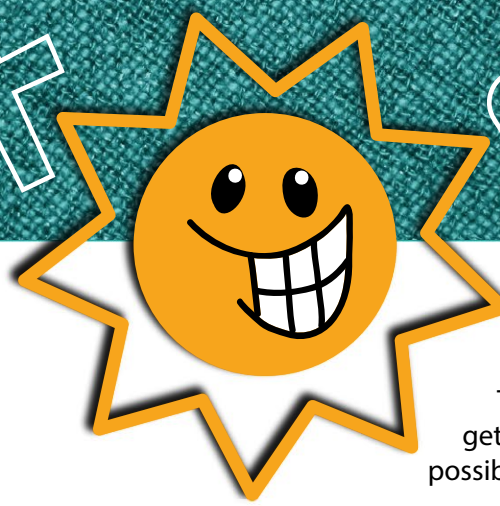
Why is this an important doctrine? As a human, Jesus can relate to our experience. As God He can provide a way out of sin.

Read It:

One-year Bible Plan: Read Proverbs 22-24, & Romans 14

Week 22

Day 7



Jehovah Rocks:

*You have made a promise to love me and be with me.
I know that You will bless me all of my days. Thank You!*
(Psalm 115:12)

Do It:

Tell someone about Jesus today. Tell what is needed to get saved (repent of sins and believe in Jesus). And then if possible, pray for salvation then and there!

See It:

'God blesses those who are persecuted for doing right, for the Kingdom of Heaven is theirs. "God blesses you when people mock you and persecute you and lie about you and say all sorts of evil things against you because you are My followers. Be happy about it! Be very glad! For a great reward awaits you in Heaven. And remember, the ancient prophets were persecuted in the same way.' (Matthew 5:10-12)

On It:

Jesus is the Son of God. He is perfect. He never sinned. He was holy. And you know how things ended for Him on earth? He was beaten and crucified! Now, most of the time you will not be persecuted for believing in Jesus. People are fairly nice about having a faith these days. But when you start talking about Jesus and asking others to follow Him, people can sometimes start to get a little mean. They might call you names, they might exclude you from things and bully you, and they might even hurt you! But you know what? It is all worth it! The Kingdom of Heaven is waiting for us, and God wants as many of his children there as possible. We have to do our part regardless of how we are treated for it.

Live It:

Understanding the quote from the past two days... basically, Booth is telling us that when we tell others about Jesus, we are fighting in the war. The war is over people. Satan wants as many as he can get but God wants us all because we belong to him. So, we join God's army and we try to win people to Jesus. And if you want to join this army... you can! All are welcome! But to be in the Army you have to make the battle for saving people your first goal in life.



In It:

Give me courage to love people and be nice to them, even if they are mean to me.

Eat It:

 Doctrine Four

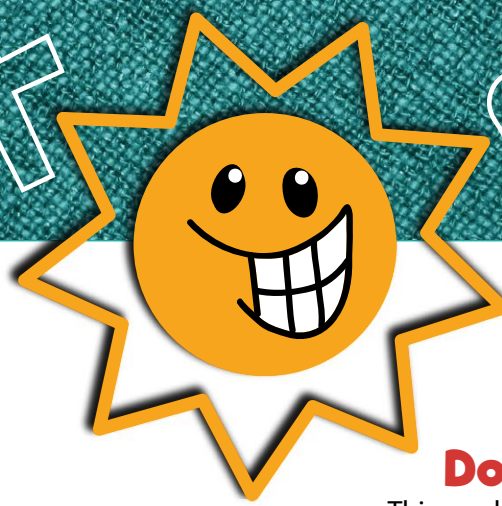
We believe that in the person of Jesus Christ the divine and human natures are united so that He is truly and properly God and truly and properly man. Recite it. Memorize it. And tell it to five people today.

Read It:

One-year Bible Plan: Read Proverbs 25-27, & Romans 15

Week 23

Day 1



Jehovah Rocks:

Yahweh, You are King forever and ever! (Psalm 9:7)

See It:

'Ehud walked over to Eglon, who was sitting alone in a cool upstairs room. And Ehud said, "I have a message from God for you!" As King Eglon rose from his seat, Ehud reached with his left hand, pulled out the dagger strapped to his right thigh, and plunged it into the king's belly. The dagger went so deep that the handle disappeared in all the king's fat. So, Ehud did not pull out the dagger, and the king's bowels emptied. Then Ehud closed and locked the doors of the room and escaped down the toilet.' (Judges 3:20-23)

On It:

Ehud was a southpaw, which means he fought with his left hand. In some cultures, people look down on southpaws. In other cultures, they just overlook them. This story took place in the second kind. They overlooked Ehud's sword on his right thigh under his cloak when they checked him for weapons. His people, Israel, were being oppressed and bullied by the Moabites and God raised Ehud up to overthrow the evil empire. We like it when it says this part: "The Moabite King, Eglon, was a very fat man" (v17). And Ehud courageously snuck into the palace and took down the King by stabbing him in the belly! Two keys for us here: 1. God raised Ehud up. Ehud did not decide to do this on his own; 2. Ehud prepared himself and obeyed (v16 and following describe the preparations). So, when God raises you up to do something, prepare yourself and obey.

Live It:

God has blessed The Salvation Army with a great 'cloud of witnesses' and a 'Hall of Faith'. That means that we have a whole lot of people in our history that have done amazing things, and now they are in Heaven

cheering us on! Hallelujah! We thank God for the example and legacy of these heroes.

Do It:

This week we are going to design a Salvation Army superhero. Today you need to come up with a name for your superhero.

In It:

Pray for all of the heroic missionaries around the world who risk their lives and sacrifice their luxuries for the sake of the gospel.

Eat It:

'People were overwhelmed with amazement. "He has done everything well," they said. "He even makes the deaf hear and the mute speak."' (Mark 7:37)

Read It:

One-year Bible Plan: Read Proverbs 28-29, Psalm 60, & Romans 16

Week 23

Day 2



Jehovah Rocks:

You are the greatest and best and You deserve to be praised and respected. You are our King and You rule over the whole world. (Psalm 47:2).

See It:

'When the princes in Israel take the lead, when the people willingly offer themselves - praise the LORD!' (Judges 5:2)

On It:

When the leaders lead and the people volunteer, well, praise the Lord! That is the way it is supposed to be. Too often leaders slack off and the people complain. Or leaders just give in and do whatever the people want. But God wants leaders to lead and the people to volunteer. This word 'volunteer' in Hebrew is Nadab, and means to be willing, to do something freely, and to give freely. It means that the people freely offered themselves to go to war for God. They didn't complain. And Deborah, one of the mighty women leaders in the Bible, led them to battle, and, with the help of the brave Jael, they had victory over the evil Canaanites. Deborah was both judge and general of Israel. And the key to her victory is that she followed Yahweh!

Live It:

Teenager 'Happy' Eliza (Lieutenant Eliza Haynes) raised a crowd of 3,000 at her corps in Marylebone, England in no time. She became famous throughout that country in the early 1880s. Songs were sung about her in the music halls, and dolls, toys, and candy were named after her! Another hero!

Do It:

Come up with a costume for your superhero Salvationist.



In It:

Pray for all the heroes living in incredibly poor and difficult conditions who continue to put their faith in Jesus. We pray that their life will improve, and that they will receive the help they need to make things better in their community.

Eat It: Mark 7:37

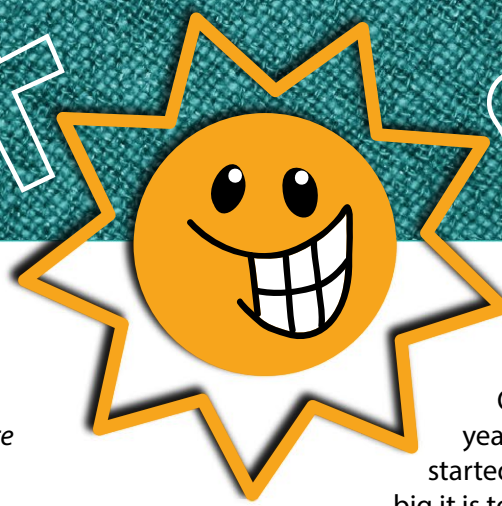
'People were overwhelmed with amazement!' This is the normal reaction of people who meet Jesus. Overwhelming amazement. Jesus is amazing. Going from His miraculous birth, coming from Heaven into the womb of a teenaged Mary, through to His miraculous resurrection, He is overwhelmingly amazing.

Read It:

One-year Bible Plan: Read Proverbs 30-31, Psalm 33, & Ephesians 1

Week 23

Day 3



Jehovah Rocks:

I worship You, my King. You are so great and worthy. You are so strong and just. You rule the earth and You are in control. (Psalm 93:1)

See It:

'Jael went out to meet Sisera and said to him, "Come into my tent, sir. Come in. Don't be afraid." So, he went into her tent, and she covered him with a blanket. "Please give me some water," he said. "I'm thirsty." So, she gave him some milk from a leather bag and covered him again. "Stand at the door of the tent," he told her. "If anybody comes and asks you if there is anyone here, say no." But when Sisera fell asleep from exhaustion, Jael quietly crept up to him with a hammer and tent peg in her hand. Then she drove the tent peg through his temple and into the ground, and so he died.' (Judges 4:17-21)

On It:

What do you like to drink when you are tired? Some kids like water; others like hot chocolate. General Sisera, the commander of the Canaanite Army, favoured warm milk. He was exhausted, in the heat of battle against Deborah's Army of Israel, when he retreated. His army was a mess, having been beaten by the Israelites. He just needed a rest. Jael saw him and invited him to rest in her tent. He asked for water, but she gave him the milk. She covered him with a blanket, and he fell asleep. Then she took a tent peg and hammered it through his temple. Ouch! 'So, God subdued on that day Jabin the king of Canaan before the sons of Israel' (v23). Look at Jael! She is one brave and tough lady!

Live It:

Officer Eliza Shirley, at just 16 years old, went to America and started The Salvation Army! Look how big it is today! And it all started with her heroic step of faith.



Do It:

Come up with the mission of your superhero.

In It:

Pray for the heroes in countries where it is forbidden to worship Jesus. They smuggle in Bibles and start underground groups that follow Jesus and see millions saved. Pray that they will have God's protection.

Eat It:

 Mark 7:37

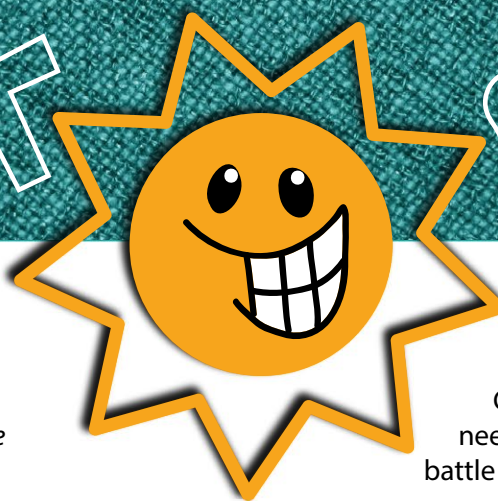
'He has done everything well! He does all things well. Jesus has faced everything that we have – but He has faced it all well. He never slipped up, never misjudged things, never gave in, never threw in the towel. Memorize this verse.

Read It:

One-year Bible Plan: Read Ecclesiastes 1-3, Psalm 45, & Ephesians 2

Week 23

Day 4



Jehovah Rocks:

I trust in You, Yahweh, and because of that I am like a mountain that cannot be shaken or tipped over. Praise You! (Psalm 125:1)

Do It:

Come up with some special gadgets your superhero will need. Keep in mind, this superhero is going to be fighting in a battle to save all the world for Jesus.

See It:

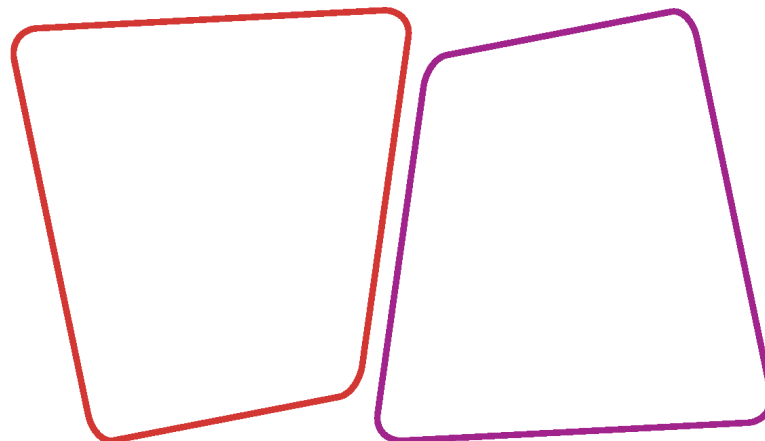
'Then all three groups blew their horns and broke their jars. They held the blazing torches in their left hands and the horns in their right hands, and they all shouted, "A sword for the Lord and for Gideon!" Each warrior stood in his position around the camp and watched as all the Midianites hurried around in a panic, shouting as they ran to escape. When the 300 Israelites blew their rams horns, the Lord caused the warriors in the camp to fight against each other with their swords.' (Judges 7:20-22)

On It:

Have you ever faced impossible odds? Well, Gideon had a tough assignment from God. You can read all of the juicy details in chapters 6-8. But the important statistics are these: Gideon was youngest in the family (6:15); Gideon's was the least important in the tribe (6:15); Israel was oppressed by the evil Midianite empire (6:13); Midianite Army had 135,000 soldiers (8:10); Israelite Army had 300 soldiers (7:8); Supernatural help for Israel - One God! (7:7), Yahweh! If you have our God Yahweh on your side, you need never be afraid or give up.

Live It:

When Kate Booth (Catherine Booth's daughter) was asked the secret of her power in the Salvation War, she answered: 'First, it is love; second, love; third, love. And if you ask me how to get it, I answer first, by sacrifice; second, by sacrifice; third, by sacrifice.'



In It:

Thank You that You give us Your Holy Spirit and that because of this we have the power to do Your work. Give me courage so that I can be a hero for You!

Eat It:

Mark 7:37
'He even makes the deaf hear and the mute speak.' He demonstrates His authority and power over disease, sickness, infirmity, and ill-health. And He also exercises authority over death. There is nothing He cannot do. Hallelujah.

Read It:

One-year Bible Plan: Read Ecclesiastes 4-6, Psalm 18, & Ephesians 3

Week 23

Day 5



Jehovah Rocks:

I sing to You, Yahweh! You are worthy of all the praise. And You are so worthy that every person in the world should sing a song to You! (Psalm 96:1)

See It:

'Word soon spread that Samson was there, so the people of Gaza gathered together and waited all night at the town gates. They kept quiet during the night, saying to themselves, "When the light of morning comes, we will kill him." But Samson stayed in bed only until midnight. Then he got up, grabbed hold of the doors of the town gate, including the two posts, and lifted them up, bar and all. He put them on his shoulders and carried them all the way to the top of the hill across from Hebron.' (Judges 16:1-3)

On It:

The point of these stories is to show how God can work in all kinds of people to do heroic things. This week we have seen a woman judge and general, a lady living in a tent serving warm milk, a southpaw, and the youngest kid in his family. What made them heroes is that they obeyed God. Samson stands out as an exception to this group in that he WAS a big tough guy. But the only reason he was a big tough guy is that his parents dedicated him to God to live in covenant with Him. As long as Samson lived in covenant with God, he had great power. But when he broke his covenant with God, he lost all of his power. So, whether you rip out the city gates like Samson or you stand against evil on your school playground, the key for you is to live in covenant relationship with God by keeping your promise to Him.

Live It:

In December 1882, five Salvationists invaded New South Wales, Australia. Two years later, The Salvation Army had 20,000 soldiers and adherents

in 46 Corps! The invasion of Victoria, Australia grew similarly from nothing to 20,000 in two years.

Do It:

Design some super friends that are going to help your superhero in mission.

In It:

Think of someone in your life that you would call a hero. Write a list of things that make them heroic and then pray that God will do even more through them.

Eat It: Mark 7:37

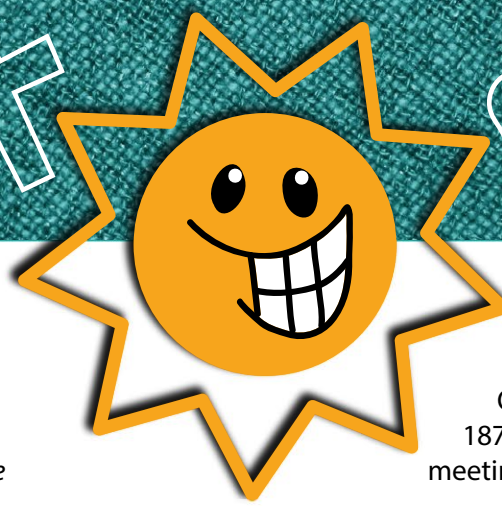
This verse expresses a bit about how great Jesus is. But you know, there is no limit to His greatness. In fact, the apostle John suggested that the whole world couldn't contain all the books describing all the great things Jesus did.

Read It:

One-year Bible Plan: Read Ecclesiastes 7-9, & Ephesians 4

Week 23

Day 6



Jehovah Rocks:

You will always be my God, and You will always be the God of the universe... forever! Every single person that will ever live on earth can have You as their God because You will never end your reign. (Psalm 135:13)

See It:

'As Samuel was sacrificing the burnt offering, the Philistines arrived to fight Israel. But the Lord spoke with a mighty voice of thunder from Heaven that day, and the Philistines were put into such confusion that the Israelites beat them... Samuel then took a large stone and placed it between the towns of Mizpah and Jeshanah. He named it Ebenezer (which means "the stone of help"), for he said, "Up to this point the Lord has helped us!"... And throughout Samuel's lifetime, the Lord's powerful hand was raised against the Philistines.' (1 Samuel 7:10-13)

On It:

Do you ever confuse your sister's voice for your mom's voice? Maybe she is calling you from another room in your home, the TV is on, your ear is stuck to a phone and you are trying to listen to your friend... Well, you can relate to young Samuel. God called him three times and each time he thought it was his guardian, the priest. Finally, he realized it was God and that set his life on a course that changed history. The story we read today shows how Samuel was sacrificing to God. And Samuel set up a memorial stone called Ebenezer - Thus Far has the Lord Helped Us - to help the Israelites remember and honour God's powerful protection in their lives. I think you should set up a stone somewhere in your bedroom as a reminder of God's protective power.

Live It:

Officer Kate Shepherd, 17, opened Rhondday Valley Corps in 1879 and within a year there were 15,000 people at the welcome meeting for General Catherine Booth. Wow, she is a total hero!

Do It:

Write the superheroes famous last words they would say at the end of every battle.

In It:

Lord, please send your Spirit into all your children to inspire them to be heroic!

Eat It: Mark 7:37

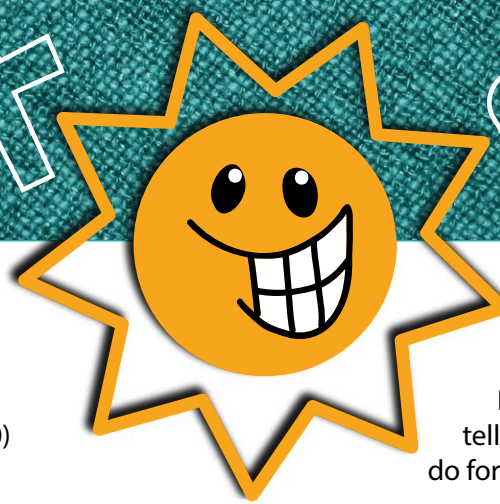
Overwhelming amazement is good. But it must be quickly be joined by loving obedience. That amazement generates our loving obedience of Jesus. So, when you run in to people who are amazed, press them toward loving obedience.

Read It:

One-year Bible Plan: Read Ecclesiastes 10-12, Psalm 94, & Ephesians 5

Week 23

Day 7



Jehovah Rocks:

You are going to be my King forever! You are going to be in charge of heaven and earth forever! (Psalm 146:10)

See It:

"All right then," Jonathan told him. "We will cross over and let them see us. If they say to us, 'Stay where you are or we'll kill you,' then we will stop and not go up to them. But if they say, 'Come on up and fight,' then we will go up. That will be the Lord's sign that He will help us defeat them." (1 Samuel 14:8-10)

On It:

This is one of my favourite stories in the Bible. Jonathan is not one of the big names in the Bible. He's like a supporting co-star. But Jonathan had a reckless faith that might be a helpful example for us. The Philistines were the evil empire in this era. The Israelites cowered in their presence (well, most, except Jonathan and his sword bearer). The Philistines were so mean that they would not let any blacksmiths work in Israel so that Israelites could not get any swords! It was so bad that only King Saul and his son Jonathan had a sword! You can read the first half of chapter 14 to get the whole story but the thing is, Jonathan picks a fight. He basically goes up to the Philistines - just Jonathan and his armour bearer - and challenges a whole Philistine fort. As you read the bit we've included above, you can see that Jonathan makes it so that it is almost impossible not to start a fight. He wants to fight, and he trusts God to come through for him. And God does!

Live It:

Early Indian Salvationists' boom marches started corps in every village they went to, leaving an officer to command, until they ran out of officers; nearly every new country pioneered in the 19th Century saw revival.

Do It:

Present your superhero to your Sunday School leaders and tell them all about the wonderful things your superhero can do for God.



In It:

"I have read of men of faith who have bravely fought till death, who now the crown of life are wearing. Then the thought comes back to me, can I not a soldier be like to those martyrs bold and daring?" Help me to be that daring! (From Songbook: Song 676)

Eat It: Mark 7:37

People were overwhelmed with amazement. 'He has done everything well,' they said. 'He even makes the deaf hear and the mute speak.'

Read It:

One-year Bible Plan: Read Song of Songs 1-4, & Ephesians 6

Week 24

Day 1



Jehovah Rocks:

You are my protector, Yahweh. You look after me and keep me close to You when I continue to do the things You want me to do. (Psalm 7:10)

See It: (Read John 2:1-11)

'This, the first of His miracles, Jesus performed in Cana of Galilee. He thus revealed His glory, and His disciples put their faith in Him.' (John 2:11)

On It:

I am not a very good singer, but for some reason I received a lead part in a school musical I auditioned for when I was in High School. My family was shocked, and unusually proud, but it led to some weird and embarrassing moments for me. When we were out with relatives or family friends, my mom would try to get me to sing a song for them. It was one of those moments you want to shrivel back into your chair and turn into a pile of dust! Well, this is kind of what happens in our story. You see Jesus was obviously a pretty special child, and Mary knew it (being His mother and all)! But Jesus had to have time to understand who He was and what He was going to be on earth. Remember, as well as being fully God, Jesus is also fully human. So, for most of His life so far, He hadn't performed miracles or preached major messages. So, they're at this party and they run out of wine. And rather than popping out to the local liquor store, Mary says, 'don't worry, my Son will take care of it!' I'm not sure Jesus wanted to turn into a pile of dust, but I do think He was a little put off. You see, once He starts performing miracles, it starts a chain reaction, and Jesus knew how important it was for Him to be ready. However, He performs the miracle, God is revealed and the start of the chain reaction. The disciples are pumped! This begins the journey of Jesus' formal war fighting on earth.

Live It:

Check out some miracles happening in The Salvation Army. These aren't things that happened 2000 years ago but are things that are happening today! Miracles show us that God is powerful and wants to do amazing things for His children.

Do It:

Think about your favourite miracle story in the Bible and then tell somebody the story at school today.



In It:

Praise You, Yahweh, that You are a God that enables miracles!

Eat It:

'Christ is the visible image of the invisible God. He existed before anything was created and is supreme over all creation.' (Colossians 1:15)
Memorize this verse.

Read It:

One-year Bible Plan: Read Song of Songs 5-8, & Philippians 1

Week 24

Day 2



Jehovah Rocks:

Your voice is like a loud and powerful thunder and all people can hear it. (Psalm 18:13)

See It:

(Read John 6:8-13)

'Another of His disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, spoke up, "Here is a boy with five small barley loaves and two small fish, but how far will they go with so many people here?" Jesus said, "Have the people sit down." There was plenty of grass around, and they sat down, about five thousand of them. Jesus then took the loaves, gave thanks, and distributed to those who were seated as much as they wanted. He did the same with the fish.' (John 6: 8-11)

On It:

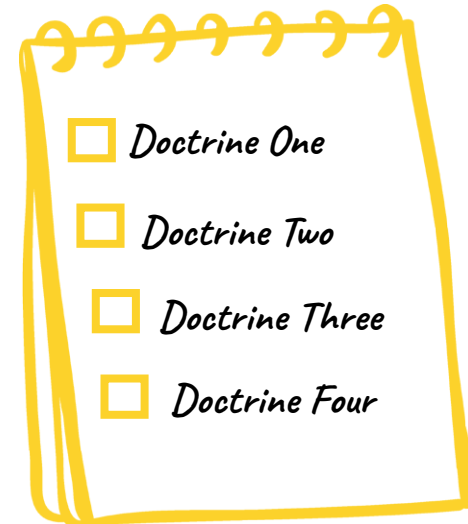
Lots of people had come to hear Jesus speak, but they had stayed too long and would have to go without dinner. So, Jesus does something miraculous! But, you know, the whole miracle started with a little boy who gives up his lunch. Now, how was the boy to know that he would be okay, and that even though he gave away his dinner, he would still be fed? He didn't, but he gave up his food anyway. He is a great lesson for us. We need to give ourselves or our stuff away whenever we see the need and think God is asking us to help, even if it seems crazy! If you can have that kind of generosity, and that kind of faith, who knows what God will do with it next!

Live It:

Commissioner Kay Rader (former World President of Salvation Army Women's Ministries) was raised from the dead by God when she was a youngster. Hallelujah!

Do It:

Can you recite all the doctrines we have learned so far? Read them out loud to someone in your family.



In It:

Help me to have the faith and generosity of the little boy in the miracle story and sorry for the times I keep my things all to myself.

Eat It:

Colossians 1:15

'Christ is the visible image of the invisible God.' He is like the reflection in the mirror. You might not be able to see Yahweh or God the Holy Spirit or God the Son, but you can look at Jesus who reflects the Godhead.

Read It:

One-year Bible Plan: Read 1 Kings 12, 2 Chronicles 10-11, & Philippians 2

Week 24

Day 3



Jehovah Rocks:

You are like a river that brings joy and hope and life to all of Your children. You bring us close to You and bring us salvation. (Psalm 46:4)

See It:

'When He came down from the mountain, large crowds followed Him around. This fellow with leprosy came and knelt before Him and said, "Lord, if You are willing, You can make me clean." Jesus reached out His hand and touched the man. "I am willing," He said. "Be clean!" Immediately he was healed of his leprosy.' (Matthew 8:1-3)

On It:

A leper asks Jesus if He would heal him. Now leprosy is a condition where your limbs kind of go dead and fall apart. It was not only yucky, it was 'unclean'. If Jews touched a person with leprosy, they became 'unclean' and were not allowed to go to the synagogue. That means people with leprosy had to move away from their family and friends and they weren't allowed to worship God! It would have been a sad and lonely life. So, this guy stretches out his festering arm and asks Jesus to touch it in front of all those people! Oh dear... that would have been uncomfortable. The crowd would have been thinking 'just move on Jesus, don't make eye contact and pretend you didn't hear him!' But you know what? Jesus heals him! Jesus gave this person back everything good in his life. Praise God! The lesson for us? We can't turn our noses up at people whose lives are worse off than ours. We need to help them, just like Jesus would.

Live It:

Comrades in Nigeria were used by God a few years ago to raise a dead teenager back to life at The Salvation Army hall. Hallelujah! I asked them the secret, and they worshipped, and worshipped, and worshipped.

Do It:

Tell someone at school about one of your favourite miracles within The Salvation Army Live It section of this book.



In It:

Help me to love the people that You love and not just the ones that I want to love.

Eat It:

Colossians 1:15
'He existed before anything was made.' Of course – He is God. Paul says it here. The writer of the Proverbs says it. John says it at the start of his Gospel. And so on. HE is God and He was with God in the beginning. He precedes creation because He was never created.

Read It:

One-year Bible Plan: Read 1 Kings 13-14, 2 Chronicles 12, & Philippians 3

Week 24

Day 4



Jehovah Rocks:

I know that Your goodness and love will be with me every day for the rest of my life. I know that I will always be welcome with You. (Psalm 23:6)

See It:

 (Read Mark 6:45-52)

'He saw the disciples struggling, because the wind was against them. By the fourth watch of the night He went out to them, walking on the lake. He was about to pass by them, but when they saw Him walking on the lake, they thought He was a ghost. They cried out, because they all saw Him and were terrified. But He spoke to them and said, "Take courage! It is I. Don't be scared." Then He climbed into the boat with them, and the wind calmed down.' (Mark 6:50-52)

On It:

Here's the story; the disciples are out on the lake (but think beach because it was massive) and there is a big storm. It's pretty dangerous and lots of fishermen drowned in those sorts of storms. After the fourth night, Jesus decides to help them out. But He doesn't get himself a little rowboat; He just walks on the water! When the disciples see Him, they think He is a ghost! Jesus gets in and the storm stops! The disciples went from being scared (when they thought they were going to die) to terrified (when Jesus showed up) to amazed (when everything had gone back to normal) to having harder hearts (which means they were going to have a smaller faith). What is the lesson for us? First, when times are hard and we are scared, call out to Jesus for help and He will come. But, second, when He does come, praise Him! Don't get terrified and call Him a ghost! Don't pray for help and then be surprised when He does! Third, be children that believe miracles happen and your faith will increase!

Live It:

The father of a current senior Officer in The Salvation Army was raised back to life by God during HIS FUNERAL! Hallelujah.

Do It:

Find someone who doesn't have friends to play with today and play with her/him.



In It:

Can you think of a miracle you would like God to do in your life or someone else's? Talk to God about it and ask Him if He would provide the miracle.

Eat It:

 Colossians 1:15

'He is supreme over all creation.' The right order of the universe is everything – every created thing – submitting to Jesus, obey Jesus, revering Jesus. We need to fight to get everyone and everything to bow to Jesus.

Read It:

One-year Bible Plan: Read 1 Kings 15, 2 Chronicles 13-14, & Philippians 4

Week 24

Day 5



Jehovah Rocks:

Please save me, Yahweh! Please look after me and give me the things that I need. Lead me and help me to follow You closely. (Psalm 28:9)

See It:

“Where did this fellow get these things?” they asked. “What’s this wisdom that has been given to Him, that He even does miracles! Isn’t this the carpenter? Isn’t this Mary’s son and the brother of James, Joseph, Judas and Simon? Aren’t His sisters here with us?” And they took offence at Him. Jesus said to them, “Only in his hometown, among his relatives and in his own house is a prophet without honour.” He could not do any miracles there, except lay His hands on a few sick people and heal them. And He was amazed at their lack of faith! (Mark 6:2-6)

On It:

Jesus has done some pretty cool stuff at this stage and He heads home for a visit. When He starts to do the same miraculous things there, people give Him a hard time and can’t believe what they are seeing. They remember Jesus as a little boy, running around the streets of Nazareth. They can’t possibly imagine that that little boy was actually a big-time prophet, let alone the Son of God! Jesus couldn’t do amazing things in their town because they had little faith in Him. Firstly, miracles are helped or harmed by your faith. So, it doesn’t help you to be skeptical or cautious. Second, we need to realize that there will be people in our schools, or in our families that will do amazing things for God! We can’t get jealous or think twice just because we used to play sport with them or sit next to them in class. Build everyone up and expect God to do amazing things.

Live It:

The greatest miracle is not raising people from the dead today. After all, they are going to die again some time anyway. A greater miracle is when people are saved from death forever. When we repent and give our lives to Jesus, we live forever!

Do It:

Ask the person you played with yesterday if she/he would like to come with you to Sunday School this weekend.



In It:

Give me a faith that is big enough to see Your miracles!

Eat It: Colossians 1:15

This verse is important in that it corrects mistaken views of Jesus from various religions - that He was only a prophet, or just a teacher, or merely a religious leader. He existed before anything was made. He is the image of God.

Read It:

One-year Bible Plan: Read 1 Kings 16, 2 Chronicles 15-16, & Colossians 1

Week 24

Day 6



Jehovah Rocks!

You are not going to hide from me. You will come all the way down from Heaven and save me. (Psalm 57:3a)

See It:

'Jesus, came to the tomb. It was a cave with a stone laid in front of the entrance. "Take away the stone," He said... So they took away the stone. Then Jesus looked up and said, "Father, thank You that You have heard Me. I knew that You always hear Me, but I said this to help the people standing here, that they will believe that You sent Me." When He had said this, Jesus called in a loud voice, "Lazarus, come out!" The dead fellow came out, his hands and feet wrapped with strips of linen, and a cloth around his face. Jesus said to them, "Take off the grave clothes and let him go." (John 11:38-43)

On It:

Jesus just brought someone back to life after four days of being dead! Wow! We see that Lazarus was 'mortified', which, basically, means 'dead'. You know, until we repent and believe, we are dead, too. But then there's step number two - 'mummified'. Do you know what a mummy is? It is one of those Egyptian dead people, all wrapped up in white cloth. Well, this was like Lazarus when he came out of the tomb. For us, being mummified is when we go from being dead, to being alive in Christ! We are believers and we finally wake up and can see God. This is where Jesus brings us back to life! But we're all wrapped up like mummies in our old grave clothes, our sins. We need to throw off the sins wrapping us up. It's here where we become 'electrified'! We are alive, we believe in Jesus and then we receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.

Live It:

In 1887 alone The Salvation Army exploded by 50%, from 1,552 to 2,328 Corps. That is 15 new Corps each week! How is that for miraculous?!

Do It:

Ask your teacher if she/he ever seen any miracles.



In It:

Help me to get others saved so they won't be mortified. Help me to be unhappy when I am just mummified.

Eat It:

Colossians 1:15
By hiding God's word in our hearts, we are helping to keep ourselves from sinning against God (as another verse teaches).

Read It:

One-year Bible Plan: Read 1 Kings 17-19, & Colossians 2

Week 24

Day 7



Jehovah Rocks:

You are so powerful, and You are going to defeat all those who work against me and try to keep me from You. You always show me Your love. (Psalm 57:3b)

See It:

'On the way to Jerusalem, Jesus entered a village and was approached by 10 lepers. Keeping their distance, they called out to Jesus for mercy. When He saw them, He said to them "Go and show yourselves to the Priests." And as they ran away to the priests, they were made clean. Then one of them, when he saw he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice. He laid down before Jesus and thanked him. And he was a Samaritan. Then Jesus asked "Were not 10 made clean? But where are the others? Was none of them found to return and give praise to God except for this foreigner?" Then He said to him "Get up and go on your way, your faith has made you well.'" (Luke: 17:11-19)

On It:

Did you know that people were so afraid that touching a leper would make them unclean, that they used to make lepers ring a bell when they walked around? So, these lepers know not to go near Jesus, but He knew exactly what they needed. He told them to go to the priest because if you were healed of leprosy only a priest could say you were clean and allow you to come back into the temple. Then something interesting happens that teaches us an important lesson. One of the lepers turns around and goes back to thank Jesus. And who was he? He was a Samaritan, a non-Jew, a gentile. He wasn't even accepted in the Temple, and yet he knew Jesus was his God and he wanted to worship Him. God will do amazing things in our life and He wants you to enjoy them, that is why He gives them to you. BUT, you must ALWAYS remember to give praise to God first!

Live It:

God called one of our officers in a dream one night. He had never heard of The Salvation Army, but God showed him he was going to be an officer and he went on to start a Corps with over 100 soldiers before even going to Training College.

Do It:

Ask God to give you a special dream or vision of what He wants you to do for Him.



In It:

Thank you so much for saving me and setting me free! I will praise You for the amazing things you have done in my life!

Eat It:

Colossians 1:15
Memorize this verse and share it with five friends.

Read It:

One-year Bible Plan: Read 1 Kings 20-21, 2 Chronicles 17, & Colossians 3

Week 25

Day 1



Jehovah Rocks:

Yahweh, there is no one stronger than You. Please answer my prayers and continue to help me. Save me and all of Your children. (Psalm 60:5)

a fighting spirit. We don't give up when things look hard, we trust God and keep fighting! Good on us!

Do It:

Try to worship God at five different times today.

See It:

'Thus says the LORD, "Heaven is My throne and the earth is My footstool!" (Isaiah 66:1)

On It:

Yahweh, our God, doesn't just dwell in Heaven. ALL OF HEAVEN is His throne! And the whole earth is His stool. (Can you imagine God sitting in Heaven on a big throne with His feet up on earth!) He is in more than just Heaven, BUT it IS His home. There are actually three things the Bible refers to when it says 'Heaven': The first one is, you guessed it, God's home. And what does God's home look like? Well it is a perfect place that is pure and is filled with love and holiness and the presence of God. The second reference in the bible about Heaven is when it talks about the spiritual battleground for demons and angels. And the third time is the old-fashioned use of the term 'heavens' and it means the sky that you can see, including moon and stars at night and sun during the day, as well as clouds and birds and so on. So, the lesson for today is to tell you the goal of life! And the goal is to get to Heaven. And the only way to get to Heaven is through the Lord Jesus Christ. We repent, believe, and follow Jesus all the way to Heaven, dragging along as many people as possible along the way.



In It:

Please help me to be courageous and to know that You are always within me, helping me and preparing me for Your plans.

Eat It:

'He who does what is sinful is of the devil, because the devil has been sinning from the beginning. The reason the Son of God appeared was to destroy the devil's work.' (1 John 3:8) Memorize this verse this week.

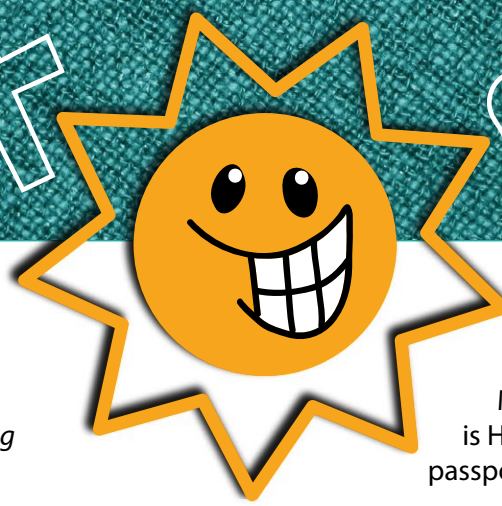
Live It: '14 Principles towards the Power of an Indestructible Army.' Colonel Richard Munn made a list of 12 Principles towards the Power of an Indestructible Army (based on Hebrews 7:16; and, we added two more!). These are the things about us as an Army that make us unbeatable! The first one is Salvationism as Muscular Piety, which means we are to have

Read It:

One-year Bible Plan: Read 1 Kings 22, 2 Chronicles 18-19, & Colossians 4

Week 25

Day 2



Jehovah Rocks:

I praise You, Yahweh! You are my God and the God of the whole world! You have been here from the beginning and will be here till the end. (Psalm 41:13)

Do It:

Make a passport showing that your country of citizenship is Heaven. Ask someone to help you if you don't know what a passport is.

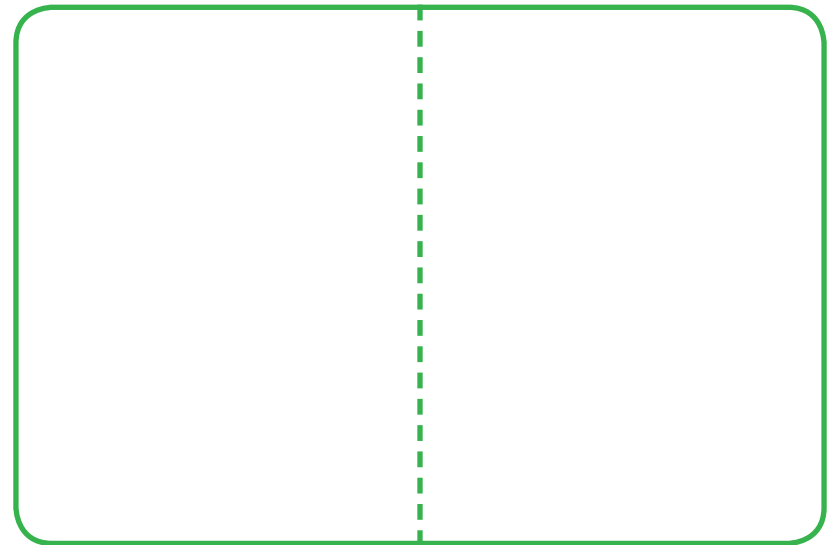
See It:

'Our citizenship, however, is in Heaven, and it is from there that we eagerly wait for a Savior, the Lord Jesus, the Messiah.' (Philippians 3:20)

On It:

So, once we repent, believe, and begin following Jesus, we change our citizenship. As far as the planet earth is concerned, we may be Bermudian or Canadian or Australian. But spiritually we changed over to become citizens of Heaven. If citizens of America are American, we guess you can call citizens of Heaven, Heavensies. And as long as we remember that we are Heavensies that changes the things we do on earth. Canadians are very interested in how Canada does economically and politically and socially. Canadians follow their Canadian sports teams to see how they do. They love and cheer all things Canadian. The same is true of Heavensies. We are very interested in how Heaven goes spiritually, strategically, and in battle. Heavensies follow our Heavenly representatives to see how they do (our reps are Christians who are preaching and fighting all over the world). Heavensies are excited about all things that have to do with Heaven.

Live It: '14 Principles towards the Power of an Indestructible Army.' The second principle is Evangelistic Passion, which means our mission is to get people saved. In Acts 20, Paul says 'I never stopped warning each of you night and day with tears'. He is so desperate to win people to Jesus and that is the same attitude we must have as an Army.



In It:

Thank You so much that I am a one of Your Heavensies!

Eat It:

1 John 3:8
'He who does what is sinful is of the devil.' Ouch! That is serious stuff. John is not messing around here. If you sin, you are of the devil. That is what he is saying. So, don't sin! But memorize this verse.

Read It:

One-year Bible Plan: Read 2 Kings 1-3, Psalm 82, & 1 Timothy 1

Week 25

Day 3



Jehovah Rocks:

Even when I am sad and things are not going very well, I not give up and instead will put my hope in You and praise You. (Psalm 42:5)

See It:

'For the Lord Himself will come down from Heaven, with a loud command, with the voice of the archangel and with the trumpet call of God, and the dead in Christ will rise first. After that, we who are still alive and are left will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. And so, we will be with the Lord forever.' (1 Thessalonians 4:16- 17)

On It:

Jesus is coming back! Yahoo. From where is He coming back? Heaven! And when He comes back, the devil and all the demons are going to get squashed. Haha! But what happens to the Heavenlies - those of us who are citizens of Heaven? Well, those Heavenlies who have already died are coming back to life and rising up to Heaven with Jesus (don't worry, it won't be scary... it will be cool!). And the rest of the Heavenlies, those who are still living on earth will catch their wave and go up to meet up with the Lord Jesus Christ in the air. And then? Heaven forever! Heaven helps us keep things in perspective. When we know that Heaven is waiting for us, we live life here on earth a little differently. And we can all get there if we repent and believe - and follow Jesus. Let's try to get someone to join us on that wave to Heaven, today! (there will be a new earth, too!)

Live It: '14 Principles towards the Power of an Indestructible Army.'

The third principle is Compassion for People experiencing Poverty – We need to not just do good work and help others because we have been asked to. Jesus had compassion for poor and sad people around Him

because He loved them and didn't want them to be sad. We must have the same kind of heart as Jesus.

Do It:

Think of a few ways you live your life differently because of Heaven. You may need some help thinking about this answer.



In It:

Lord, I like it here on earth sometimes, but bring on Heaven! Thank You that You are going to come back here and squash the devil once and for all!

Eat It: 1 John 3:8

'The devil has been sinning from the beginning.' In other parts of the Bible, the devil is called the father of lies. It is what he does best. Don't be unaware of his schemes and tricks!

Read It:

One-year Bible Plan: Read 2 Kings 4-5, Psalm 83, & 1 Timothy 2

Week 25

Day 4



Jehovah Rocks:

I want to come now and praise You. You are my joy, and my happiness and my God! (Psalm 119)

See It:

'At the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in Heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.' (Philippians 2:10)

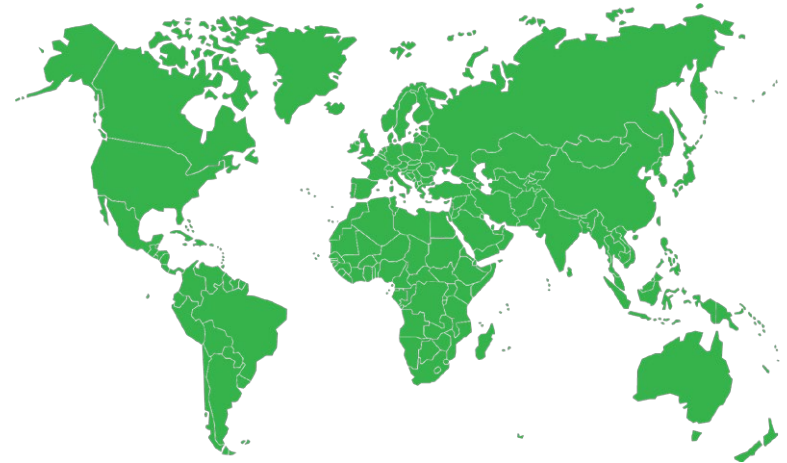
On It:

This verse shows that EVERYONE is bending the knee in worship! It doesn't matter if they are Christians or Buddhists or Hindus or communists or Muslims or cultists or atheists, or Maple Leaf supporters! EVERYONE bows to Jesus to submit to Him as Lord. But there is a wonderful idea called 'free will', which humans have. So, if we have free will, how is Jesus going to get everyone to kneel before Him? Well, many humans don't understand free will. Free will means this: Bend the knee now or bend the knee later. If you bend now, meaning that you believe in Jesus and follow Him, as a Christian, you go to Heaven. If you bend it later, on that last day of this verse, when you are forced to do it by the power of Yahweh, you will not be going to Heaven. Remember, you can't take your garbage with you to Heaven, so sins MUST be dealt with before hand. In a nutshell, free will is like this: discipline now, or punishment later. You choose to repent, and God disciplines you. If you don't choose His discipline now you have ultimately chosen punishment later. And that leads to hell.

Live It: '14 Principles towards the Power of an Indestructible Army.' The fourth principle is Unwarranted Optimism! What does that mean? It means that even when things are looking really bad, and it doesn't look like you are going to win, you still hope and have faith that God will show up and do His thing. It means we never give up!

Do It:

Pick five countries and find out one thing The Salvation Army is doing there.



In It:

Pray for each one of the countries you looked up and try to pray for an Officer that is living there.

Eat It:

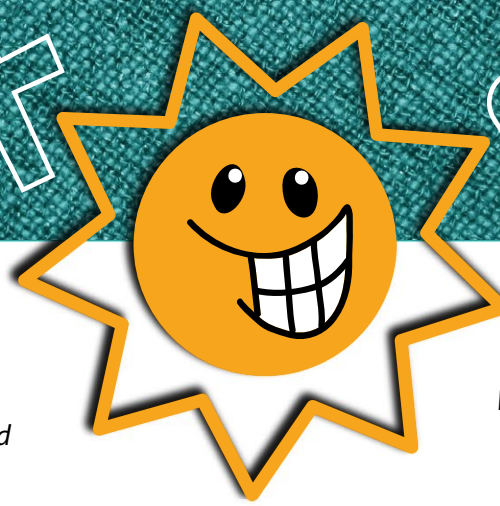
1 John 3:8
'The reason the Son of God appeared.' When we talk about 'reason' we talk about mission. One-way of describing Jesus' mission is to say what this verse says. That's one reason the verse is important for us to know.

Read It:

One-year Bible Plan: Read 2 Kings 6-7, 2 Chronicles 20, & 1 Timothy 3

Week 25

Day 5



Jehovah Rocks:

I lift You high in praise, my God, O my King! And I'll bless Your name into eternity. I'll bless You every day, and keep it up from now to eternity. (Psalm 145:1-2)

See It:

'For if God did not spare angels when they sinned, but instead He threw them into the lowest hell and imprisoned them in chains of deepest darkness, holding them for judgment.' (2 Peter 2:4)

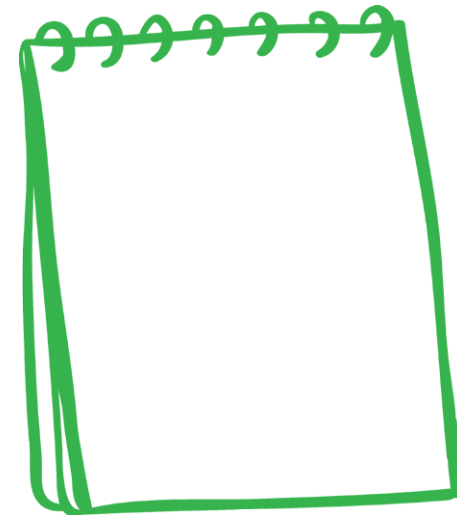
On It:

Heaven is only for perfect people. Once angels sinned, they couldn't stay. They rebelled against God and were thrown out into the lowest hell. They are stuck in darkness. And where is that? Well, it could be anywhere where sin is kept. Which means that if you have sinned against God on purpose (meaning you did something even though you knew He wouldn't want you to) it could be in you! 'Get out, rebellious angels!' So, if only perfect people can get into Heaven, how do we get in? Well, Jesus said that if it was up to us it would be impossible but if we depended on God, all things are possible! Hallelujahweh! Jesus = perfect = sins all gone = ticket to Heaven! So, let's depend on Jesus and get as many people as possible to depend on Him, too.

Live It: '14 Principles towards the Power of an Indestructible Army.' The fifth principle is Spiritual Warfare. In Ephesians 6 it tells us that our struggle is not against flesh and blood. That means that our hardest times of battle won't be against people, they will be against satan and his evil plans to hurt people. So, we have to be ready, and prayed up so that we can crush the devil with one punch!

Do It:

Make a list of all the things you love about God.



In It:

Help me to depend on You. Help me to be the person that you want me to be and please show me any sin that keeps me from being holy.

Eat It:

1 John 3:8
'Destroy the devil's work.' Jesus came to destroy the devil's work. Four things: a. He can destroy sin in our lives, and the bit in us that wants to sin; b. it is why He came; c. He can do it in others, too; d. We must help Him. Now, memorize this verse.

Read It:

One-year Bible Plan: Read 2 Kings 8-9, 2 Chronicles 21, & 1 Timothy 4

Week 25

Day 6



Jehovah Rocks:

You show me so much love and You make me look good! (Psalm 18:50)

See It:

Luke 16:19-26

'There was a rich fellow who was dressed in purple and fine linen and lived in extravagance every day. At his gate was laid a beggar named Lazarus, covered with sores and longing to eat what fell from the rich man's table... The time came when the beggar died, and the angels carried him to Abraham's side. The rich fellow also died and was buried. In hell, where he was in torment, he looked up and saw Abraham far away, with Lazarus by his side. So, he called to him, "Father Abraham, have mercy on me and send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue, because I am in so much pain in this fire." But Abraham replied, "Son, remember that in your lifetime you received lots of good things, while Lazarus received bad things, but now he is comforted here, and you are in pain. And besides all this, between us and you a great gap has been fixed, so that those who want to go from here to you cannot, nor can anyone cross over from there to us."

On It:

There goes Jesus, talking about hell again (He talked about it more than anyone else in the Bible did!) and giving us a glimpse of what happens after we die. From His description hell sounds terrible! You don't want to go there, and neither does anyone else!

Live It: '14 Principles towards the Power of an Indestructible Army.' The sixth principle is The Sacrament of the Ordinary. It's a long story, but we don't do the sacraments in The Salvation Army (we can explain that another time). We can remember Jesus and celebrate Him in lots of ways. Some of those ways are sharing a meal with people or just offering to pray with someone over a cup of soup in the street.

Do It:

Ask your parent if you can invite one of your unsaved friends to dinner.



In It:

Lord, I pray for my enemies today and all people who give me a hard time. Please either change their hearts or change their address.

Eat It:

1 John 3:8

Let's join Jesus in this great campaign to destroy the devil's work. There are all kinds of examples of his work, from sin in our lives to sin in our friends' lives to sickness and poverty and injustice and abuse and violence and crime. Let's destroy the devil's work. And, memorize this verse.

Read It:

One-year Bible Plan: Read 2 Kings 10, 2 Chronicles 22-23, & 1 Timothy 5

Week 25

Day 7



Jehovah Rocks:

I will worship you and tell everyone how amazing You are. And I will teach as many people as I can about You. And then You will be praised forever and ever! (Psalm 45:17)

See It:

'I tell you that you are Peter, and it is on this rock that I will build My 'Called Out', and the powers of hell will not defeat it!' (Matthew 16:18)

On It:

Hell is populated by a bunch of selfish ex-angels - now called demons - who are out to ruin eternity for everyone they can. And you know who they like to annoy the most? Christians! Why? Because we are headed to Heaven and they jealously hate us and the joy and love and peace we enjoy with the Lord Jesus Christ. Well, here Jesus is telling His disciples that the Truth of the Gospel, revealed to Peter, was so powerful that the powers of hell cannot destroy it! And so, all of us who hold on really tightly to that Truth - that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of the living God, can't be destroyed by those annoying jealous demons. Haha! Stomp on a demon's head today by praising God!

Live It: '14 Principles towards the Power of an Indestructible Army.' The seventh principle is Egalitarian Warfighting. That means that we believe that both men and women are equal and can therefore have the same responsibilities. So, you could have a female General or a male General. This doesn't happen amongst many Christians and is very special to The Salvation Army.

Do It:

How many of the memory verses and doctrines can you recite by heart?

In It:

Thank You that You are more powerful than any evil thing. Protect me so that I can never be conquered!

Eat It:

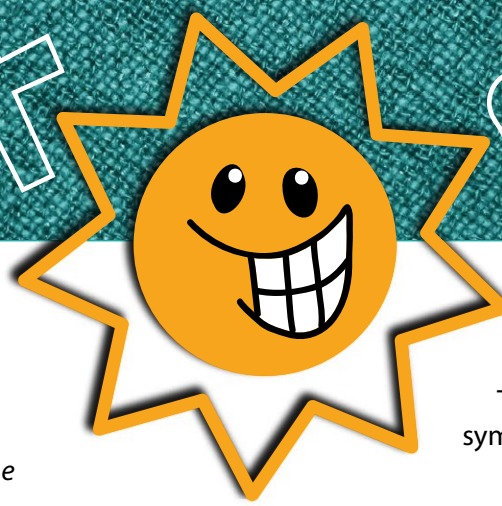
'He who does what is sinful is of the devil, because the devil has been sinning from the beginning. The reason the Son of God appeared was to destroy the devil's work.' (1 John 3:8) Memorize this verse and tell five friends.

Read It:

One-year Bible Plan: Read 2 Kings 11-12, 2 Chronicles 24, & 1 Timothy 6

Week 26

Day 1



Jehovah Rocks:

You are so strong and so big that You make me feel safe and loved! I am going to tell everyone about how good You are. I rely on You and know that there is no one that can beat You. Praise You! (Psalm 59:16)

See It:

'Put on the full armor of God so that you can take your stand against satan's tricks. For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms.' (Ephesians 6:10-12)

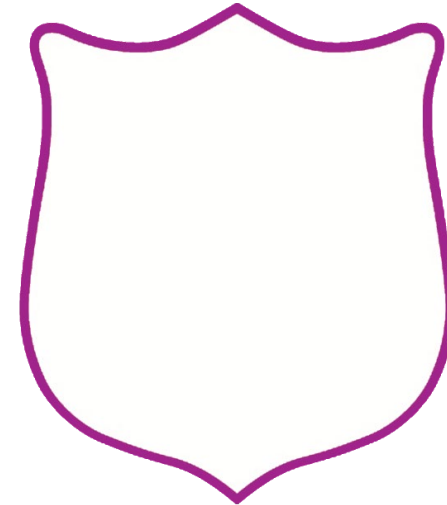
On It:

With four brothers, I was often made to do a lot of favours that involved getting up from a comfortable TV-watching position. They would say 'I'll time you' and start counting. It would always get to about the number four before I cracked under the pressure and ran upstairs to get them a drink! I was weak and they were strong, which meant I became their slave. The same can happen in our battle against satan. You might be doing perfectly well serving the Lord and telling others about Jesus, and then all of a sudden he will get in your ear, put pressure on you and try to get you to do things for him instead of for God. Today's verse reminds us that we have to be strong in the Lord! We are weak by ourselves and that makes it easy to fall into the trap of being a slave for satan. But when we rely on God and use His mighty power, satan becomes a tiny bug that we can squash!

Live It: '14 Principles towards the Power of an Indestructible Army.' The eighth principle is Initiative, Innovation, and Ingenuity: What does that mean? It means we find new ways to do the same job we have always done. We have always used whatever was available to get the word out, even if no one else was doing it.

Do It:

This week you are going to design some armour! Design a symbol or a 'coat of arms' for your armour.



In It:

Please protect me from the devil's tricks! Make me wise and strong please!

Eat It:

'We believe that our first parents were created in a state of innocence but by their disobedience they lost their purity and happiness and that in consequence of their fall all men have become sinners, totally depraved and as such are justly exposed to the wrath of God.' (Doctrine Five)

Read It:

One-year Bible Plan: Read Joel 1-3 & 2 Timothy 1

Week 26

Day 2



Jehovah Rocks:

Yahweh, Your love is even better than life itself! And so I give You praise and say "thank You" for loving me!
(Psalm 63:3)

See It:

'Therefore put on the full armor of God, so that when the day of evil comes, you may be able to stand your ground, and after you have done everything, to stand.' (Ephesians 6:13)

On It:

Superheroes always have a cool costume that set them apart from the regular people. When danger appears, they put on their costume and this changes them from being a regular person to being a strong superhero. Their costume is not just for looks, and usually they have a bunch of gadgets that help them in their many battles against evil. Well, God gives us a superhero outfit in our battle against evil. We will go through each one over the next few days, but for today you need to know two things. First, you must put on your armour! There is very little power in us, and if we try to battle satan without our armour, we will be defeated. Put on your armour, and you will be unstoppable. Second, the day of evil will come. You don't know when it will be, but you can guess it will be when you are doing something awesome for the kingdom. He doesn't like it when God has a victory and so he will try to stop you from winning people to Jesus. You are in a battle, and in every battle, there are two sides. But you don't have to be afraid. You know you are going to win... if you put on your armour and use the might of God! So, get out there and claim the victory!

Live It: '14 Principles towards the Power of an Indestructible Army.' The ninth principle is we must have an international perspective which means we want to be in all countries serving all people. This comes from

Revelation chapter 7 where it talks about 'a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, tribe...'

Do It:

Make/find some boots and decorate them to make them look like soldier boots.



In It:

Help me to see what You're doing and do what we're seeing.

Eat It:

 Doctrine Five

'Our first parents.' This is talking about Adam and Eve. If they are our first parents, then we're all related. Maybe we should care a bit more for each other, then!

Read It:

One-year Bible Plan: Read Jonah 1-4 & 2 Timothy 2

Week 26

Day 3



Jehovah Rocks:

Thank You so much for answering my prayers and for always looking after me. (Psalm 66:20)

See It:

'Stand firm then, with the belt of truth buckled around your waist.'
(Ephesians 6:14a)

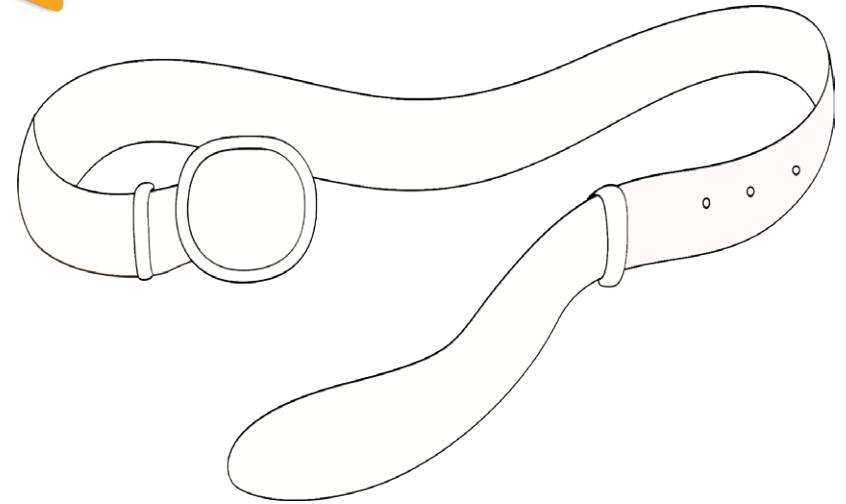
On It:

You are a superhero when you go into battle for Jesus, but you don't get a cape and you don't have to wear your underwear on the outside of your pants. We are soldiers, and so we have the armour of a soldier. The first one for today is the belt. What does a belt do? It holds things together and without even knowing it, your armour is going to stay close to you. Your belt is truth and it is, therefore, the truth that will hold your faith and your actions together. Put on the truth! And what is the truth. Jesus is Lord! God is mighty and the battle is won! Death lost all victory through Jesus and because of this, we are invited to join God in Heaven forever! This is the truth! If you went into a battle and you knew you were going to win, how would you fight? Confidently and without fear. The truth is, satan has no power! I want you to be confident that the battle is already won, and we cannot be defeated, and then, fight like that.

Live It: '14 Principles towards the Power of an Indestructible Army.'
The tenth principle is Sabotage of the Status Quo: Which means that we have to do even more than what is normal or what is expected of us, even when people don't like us because of it. Jesus did this all the time. He would eat with tax collectors and sinners and heal on the Sabbath and tell off Pharisees. He loved to break the rules... but only if it was to honour God and build the kingdom.

Do It:

Make a belt that will go with your armour.



In It:

Thank You, Yahweh, that you give me the truth. Thank You that the truth is that You died for my sins, and now I am FREE!

Eat It:

 Doctrine Five

'Parents were created in a state of innocence.' God created Adam and Eve. He made them perfect, without sin. Praise God. Keep memorizing this doctrine.

Read It:

One-year Bible Plan: Read 2 Kings 13-14, 2 Chronicles 25, & 2 Timothy 3

Week 26

Day 4



Jehovah Rocks:

I am not going to pray to a human or something fake. I am going to pray to You, Yahweh! And when I do, You will answer my prayer and give me the love that I need.
(Psalm 69:13)

holy so that people will believe us and see God in us when we help others.

Do It:

Make a breastplate and stick your coat of arms on the front.

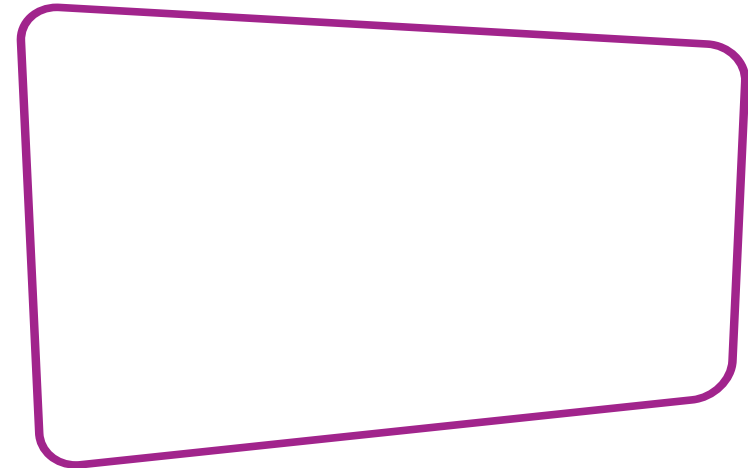
See It:

'...With the breastplate of righteousness in place... And with your feet fitted with the readiness that comes from the gospel of peace.'
(Ephesians 6:14b-15)

On It:

The breastplate of righteousness sounds very cool, and it is! God is a righteous God and He is good, and He wants what is good for us. He also wants us to be the same way, righteous. In battle, you can't be all talk. If you go into battle and you are not holy, and you don't actually live all that you declare, you will be defeated. We need to be holy people. We need to be, and not just want to be, the people God wants. The breastplate guards our chest. And what's in our chest? Our heart! We need to guard our hearts and keep our motives fixed on the will of God if we are to have any victory in the battle. Today, we also get a good pair of boots. Why would we need boots? Well, they help us walk over any sort of ground we find. If we were wearing sandals or slippers and we had to walk over thorns or rocks, we would struggle. But boots protect our feet and make us more adventurous. God wants us to GO and take the good news wherever we go. In our fight to win the world, we use peace and good news that Jesus can save, and that God loves us. So, start walking, no matter how hard it may seem, and tell everyone about the good news of Jesus!

Live It: '14 Principles towards the Power of an Indestructible Army.' The eleventh principle is we need to have an uncompromised commitment to holy living. This means that as an army we need to be



In It:

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

Eat It:

Doctrine Five
'By their disobedience they lost their purity and happiness.' Sin rips away our purity AND happiness. When we sin, we become impure. And we lose the source of our happiness, our security in God.

Read It:

One-year Bible Plan: Read Amos 1-3, Psalm 80 & 2 Timothy 4

Week 26

Day 5



Jehovah Rocks:

I am going to celebrate and be excited because I know that You love me and save me! (Psalm 70:4)

See It:

'In addition to all this, take up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming arrows of the evil one.' (Ephesians 6:16)

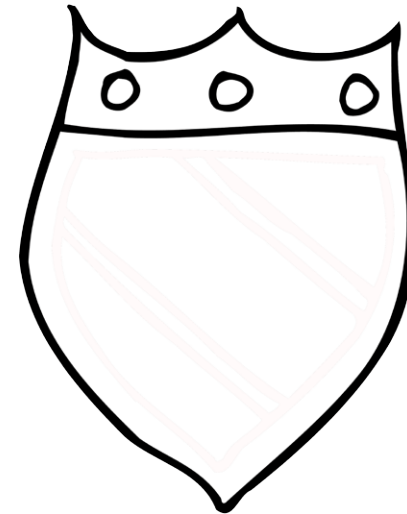
On It:

Oooo, the shield of faith... this is a good one! Satan is going to throw flaming arrows at you! And what will that look like? Usually it comes in the form of lies! He lies and tells us we are weak, that we have no faith, that God doesn't really like us, that we are not really forgiven, that we will fail, that we have no real friends, that God isn't real... oh, there are endless lies he will tell you but they all have something in common. They are LIES! Don't listen to them... they are flaming arrows. And you know what stops an arrow? A shield! A shield of faith! Because you know what squashes lies? You guessed it... FAITH! Faith conquers doubt, and doubt is all satan needs to break you. So, don't be afraid of satan or his tactics, because all you have to do is hold onto your faith. Remind yourself that you are a child of God and He loves you so much, that you are strong in the Lord and in His mighty power, that Jesus came and died and that you are saved! Satan cannot get you unless you remove your shield of faith... so why would you want to do that?!

Live It: '14 Principles towards the Power of an Indestructible Army.' The twelfth principle is the Vociferous Zeal: Wow, that's a big word! (it's a Munn thing) Basically it is saying that we are really loud and enthusiastic about our faith. We don't sing quiet little songs in quiet little congregations. We sing loud with a big band and we are on the street in uniforms you can see! So, 'keep it zeal!'

Do It:

Make a shield and place another coat of arms on that.



In It:

Please give me lots and lots of passion and zeal so that I can serve you well for all of my days on earth!

Eat It:

Doctrine Five
'And that in consequence of their fall all men have become sinners.' 'In consequence' talks about consequences of sin. In other words, because they sinned and fell from God's grace, we have become sinners. Adam's sin brings us death. OUR sin brings us fire. Keep memorizing this doctrine.

Read It:

One-year Bible Plan: Read Amos 4-6, Psalm 86, & Titus 1

Week 26

Day 6



Jehovah Rocks:

You are the King and You will rule forever and ever!
(Psalm 29:10)

See It:

'Take the helmet of salvation.' (Ephesians 6:17a)

On It:

When I was little, it wasn't very common for kids to wear helmets when they rode their bikes. The problem was, I really wasn't very good at riding my bike. I was going down a steep hill one day and couldn't stop! My brother decided to stand with his bike right in my path so that he could stop me. I crashed into him hard and we both got hurt. You know what hurt the most? My head! Because I wasn't wearing a helmet! We get a helmet as part of our armour, and it is very important that you remember to put it on. The helmet protects our head, which is important because our head holds our brain! Our brain can be our worst enemy because it's here that we think about things and work out whether they are true. Our brain holds the knowledge that we are saved, knowledge that we are forgiven, and that nothing will separate us from God's love. So, keep the helmet on and remember that if you have repented of your sins, you believe in Jesus and you continue to be obedient to what God wants from you... you are saved!

Live It: '14 Principles towards the Power of an Indestructible Army!' Here's an important principle Steve added... Covenant. We love to make promises to God and to keep them. Parents make a dedication promise, kids make a junior soldier promise, adults make a senior soldier promise and Officers make an officers' covenant. We believe in dying to our own plans and living totally for God's! It's fun!

Do It:

Make and decorate a helmet for your head.



In It:

Help me put on all Your armour: the helmet of salvation, the sword of Your Spirit, the shield of faith, breastplate of righteousness, the belt of truth, and the boots of the Gospel of peace.

Eat It:

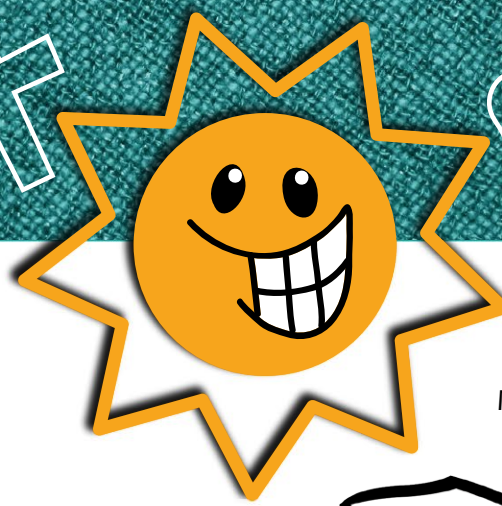
Doctrine Five
'Totally depraved.' Depraved means evil, corrupt, immoral, bad. When it says that we are totally depraved it means that every part of us is corrupted or tainted or touched with evil. It doesn't necessarily mean that every part of you is totally evil. But it sort of means that every part has a bit of an evil smell, it's not all bad, but it smells funky enough to not want to be near it.

Read It:

One-year Bible Plan: Read Amos 7-9, Psalm 104, & Titus 2

Week 26

Day 7



Jehovah Rocks:

I want to thank You from the bottom of my heart, and I will never stop praising You! (Psalm 30:12)

See It:

'And the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God. And pray in the Spirit at all times with all kinds of prayers and requests. With this in mind, be alert and always keep on praying for all the saints.' (Ephesians 6:17b-18)

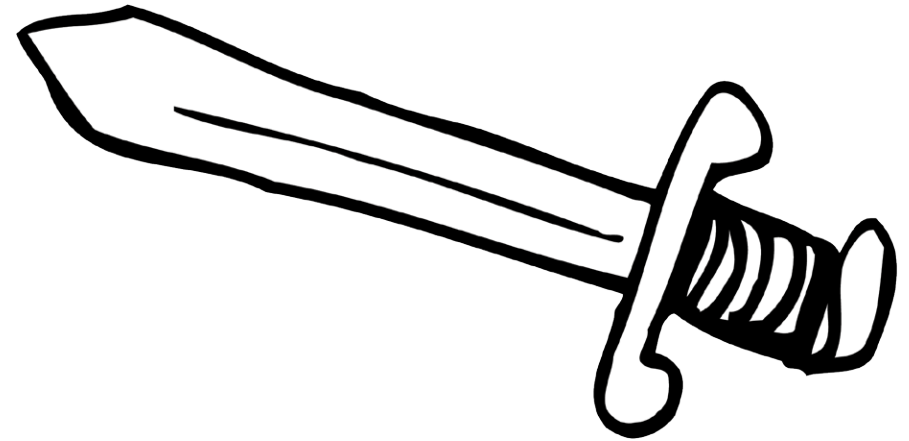
On It:

All the other armour will protect you in the battle, but the battle is fought and won with the sword, which is the word of God. The word needs to be on our lips, ready for any conversation or attack from satan. Why do you believe in God? How are you saved? Learn God's word and be ready for God to speak through you at any moment. That's why we ask you to learn the memory verses. You should be able to stab any attack on God or your faith with the word of truth and you need to do that right in the battle, not twenty minutes later after you have found your Bible! Our last instruction is for the battle. We are told to pray... all the time! If the battle happens in the daytime, you want to make sure you have the Holy Spirit with you, telling you what to do and say (the spoken word of God!). Pray for people, pray for faith, pray for help, pray for joy, pray for peace, pray for your teacher, pray for your friends, pray a praise to God... just pray!

Live It: '14 Principles towards the Power of an Indestructible Army.' The last principle is Simplicity (this is my personal favourite). As an Army, we try to live a simple life, which means we give away the luxury things we don't need and live like the people we are trying to serve. Now, lots of people don't follow this, but when we do, people really understand our gospel message. One classic example is the Slum Sisters who go and live in the slums with the poorest people to represent Jesus to them and to help get them to follow Jesus.

Do It:

Make a strong and sharp sword.



In It:

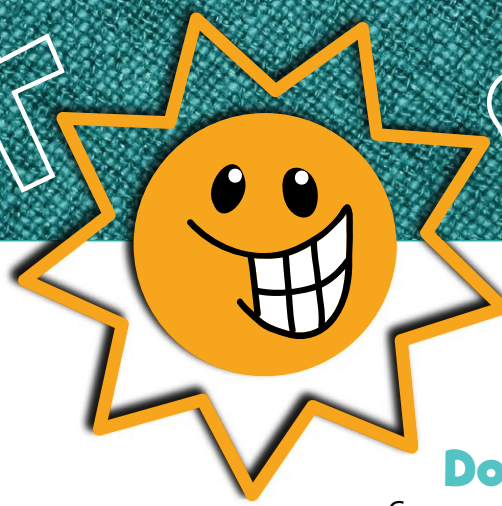
Put on all our armour and say this prayer out loud. 'Please help me to serve You as a zealous, covenanted, apostolic, prophetic, holy end-time warrior, strong in signs and wonders, healing, deliverance, and salvation.' Amen!

Eat It: Doctrine Five

'Justly exposed to the wrath of God.' Our sin will bring judgement. The only way out is repentance and faith. Memorize it. And tell five people about it today.

Read It:

One-year Bible Plan: Read Isaiah 1-3 & Titus 3



Jehovah Rocks:

Being near You is so nice, Yahweh. You make me feel safe and happy. (Psalm 84:1)

See It:

'The Lamb that was slain from the creation of the world!' (Revelations 13:8b)

On It:

This week, we are going to be looking at Jesus' death. Now you would think we would start at the gospels for this... but we are going to go all the way to the last book of the Bible instead. Why? Because this is such an important subject that we want to show you that it was not an accident of history. Jesus' death was not like Martin Luther King Jr. getting assassinated because of racial hatred. It was not even an issue of the Pharisees and the Romans and the Sadducees all suddenly ganging up on Jesus to get Him killed. Nope, Jesus' death was the plan from the creation of the world. Wow, that's an intense plan. Now some people are offended when Christians say this fact. People of other religions are sometimes 'OK' with Jesus being a prophet. But once you start saying that He died on the cross for their sins, they freak out! They say there is no way that Jesus died on that cross and that this was the plan for salvation. And yet, the Bible clearly teaches that without the shedding of blood there is no forgiveness of sins (Hebrews 9:22). These confused people figure that if Jesus died, then it doesn't matter what they do to earn their way to Heaven, it isn't enough (which is true - they cannot earn their way to Heaven!). But what they don't realize is, that Jesus, the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world, died 'on purpose', fulfilling a plan that is billions of years old.

Live It:

You are gradually learning the doctrine throughout the year, but for the next eleven days a new doctrine will be given just for you to read. Our

doctrines are important because they tell us and others what we do and don't believe about the Bible.

Do It:

Can you recite the first five books of the New Testament?

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____

In It:

Thank You that You are more than a prophet and that You are our Saviour!

Eat It:

'May God Himself, the God of peace, sanctify you through and through. May your whole spirit, soul and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.' (1 Thessalonians 5:23) Memorize this verse this week.

Read It:

One-year Bible Plan: Read Isaiah 4-5, Psalm 115-116, & Jude

Week 27

Day 2



Jehovah Rocks:

Please continue to show Your love to me and to help me to know that I am saved. (Psalm 85:7)

See It:

'When the soldiers came to the place that was called "The Skull" they nailed Jesus to a cross. They also nailed two criminals to crosses, one on each side of Jesus. Jesus said, "Father, forgive these people! They don't know what they're doing.'" (Luke 23:34)

On It:

Have you ever forgotten to do something in the heat of the moment? Maybe mom asked you to pick up your dirty laundry, but your friends came over and you rushed out without thinking of it? Jesus was beaten for hours, forced through mock trials, paraded through town to the killing field, and then hammered on to a cross of wood, naked in front of a crowd of sick spectators who thought it would be fun to watch. And what is the first thing Jesus does? What He came to do - take away our sins. As soon as He gets nailed to the cross, He calls on His Heavenly Father (God the Father) to forgive. And He wasn't just talking about the soldier or the mockers. He was talking about you, and us, too. Hallelujah! His Father had asked Jesus to do something, and even though things were pretty heated for Him that day, Jesus followed through. Thank You, Jesus!

Live It:

We believe that the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments were given by inspiration of God, and that they only constitute the Divine rule of Christian faith and practice. This means we know that everything in the Bible is true and from God, and that we should follow what it says.

Do It:

Give away some of your lunch to someone who needs it today.



In It:

Help me to love You, Jesus, like Abba does.

Eat It:

 1 Thessalonians 5:23

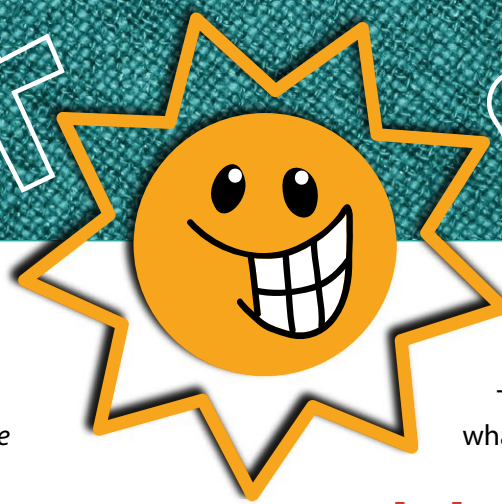
'May God Himself.' God is the only one who can do this. There is no one else. You cannot do it. Your family cannot do it. The Salvation Army cannot even do it. Only God can do it.

Read It:

One-year Bible Plan: Read Isaiah 6-7, 2 Chronicles 26-27, & Philemon

Week 27

Day 3



Jehovah Rocks:

When You are in charge, love and faith are together, and right behaviour and peace are like best friends, close together. (Psalm 85:10)

See It:

'Then the criminal said to Jesus, "Remember me when you come into power!" Jesus replied, "I promise that today you will be with Me in paradise." (Luke 23:43)

On It:

Jesus continued His saving mission even while dying slowly on the cross. The one criminal showed a godly sorrow for his sins and demonstrated a faith in Jesus that He would be exalted to power. And Jesus saved him! He promised him, "Today you will be with Me in paradise." Hallelujah! There were seven 'sayings' of Jesus on the cross. That was the second one. The third is this: 'When Jesus saw His mother and His favourite disciple with her, He said to His mother, "This one is your son." Then He said to the disciple, "She is now your mother."' (John 19:26-27) Jesus, hanging on the cross, is thinking of His mother and her despair. So, He connects her with John, joining them together and extending the community.

Live It:

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. Basically, God rocks, and we worship Him alone.

Do It:

Talk to someone at school about the Bible today. Tell them what it means to you and why you read it.

In It:

You are the King of kings, the Lord of lords, the God of gods!

Eat It:

 1 Thessalonians 5:23

'The God of peace.' Our God is the God of peace. He is the one who gives peace – what Jewish people call 'shalom'. Shalom suggests more than just a ceasefire. It kind of means 'fullness'. Our God is the God of fullness. Memorize this verse.

Read It:

One-year Bible Plan: Read 2 Kings 15-16, Hosea 1, & Hebrews 1



Week 27

Day 4



Jehovah Rocks!

I want to be near You and live with You in Your home forever! I want to be kept nice and safe with You.
(Psalm 61:4)

See It:

'Then about that time Jesus shouted, "Eloi, Eloi, lema sabachthani?" which means, "My God, my God, why have You deserted me?"' (Mark 15:34)

On It:

Now this next point is one that might puzzle you for 90 years or so but hang in there. God the Son is forsaken by God the Father. God the Son put the sins of every person in the history of the world on Himself (1 Peter 2:24), and God the Father turned away! The Godhead had been perfectly close forever and for the first time in eternity there was a gap. And it wasn't because the Holy Spirit decided to go to visit a different galaxy on vacation or something (not that this would separate the Godhead!). It was all of history's sins against God separating God the Father from God the Son. Ok, this is the best way I can think to explain it. Imagine being with your best friend who you love to hang out with, but then suddenly, they start feeling sick... really sick... so sick that... oh, no... yep, they threw up! And you look away. You still love them, but you can't look at them until they are back to being clean! Well, this is kind of what happened. Jesus was hanging onto all the world's sin and God couldn't watch. This is gigantic! And it was this sacrifice by Jesus that made it possible for our sins to be forgiven.

Live It:

'We believe that there are three persons in the Godhead-the Father, the Son and the Holy Ghost, undivided in essence and co-equal in power and glory.' Okay, so God the Father, Jesus and the Holy Spirit are one, and they are all equally worthy of our praise.

Do It:

Try to say a prayer once every hour that you are awake today.



In It:

Thank You God that You listen to my prayers.

Eat It:

1 Thessalonians 5:23
'Sanctify you through and through.' He is able to sanctify – or make holy – every part of our lives, including our relationships, our personalities, our characters, our thoughts, our words, our dreams, our imaginations, everything.

Read It:

One-year Bible Plan: Read Hosea 2-5 & Hebrews 2

Week 27

Day 5



Jehovah Rocks:

Please look after all of Your children and protect us with Your love and faithfulness. (Psalm 61:7)

See It:

'Jesus knew that He had now finished His work. And to make the Scriptures come true, He said, "I am thirsty!" (John 19:28) 'Jesus shouted, "Father, I put Myself in Your hands!" Then He died.' (Luke 23:46) 'After Jesus drank the wine, He said, "Everything is done!" He bowed His head and died.' (John 19:30)

On It:

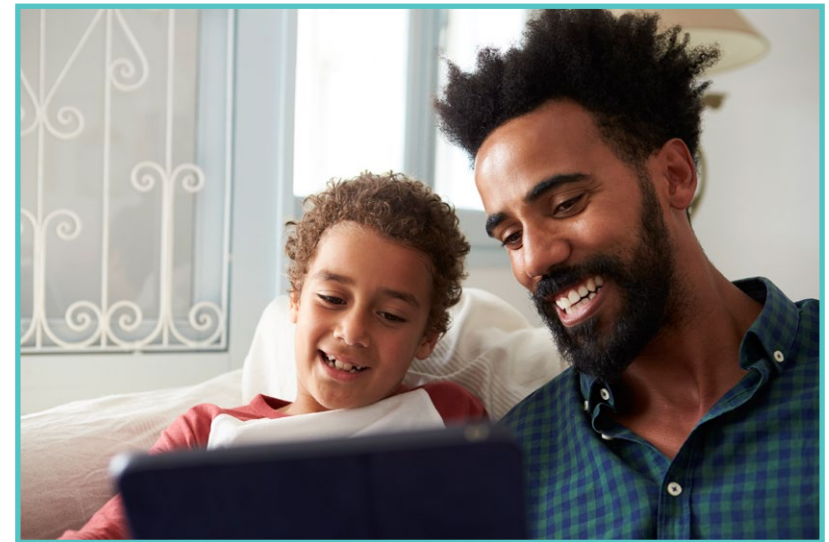
These are the other sayings on the cross. Everything is done. Mission accomplished. Now remember, the elders in Heaven worship Jesus, saying, 'you were slain, and with Your blood You purchased people for God from every tribe and language and people and nation.' (Revelation 5:9) He successfully died for each of us. Now all that is left is for us to repent, believe, and follow Him in rescuing as many people as possible from hell.

Live It:

'We believe that in the person of Jesus Christ the Divine and human natures are united, so that He is truly and properly God and truly and properly man.' Jesus is human and divine (a person and God).

Do It:

Ask someone in your family to help you memorize the verses and doctrines.



In It:

Your Kingdom come!

Eat It:

 1 Thessalonians 5:23

'Our whole spirit, soul and body.' Again, our whole lives are sanctified if we let God. It is His will for us. What God commands, God enables.

Read It:

One-year Bible Plan: Read Hosea 6-9 & Hebrews 3

Week 27

Day 6



Jehovah Rocks:

You are powerful and You will be in charge forever and ever as our King. No one will ever be able to defeat You! (Psalm 66:7)

See It:

'The scriptures tell us that Christ died for our sins, that He was buried, that He was raised on the third day, and that He appeared to Peter, and then to the Twelve. After that, He appeared to more than five hundred of His followers at the same time, most of whom are still living, though some have fallen asleep.' (1 Corinthians 15:3-5)

On It:

Paul is reporting this message to the Corinthian soldiers. He said it is the most important thing. Jesus did not just die. He conquered sin, and death, and defeated the devil, rising back to life again! The facts are there for the studying. We're talking about hundreds of eyewitnesses, an empty tomb, no 'confessions' of a 'cover-up' by the disciples even though nearly all of them were martyred. But it is not just because people said it happened that we believe it. Amazing and unexplainable things happened afterwards. People became totally different and transformed with the power of that came through repentance and faith. There were amazing prophecies coming true, healings and other miracles were all performed in the name of Jesus. Jesus continues to live, to intervene on your behalf, to prepare to return and wrap up all of history in divine victory.

Live It:

'We believe that our first parents were created in a state of innocence, but by their disobedience they lost their purity and happiness, and that in consequence of their fall all men have become sinners, totally depraved, and as such are justly exposed to the wrath of God.' Basically, until God forgives us, we are not perfect. We need God, or we are in big trouble!

Do It:

Ask someone in your family to test you on the memory verses and doctrines you practised yesterday.



In It:

Your will be done – today, through my life.

Eat It:

1 Thessalonians 5:23
'Be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.' It is not merely a nice warm fuzzy feeling at a meeting one-day. It is an experience of purity that is meant to last forever. He can keep us blameless through our whole lives.

Read It:

One-year Bible Plan: Read Hosea 10-12, Psalm 73, & Hebrews 4

Week 27

Day 7



Jehovah Rocks:

*You, Yahweh, will sit in Your comfy throne forever!
And all people who will ever be born will know that You
are the powerful one. (Psalm 102:12)*

See It:

'A week later His disciples were in the house again, and Thomas was with them. The doors were locked, but Jesus suddenly came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you!" Then He said to Thomas, "Put your finger here; see My hands. Reach out your hand and put it into My side. Stop doubting and believe." Thomas said to him, "My Lord and my God!" Then Jesus told him, "Because you have seen Me, you have believed; blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed.'" (John 20:24-29)

On It:

Have you ever missed a really big upset in a game? The underdog comes from behind to beat the big favourite and you missed it. It's hard to believe, isn't it? Multiply that feeling by a hundred and you might be getting close to what Thomas felt by missing the appearance of Jesus - alive - after He'd been dead since Good Friday. Jesus graciously shows up again so that Thomas can meet Him face to face. How does Thomas respond? He worships Jesus. And Jesus blesses those of us who believe even though we never got to see Him face to face. So, God bless you!

Live It:

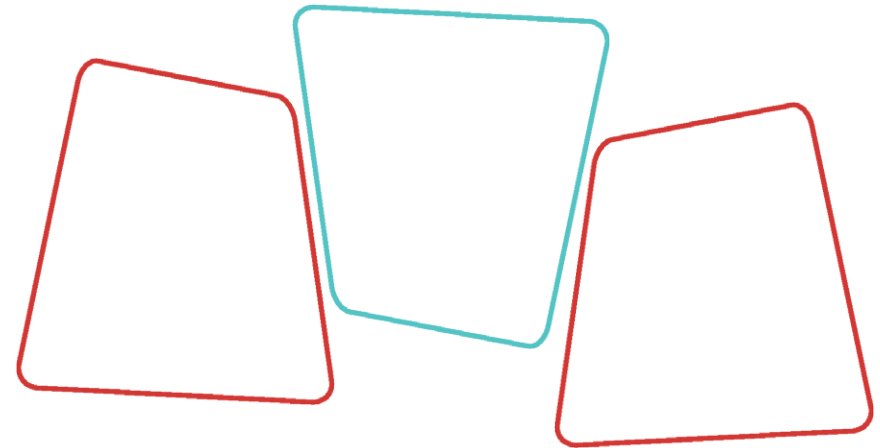
'We believe that the Lord Jesus Christ has by His suffering and death made an atonement for the whole world so that whosoever will may be saved.' So, we were in big trouble because of our sins, but then Jesus came! And because He died for us, He is allowed to take away our sins! Without our sins, we are allowed to be accepted by God!

Do It:

Make a special present for your teacher and write a prayer in an attached card for them to give.

In It:

Look over your list of people you pray for. Think of three more people to add to your list and then pray for them everyday as well.



Eat It:

'May God Himself, the God of peace, sanctify you through and through. May your whole spirit, soul and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.' (1 Thessalonians 5:23) Memorize this verse and tell it to five friends.

Read It:

One-year Bible Plan: Read Hosea 13-14, Psalm 100, 102 & Hebrews 5a

Week 28

Day 1



Jehovah Rocks:

Even powerful kings and world leaders in charge of whole countries bow down before You. You are the owner of the earth and all of us in it. (Psalm 47:9)

See It:

'If you love Me, you will obey the things I tell you to do. And I will ask the Father, and He will give you another Counselor to be with you forever—the Spirit of truth. The world cannot accept Him, because it doesn't see Him or know Him. But you know Him, for He lives with you and will be in you. I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you.' (1 John 14:15-18)

On It:

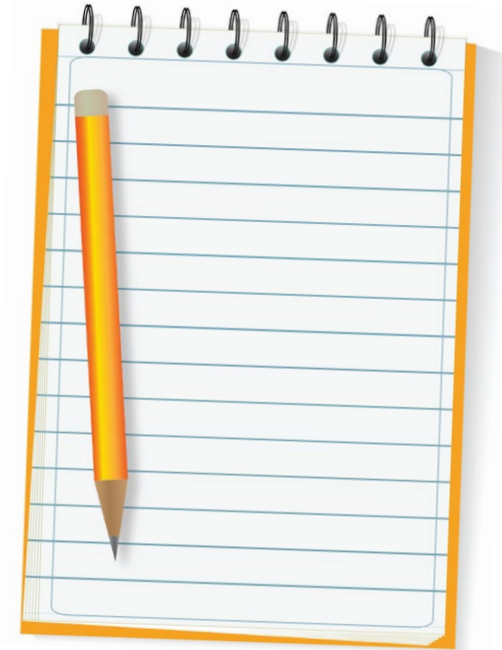
We hope you now know doctrine three, and will know that the Holy Spirit is God, just like Jesus and the Father are. They are all separate and have different roles, but they are also all one. The Holy Spirit's role is to live in us so that when we need to be like Jesus, the Holy Spirit is able to help us. The Holy Spirit is like our fuel and without fuel we can't run. The Holy Spirit helps us to 'be' Jesus to others instead of just acting sort of like Jesus. Now sometimes it's hard to know exactly who the Holy Spirit is. Let's start by saying, the Holy Spirit is a person, so we don't call Him an 'it'. Second, the Holy Spirit lives within us once we have rejected our sin and believe in Jesus. This is why the world doesn't know Him, because the world has not first received Jesus. Third, He is always with us! We have God living in us, directing our steps and helping us every day. That is amazing! Praise You, Holy Spirit!

Live It:

'We believe that repentance towards God, faith in our Lord Jesus Christ, and regeneration by the Holy Spirit, are necessary to salvation.' This means that to be saved, we need to repent, believe in Jesus and have the Holy Spirit within us. There is no other way to be saved by God and live eternally.

Do It:

Try to make a list of all the Bible characters you know.



In It:

Thank You, Holy Spirit that you can fill me and make me completely new!

Eat It:

'Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has gone, the new has come!' (2 Corinthians 5:17) Memorize this verse this week.

Read It:

One-year Bible Plan: Read Micah 1-4 & Hebrews 6

Week 28

Day 2



Jehovah Rocks:

I want to praise You and I want Your whole glory and wonder to be seen all over the earth. (Psalm 57:5)

See It:

'But the Counselor, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in My name, will teach you all things and will remind you of everything I have said to you.' (John 14:26)

On It:

Have you ever seen one of those commercials where they are trying to sell you something that you've never seen in the shops? You know, like a crazy dusting device or a miraculous kitchen cloth? They show you how it works and then say, 'but wait, there's more!' And they go on to add another fourteen items before telling you how much it costs? Sometimes I feel like people do that when they are talking about the Holy Spirit. Sometimes people are a little scared of Him because they don't quite understand what He does or what He wants. Well, this will not be the case for you! The following few days will be spent teaching you about the Holy Spirit. And by the end of it, you will be best friends. You see, Holy Spirit is a gift given to us by the Father. And having Him in our lives means that we can feel connected, not only to the things Jesus taught, but to Jesus and the Father Himself! Wow, that beats any Christmas present I've ever given.

Live It:

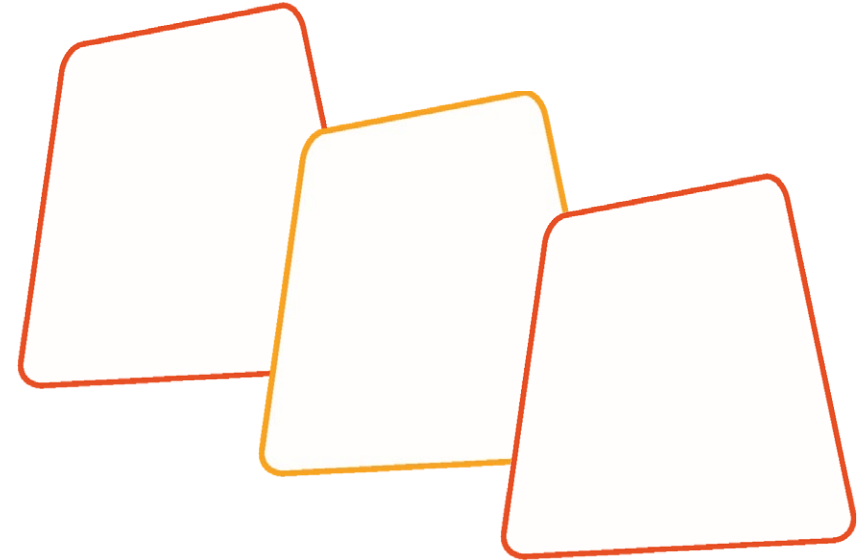
'We believe that we are justified by grace through faith in our Lord Jesus Christ and that he that believeth hath the witness in himself.' This one is teaching us that we are saved through Jesus, and that we can tell others all about Jesus giving us salvation.

Do It:

Can you recite all the doctrines we have learned so far? Speak them out loud to someone in your family.

In It:

Thank God for three people who live on your street.



Eat It:

2 Corinthians 5:17
'If anyone is in Christ.' What a great line, eh?! 'In Christ.' Are you in Christ? You should always stay 'in Christ.' Anyone can be in Christ. And we want to get everyone to be in Christ.

Read It:

One-year Bible Plan: Read Micah 5-7 & Hebrews 7

Week 28

Day 3



Jehovah Rocks:

Not only will everybody on earth praise You and know Your glory, everyone in Heaven will praise You, too!
(Psalm 57:11)

See It:

'The Spirit gives life; the flesh counts for nothing. The words I have spoken to you are Spirit, and they are life.' (John 6:63)

On It:

Here are some of the amazing things the Holy Spirit can and will do in your life. The Holy Spirit creates life and is life. He was around during creation of course and was part of the creation of the universe and of animals and humans! He is very creative. He is also wonderful at glorifying Jesus. We are told in John 4:24 that we are to worship in spirit. You see Jesus is worthy of all praise, so when we connect with the Spirit while we worship, Jesus is going to be honoured big time! And the final thing we will learn today, the Spirit unites all the believers. You know how sometimes people get on our nerves? Well, if we let that happen in The Army, we would end up fighting amongst ourselves. And that would be a bad example for people who don't yet know Jesus. So, the Holy Spirit helps us to get along so that when people come to The Army, they feel like they are walking straight into Heaven!

Live It:

'We believe that continuance in a state of salvation depends upon continued obedient faith in Christ! So, you can't say you are saved one minute and then turn your back on Jesus and expect to still be saved forever. You have to continue to follow Him if you want to end up in the same place for all eternity.

Do It:

Make a list of things you would like your parent to remind you to do so that you can stay obedient.



In It:

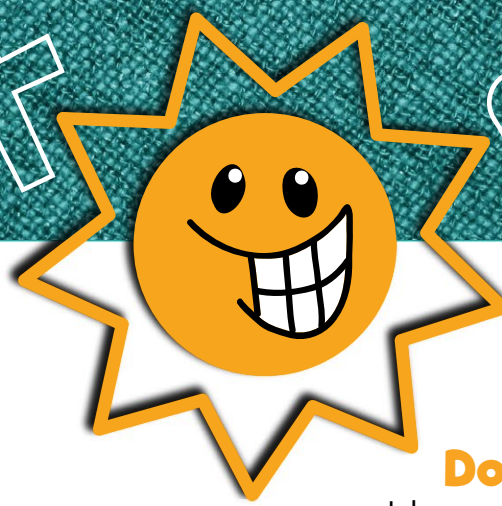
Holy Spirit have Your way in me!

Eat It:

2 Corinthians 5:17
'He is a new creation.' Now that goes for women and men and boys and girls (he or she). Isn't it amazing?! A new creation. Memorize this verse.

Read It:

One-year Bible Plan: Read Isaiah 8-10 & Hebrews 8



Jehovah Rocks:

It is so nice to just sit and be quiet and know that You are here. Thank You, Yahweh. (Psalm 84:1)

See It:

'But in fact, it is really good for you that I go away, because if I don't, the Holy Spirit won't come. If I do go away, then I will send Him to you. And when He comes, He will convict the world of its sin, and of God's righteousness, and of the coming judgement.' (John 16:7-8)

On It:

Okay, so we already know some of the good things the Holy Spirit does. But there's more! The passage above sounds kind of harsh, but it is one of the greatest things about the Holy Spirit. He searches us and finds our sin! Think about it - if you didn't know you had sinned, then you wouldn't be able to repent. And if you don't repent, you can't draw near to God. And if you don't stay close to God, life ends up being pretty miserable. So, really, He is doing us a great favour by digging up the yucky, filthy sin lurking in our heart. And once He has done that, He gives us life! John 3:5-6 tells us that it is the Holy Spirit that enables us to be born again which gives us a ticket into Heaven for eternity! And how do we know we are saved? He tells us that, too! Romans 8:16 says, 'For His Spirit joins with our spirit to affirm that we are God's children.' He speaks to us and moves us from just thinking we are saved, to knowing with all our heart that we are saved. It's not us who does that. It's the Holy Spirit. He is awesome!

Live It:

'We believe that it is the privilege of all believers to be wholly sanctified, and that their whole spirit and soul and body may be preserved blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.' We know that we can be cleaned of all our sins! No more moping about sad because we

are not blameless... we are made clean and blameless and can be with God.

Do It:

I dare you to ask God to reveal any sin that you have hidden in your heart.

In It:

Imagine Jesus was sitting right in front of you. Ask Him who He would like you to pray for.



Eat It: 2 Corinthians 5:17

'The old has gone.' If there are any regrettable things in your life, any big sins, any bad problems – they are gone once you get saved by Jesus.

Read It:

One-year Bible Plan: Read Isaiah 11-14 & Hebrews 9

Week 28

Day 5



Jehovah Rocks:

Please continue to show me Your love and Your salvation. I cannot live without it. (Psalm 85:7)

See It:

'John said to them all, "I baptize you with water. But one more powerful than I is coming, the thongs of whose sandals I am not worthy to untie. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and with fire. He is ready to separate the chaff from the wheat. Then He will clean up the whole threshing area, putting the wheat in the barn and burning the chaff in the fire.'" (Luke 3:16-17)

On It:

Some people are a little confused because they don't know what the Holy Spirit looks like. We think of God the Father and can imagine a figure, we know Jesus looked human (He WAS) and walked around on earth. But what does the Holy Spirit look like? Well, there are a few times where the Holy Spirit is described. Sometimes He is described as wind, or water, or a dove. But my favourite description is when He is described as fire because it makes me think of God being uncontrolled and hot and bright. The Salvation Army likes thinking of Him as fire too and it's even on our flag. Whether we can picture the Holy Spirit or not, we know that He is powerful and that He enables all of God work to be done here on earth. I'm in!

Live It:

'We believe in the immortality of the soul; in the resurrection of the body; in the general judgement at the end of the world; in the eternal happiness of the righteous; and in the endless punishment of the wicked.' Here we are reminded that there is a decision to be made that will affect where we end up forever. We either repent and believe and end up with God in Heaven, or we don't and end up in hell being punished.

Do It:

Take some time thinking about the Holy Spirit and then have a go at drawing Him.

In It:

Jesus, Thank You!

Eat It:

2 Corinthians 5:17
'The new has come.' The new has come. It is not just forgiveness that you get when you get in Christ, the new is coming. The new has come. There is a lot of excitement to come in your life – fulfillment, satisfaction, peace, purpose, community, support, love, and more.

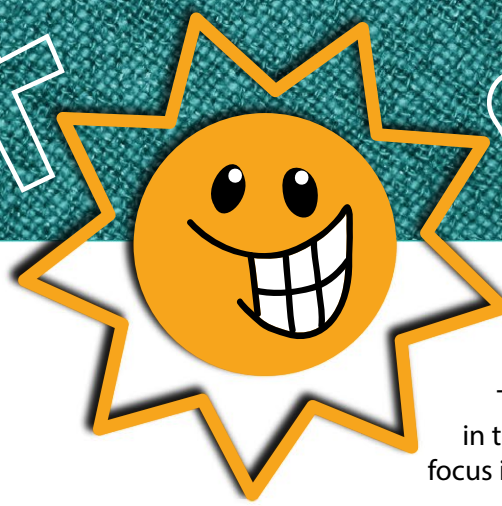
Read It:

One-year Bible Plan: Read Isaiah 15-18 & Hebrews 10



Week 28

Day 6



Jehovah Rocks:

You are strong and powerful. You have saved me and so I know that You are going to protect me and love me. You are a giant shield around me. (Psalm 3:3)

Live It:

The Salvation Army doctrines apply to every Salvationist in the whole world and give us a unity of belief that helps us focus in our mission.

See It:

'When the day of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place. Suddenly a sound like the blowing of a violent wind came from heaven and filled the whole house where they were sitting. They saw what seemed to be tongues of fire that separated and seemed to sit on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit enabled them.' (Acts 2:1-4)

On It:

Jesus died, rose again and hung out on earth for a while, but then ascended back into Heaven to be with our Father. That would have been sad for the disciples. They would have missed their friend, and they would have felt pretty scared about doing mission on their own. But not for long! In Acts chapter 2 we read the awesome story of Pentecost, when the Holy Spirit came and filled the believers! Just imagine it - a violent wind and fire everywhere over the believers. After they were filled with the Spirit, they found that they could do amazing stuff that they had only ever seen Jesus do! Wouldn't it be great if the Holy Spirit could fill us like He filled the disciples? What? He can! How?! First, we have to be a follower, so we have to have repented of sin and believe in Jesus. Then we have to ask the Holy Spirit to come and fill us. We can ask Him to fill us again and again so that we are never short of the Holy Spirit. Once we are full, we start to become more like Jesus. When we are filled with the Holy Spirit, we are able to do not only all the things the disciples did, but all the things that Jesus did! (and 'greater things', too!)

Do It:

Ask somebody in your family to pray with you that the Holy Spirit will fill you up.



In It:

God, please help me to listen to what You are telling me today.

Eat It:

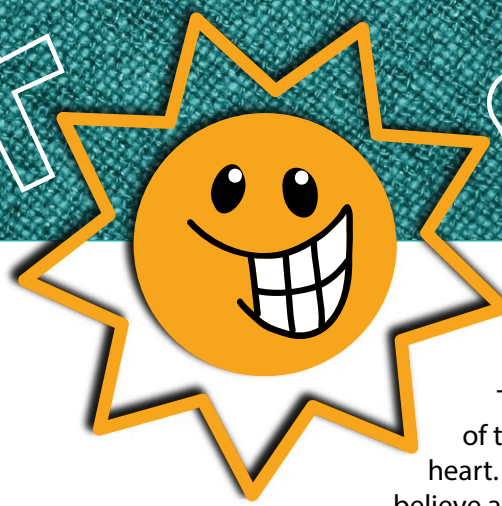
2 Corinthians 5:17
This is a beautiful verse. Some older people love it even more than kids do because they have a lot more regrettable things in their lives. They are thrilled to find out that all those 'regrettable things' are gone if they come 'in Christ'.

Read It:

One-year Bible Plan: Read Isaiah 19-21, & Hebrews 11

Week 28

Day 7



Jehovah Rocks:

Yahweh! You have the greatest name! You are a King and everyone in the earth will know how big and amazing You are. (Psalm 8:1)

See It:

'Those who belong to Jesus have crucified the sinful nature with its passions and desires. Since we live by the Spirit, let us stay close to the Spirit. Let's not become conceited, mean and envying each other.' (Galatians 5: 24-26)

On It:

Have you ever had to drink out of a cup you know wasn't yours? Or sleep in a bed that had been slept in by other people? Not that nice, is it? Well, imagine how the Holy Spirit feels when we ask Him to live in us before we have repented of our sin. He is God and He is holy, and He doesn't want to live in a dirty heart! When we repent, it's like we are getting a good clean out. And once we are clean, the Holy Spirit can come and live in us! When we live by the Spirit, God is living inside of us and so we can do amazing things. But if we keep on sinning and then repenting and the sinning and then repenting... that is a tiring process! So, it's better if we live continually with the Spirit. How? Well, we have to become dead to ourselves. Sound scary? It's not, really. It's just putting God and what He wants ahead of what you want. God has to be on our mind all the time. We must remember to pray continually and to keep reading the Bible, or else one day we will realize we are living without God's help. And it is then that we realize everything is going wrong. When we do things without God's help, it just doesn't work as well.

Live It:

The Salvation Army doctrines summarize important truths of the Bible, so they are very useful to have memorized in your heart. If you know the doctrines, you will always know what we believe as Salvationists.

Do It:

Can you memorize the first 15 books of the Old Testament?

- Genesis
- Exodus
- Leviticus
- Numbers
- Deuteronomy
- Joshua
- Ruth
- 1 Samuel
- 2 Samuel
- 1 Kings
- 2 Kings
- 1 Chronicles
- 2 Chronicles
- Ezra
- Nehemiah

In It:

Help me to be able to love even more than I do now.

Eat It:

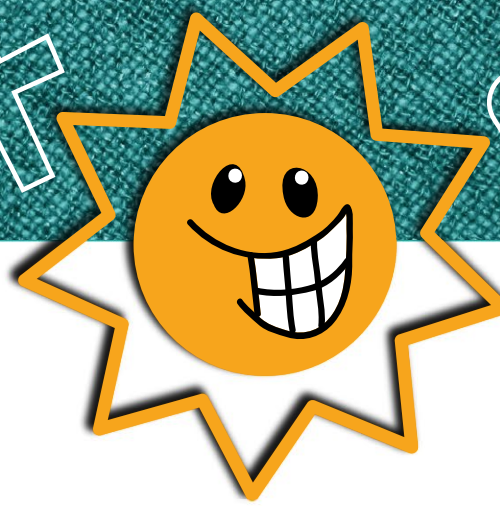
'Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has gone, the new has come!' (2 Corinthians 5:17) Memorize this verse and tell five friends.

Read It:

One-year Bible Plan: Read Isaiah 22-24 & Hebrews 12

Week 29

Day 1



Jehovah Rocks:

You are alive Yahweh! You are a living God! Praise You! You are a rock for me and You have saved me! Thank You. (Psalm 18:46)

See It:

'For you have been called to live in freedom, brothers and sisters, so don't use your freedom to do the things you know are wrong.' (Galatians 5:13)

On It:

When you get a gift from someone you love, you treasure it because you want to show that person that you love him in return. But if you don't treasure the gift and you decide to smash the gift or throw it out, you are pretty much telling the person that you don't appreciate him. God gives us a gift. He gives us the gift of the Spirit once we have asked for forgiveness. We love God and we love the gift of the Spirit. So, we don't smash the Spirit and tell God the Father by throwing away the gift that we don't appreciate Him. Once we have the Spirit, we throw away our old behaviour of gossip and jealousy and lying and selfishness, etc. Instead, we love God and live a life that pleases Him, and when we do that, when we deliberately choose to follow God instead of our own selfish ways, then the Spirit takes control, and people start to see the results on our lives. When we follow God, we have a life that is filled with God's love and we show God how much we appreciate the gift He has given. Ask God to fill you with the Spirit, receive the gift and then treasure the gift making sure you don't fall for the kind of behaviour that makes God sad and feel rejected.

Live It:

This week we are going to look at a quote by General Bramwell Booth (William and Catherine's son and the second General). It is a good one to tell us exactly what our job is as soldiers.



Do It:

Try to go a whole day today without eating any junk food.

In It:

'Jesus, friend of little children, be a friend to me. Take my hand and ever keep me close to You.' (From Songbook: Song 842)

Eat It:

'But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control.' (Galatians 5:22-23)

Read It:

One-year Bible Plan: Read Isaiah 25-28 & Hebrews 13

Week 29

Day 2



Jehovah Rocks:

I am going to sing Your praises. I am going to tell everyone all over the world, wherever I go that You are the one that I love. (Psalm 18:49)

See It:

'So I say, live by the Spirit, and you will not gratify the desires of the sinful nature. The sinful nature always wants us to do things that are wrong, which is just the opposite of what the Spirit wants. And the Spirit gives us the desire to what is opposite to the sinful nature. The two forces are constantly fighting each other so that you don't feel free to do the good things you want to.' (Galatians 5:16- 17)

On It:

Have you ever been in two minds about something? It means you have two options and you want to do both! Sometimes you see it in cartoons where they have a little angel on one side of their head and then a little devil on the other. 'Eat the cookie, don't eat the cookie, eat the cookie, don't eat the cookie!' It can be frustrating and tiring doing that. This passage is telling us that while we still hold onto our sinful nature, we will always have that argument in our head. The Spirit will be telling us to do something and instead of being obedient, we take the time to listen to our sinful nature. 'Talk to that person about Jesus, don't talk to that person about Jesus; talk to that person about Jesus, don't talk to that person about Jesus.' Enough! We don't have to live like that. It's time to grab that little cartoon devil off our shoulder and squash it once and for all! When we have the Spirit within us, we don't need our sinful nature anymore. So, ask God to take it away. Right now! Ask that you will only be led by the Spirit and only do what He leads you to do.

Live It:

'Your destiny is to seek and find and bring home the lost. You are to remember the forgotten, to guide those who have wandered.' (General Bramwell Booth)

Do It:

Ask for an extra chore to do around the house today.



In It:

'Teach me how to grow in goodness, daily as I grow. You have been a child and surely You do know.' (From Songbook: Song 842)

Eat It:

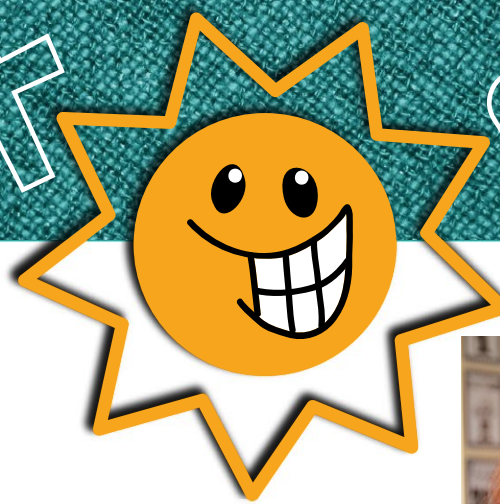
Galatians 5:22-23
Wow, you are really going to know what this verse means by the end of the week. But, it's important for you to remember it as well.

Read It:

One-year Bible Plan: Read Isaiah 29-31 & James 1

Week 29

Day 3



Jehovah Rocks:

Yahweh rules forever! (Psalm 9:7)

See It:

'But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control.' (Galatians 5:22-23)

On It:

If you eat lots of McDonalds, you will probably get fat. If you eat too many candies, you will probably need fillings. If you cheat on all your spelling tests, you probably won't be able to spell. Basically, when you do something, it often has a result. So, when you are filled by the Spirit, your life will show the fruit of the Spirit. People will know that you are a Christian, simply by the way you live your life. These are not things we try to be, but things we naturally are because He is living in our heart. So, going back to the first example, we can't try to be fat, or have rotten teeth. Either we have rotten teeth or not. We can't pretend we do just because we want it. We don't try to show love, joy, and peace, etc. - we just ARE loving, joyful, and peaceful because of the Spirit living in us. So, repent, believe, and be filled and you will have all the fruit of the Spirit.

Live It:

'I want to say to everyone, my comrade, what do you think and dream of?' (General Bramwell Booth)

Do It:

Recite one of your memory verses to your teacher today (one that you haven't done before).



In It:

'Step by step lead me onward, upward into my youth, wiser, stronger and still becoming in Your truth.' (From Songbook: Song 842)

Eat It: Galatians 5:22-23

'The fruit of the Spirit is'... it's amazing... not only do we have access to the Holy Spirit to enable us do God's work, we can actually start to look like the Holy Spirit. That is an awesome privilege.

Read It:

One-year Bible Plan: Read Isaiah 32-35 & James 2

Week 29

Day 4



Jehovah Rocks:

Yahweh, You will keep me safe from people who try to hurt me. (Psalm 12:7)

See It:

'But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace...!' (Galatians 5:22a)

On It:

Let me start by saying that it is not the 'fruits' of the Spirit, it is the 'fruit' of the Spirit. There are nine flavours of the one fruit, so you don't get to pick and choose which ones you want. Either you have the fruit, or you don't. And our first three flavours are love, joy, and peace. When we show love, it is love for everyone, even those who have hurt us or who don't like us. That's what makes the Spirit so powerful! We are able to show love for people where it is humanly impossible. The same goes for joy. There are some people who can show joy even when they are hungry and oppressed. Their joy isn't happiness. Joy is bigger than that. Joy comes from the Spirit who knows that while this world can be hard, the next world is going to be fantastic! It's kind of the same with peace. You can have a whole bunch of crazy stuff going on. You could be in the middle of a war zone, but when you have the Spirit, you are able to stay peaceful and know that God is in control. Wow, that's some powerful fruit!

Live It:

'What lies nearest to your heart? Where is your ambition?' (General Bramwell Booth) That means what do you love most and what do you do with your time.

Do It:

Come up with all the things you think you would like to do when you grow up and then work out how they could help in God's mission.

In It:

Help me to be more obedient to my teacher.



Eat It:

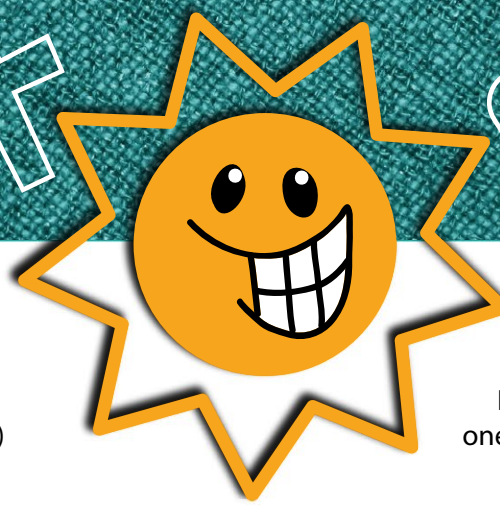
Galatians 5:22-23
Fruit grow when they are healthy. We need to make sure we are being watered so that we can grow some fruit. And what is the water? That is your rations, every day.

Read It:

One-year Bible Plan: Read 2 Kings 17, 2 Chronicles 28, Psalm 46 & James 3

Week 29

Day 5



Jehovah Rocks:

You are so good to me. You always love, You always forgive and You always answer when I call. (Psalm 86:5)

See It:

'Patience, kindness, goodness...' (Galatians 5:22b)

On It:

One thing I have never been very good at is patience. When I want something, I want it now, and can never understand why it takes so long. To this day I don't have any presents to open on Christmas day because I find them and open them the day before. I just don't like waiting. Does this mean I don't have the Spirit? Well, it's not really the kind of patience Paul is referring to. You see, the fruit are really about how we love and care for others. Patience is about being patient with other people, even if we know what we want for them. You may have somebody you want to bring to Jesus, and they may not be interested... now. But, hang on and you will see that slowly they will turn toward God. Don't give up on anyone but have patience and keep praying and you will see the Spirit move in that person's life. Through the Spirit we are also able to continue being kind and good to others, beyond what is asked for. When the Spirit is moving through us, we want to serve others, and make sure that they are comforted and loved. Is this person starting to sound like you?

Live It:

'In what direction do your hopes lie? Are you with the sheep which have been found, or is your heart outside with those which are lost?' (General Bramwell Booth)

Do It:

Eat a piece of fruit in nine bites and before each bite, say one of the fruit of the Holy Spirit.



In It:

Holy Spirit grow Your fruit in me: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, gentleness, faithfulness, goodness, self-control.

Eat It:

Galatians 5:22-23
Fruit is sweet. It is good for you, and it helps you grow and stay healthy. When you have the fruit of the Spirit, you are going to continue to grow, and you are going to be sweet and attractive to others.

Read It:

One-year Bible Plan: Read 2 Chronicles 29-31 & James 4

Week 29

Day 6



Jehovah Rocks:

You love me so much that You rescue me from eternal death and instead give me life! (Psalm 86:13)

See It:

'Faithfulness, gentleness and self-control!' (Galatians 5:22b-23)

On It:

The final three qualities are very important and ones that the Holy Spirit really does well. To be faithful means to be both obedient in the things we do, but also to have faith in the things we cannot see. This can be hard so we need to rely on Him to help us or we will give up. Gentleness (meet my friend Jesus for the best example) sounds really weak, but it is really important! You see, Jesus wants us to preach the news to the poor and broken hearted, and you have to be gentle with broken people. Otherwise, you will offend people and turn them away from Jesus! And self-control is probably the one we rely on the most. God needs us to be holy people and He enables this through His Spirit. But without Him we are greedy, and we are selfish, and we are everything that Jesus was not. The Spirit gives us self-control that enables us to put others ahead of us. So, when we talk to others about Jesus, they understand because they have seen an excellent example... in us!

Live It:

'They are all around you; there are whole flocks of them in every land.'
(General Bramwell Booth)

Do It:

Recite your memory verse at the dinner table tonight.

In It:

Please help me to talk to _____ at school today about You.

Eat It: Galatians 5:22-23

When you have the Holy Spirit working through you, you will be effective for God, sweet and attractive to others, and you will start to look and act like God! Wow! That's so good!

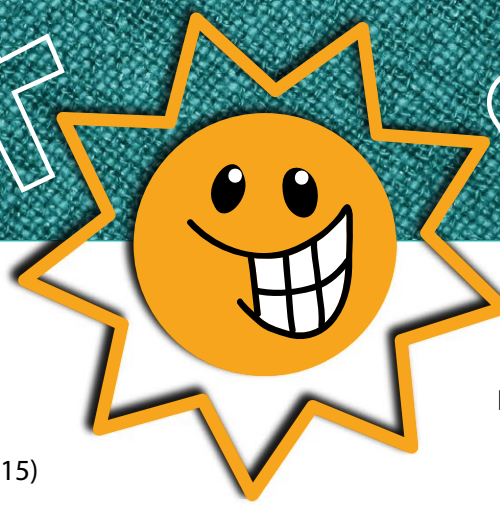
Read It:

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Week 29

Day 7



Jehovah Rocks:

You are so compassionate and loving and filled with grace. You are slow to get angry when we do the wrong things and You always forgive me when I sin. (Psalm 86:15)

See It:

'Those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the sinful nature with its passions and desires. Since we live by the Spirit, let us keep in step with the Spirit. Let us not become mean, provoking and envying each other.' (Galatians 5:24-26)

On It:

This verse is a great summary for us on the Holy Spirit and helps us to know exactly what we need to do to have the Holy Spirit controlling our lives. First, we need to belong to Jesus. Second, we need to say goodbye to our sinful nature and say hello to living a life of placing God first in all our actions. Third, we need to live by the Spirit making sure we are staying holy and talking with the Him all throughout the day. Fourth, we need to know that if we don't do steps one to three, we are going to end up as nasty, mean, and sad people and that is no way to live as a child of God! So, praise You, Holy Spirit, and thank You for all that You do!

Live It:

Bramwell is basically asking you; is your life going to be spent trying to win others to Jesus, or do you have something more important to do?

Do It:

What is your answer to the question above? How are you going to spend life? Tell your mom or dad or someone special your answer.

In It:

Help me to be obedient to my parents.



Eat It:

Here it is again: 'But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control.' (Galatians 5:22-23) Have you got that? Good work!

Read It:

One-year Bible Plan: Read Isaiah 36-37, Psalm 76, & 1 Peter 1

Week 30

Day 1



Jehovah Rocks:

I have nothing to be afraid of because I have God on my side! What is the worst that anyone could do to me? I would still be with You! (Psalm 56:4)

Live It:

'It is this holiness... that we Salvationists must maintain, otherwise we shall betray our trust...!' (Commissioner Samuel Logan Brengle)

See It:

'We know that our old sinful selves died with Christ so that sin loses its power in our lives. We are therefore no longer slaves to sin.' (Romans 6:6)

Do It:

The challenge for this week is going to be a week of reciting things that you've learned, so spend today brushing up and reading over some stuff.

On It:

We're starting our little focus on holiness with death. Why would you start holiness with death? Well, you have to kill some things before others can live. For example, if you have cancer, the doctor uses medication to kill the cells in your body that hold the cancer. The doctor needs to kill it so the patient can have life. Each of us has what is called the sinful nature – which means we automatically want to be selfish and do whatever we want. You can even look at your baby brother or sister – if you have one – and see that this is true. Trust me, after they cry for the toy you had and get it, they get a little glimmer in their eye as they think "hehehe, I got the toy!" But this verse suggests that we can do away with this natural inclination to act selfishly, that we can end that first reaction of selfishness. It's amazing. And most Christians don't get it. How do you make this happen? Well, we'll camp out on this in the coming days, but the short answer is – repent and believe (just like getting saved!). You'll also want to renounce (or, renunciate- which means saying you no longer want to do something) and consecrate (which means devoting that thing / your life to God). So renunciate and consecrate. Can you say that five times fast out loud? Try it (renunciating and consecrating, that is, not necessarily the saying it five times fast out loud! [and, yes, 'renouncing' is simpler, but it doesn't rhyme with consecrating!]).

In It:

Please teach me what it means to be holy.

Eat It:

'We believe that the Lord Jesus Christ has, by His suffering and death, made atonement for the whole world so that whosoever will may be saved.' (Doctrine six) Memorize.

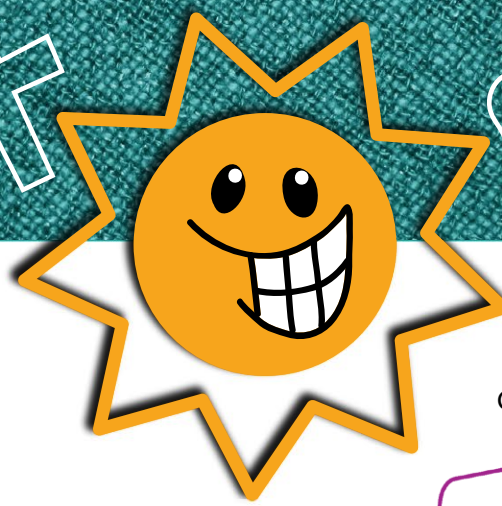
Read It:

One-year Bible Plan: Read 2 Kings 20, Isaiah 38-39, Psalm 75, & 1 Peter 2



Week 30

Day 2



Jehovah Rocks:

You make so many wonderful promises to me and I trust You, and know that You will keep Your promises. Thank You! (Psalm 56:10)

See It:

'My old self has been crucified with Christ. It is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me. So I live in this earthly body by trusting in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself for me.' (Galatians 2:20)

On It:

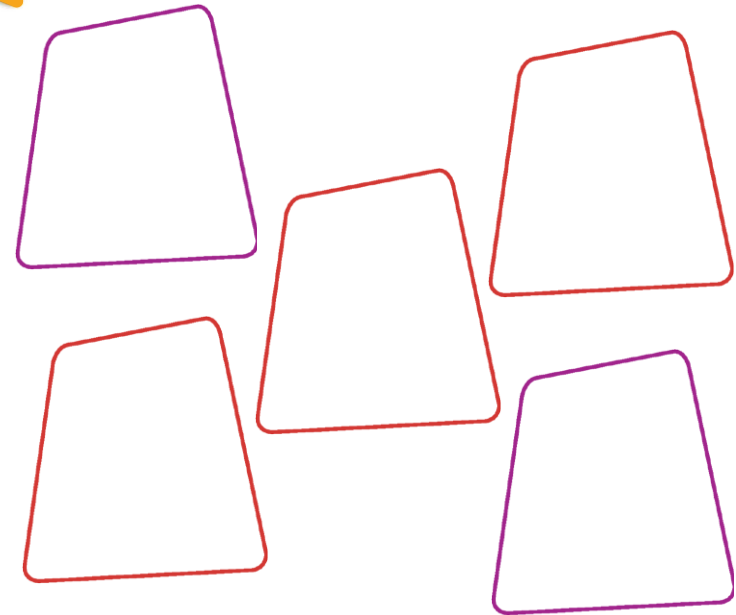
Ask your Sunday School teacher or Junior Soldier Sergeant to teach you this old song – 'It's no longer I that liveth but Christ that liveth in me; It's no longer I that liveth, but Christ that liveth in me. He lives, He lives. Jesus is alive in me! It's no longer I that liveth but Christ that liveth in me.' Most Salvationists don't lie in their speech but sometimes they lie in their singing! This song is a hardcore testimony. Paul is actually saying that he does not live anymore but that Jesus is living His life through Paul by faith in the loving Son of God. The key for Paul here is faith. For you and me, we have to believe that God is able to do this – to put to death the naturally selfish desires inside of us and replace them with supernatural God-pleasing desires. Paul and Silas and Timothy and others testified to it in the Bible. Countless Jesus freaks have testified to it since. You're next!

Live It:

'We shall lose our birthright; we shall cease to be a spiritual power on the earth; we shall have a name to live and yet be dead...' (Commissioner Samuel Logan Brengle) Are you starting to see how important holiness is?

Do It:

Go to a family member and recite five memory verses.



In It:

Please help me to let You live in me.

Eat It:

Doctrine six
'The Lord Jesus Christ.' He is Lord. That means noble 'master'. He is not just a teacher or a prophet. He is the divine King. We must submit to Him and obey the things He tells us to do.

Read It:

One-year Bible Plan: Read Isaiah 40-42 & 1 Peter 3

Week 30

Day 3



Jehovah Rocks:

*I will thank You, Yahweh, for all that You do for me!
I will tell everyone about the wonderful things You have
done in my life. (Psalm 57:9)*

See It:

'Now may the God of peace make you completely holy in every way, and may your whole spirit and soul and body be kept blameless until the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.' (1 Thessalonians 5:23)

On It:

This verse is a powerful one that The Salvation Army has used in Doctrine 10. Remember that what God commands, God enables. That means that if God says He wants us to do something, He is going to give us the power to get it done. And here we can be sure that Paul wants God's will for us. We can have confidence that the God of peace is faithful, and He will do it if we let Him. He wants to preserve you wholly sanctified – that is, completely set apart, completely filled by Holy Spirit, completely transformed – and without blame. When that happens, your life is pleasing to God. That doesn't mean that you are able to perfectly obey Him in everything. But it does explain that your motivations, or your reason for doing something, are good and pure. It is not that you will suddenly do everything perfect, it's that you will want to do everything that is perfect as a way of showing God you love Him.

Live It:

'Our glory shall depart; and we, like Samson shorn of his locks, shall become as other men.' (Commissioner Samuel Logan Brengle) So if we don't stay holy, we are just followers of Jesus without any power! What good is that?

Do It:

Go to a family member and recite two doctrines.



In It:

Give me the power to stay holy! Please!

Eat It:

Doctrine six
'By His suffering and death!' Jesus was beaten and crucified – killed - all so that we could be forgiven if we repent and believe. Memorize this doctrine.

Read It:

One-year Bible Plan: Read Isaiah 43-45 & 1 Peter 4

Week 30

Day 4



Jehovah Rocks:

Everything You do proves to me how worthy You are and how amazing You are. Praise You, Yahweh!
(Psalm 111:3)

See It:

'But now you must be holy in everything you do, just as God who picked you and saved you is holy. For the Scriptures say, "You must be holy because I am holy." (1 Peter 1:15-16)

On It:

Heaps of times through the Bible we are commanded to be holy. What God commands, God enables. That means, if He commanded Mr. Incredible to save Metroville He would not expect Mr. Incredible to do it himself (since Mr. Incredible was unable) but He would give him a flexible wife – ElastaGirl, and two bright-eyed kids – Violet and Dash – to help him do it. If He commanded you to jump over the school He'd provide you a way to do it (if He didn't then He'd be a mean God because He commanded you to do something you were unable to do and then He'd punish you for your disobedience! That's messed up!). So, God commands something. If you are unable, He enables. What God commands, God enables. And He commands you to be holy.

Live It:

'The souls with whom we are entrusted will grope in darkness or go elsewhere for soul-nourishment and guidance...!' (Commissioner Samuel Logan Brengle) If we lose our power to help others, they will be lost, or worse, they might try out trusting in the 'big lying jerk' (satan) for a while.

Do It:

Go to a family member and recite the first ten books of the Old Testament.



In It:

Thank You so much that You are a God who allows me to do amazing, miraculous, huge, awesome, jaw-dropping, life-changing, sensational, eye-opening things for You in Your name. Thanks for including me!

Eat It:

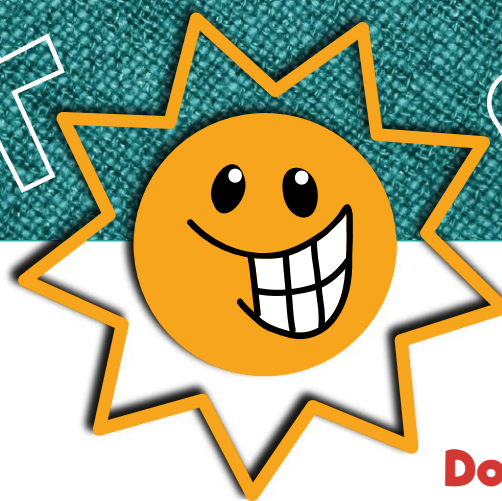
Doctrine six
'Made atonement for the whole world.' Big word here – He made up for the sins of the whole world. His death is enough for the forgiveness of everyone, not just those in your country or your religion or your continent – the whole world!

Read It:

One-year Bible Plan: Read Isaiah 46-49 & 1 Peter 5

Week 30

Day 5



Jehovah Rocks:

When I look up at the sky at night and see how beautiful it is, I know that You made it all! You are an amazing creator. (Psalm 19:1)

See It:

'Don't get drunk with wine, because that will mess up your life. Instead, be filled with the Holy Spirit.' (Ephesians 5:18)

On It:

Now, we talked about death of your sinful nature. That is the negative part of holiness (negative in that it takes away the power of your natural inclination to act selfishly). But holiness is more than just taking away. When Genevieve got holy, she wasn't just Genevieve minus her sinful nature. She was that, yes. But she was also Genevieve PLUS the Holy Spirit. Stay with us, here. Everyone who repents and believes and follows Jesus has the Holy Spirit in them. But Paul is instructing those very people – Jesus soldiers in Ephesus – to be filled with the Spirit. They already have the Spirit in them. But they are to be continually filled with Holy Spirit. Once you repent of any leftover sins, renounce them (which means say out loud that you are no longer going to have anything to do with those sins!), you can give every part of your life to God (for example, your schooling, your friendships, your family relationships, your Salvation Army commitments, your chores, your fun habits and games, etc.) - that's the renunciation and consecration part. After that, you can ask Holy Spirit to fill you. Go for it!

Live It:

'and while we may still have titles and ranks, which will have become vainglorious, to show upon our children...' (Commissioner Samuel Logan Brengle) We can still look like a Christian, and be rewarded by others for

being one without even keeping our holiness, but it won't last without the power of the Holy Spirit.

Do It:

Recite a memory verse (not one from Tuesday) to your teacher.

In It:

Get rid of my sins please! Get rid of _____ and _____ and _____ I am not going to do them anymore. I want all my life to be for You. Please fill me with Your Holy Spirit today, and every day. Thank You!



Eat It:

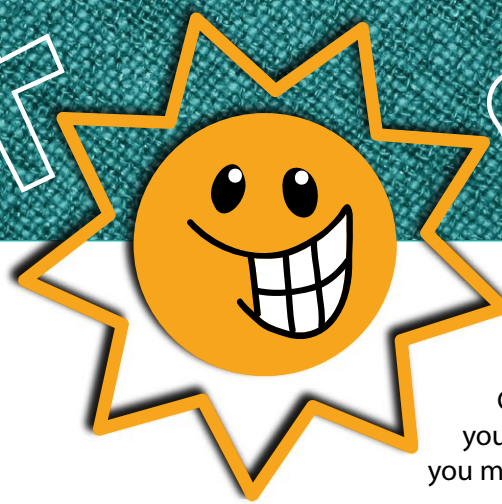
Doctrine six 'Whosoever will may be saved.' This means that whoever decides to repent and believe can be saved. This is important because Jesus died for every single person, but for every single person to be saved, each one must individually decide.

Read It:

One-year Bible Plan: Read Isaiah 50-52, Psalms 92, & 2 Peter 1

Week 30

Day 6



Jehovah Rocks:

I want to do good things here in my life, because I know I can honour You and give You the glory for anything good that I do. (Psalm 21:5)

Do It:

Go to a family member and recite another two doctrines. If you don't know two more by heart, then ask someone to help you memorize two more.

See It:

'You yourselves are our witnesses—and so is God—that we were good and honest and faultless toward all of you believers.' (1 Thessalonians 2:10)

On It:

Paul is pretty matter of fact about this, but he says the Thessalonian soldiers of Jesus that they saw for themselves how Silas, Timothy, and he were good, upright, and blameless when they visited. Today, if someone talked like that you might think they were bragging or something. But Paul is just reminding them that they have seen for themselves firsthand what holiness looks like. These three warriors of Jesus – Silas, Timothy, and Paul – were living examples of holy people and walking examples of the doctrine of holiness. The good news is that there are still walking examples of holiness. You might even know a few of them. If you don't, we'd love to introduce you to some of them.

Live It:

'We shall have no inheritance to bequeath them of martyr-like sacrifice, or spiritual power, or dare-devil faith, or pure, deep joy, of burning love, of holy triumph.' (Commissioner Samuel Logan Brengle) An inheritance is the good stuff that is left to you when your parents die. Our holy inheritance should inspire our children to do greater things than us. So, if you're bland... that's what you'll pass on! So, get holy!



In It:

I want to pass on a great spiritual inheritance to all the people who will look up to me. Please help me God.

Eat It: Doctrine six

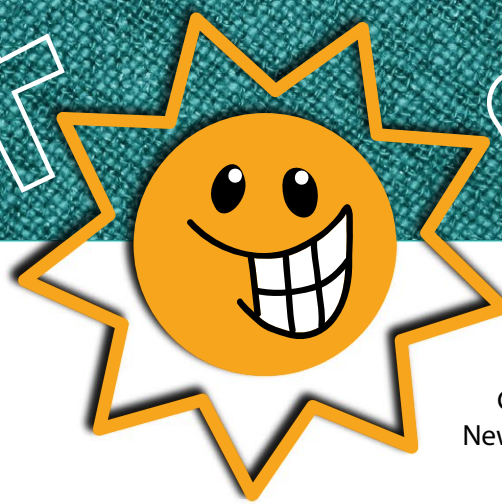
'May be saved.' We can be saved from sin, from hell, from despair, from purposelessness, from a waste of a life if we repent of our sins and believe and follow Jesus. Hallelujah. Memorize this doctrine.

Read It:

One-year Bible Plan: Read Isaiah 53-56 & 2 Peter 2

Week 30

Day 7



Jehovah Rocks:

I want to thank You, Yahweh, for all You have done in my life! I will tell everyone about You! (Psalm 75:1)

See It:

'May you experience and know the love of Christ, though it is so amazing you will never understand it completely. Then you will be made complete with all the fullness of life and power that comes from God.' (Ephesians 3:19)

On It:

Paul prays this powerful apostolic intercessory prayer for the soldiers of Jesus in Ephesus, all about the love of Jesus, the unity of believers, and the power of the Holy Spirit. Just before he finishes with a classic huge ending of praise to God, Paul asks that they be made complete with all the fullness of God. This is gobsmacking! We can be filled to the measure of the fullness of God!? HALLELUJAHWEH! Well, how about praying this for anyone you know – we'll pray it for you as our prayer today.

Live It:

Let's have that quote in full...

'It is this holiness...that we Salvationists must maintain, otherwise we shall betray our trust; we shall lose our birthright; we shall cease to be a spiritual power on the earth; we shall have a name to live and yet be dead; our glory shall depart; and we, like Samson shorn of his locks, shall become as other men; the souls with whom we are entrusted will grope in darkness or go elsewhere for soul-nourishment and guidance; and while we may still have titles and ranks, which will have become vainglorious, to show upon our children, we shall have no inheritance to bequeath them of martyr-like sacrifice, or spiritual power, or dare-devil faith, or pure, deep joy, of burning love, of holy triumph.' (Commissioner Samuel Logan Brengle)

Do It:

Go to a family member and recite the first ten books of the New Testament.



In It:

Lord, please let this reader know Your love that blows away mere schoolbook knowledge and fill the reader up to the full measure of Your fullness, please!

Eat It:

We believe that the Lord Jesus Christ has, by His suffering and death, made atonement for the whole world so that whosoever will may be saved.

Read It:

One-year Bible Plan: Read Isaiah 57-59, Psalm 103, & 2 Peter 3

Week 31

Day 1



Jehovah Rocks:

Help the poor and helpless to praise You. Please find a way to rescue Your children who are suffering.
(Psalm 74:21)

See It:

'Create in me a pure heart, O God, and renew a steadfast spirit within me. Do not cast me from Your presence or take Your Holy Spirit from me. Restore to me the joy of Your salvation, and grant me a willing spirit, to sustain me. Then I will teach transgressors Your ways, and sinners will turn back to You.' (Psalm 51:10–13)

On It:

'To evangelize is to spread the Good News that Jesus Christ died for our sins and was raised from the dead according to the Scriptures, and that as the reigning Lord He now offers the forgiveness of sins and the liberating gift of the Holy Spirit to all who repent and believe... Evangelism itself is the proclamation of the historical, biblical Christ as Saviour and Lord, with a view to persuading people to come to Him personally and so be reconciled to God.' (SALVATION STORY: Salvationist Handbook of Doctrine, 1998, p136,137) When you are evangelizing, or spreading the good news of Jesus you need to be experiencing what we are telling others about, or else it is not witnessing, it is only teaching. So, if you are telling people Jesus can make people happy, He has to be making 'you' happy. Or if you say that He forgives people, you have to know that 'you' have been forgiven. David wrote this Psalm after sinning. He repented. He wanted God to forgive him and restore his joy. He knew then that he would be able to teach other sinners to repent. That is the example for us to follow. Teach about the things that God has done in YOUR life.

Live It:

One way to help you stay close to Jesus is to ask yourself some questions from time to time. The next few days, there will be some rewritten questions from the Test for Self-Examination that many soldiers use. Pray after each answer.

Do It:

This week we are making a book that explains the story of Jesus. Today get some paper ready and start thinking about how you would tell the story of Jesus.



In It:

Please help me to know three people You would like me to talk to this month about You. Fill me with Your Holy Spirit so that I will have the power to convince them of Your love.

Eat It:

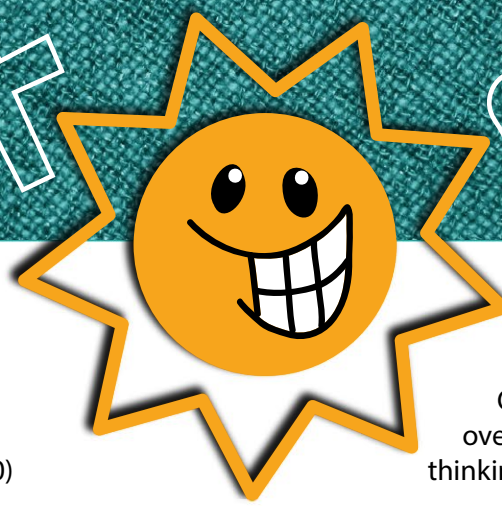
'And this is the testimony: God has given us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. He who has the Son has life; he who does not have the Son of God does not have life.' (1 John 5:11-12)

Read It:

One-year Bible Plan: Read Isaiah 60-62 & John 1

Week 31

Day 2



Jehovah Rocks:

I love that You are not just a warm fuzzy God and that You get angry at injustice and sin. I love even more that You help us avoid doing the wrong things. (Psalm 76:10)

See It:

'If anyone is ashamed of Me and My words in this cheating and sinful generation, the Human Son will be ashamed of him when He comes with the holy angels in His Father's glory.' (Mark 8:38)

On It:

The Salvation Army way of doing evangelism comes from what we think we are good at. General William Booth said it in a really good way when he said: 'We are a salvation people - this is our specialty- getting saved, keeping saved, and then getting somebody else saved.' This is what we are all about. When we try to get people saved, we know we are doing it for a very good reason, and so we get very excited about evangelizing. We know that the gospel is true and so we want to make sure we stop anyone from heading to hell. William Booth said it like this: 'There are many ways to damnation but only one to salvation.' So, we don't stumble around and make excuses when we tell others about Jesus. We don't get all embarrassed and say, 'yeah, you could maybe believe in Jesus, if you sort of want to, but if not, that's cool because we could just play basketball, instead.' No! We are not embarrassed or sorry about Jesus or about His salvation or His rule that everyone needs to repent and believe. We are not ashamed of His cross or His instructions to love and forgive and show mercy. No! We are proud of Jesus and all He did for us and we want the entire world to share in the same good stuff that we have!

Live It: Test for Self-Examination

Q1: Is there one particular sin that I keep doing over and over again? Are there mean things that I have been saying or thinking about someone?



Do It:

Write about the first part of Jesus' life and put in some drawings.

In It:

Thank You, Jesus, that we are able to be forgiven because of You!

Eat It: 1 John 5:11-12.

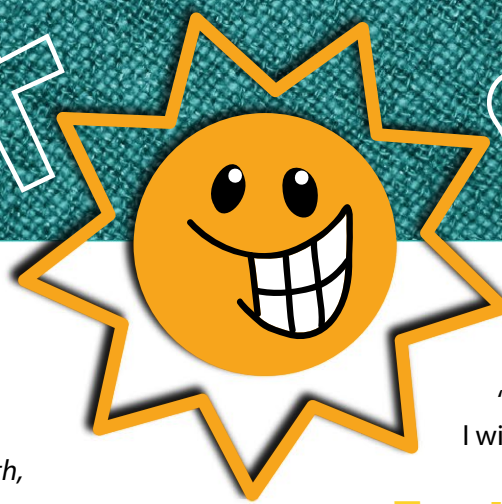
'God has given us eternal life.' Eternal life comes from God. It is not a matter of what we have done or may do in the future. We cannot buy it, or earn it, or scam our way into eternal life. God gives eternal life. Memorize this verse.

Read It:

One-year Bible Plan: Read Isaiah 63-64, Psalm 102, & John 2

Week 31

Day 3



Jehovah Rocks:

I will praise You, not just today, but tomorrow, not just tomorrow, but for the week, not just for the week but for the month, and the year, and the rest of my days on earth, and all of my days in Heaven! (Psalm 75:9)

See It:

'Salvation cannot be found in anyone else; for there is no other name under heaven that has been given among people by which we must be saved.' (Acts 4:12)

On It:

The name is JESUS! Hallelujah! Thank You, Jesus, for dying on the cross for our sins! We are not confused about who goes to Heaven and who doesn't. We know what we believe and know that it is the only way. Jesus is the only name. We are telling you this because probably in your class and possibly even in your kitchen there are people who think that they can get into Heaven by being a good person or by giving money to charity or by helping old people across the street or by staying out of prison or by following some false god. That does not work. Only Jesus can save. If we are to be true evangelists, we must be really sure about this fact.

Live It: Test for Self-Examination

Q2: Do I spend too much time doing things that don't really help me like watching too much TV or playing video games too long?

Do It:

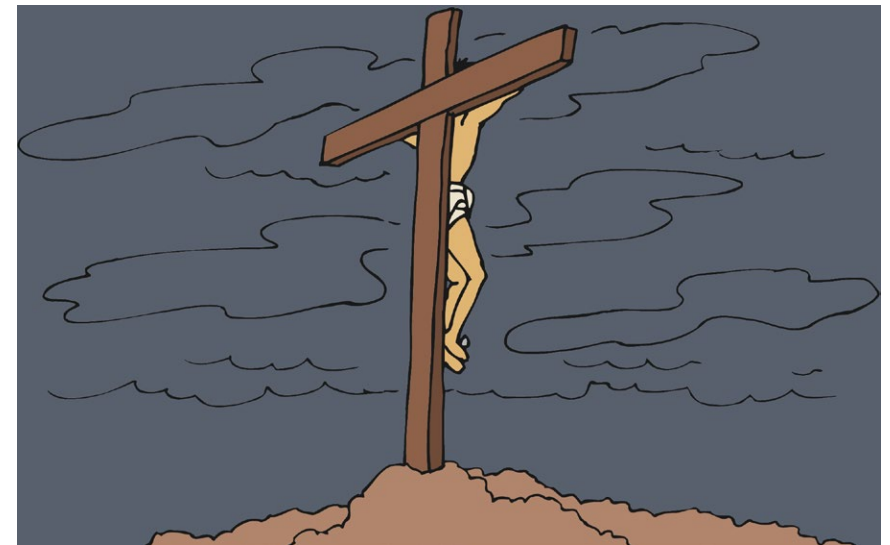
Write about some of Jesus' friends, and how they chose to follow Jesus.

In It:

'The world for God! The world for God! I give my heart! I will do my part!' (From the Songbook)

Eat It: 1 John 5:11-12.

'This life is in His Son.' God didn't just make up eternal life. He arranged for it by the crucifixion – Jesus died on the cross for our sins. Jesus made eternal life possible. There is not way to get saved apart from Jesus – no possible way. Is that starting to be clear to you now?

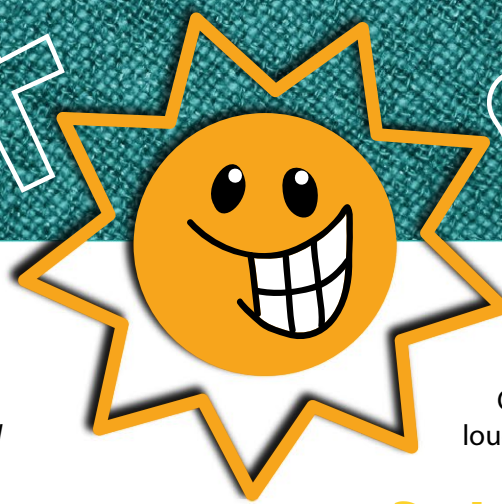


Read It:

One-year Bible Plan: Read Isaiah 65-66, Psalm 62, & John 3

Week 31

Day 4



Jehovah Rocks:

I am Your child! I thank You so much for helping me to know that You are my Shepherd. I will follow You and praise You forever. (Psalm 79:13)

See It:

'To the Jews I became like a Jew, to win the Jews. To those under the law I became like one under the law (though I know that I am not really under the law), so as to win those under the law. To those who are not Jews, and don't have the law, I became like one not having the law (though I am not free from God's law but am under Jesus' law), so that I can win those not having the law. To the weak I became weak, to win the weak. I have become all things to all people so that by all possible means I might save some. I do all this for the sake of the gospel, that I may share in its blessings.' (1 Corinthians 9:20)

On It:

The Salvation Army uses different weapons for the evangelistic war. Proclamation Evangelism - that's when you proclaim the Gospel of Jesus Christ (basically that God loves us; that we are sinners; that our sin separates us from God; that Jesus died on the cross for our sins; that we need to repent and believe to receive forgiveness and eternal life; that we follow Him); Presence Evangelism - some people figure that this is when we are around as Christians - salt and light - waving our fragrant aroma around (see 1 Corinthians 2 on that). Sure. But it is also when we call on God to show up with HIS presence in our midst and blow everyone away; Prayer Evangelism - that is when we pray that Holy Spirit convicts sinners of their guilt (John 16:8) and ask Jesus, in their presence, to show that He exists, that He cares, and that He has the power to help in their lives (for example, by healing them); Power Evangelism - This is an aggressive form of evangelism that calls on God to show His power in the lives of people who do not yet depend on Jesus by showing them prophecy, healing, signs and wonders, miracles... and more!

Live It: Test for Self-Examination

Q3: Do I think and feel things that I would NEVER say out loud to God?

Do It:

Write about some of the miracles that Jesus performed.



In It:

Holy Spirit inspire me to write the story of Jesus in a powerful way.

Eat It: 1 John 5:11-12

'He who has the Son has life.' Whoever has Jesus has eternal life. It is not a matter of Jesus PLUS anything. You don't need Jesus plus Junior Soldiers (though they help you fight for Jesus) or Jesus plus rules-following, or Jesus plus a certain education. It is Jesus. And everyone who has Jesus has eternal life.

Read It:

One-year Bible Plan: Read 2 Kings 21, 2 Chronicles 33, & John 4

Week 31

Day 5



Jehovah Rocks:

*Your plans are perfect and Your ways are the best.
Our plans will fall apart and not work eventually but
Your plans will last forever. (Psalm 33:11)*

See It:

'Preach the word. Be ready to serve God in good times and bad. Correct people's mistakes. Warn them. Cheer them up with words of hope. Be very patient as you do these things. Teach them carefully.' (2 Timothy 4:2)

On It:

'Oh, people say, you must be very careful, very judicious. You must not thrust religion down people's throats. Then, I say, you will never get it down. What! Am I to wait till the unconverted, godless man wants to be saved before I try to save him? He will never want to be saved till the death-rattle is in his throat.' (Catherine Booth, 1891, PAPERS ON AGGRESSIVE CHRISTIANITY. p13) As Salvationists we only preach the word - evangelize - twice a year. Well that doesn't seem like much! What are the two times? Easter and Christmas? No! They are when it is in season and when it is out of season (that means, all the time!). So, preach to people when they want to hear AND when they don't want to hear it. Catherine Booth tells us to evangelize hardcore all the time. Jesus is worth it. Now, it doesn't mean you don't treat people nicely, or talk to them respectfully. You might ask if you could just have three minutes to tell them the Gospel. But the important thing is, that you get a chance to speak about Jesus. People don't always want what they need. Just remember how much you used to refuse to wear a coat when you were little! It got cold, didn't it?!

Live It: Test for Self-Examination

Q4: Do I do and say (or even think) mean things about others with friends just so I can look cooler and fit in with them?

Do It:

Write about Jesus' death, and why He had to die, and write about Jesus' resurrection and what it means for us.



In It:

Lord, please anoint the story of Jesus I am writing so that all who read it are able to hear directly from You and will answer when You call.

Eat It: 1 John 5:11-12.

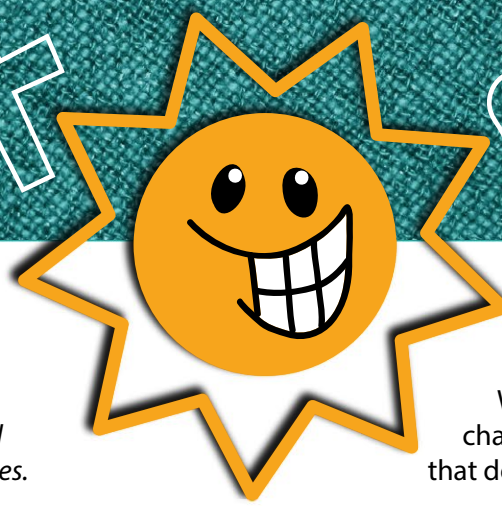
'He who does not have the Son of God does not have life! So, it doesn't matter what you DO have if you don't have Jesus. You might be rich or have a huge house or go on fantastic vacations or have a brilliant job or a super car or a wonderful family or an amazing set of friends. If you have ALL of these things but don't have Jesus, you don't have eternal life. Memorize this verse.

Read It:

One-year Bible Plan: Read Nahum 1-3 & John 5

Week 31

Day 6



Jehovah Rocks:

*I will tell my children about how wonderful You are.
I will teach them how to sing praises to Your name. I will
teach them about Your power and Your amazing miracles.
(Psalm 78:4)*

See It:

'Godly sorrow brings repentance that leads to salvation and leads no regrets.' (2 Corinthians 7:10)

On It:

When it comes to evangelizing, The Salvation Army has never been good at staying quiet. General William Booth provides a reason for such aggressive evangelizing: 'Shake them up. Startle them with apparitions of death, and judgements, and devils, and hell. What matters taste and propriety to you? The man, the crowd you speak to are GOING TO HELL - they are almost there already!' We've not been afraid to preach hell either. Sometimes people start to think about God when they begin to regret sin, or start to think about loving God, or they get scared about hell! The important thing is that people understand how dangerous it is to NOT have Jesus in their life. 'Nothing moves the people like the terrific. They must have hell-fire, or they will not move.' (William Booth, in Norman Murdoch, ORIGINS OF THE SALVATION ARMY, p29) Basically, William is saying that if people realized they were going to have a really bad eternity without Jesus, they might realize why you are wanting to talk to them about Him. It's like when someone accidentally leaves their zipper down on their pants. It's kind of embarrassing to tell them, but they would rather you did that, then, than spending the whole day showing their underpants to every classmate and her dog!

Live It: Test for Self-Examination

Q5: Do I get so angry that I say or do things that would make Jesus sad?

Do It:

Write about what Jesus means to you and how He has changed your life. On the final page, choose a memory verse that describes how you can be saved by Jesus.



In It:

Thank You, Yahweh, that I will not ever be an orphan as I know that You are my Father in Heaven.

Eat It: 1 John 5:11-12

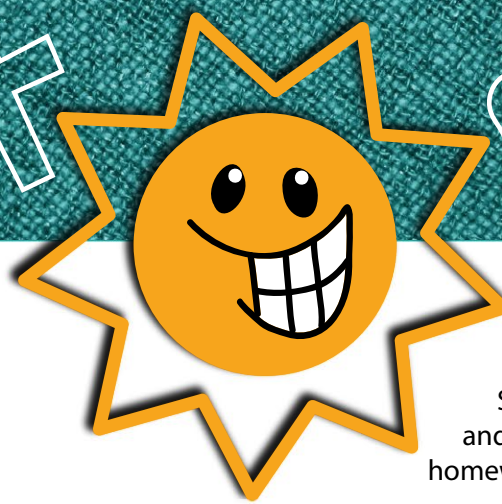
This is a great verse because it sums everything up very clearly. It draws a line down the middle of the paper so that people can see what side they are on – the side without Jesus and without eternal life, or the side with Jesus and with eternal life. Then you can tell them how to get from the 'without' side to the 'with' side.

Read It:

One-year Bible Plan: Read 2 Kings 22, 2 Chronicles 34, & John 6

Week 31

Day 7



Jehovah Rocks:

It is right for people to worship and respect You. You are worthy of everyone's obedience and faith. (Psalm 19:9)

See It:

'We plead with you on Christ's behalf, be reconciled with God.'
(2 Corinthians 5:21)

On It:

The bottom line is that Salvationists have always been ready and willing to convince people to follow Jesus. This sometimes offends people. No one likes to be told they are going to hell. However, we join Paul in being labelled 'a real bad apple', 'a pest', or 'a troublemaker' (see Acts 24:5). It is the only good reason for getting into trouble! So, it turns out that Salvationists are troublemakers... and that's okay! "While we have been standing UPON OUR DIGNITY- WHOLE GENERATIONS HAVE GONE TO HELL." (Catherine Booth) Just think if you compare going to hell for eternity versus a few minutes of being a little bit offensive, you are doing okay. As the Salvation Story definition describes, evangelism is, by nature, persuasive. That means that we are trying to get people from other there, to over here. We are trying to change their mind about something, and that is not that easy to do. Now remember, we don't have to be rude for the sake of it! You should always try to convince somebody of Jesus in the most loving way possible. But if that doesn't work and they won't listen to you lovingly, then we 'plead' which means beg them to come to be 'reconciled with God'.

Live It: Test for Self-Examination

Q6: Am I doing enough to help others get saved?

Do It:

Show someone who doesn't know Jesus your book, and then maybe hand it into your teacher as some extra homework you would like them to look at.

In It:

Lord, please direct my steps so that I show this book to the right person today.



Eat It:

'And this is the testimony: God has given us eternal life, and this life is in His Son. He who has the Son has life; he who does not have the Son of God does not have life.' (1 John 5:11-12) Memorize this verse and tell five friends.

Read It:

One-year Bible Plan: Read 2 Kings 23, 2 Chronicles 35, & John 7

Week 32

Day 1



Jehovah Rocks:

Don't let me be too scared to speak about You and praise Your name. I want to praise You! (Psalm 51:15)

See It:

'Go and announce to them that the Kingdom of Heaven is near. Heal the sick, raise the dead, cure those with leprosy, and cast out demons. Give as freely as you have received!' (Matthew 10:7-8)

On It:

This is a classic instruction from Jesus to His disciples. He is sending us out to preach that the Kingdom of God is at hand. We're game to do that. We want to get people saved! But He gives us power direct from Him to us so that our evangelizing will be even better. He says, 'Heal the sick, raise the dead, cleanse the lepers, cast out demons. Freely you received, freely give.' Now, remember, God is good, so what God commands, God enables. He commands us to do those things, so He enables us to do those things. And the idea is that it is easier to get people saved when we can heal them or deliver them from demons (cast out demons), raise dead people, and so on. So, let's get at it!

Live It:

This week we are talking about some pretty heavy spiritual stuff. Some people try to avoid topics like this one, but we are an Army, so we must be ready to fight our number one enemy.

Do It:

Put a copy of your local Salvation Army kids' magazine or *Just For Kids* in the library.

In It:

Help me to have the courage to heal the sick, raise the dead, cleanse the lepers, and cast out demons!

Eat It:

'I am sending you to them to open their eyes and turn them from darkness to light, and from the power of satan to God, so that they may receive forgiveness of sins and a place among those who are sanctified by faith in Me.' (Acts 26:17b-18) Memorize this verse.

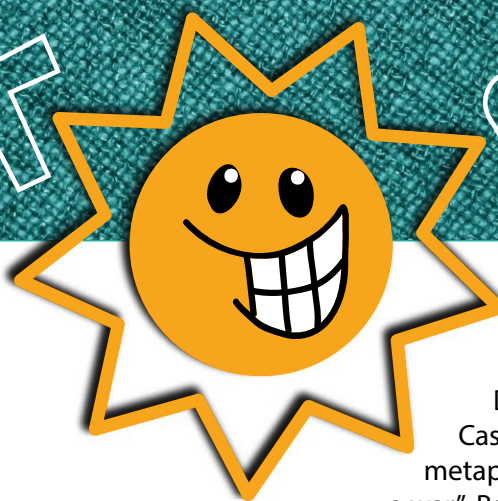
Read It:

One-year Bible Plan: Read Habakkuk 1-3 & John 8



Week 32

Day 2



Jehovah Rocks:

I am going to praise You for my whole life! You have done so many good things in my life. I trust You and I love You. (Psalm 52:9)

See It:

'Even handkerchiefs and aprons that had touched him were taken to those who were sick. As soon as it touched them, their sicknesses were healed, and evil spirits left them. Some Jews went around driving out evil spirits. They tried to use the name of the Lord Jesus to set free those who were controlled by demons. They said, "In Jesus' name I command you to come out. He is the Jesus that Paul is preaching about." Seven sons of Sceva were doing this. Sceva was a Jewish chief priest. One day the evil spirit answered them in return and said, "I know Jesus. And I know about Paul. But who are you?" Then the fellow who had the evil spirit jumped on Sceva's sons. He overpowered them all. He beat them up! They ran out of the house naked and bleeding.' (Acts 19:12-16)

On It:

What a great story here. Paul touches handkerchiefs and sick people who touch them get healed and have demons kicked out of them. Seven brothers try that 'trick' and get the snot kicked out of them by other demons! Demons know who Jesus is, and they have heard of Paul, but they know that these brothers are pretenders, so the demons don't have to obey them! But they go even further than that and bash up the brothers as well. There's a great lesson for us. When you are going to take on a demon, you need to make sure you are fighting with God's power and not just pretending you have Him with you by using the right words. Let's make sure we hide in Jesus when we fight demons.

Live It:

Do you know what, we are a real army. Soldier Anthony Castle says that, "If we are a metaphorical army in a metaphorical war, then we are not an army, and this is not a war." Basically, that means that we don't just call ourselves soldiers because it's a fun name. That would be like the seven sons from the story above.

Do It:

See if you can get a copy of *Just For Kids* for each of your classmates (maybe you could pay for it out of your pocket money).



In It:

God, please help all Salvation Army Soldiers to understand Your mission for us.

Eat It: Acts 26:17b-18

'I am sending you.' This is a very important verse. Jesus is sending Paul on his mission in life. Very few people knew about Jesus at this point. So, Jesus is laying the foundation of the Gospel, of Christianity, and this is how He sent Paul.

Read It:

One-year Bible Plan: Read Zephaniah 1-3 & John 9

Week 32

Day 3



Jehovah Rocks:

I want to give everything I am to You, not because I have to but because I want to. You are worthy, Yahweh.
(Psalm 54:6)

See It:

'Jesus saw that a crowd was running over to see what was happening. Then He made the evil spirit to leave the boy. "You spirit that makes him unable to hear and speak!" He said. "I command you, come out of him. Never enter him again.'" (Mark 9:25)

On It:

Now, we don't want you to go around shouting at demons behind every bush. However, there are demons in a lot of places. Let's not be unaware of them. Let's listen to God and ask Him for guidance. And then, as God leads, confront the evil spirits like Jesus did. He used His authority to rebuke the evil spirit. We should use HIS authority to do it, too. So, use His name, not yours. His has the power. You don't. Do it in Jesus' name. Then He commanded the evil spirit to leave the person and never enter him again. We can do the same. We can command evil spirits in Jesus' name to leave people and never come back again! Hallelujah.

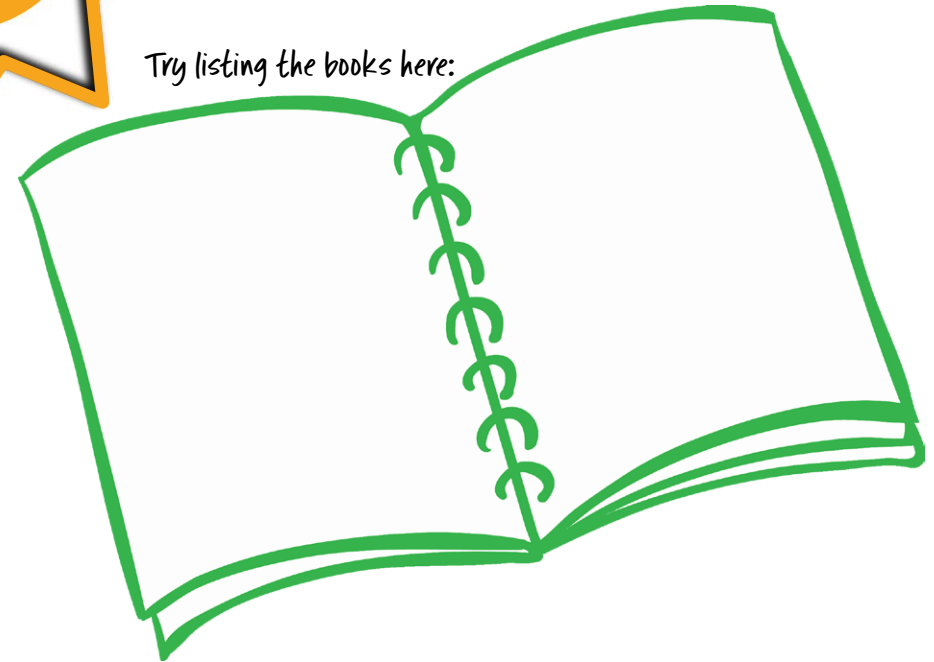
Live It: Test for Self-Examination

Now, some more on the self-examination stuff. Remember to keep talking with God about our answers. Q7: Am I keeping the promises I have made to God?

Do It:

Can you memorize the first 20 books of the Old Testament?

Try listing the books here:



In It:

Help me to hear Your voice today.

Eat It: Acts 26:17b-18

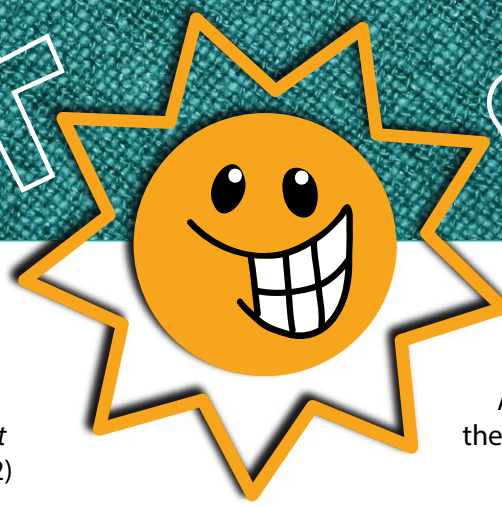
'Open their eyes.' The god of this age – satan – has blinded the minds of unbelievers so that cannot see the light of the Gospel. We need to open their eyes so that they can see.

Read It:

One-year Bible Plan: Read Jeremiah 1-2 & John 10

Week 32

Day 4



Jehovah Rocks:

There is so much happiness and peace for the people who have been forgiven. I want to be cleared of my guilt and then I don't want to add any more sins! (Psalm 32:2)

See It:

'The 72 returned with joy. They said, "Lord, even the demons obey us when we speak in your name." Jesus replied, "I saw satan fall like lightning from Heaven. I have given you the authority to walk over snakes and scorpions. You will have the power to destroy all the enemy. Nothing will harm you. But do not be happy when the evil spirits obey you. Instead, be glad that your names are written in Heaven." At that time Jesus was full of joy through the Holy Spirit. He said, "I praise You, Father. You are Lord of Heaven and earth. You have hidden these things from the wise and educated. But You have shown them to little children. Yes, Father. This is what You wanted.' (Luke 10:17-21)

On It:

Jesus gets a kick out of watching His people defeat demons. He sees satan crash down. He rejoices greatly in Holy Spirit. And the warriors get a kick out of it, too. The seventy disciples returned with joy. They had Jesus' authority. Demons had to obey them in Jesus' name. And it is true today, as well. Jesus has given us to treat on serpents and scorpions and over all the power of the enemy. All of it! Hallelujah! Let's use it for His glory today!

Live It: Test for Self-Examination

Q8: Do I do and say things at school that would let people know I am a Christian?

Do It:

Ask teachers at school if they would like you to pray for them each day during your prayer time at home.



In It:

Please help me to not be afraid of satan and to know how much more powerful You are!

Eat It: Acts 26:17b-18

'Turn them.' Remember that turning is repentance. They need to turn from darkness to light and from the power of satan to God.

Read It:

One-year Bible Plan: Read Jeremiah 3-4 & John 11



Jehovah Rocks:

There is so much joy and happiness for the people who have their hope in Yahweh. Their whole nation is happier. (Psalm 33:12)

See It:

'The Pharisees heard this. So, they said, "This person drives out demons by the power of Beelzebub, the prince of demons." Jesus knew what they were thinking about. So He said to them, "Every kingdom that fights against itself will be destroyed. Every city or family that is divided will not stand. If satan drives out satan, he fights against himself. Then how can his kingdom stand? You are saying that I drive out demons by the power of Beelzebub. Then by whose power do your people drive them out? So then, they will be your judges. But suppose I drive out demons by the Spirit of God. Then God's kingdom has come to you. "Or think about this. How can you enter a strong man's house and just take what the fellow owns? You must first tie him up. Then you can rob his house.' (Matthew 12:24-29)

On It:

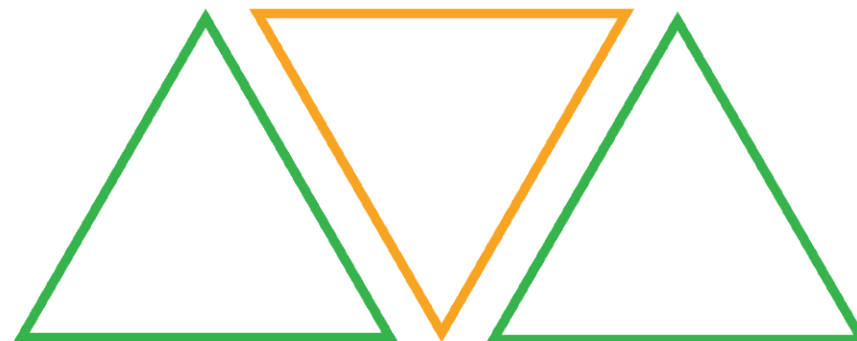
Jesus is teaching them some basic spiritual warfare here. The key is that you must enter the strong person's house and bind him, and to do that you have to be a stronger person. Jesus is the strongest, so if you have Jesus controlling your life, it's like having big muscles and you can then bind the evil spirit in someone's life so that they can repent and believe and find freedom. Then Jesus teaches them another spiritual warfare basic lesson. If you fight against yourself, you lose. This goes for your own life and for your community of believers (family, Junior Soldier Brigade, Corps, etc.). Finally, Jesus shows us that if He kicks demons out by Holy Spirit, then we are witnessing the Kingdom of God. The Kingdom of God has arrived when demons are kicked out of people's lives. And you can do it. You need to use the authority Jesus has given to you and command that demon to leave and not come back.

Live It: Test for Self-Examination

Q9: Are there times where I think I am better than I really am? Do I brag about stuff I can do to make myself look better to other kids?

Do It:

Complete three chores around your house without being asked.



In It:

Help me put on all Your armour: the helmet of salvation, the sword of Your Spirit, the shield of faith, breastplate of righteousness, the belt of truth, and the boots of the Gospel of peace.

Eat It: Acts 26:17b-18

'Forgiveness of sins.' Salvation. Jesus wants us to see people saved.

Read It:

One-year Bible Plan: Read Jeremiah 5-6 & John 12

Week 32

Day 6



Jehovah Rocks:

Thank You, Yahweh. You are just and You want what's fair for Your children. I will praise You! (Psalm 7:17)

See It:

'Jesus had said to him, "Come out of this man, you evil spirit!" Then Jesus asked the demon, "What is your name?" "My name is Legion," he replied. "There are many of us..." A large herd of pigs was feeding on a hillside close by. The demons begged Jesus, "Send us among the pigs. Let us go into them." Jesus let them. The evil spirits came out of the fellow and went into the pigs. There were about 2,000 pigs in the herd. The whole herd rushed down the steep bank. They ran into the lake and drowned.' (Mark 5: 8-13)

On It:

In Matthew 8:28-29, demons recognize Jesus' divinity. In Mark 5:6-7, demons fall before Jesus and cry out. If Jesus is God, and He is stronger, why are the demons commanding Jesus? The reason is this: They knew that they'd taken charge over the earth after the whole bit with Adam and Eve. They knew the divine Jesus was coming eventually, but figured He was too soon, and didn't have the right to interfere with their work of doing nasty things to humans. What they didn't know is that Jesus was totally human. The demons thought that Jesus wasn't playing by the rules because He was God. And God didn't make the mistake that allowed the demons to be boss of the earth, a human did. Which means only a human had the right to stop them from being boss. And they knew Jesus was God. But you know what? Jesus was human too! That is why He had the right to intervene. A human gave the authority over to satan, and a Human had come to take it back! Yeah, Jesus! (from James Garlow, THE COVENANT). [And while the demons thought they were getting their way; Jesus had a bigger plan that they didn't know.]

Live It:

Test for Self-Examination
Q10: Do I dress so that I can look as cool as I can, or am I happy with whatever I am wearing?

Do It:

Try to bless ten people by encouraging and complimenting them today.



In It:

'Our foe may be mighty and brave, And the fighting be hard and severe;
But the King is the mighty to save, And in conflict He always is near.'
(from the songbook)

Eat It:

Acts 26:17b-18
'Place among those who have been sanctified by faith in Me.' The mission is not only to get them all saved. It is to get them all sanctified. That's the mission. Read it again if you don't believe us (while you are memorizing the verse).

Read It:

One-year Bible Plan: Read Jeremiah 7-9 & John 13



Jehovah Rocks:

You are the one who protects me and keeps me safe. You give me strength and I trust You. You always help me and I am so thankful. (Psalm 28:7)

See It:

'Now after He had risen early on the first day of the week, He first appeared to Mary Magdalene (the one He had cast out seven demons from).' (Mark 16:9)

On It:

After you get a present or a great report card who is the first person you tell? Your mom? Your best friend? It tells a lot about the person - that you tell them first. It means they are a special person. Jesus dies on the cross for our sins. He defeated sin and death and the devil and rose back to life! Wow. This is better than a good report card. This is the very biggest event in the history of the world! And who is the first person that Jesus tells? Mary Magdalene. She is SPECIAL! And what is it that Mark highlights? She used to have SEVEN demons, but she doesn't anymore! Jesus kicked seven demons out of her! A lot of people are demonized - teased and picked on and chained up by demons. It is not the end of the world. You can be set free. And it doesn't have to ruin things for you forever. Mary M was demonized. Then she was delivered from the demons by Jesus. And finally, she was the very first person who saw Jesus after He came back to life! It isn't something to be ashamed of. Get free. Get sanctified. And get back out there fighting.

Live It: Test for Self-Examination

Final question! Q11: Do I want to be rich and have lots of lovely things, or am I happy living with just what I need to be safe and comfortable?

Do It:

Recite five memory verses to someone in your family.

In It:

Thank You that You set us free and protect us from all evil. I cling tight to You, Father, and know that You love me. Thank You!

Eat It:

'I am sending you to them to open their eyes and turn them from darkness to light, and from the power of satan to God, so that they may receive forgiveness of sins and a place among those who are sanctified by faith in Me.' (Acts 26:17b-18) Memorize this verse and then obey it for the rest of your life.

Read It:

One-year Bible Plan: Read Jeremiah 10-12 & John 14

Week 33

Day 1



Jehovah Rocks:

You are wonderful! You are the King over the whole earth and the whole of Heaven. (Psalm 47:2)

See It:

'A farmer went out to sow his seed. As he was scattering the seed, some fell along the footpath, and the birds came and ate all of the seeds. Some fell on rocky places, where it did not have much soil. It grew up quickly, because the soil was shallow. But when the sun came up, the plants were burnt, and they withered because they had no root. Other seed fell among thorns, which grew up and choked the plants. Still other seed fell on good soil, where it made a crop—a hundred, sixty or thirty times what was sown.' (Matthew 13:3-8)

On It:

Jesus was very clever at telling stories in a way that would make really hard things like Heaven make sense to people. This story tells us about people receiving the Word of God. Jesus gives four possible outcomes to your evangelism. First, there are people who hear, but they don't really believe or accept. The truth they heard is like a seed sitting on top of the soil... a yummy lunch for a passing bird. In other words, it's gone from them soon after they heard it. The second soil is rocky ground. That's when people hear God's truth, want to believe it, but never really pray or read their Bible and so they can't grow. Their faith will die at the first sign of trouble. Third, is the thorny ground and this is when people hear, and accept God's truth, but as soon as satan chucks in one test they give up and the plant dies. The final soil is the best. This is when people hear God's truth, repent, believe, become obedient to God and are well watered and looked after. The lesson, when you plant a seed by talking about God, make sure you pray hard for your friends and teach them what they have to do to be a disciple. Don't just preach and run!

Live It:

A Salvation Army uniform is a sign of covenant community. When people look at us, they know that we have promised to live a certain way. If they don't know it means that, you should tell them!



Do It:

This week we are going to make a YouTube video. Make sure you ask mom if you're are allowed. Even if you are not allowed to post it, you can still design a clip.

In It:

Please help me to have a bigger memory for all of the memory verses.

Eat It:

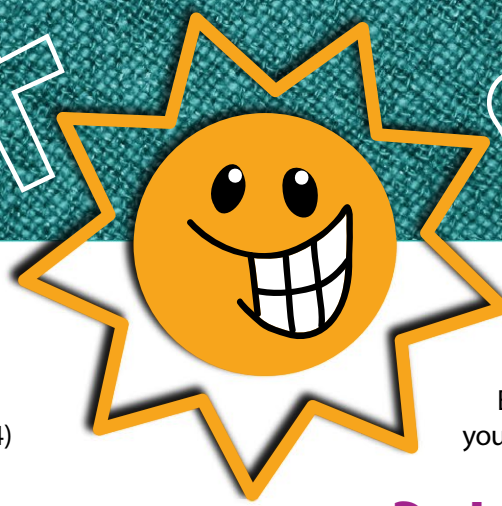
'We believe that repentance toward God, faith in our Lord Jesus Christ, and regeneration by the Holy Spirit are necessary to salvation.' (Doctrine 7)

Read It:

One-year Bible Plan: Read Jeremiah 13-15 & John 15

Week 33

Day 2



Jehovah Rocks:

You are great, no one is better than You, Yahweh. And because of Your power, I know You will win! (Psalm 45:4)

See It:

'The Kingdom of Heaven is like a farmer who sowed good seed in his field. But while everyone was sleeping, his enemy came out and sowed weeds among the wheat. When the wheat started to grow and formed heads, then the weeds also appeared. The owner's servants came to him and said, "Sir, didn't you sow good seed in your field? Where then did the weeds come from?" "An enemy did this," he replied. The servants asked him, "Do you want us to go and pull them up?" "No," he answered, "because while you are pulling out the weeds, you might also pull up the wheat. Let both grow together until the harvest. At that time I will tell the harvesters: First collect the weeds and tie them in bundles to be burned; then gather the wheat and bring it into my barn.'" (Matthew 13:24-43)

On It:

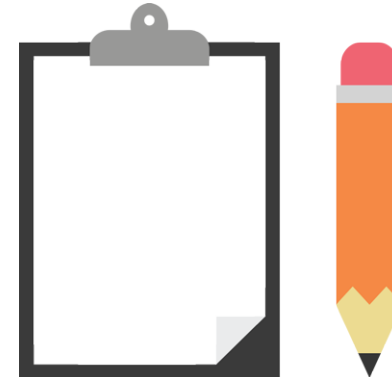
This time, it's not natural forces like birds or thorns that are causing trouble in the harvest. This time the enemy actually comes in and plants weeds in amongst the good plants! But here's where it gets interesting. Instead of pulling the weeds out straight away, the farmer lets the weeds and the wheat grow together so that none of the wheat is damaged. Christians are wheat in this story, and we are living side by side with some bad stuff and with sinners. God could get rid of it now, but God lets us live side by side for a while. When the final harvest time comes when Jesus returns, all unbelievers and evil will head off to hell and the believers will be left as a beautiful harvest of worshipers! The second thing is that while there is evil in the world, we can still fight it, and we should be trying to get as many sinners to follow Jesus as possible. We want a giant party at the harvest time!

Live It:

Every Salvation Army hall in the world has a Mercy Seat. If yours doesn't, you might need to ask the Corps Officer where it is.

Do It:

Think of a message it would be good for people to hear about Jesus. Write down a plan of what you think you need to say and research it well.



In It:

Please help me to hear from you today, God.

Eat It:

Doctrine 7
'Repentance toward God.' Repentance means turning around and going in the opposite direction. It means a change of mind and heart, from hating God or disregarding Him, to loving Him and submitting to Him. "Think different".

Read It:

One-year Bible Plan: Read Jeremiah 16-17, Psalm 96, & John 16



Jehovah Rocks:

Thank You, Yahweh, because You love me and all of Your children. You watch over me and guide me and I know I will be safe with You, forever. (Psalm 37:18)

See It:

'The time came when the beggar died and the angels carried him to Abraham's side. The rich fellow also died and was buried. In hell, where he was in pain, he looked up and saw Abraham far away, with Lazarus by his side. So he called to him, "Father Abraham, have pity on me and send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue, because I am in so much pain in this fire." But Abraham replied, "Son, remember that in your lifetime you were given your good things, while Lazarus had only bad things, but now he is comforted here and you are in agony.'" (Luke 16:19-31)

On It:

In Australia (where Genevieve lives), there are a few important signs that we put out, mostly for tourists. One of them is 'No swimming: crocodiles. But, despite this there is always one silly tourist who gets eaten each year. Why? Because they ignore the warnings. It's not the crocodile's fault that his lunch went swimming! This parable reminds me of this. The rich fellow has all the chances to do the right thing in his life. He is an Israelite and knows his responsibilities that come from a faith in God. Yet, he ignores them and finds himself in hell. Lazarus on the other hand has very few distractions that come from being very poor, and because he followed God his reward was an eternity with God.



Some people read this story and think that it is saying that rich people go to hell and poor people go to Heaven. **THAT IS NOT WHAT JESUS IS SAYING!** You gain entry into Heaven based on whether you repent and believe in your life here on earth. But, from this story I recommend two things. One, live simply and you won't take our eyes off Jesus quite so easily. Two, Jesus cares about what we do in our life, so let's stop being so selfish and start looking after those who don't have as much as we do.

Live It:

The Mercy Seat is a meeting place set up by God. You can use it any time you like!

Do It:

Try to think of a creative way to present it. Will you need others to help you (if it is a drama)? Will you need sound effects?

In It:

Please help me to understand the Bible.

Eat It: Doctrine 7

'Faith in our Lord Jesus Christ.' When it comes to Jesus, faith is spelled 'O - B - E - Y!' If you love Jesus, you obey His commandments. Memorize the doctrine.

Read It:

One-year Bible Plan: Read Jeremiah 18-2-, Psalm 93, & John 17

Week 33

Day 4



Jehovah Rocks:

I am going to tell You I love You and shout it as loud as I can! I am going to tell everyone how amazing You are!
(Psalm 26:7)

See It:

'People don't light a candle and then hide it in a jar or put it under a bed. Instead, they put it on a stand. Then those who come in can see its light. What is hidden will be seen. And what is out of sight will be brought into the open and made known. So be careful to listen. If you have something, you will be given more. If you have nothing, even what you think you have will be taken away from you.' (Luke 8:16-18)

On It:

When I am driving in my car and I approach a traffic light, I am frustrated when it turns to red and I must stop. I much prefer to sail through on the green and keep heading to my destination. I don't like red lights. But imagine if the lights were covered over and we didn't know when it was red and when it was green! Well that would be even worse. The traffic would be everywhere, and we would all be lost and confused. Lights help us out and give us direction. Jesus is reminding us, that when we believe in God, we have a light in us that people can see and that guide people toward Jesus. Awesome... that makes leading others to Christ a lot easier. But if we hide our light, people will be lost! They will have no idea where Jesus is. Why would you do that!? How do we hide our light? Usually it's when we live a life that looks nothing like Jesus' life. So, don't hide your light. Instead, let Jesus shine through your life. Oh, and the other thing that's good to remember is that Jesus' light is like an X-ray over our life. So, don't try to hide any sin from others, because the light will always reveal it in the end. Repent early and save yourself and others some hard times.

Live It:

Millions of people in Salvation Army Halls all around the world have come to use the mercy seat. They come to confess, to acknowledge their need, and to grab hold of God's promise of new life in Christ!

Do It:

Write out exactly what you are going to say and then practise it.

In It:

Please help me to have the courage to talk about You today with my friends.

Eat It:

Doctrine 7
'Regeneration by the Holy Spirit.' Holy Spirit regenerates the person being saved. That means rebirth. That's why Jesus said, 'you must be born again.' And Holy Spirit regenerates once you repent and believe.

Read It:

One-year Bible Plan: Read 2 Kings 24, Jeremiah 22, Psalm 112, & John 18

Week 33

Day 5



Jehovah Rocks:

I love You. Help me to stay close to You. I know that You will keep me safe and protected. I love You!
(Psalm 73:28)

See It:

'Again, the Kingdom of Heaven is like a merchant looking for fine pearls. When he found one that was worth a lot, he went away and sold everything he had and bought it.' (Matthew 13:45-46)

On It:

There are times when children who come to my Corps say to me that they want to come home and live with me. I laugh and say they would miss their moms and want to go home after the first hour! They say 'no', but deep down inside, I know they know I am right. You see, we get used to having our moms around. We love them, of course, but we are so familiar with them, we think we can do without them. It is the same, sometimes, with our relationship with God. But here we have a great story of how valuable heaven is to us. We often don't realize how amazing it is to be forgiven by God and invited to spend eternity with Him because we are just so used to it. We think we can do without it or forget to be thankful. But here is a guy who sells everything he has in life, just so he can own something that he knows is precious to him. Will you do the same? Will you give up your whole life so that you can have God in your life and be in heaven with Him? I hope so, because heaven is that precious; it is worth it. So, what does it mean to give up your life? It means to live the life Jesus lived: pray for others, invite them to follow Jesus, give up your money and things you love so that you can make the lives of others better. Can you do it?

Live It:

'God will save us if He can; He will judge us if He must.'
(General Albert Orsborn)

Do It:

Collect the props and costumes you will need and make any posters you might use.



In It:

Please give me the things that I will need today to do Your mission.

Eat It:

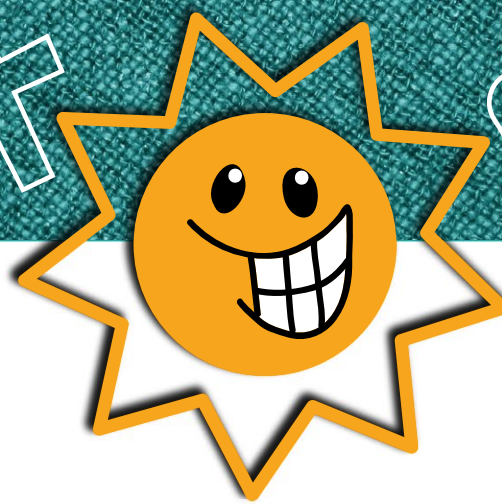
'God the Father... Jesus Christ... Holy Spirit.' Did you notice that the three persons in the Godhead – Father, Son, and Holy Ghost – are all involved in your salvation? Hallelujah!

Read It:

One-year Bible Plan: Read Jeremiah 23-25, & John 19

Week 33

Day 6



Jehovah Rocks:

*Thank You, Yahweh, for helping me to follow You.
I know that when I am obedient to You I will be blessed
by You and the gifts You give me. (Psalm 37:29)*

See It:

'A fellow was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, when he fell into the hands of robbers. They took all of his clothes, beat him and went away, leaving him half dead. A priest happened to be going down the same road, and when he saw the man, he passed by on the other side. So too, a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. But as a Samaritan went walking by, he saw the fellow and he took pity on him. He went to him and bandaged his wounds, pouring on oil and wine. Then he put him on his own donkey, took him to an inn and took care of him. The next day he took out two silver coins and gave them to the innkeeper. "Look after him," he said, "and when I return, I will reimburse you for any extra expense you may have."

On It:

Here Jesus tells a story about an injured Israelite. Two people, religious people walk past without even stopping to help him! But the third person, a Samaritan... a gentile... stops to help him. So, what's the lesson? People on earth have been created by God and are therefore included in our family. Jesus was giving the Israelites permission to start hanging out with gentiles and to start introducing them to God! The Jews have a whole bunch of rules to keep them holy. One of them was that they couldn't touch blood, so when the Israelites pass their brother in the street, they weren't being mean, they were being holy. Jesus was introducing a new way of doing things. Holiness is obeying the commands of Jesus, and the command is to help your neighbours who may be in trouble regardless of who they are or how they look.



Live It:

This is a cool quote! 'If you go to hell, it will be over the mangled body of Jesus.' (Florence Booth)

Do It:

Ask somebody to help you record the clip. You may need to practise it a few times before it is exactly how you want it.

In It:

Please help me to see what You're doing today.

Eat It:

'Necessary to salvation.' This is important because there is no other way to be saved. It doesn't matter if you help old ladies across the street or volunteer at The Salvation Army. The only way you can be saved is described in this doctrine.

Read It:

One-year Bible Plan: Read Jeremiah 26, 35-36, & John 20



Jehovah Rocks:

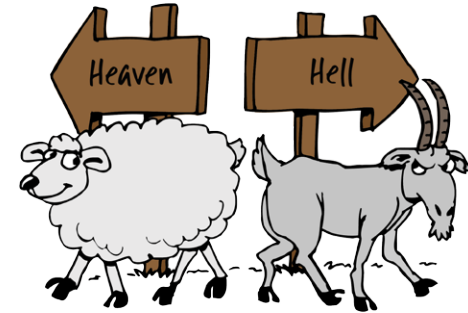
I love that You love justice and I want to praise You because You are a God who cares about all of your children. You will always protect those who need Your help the most. (Psalm 37:28)

See It:

'Then the righteous will answer Him, "Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you something to drink? When did we see you a stranger and invite you in, or needing clothes and clothe you? When did we see you sick or in prison and go to visit you?" The King will reply, "I tell you the truth, whatever you did for someone overlooked or ignored, you did for Me.'" (Matthew 25:37-40)

On It:

This is an awesome and scary story, and yet another parable that confuses people a lot! Jesus pretends that we are all sheep or goats. The sheep are people who served people in real need, like hungry people or people who need shelter. The goats are people who did not. The sheep get to go with Jesus into Heaven and the goats do not. So, what is the lesson for us? Does it mean that people who do good things for others will go to Heaven, but people who ignore poor people will go to hell? No, what He is saying is that when you have a real relationship with Jesus, and when the Holy Spirit is flowing through you, the fruit of the Spirit will come out of you and you won't be able to stop yourself from doing things for Jesus. When you are a Christian, you just want to help all of God's children. We give our selfish wants up and take on all that Jesus wants for His sheep. If someone loves to sacrifice and help others, chances are they are doing it because of their love for Jesus. So, the right order is love Jesus and then, out of that love, help others.



Live It:

Commissioner Wesley Harris reminded us, 'The Salvation Army exists for the benefit of those who don't belong.'

Do It:

Post your YouTube video onto the internet. Make sure you call it "God and Toast – Junior Soldier Videos" so we can see the whole collection from kids reading this book. If you would like one example, check out [youtube.com](https://www.youtube.com) (and search 'Salvation Army doctrines by a six year old').

In It:

Please help me to worship You in the way You deserve.

Eat It:

'We believe that repentance toward God, faith in our Lord Jesus Christ, and regeneration by the Holy Spirit are necessary to salvation.' (Doctrine 7) Memorize it. Tell five friends. And then give them an opportunity to repent, believe and get saved!

Read It:

One-year Bible Plan: Read Jeremiah 45-47, Psalm 105, & John 21

Week 34

Day 1



Jehovah Rocks:

*You save me from my troubles and You keep me safe.
Thank You! You make sure my enemies are defeated.*
(Psalm 54:7)

See It:

'The Jews all know how I have lived ever since I was a child. They know all about me from the beginning of my life. They know how I lived in my own country and in Jerusalem. They have known me for a long time. So if they wanted to, they could tell you all that I lived by the rules of the Pharisees. Those rules are harder to obey than the rules of any other group in the Jewish faith. Today I am on trial because of the hope I have. I believe in what God promised our people long ago. It is the promise that our 12 tribes are hoping to see come true. Because of this hope they serve God with a true and honest heart day and night. King Agrippa, it is also because of this hope that the Jews are bringing charges against me. Why should any of you think it is impossible for God to raise the dead?' (Acts 26: 4-8)

On It:

There are lots of ways you can find out about a person's life. You could read a book about them; you could ask their friends... or you could listen to them while they are on trial in court! This is a wonderful way to find out about a person! Paul was on trial for following Jesus and getting so many other people to follow Jesus. And he stood up before the King to tell his life story. Paul was brought up in a religious Jewish home and committed his life to following the teaching of his religion. A godly upbringing is something for which to thank God. The fact that you are reading GOD AND TOAST tells you that you have a godly influence in your life. Thank God for it.

Live It:

Remember The Salvation Army modus operandi (which means 'the way we do things'): CAPTURE, TRAIN, DEPLOY. That means we want to get people saved, teach them how to get others saved, and then send them out to do it.

Do It:

This week we are going to need you to be bold and courageous. Choose a pair of shoes that you can decorate the bottom (the soles) of. Find some coloured markers or pens. Ask mom or dad if you can draw on the soles of your shoe this week.



In It:

'Jesus loves me this I know, for the Bible tells me so. Little ones belong to Him. They are weak but He is strong.' (From the Songbook: Song 843)

Eat It:

'If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.' (1 John 1:9)

Read It:

One-year Bible Plan: Read Jeremiah 48-49, Psalm 67, & 1 John 1



Jehovah Rocks:

In hard times, I will remember that You are my rock, and that You save me again and again. (Psalm 78:35)

See It:

'I myself thought that I should do everything I could to go against the name of Jesus of Nazareth. That's just what I was doing in Jerusalem. On the authority of the chief priests, I put many of God's people in prison. I agreed that they should die. I often went from one synagogue to another to have them punished. I tried to force them to speak evil things against Jesus. I hated them so much that I even went to cities in other lands to hurt them.' (Acts 26:9-11)

On It:

When Paul said in yesterday's verse that he was committed to his religion, he wasn't joking. He thought that following his religion meant that he had to persecute the followers of Jesus. He got them killed and beaten and excluded from religious groups. He was so angry and offended by them that he chased them to different cities. His religion was supposed to be good, but it drove him to do some terrible things. It is still that way. Some people follow religion that does not accept Jesus as God (which the Bible says that He is). They insult Him, and claim He is only a teacher or a prophet or a leader. There are still people like Paul today who try to hurt followers of Jesus in the name of their religion. You might know some, but don't fight them. You see, Paul changed – he got saved by Jesus. So, your friends and your enemies can get saved, too, if you love them and show them how.

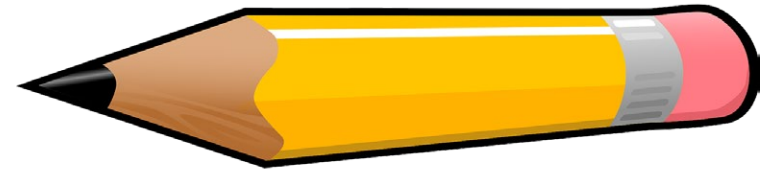
Live It:

'Doing God's work is a great thing. Doing His will is a greater.' (Miriam Booth) She is teaching us a very important lesson here. Just because you

are doing something for The Army doesn't mean you are doing what HE wants you to be doing. So, don't just do good work, do God's will.

Do It:

On a piece of paper, trace the outline of your shoe. Then design a pattern or picture that you are going to draw. In between the pictures you need to think of some evangelistic things to write like 'Jesus saves', 'I love God', 'I'm going to Heaven' or you could draw a cross. Try to fill the entire space of the sole.



In It:

'Jesus loves me, He who died. Heaven's gate to open wide. He will wash away my sin. Let His little child come in.' (From the Songbook: Song 843)

Eat It:

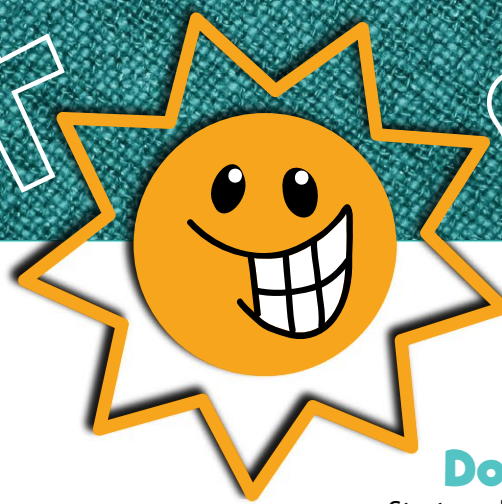
1 John 1:9
'If we confess our sins.' IF - It is your choice. You must decide. God doesn't make you. But you have to if you want to have your sins forgiven.

Read It:

One-year Bible Plan: Read Jeremiah 21, 24, 27, Psalm 118, & 1 John 2

Week 34

Day 3



Jehovah Rocks:

*Thank You for saving me! Thank You, Thank You,
Thank You!* (Psalm 106:47)

See It:

'On one of these journeys I was on my way to Damascus. I had the authority and commission of the chief priests. About noon, King Agrippa, I was on the road. I saw a light coming from Heaven. It was brighter than the sun. It was shining around me and my companions. We all fell to the ground. I heard a voice speak to me in the Aramaic language. "Saul! Saul!" it said. "Why are you opposing me? It is hard for you to go against what you know is right." Then I asked, "Who are you, Lord?" "I am Jesus," the Lord replied. "I am the one you are opposing." (Acts 26:12-15)

On It:

So, Paul tells this story of when he was headed to Damascus to punish Jesus followers and Jesus showed up! Now, remember, Jesus has already died, risen again, appeared to more than five hundred people, and ascended to Heaven! He's in Heaven. But a light brighter than the sun fires down on his traveling party, blinds them and knocks them off their horses to the ground. Then Paul hears the voice from Heaven – Jesus' voice! Wow! Just to recap to this point in time, Paul has been telling people how he was a committed religious guy who was out to get the followers of Jesus. Then he has a wild encounter with Jesus! Paul asked, 'who are You, Lord?' And Jesus introduced Himself!

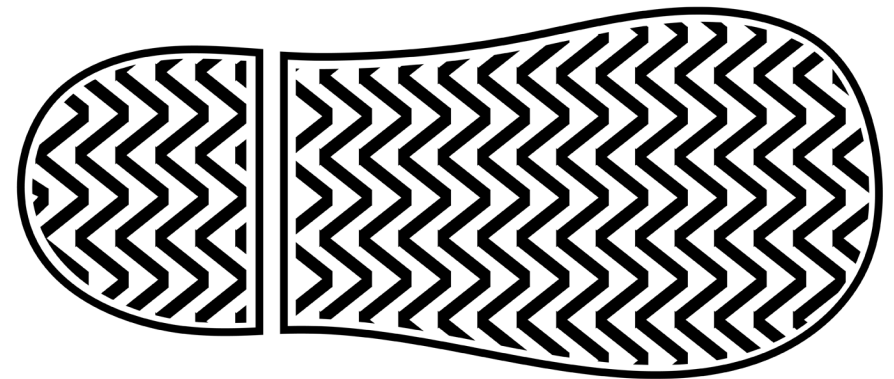
Live It:

The Salvationist's commission is to, 'overcome, conquer, subdue. Not merely teach, but persuade, compel nations to become disciples of the Son of God!' (General William Booth) And this means that we are active in the battle to get people from not believing in God, over to our side

where they not only believe in God but follow God radically like you!

Do It:

Start working on your left shoe and then see how it looks.



In It:

'Jesus loves me, He will stay close beside me all the way. If I love Him, when I die, He will take me home on high.' (From the Songbook: Song 843)

Eat It:

1 John 1:9
'Confess our sins'. You have to 'fess up. An old preacher once said that the Blood only covers what you uncover. You uncover your sins by confessing them to God, asking Him to forgive you, and then determining, with His help, to stop doing them. Now, memorize the whole verse from Day 1.

Read It:

One-year Bible Plan: Read Jeremiah, 28-30, & 1 John 3

Week 34

Day 4



Jehovah Rocks:

I am going to go everywhere and praise You. I thank You and praise Your name. (Psalm 100:4)

See It:

'Now get up. Stand on your feet. I have appeared to you to appoint you to serve Me and be My witness. You will tell others that you have seen Me today. You will also tell them that I will show myself to you again.' 'I will save you from your own people and from those who aren't Jews.' (Acts 26: 16-17a)

On It:

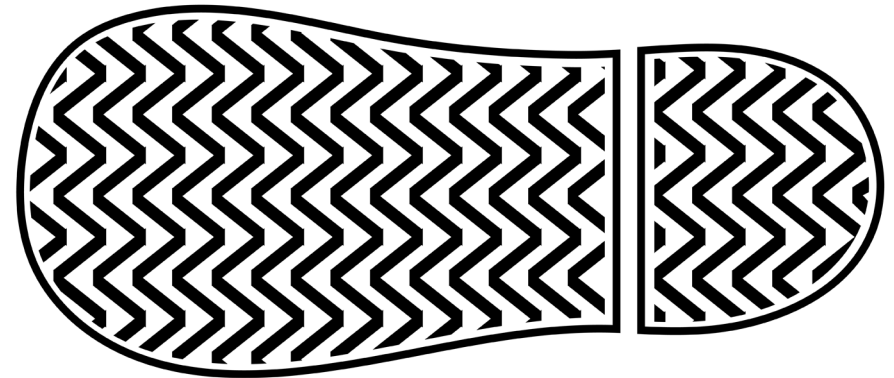
After introductions between Jesus and Paul, Jesus gets down to the mission. He tells Paul to get up and go. And you know what? He does the same with us! So, get up and go! Jesus has a purpose for each of us, not only Paul. After introductions, get on with it. And Jesus will protect you. He will deliver you, just like He did with Paul. Now, remember that Paul is telling his life story. He was a full-on religious guy who was attacking Jesus' followers. Then he had an encounter with Jesus that totally changed everything for him. Now Jesus has a new plan for him. Stay tuned for the next stage in the last three days of the week.

Live It:

'Some say The Salvation Army is a welfare agency. That is a mistake. The Salvation Army is a vital spiritual force with an acute social conscience.' (Canadian Prime Minister A. Meighen, 1921, 1926) Doing good work in the community is so important. Our world is filled with people who are hungry, homeless, hurting and helpless. We must help! BUT we are not just going to help them with food and shelter, or even a shoulder to cry on. We are going to offer them Jesus, who will radically transform their life now, and forevermore in eternity. That's better than any welfare agency I know!

Do It:

Ask someone to help you design or draw for the right shoe.



In It:

Thank You for giving us the Bible!

Eat It:

1 John 1:9
'He is faithful and just'. Isn't that amazing. Now, He is faithful and just whether or not you confess. God is always faithful and always just. That means you can always depend on Him to do the right and fair thing. Yahoo! Now, memorize the whole verse written back in Day 1.

Read it:

One-year Bible Plan: Read Jeremiah 31-32, & 1 John 4



Jehovah Rocks:

Praise You! You are awesome! I thank You! You are great! You are so good Your love will be with me all day, every day for the rest of my life! (Psalm 106:1)

See It:

'I will save you from your own people and from those who aren't Jews. I am sending you to them to open their eyes. I want you to turn them from darkness to light. I want you to turn them from Satan's power to God. I want their sins to be forgiven. They will be forgiven when they believe in me. They will have their place among God's people.'
(Acts 26: 17b-18)

On It:

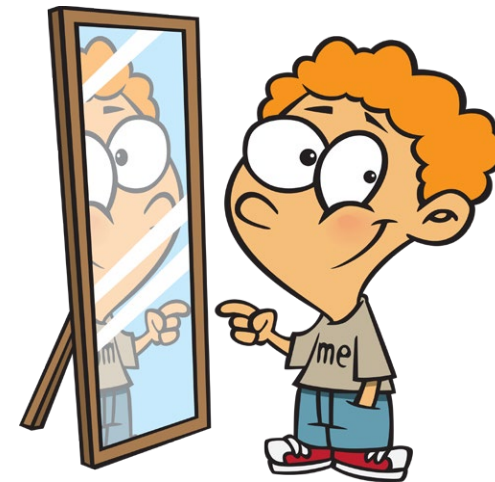
I have to admit, these are life verses for me. They are key to my life. Jesus says to Paul and you, 'I am sending you to open their eyes;' – people who don't love and follow Jesus are blind to the truth. 'To turn them from darkness to light;' - people who don't love Jesus are stuck in darkness. 'From the power of satan to God;' – people who don't love Jesus are bound by satan. We need to get rid of the demons who are hurting them. 'So that they can receive the forgiveness of sins;' – we all need forgiveness of our sins from Jesus. 'And a place among those who have been sanctified by faith in Me.' We are supposed to try and get everyone holy! We need to be holy to make that happen. So, get holy! Thanks, Paul. That was a good couple of verses for us.

Live It:

The Salvation Army produces all kinds of magazines. One is called ALL THE WORLD and it covers exciting stories of what The Salvation Army is doing overseas. Ask your Corps Officer to subscribe to this magazine.

Do It:

Put your shoes on and look at them in the mirror. Pray that God will use the shoes to bring others closer to God.



In It:

Hallelujahweh! (which means – praise Yahweh – or, praise the Lord. It is similar to Hallelujah, which means – praise Yah – which is sort of like saying 'Gen' instead of 'Genevieve').

Eat It:

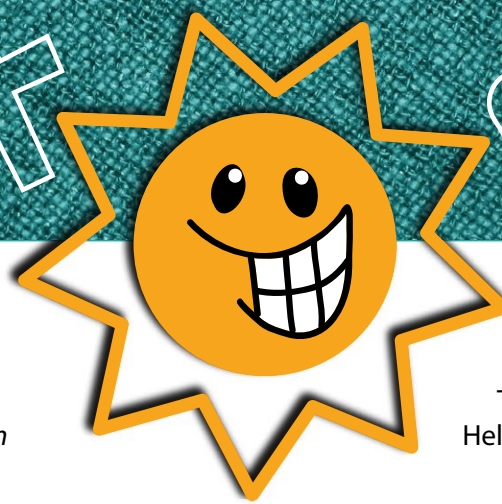
1 John 1:9
'And will forgive your sins.' Yippee! Isn't that fantastic? He will forgive your sins. Every sin you confess He will forgive. When I was six years old, I asked Jesus to forgive all my sins. And, do you know what? He did. Hallelujah! He forgives, pardons, takes away, forgets your sin. Memorize the verse.

Read It:

One-year Bible Plan: Read Jeremiah 33-34, Psalm 74, & 1 John 5

Week 34

Day 6



Jehovah Rocks:

I want to praise You and thank You for all You do in my life. I want to tell everyone I meet what You have done in my life. (Psalm 105:1)

See It:

'So then, King Agrippa, I obeyed the vision that appeared from Heaven. First, I preached to people in Damascus. Then I preached in Jerusalem and in all Judea. I preached also to people who are not Jews. I told them to turn away from their sins to God. The way they live must prove that they have turned away from their sins. That's why the Jews grabbed me in the temple courtyard and tried to kill me.' (Acts 26:19-21)

On It:

Paul was hardcore religious guy attacking the followers of Jesus. Then he met Jesus. Jesus changed his life. NOW he is a hardcore Christian trying to get everyone to repent of their sins and JOIN the followers of Jesus! He didn't change speeds, he just changed direction. And that is what repentance is all about. It is a change of direction, like doing a 180-degree turn, going the opposite way. So, he starts calling everyone to turn their lives completely around, from walking away from Jesus, to walking toward Him. And he wasn't thrown off by the fact that they were trying to kill him. He just kept ploughing ahead. And that is our example.

Live It:

Slum Sisters are the salvationist heroes who go and live in the slums with the poorest people to represent Jesus to them and to help get them saved.

Do It:

Show some of your friends and then encourage them to do the same.

In It:

Thank You for inspiring all the amazing heroes in the Bible. Help me to be as holy and courageous as them.



List some amazing Bible heroes you think of.

Eat It:

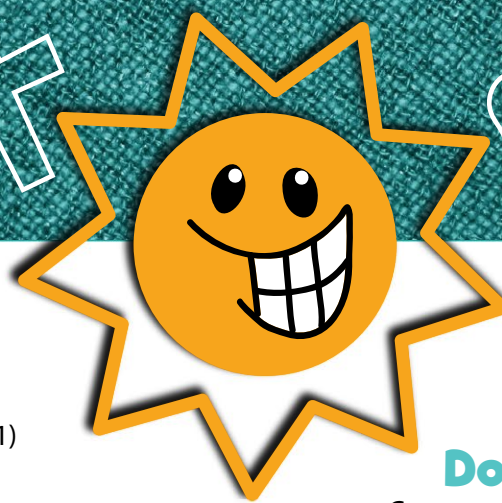
1 John 1:9
'And purify you from all unrighteousness.' Wow! Not only does He forgive your sins, but He will PURIFY you from ALL UNRIGHTEOUSNESS! That means everything UN - RIGHT; everything wrong or bad. He will make you clean all the way through when his Holy Spirit fills you up. Amazing! Hallelujah. Now, memorize the verse.

Read It:

One-year Bible Plan: Read Jeremiah 37-39, Psalm 79, & 2 John

Week 34

Day 7



Jehovah Rocks:

Your love seems to keep coming. Every day when I come to You, I know that You love me still! (Psalm 107:1)

See It:

'But God has helped me to this very day. So, I stand here and give witness to both small and great. I have been saying nothing different from what the prophets and Moses said would happen. They said the Christ would suffer. He would be the first to rise from the dead. He would announce the light of life to his own people and to those who aren't Jews. "While Paul was still speaking up for himself, Festus interrupted. "You are out of your mind, Paul!" he shouted. "Your great learning is driving you crazy!" "I am not crazy, most excellent Festus," Paul replied. "What I am saying is true and reasonable." (Acts 26:22-25)

On It:

Paul has told a crowd of people in a court room about how Jesus has saved him and changed him. This is a great way for you to tell people how to get saved. You can tell them YOUR story. No one can tell it better than you can. But don't tell them every single detail of every single day. Grab a thread – one thread – and follow it. Paul chose 'religious commitment'. He told them how religiously committed he was. Then he told them how he met Jesus and got changed by Jesus. Then he picked up that 'religious commitment' thread again and showed how Jesus transformed that thread of his life. So, you can pick a thread – then show what your life was like in that thread BEFORE you met Jesus. Then tell about how you met Jesus and got saved. Then tell the people how that thread in your life was changed AFTER you were transformed by Jesus. Then sum it up, and people might get saved!

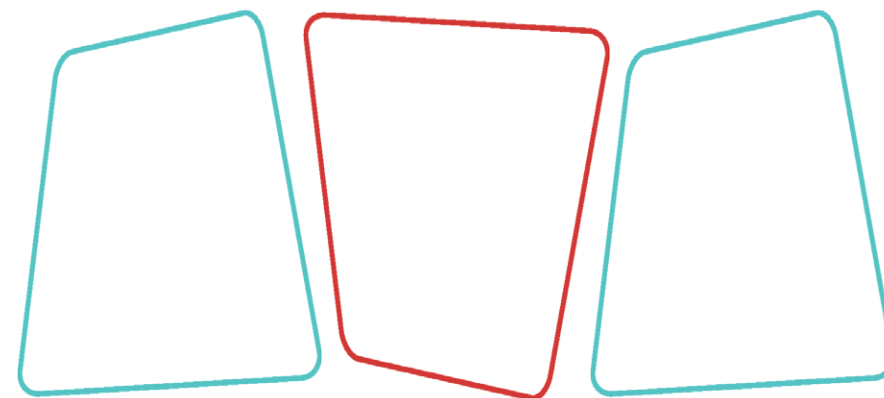
Live It:

Have you ever wondered how we get our General? Well, we have a High Council. That is all made up of all the Territorial Commanders and

Commissioners from around the world. And they meet together to elect the next general.

Do It:

Can you recite the first 25 books of the Old Testament? It's getting harder, isn't it!?



In It:

Thank You for all the heroes within The Salvation Army today, and those that went before and sent an awesome example.

Eat It:

1 John 1:9
Here it is, one more time: "If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness." Now that you have memorized it, share it with ten friends and invite them to follow Jesus.

Read It:

One-year Bible Plan: Read Jeremiah 50-51, & 3 John

Week 35

Day 1



Jehovah Rocks:

Thank You for the love You give me. It is a miracle that God, the creator and the most powerful and amazing God, loves me. (Psalm 107:8)

See It:

'He appointed twelve--making them apostles--that they might be with Him and that He might send them out to preach and to have authority to drive out demons.' (Mark 3:13-15)

On It:

This is what it's all about! Jesus picks disciples - His followers, His students. What is the deal? That they might BE WITH HIM. That is the secret of discipleship. Being with Jesus. They 'adhere' to Him - that means, they stick to him. That's a lot simpler, isn't it? Just stick to Him. Stay WITH Him. All the time - at school at home, at school, at the corps, at the playground, at the mall, at your grandmother's. And look at what He does. He sends you out to preach and authorizes you to kick out demons. How easy is that?!

Live It:

If you are between 7 and 10 years old you are officially 'Ready to be God's Soldier', and if you are 11-13 you are 'Ready to Rock (en)Roll' in The Army's @theREADY framework. If you're ready to be God's soldier tell your corps officer.

Do It:

This week we are going to be making some cards to give away and encourage people. Could you find some paper and markers and write the names of six people you would like to encourage in their walk with or toward Jesus?

In It:

Help me to stick with You, Jesus.

Eat It:

'So, then, just as you received Christ Jesus as Lord, continue to live in Him, made strong in Him, growing in the faith as you were taught, and overflowing with thankfulness.' Memorize this verse this week. (Colossians 2:6-7)

Read It:

One-year Bible Plan: Read Jeremiah 52, Psalm 143-144, & Revelation 1



Week 35

Day 2



Jehovah Rocks:

You love Your children, and You do amazing things in our lives to help us and to show us how much You love us. (Psalm 107:21)

See It:

'If anyone comes to Me and does not hate their father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters or even their own life, they can't be My disciple. And anyone who does not carry their cross and follow Me cannot be My disciple.' (Luke 14:26-27)

On It:

What? Hate your parents? Ouch! That's hardcore. But look, it is about this person and that person and those people and EVEN your own life! So, don't include your parents in this for a second. What Jesus seems to be saying is that compared to your commitment to Jesus your interest in your life must be nothing. You must not care for your own life at all. If you want to be a disciple of Jesus, you must live completely for Him, not for yourself or for your parents or for your sisters and brothers or friends. Live for Him. And that's not all. You have to carry your cross. Do you know what that means? Well, in Jesus' day, if you saw someone carrying his cross it meant that he was on his way to his crucifixion – he was about to be killed. Does that make sense? He was a walking dead man! So, if you want to be a disciple of Jesus you have to be a walking dead boy or a walking dead girl. A disciple of Jesus is a student and follower. And to be a disciple you just must live for Jesus and be dead to yourself. That's it! Too easy, mate!

Live It:

The Salvation Army has an @theREADY set of challenges and teaching for each age group you'll be in until you are way out of high school!

Do It:

Make a card that tells this person they are loved by Jesus. Write a prayer inside the card somewhere.

Today, I'm going to make a card for:

In It:

I love that I am in Your family, and that with You in my life, I have all that I need. Help me to place You as number one!

Eat It:

Colossians 2:6-7
'Just as you received Christ Jesus as Lord!' First, you must receive Jesus as Lord. To all who receive Him, to those who believe in His name, He gives the right to be called children of God.

Read It:

One-year Bible Plan: Read Ezekiel 1-3, & Revelation 2

Week 35

Day 3



Jehovah Rocks!

You always help me and tell me what to do. I know that if I follow You, I will be honouring You, and I will honour You all of my days. (Psalm 73:24)

See It:

'Then, He said to them all: "If anyone would come after Me, he must put himself last, take up his cross daily and follow Me. Whoever wants to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for Me will save it. What good is it for you to gain the whole world, and yet lose yourself? If anyone is ashamed of Me and My words, the Human Son will be ashamed of you when He comes in all His glory, in the glory of the Father and of the holy angels.' (Luke 9:23-26)

On It:

Wow! This discipleship stuff is extreme! You may know people who want to get rich when they grow up, or who want to buy a big house or a big car or have a big pool, or take great vacations all the time or save lots of money for retirement... But Jesus is telling us that if we get all of that stuff but go to hell, we're in hell. None of that stuff matters. Do not knock yourself out trying to get rich or any of that other stuff. Instead, seek first the Kingdom of God and His righteousness. Do not lose your soul. Get saved, keep saved, and get other people saved. If you are ever ashamed of Jesus, He'll be ashamed of you. And that is disastrous. Always stand up for Him and He'll always stand up for you.

Live It:

Corps Cadets is a hardcore soldier-training course for teens.

Do It:

Make a card that tells this person to keep up their Bible reading. Write a memory verse inside the card somewhere.

In It:

Name all the people in your class and pray one thing for each of them.



Eat It:

Colossians 2:6-7
'Continue to live in Him.' This is an important part that too many people overlook. This is the journey of discipleship. A lot of people receive Christ Jesus as Lord but then do not follow Him, do not continue to live IN Him. And that is a massive problem.

Read It:

One-year Bible Plan: Read Ezekiel 4-7, & Revelation 3

Week 35

Day 4



Jehovah Rocks!

I love You Yahweh, so I want to be obedient to You and show You how much I love You. (Psalm 85:9)

See It:

'Jesus travelled through all the towns and villages, teaching in their synagogues, preaching the good news and healing every disease and sickness. When He saw the crowds, He felt sorry for them, because they were bullied and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. Then He said to His disciples, "There is plenty to be harvested but the workers are few. Ask the Lord of the harvest, then, to send workers out into His harvest field." (Matthew 9:35-38)

On It:

First, look at Jesus' example. Everywhere He goes, Jesus preaches that people can be saved from sin and hell if they repent of their sins and trust and obey Him. He heals sick people. He cares for them. This is a great example. And He sees that they are lost and need someone to lead them and take care of them. Jesus explains to His disciples that there are lots of people out there ready to get saved but that we need more warriors to rescue them from the bonds of the devil. Then He told them to pray for God to force warriors out onto the battlefield. Pray that prayer today. You will likely find that you become an answer to your own prayer. By that we mean He is sending you!

Live It:

Technically, you can sign up as a Senior Soldier when you are 14, but in some places, we play up Junior Soldiership from 7-17 and then transition to Senior Soldiership at 18.

Do It:

Make a card for the next person on your list and tell this person you are praying for them.



In It:

Please God, send more people to help in Your mission to save people! Please send Your Holy Spirit into them to fire them up for lost people everywhere.

Eat It:

Colossians 2:6-7
'Rooted and built up in Him.' You must be rooted in Jesus – your roots go down deep into Him. Root your beliefs, your actions, your trust, the things you do, in Him. And be built up in Him. Build your life on Jesus. Each act of obedience, each bit of love, each exercise of faith, each expression of worship helps you build your life in Him.

Read It:

One-year Bible Plan: Read Ezekiel 8-11, & Revelation 4

Week 35

Day 5



Jehovah Rocks:

You made all of creation. You made all of the people of the world. And one day, all of Your children will bow down and worship You. You deserve it! (Psalm 86:9)

See It:

'After they had crossed, Elijah said to Elisha, "What can I do for you before I'm taken from you?" Elisha replied, "Please give me double the amount of your spirit!"' (2 Kings 2:9)

On It:

Elijah disciplined Elisha. Elijah was a mighty warrior of Yahweh, a powerful prophet of God. And Elisha followed him around, watching, learning, imitating. And when Elijah was about to head to Heaven (he flew up, while still alive, in a fiery chariot!) Elisha knew (God let him in on it!), so he asked for a double portion of Elijah's spirit. Whew! I ask for a double portion when someone is serving ice-cream! And, do you know what? He got it! Elisha did twice the number of miracles as Elijah. He was hardcore. He even raised a dead guy from his grave (the dead body came back to life when it touched Elisha's bones! I think Elisha should get some credit on that one too)! He took Elijah's mantle – his anointing, his calling, his authority. And he used it to glorify God. When you disciple someone well, that person will end up like you! And as you get disciplined by a great Christian, you will end up with similarities to your discipler. Brad disciplined me, and even though we are really different kinds of people, we end up saying and doing similar things because of the influence he had on me. So, be careful who disciplines you and how you disciple. Choose the best!

Live It:

Is God calling you to be an Officer? If so, tell your Junior Soldier Sergeant and Corps Officer, then train hard and prepare to be the best one possible.

Do It:

Make a card that tells this person that you have thought of them and prayed for them that day. Write a praise point inside the card somewhere.



In It:

Please help these cards to bring joy to the people that receive them and please send Your love with each card I give.

Eat It: Colossians 2:6-7

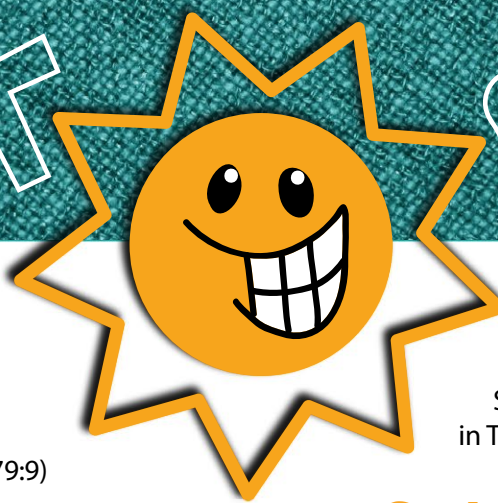
'Strengthened in the faith as you were taught!' Get strong by being taught to follow Jesus. Make sure the teaching you receive is solid, Biblical, missional training and discipling that will raise you up into a mighty warrior.

Read It:

One-year Bible Plan: Read Ezekiel 12-14, & Revelation 5

Week 35

Day 6



Jehovah Rocks:

Yahweh, You are the God who saves me. Continue to help me! I want to praise You and say thank You that You have saved me and forgiven me of all of my sins. (Psalm 79:9)

See It:

'You heard me teach in front of many people. To people you can trust, teach the things you've heard me say. Then they will be able to teach others.' (2 Timothy 2:2)

On It:

This is a really important verse. Paul is speaking to his disciple, Timothy. Paul is old and is setting things up for the future. He has faithfully trained up Timothy in the Salvation War. And he teaches Timothy to use reliable people, pouring into them the essential lessons that Paul has taught Timothy. You see Paul has a good plan. He is hoping that his teaching will mean that Tim will be a good leader, and then Tim will pass on the teaching to others who will also become good, and then they will pass it on, and so on and so on. That way, Paul's influence keeps going and going even longer than the energizer bunny! Let's do some math. If you got one person saved every day for a year, 365 people are going to heaven. If you did that every day for a decade, 3,650 people would be saved. If you did it every day for 20 years, 7,300 people saved from hell. That's fantastic. But watch closely. If you discipled two kids for a year, so that they become solid Jesus warriors, there would be three of you at the end of the year. That's good (though not anything close to 365). If all three of you disciple two kids each the second year, then there are six at the end of the year. Praise God. Watch how the math goes, if you each disciple two people each year: After ten years - 1536 disciples of Jesus; After 20 years - 1,572,864 disciples of Jesus! Disciple kids! It just makes more mathematical sense!

Live It:

Senior Soldiers sign up to fight as warriors for life with God in The Salvation Army.

Do It:

Make a card that tells this person how much you appreciate their leadership and discipleship in your life. Write a praise point inside the card somewhere.



In It:

Thank You for creating me! Help me to be a good disciple of Yours, Jesus!

Eat It:

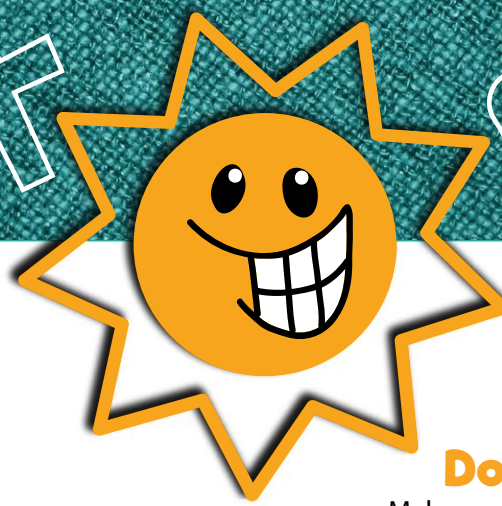
Colossians 2:6-7
'Overflowing with thankfulness.' If you receive Him as Lord, if you root your life and build it up in Him, and if you are strengthened in the faith as you are taught Biblically, you WILL overflow in thankfulness. You will be aware of having so much for which to be thankful!

Read It:

One-year Bible Plan: Read Ezekiel 15-16, Psalm 70, & Revelation 6

Week 35

Day 7



Jehovah Rocks!

You love us, and there is nothing You wouldn't do for us to show us You love us. You are so amazing! Thank You! (Psalm 107: 31)

See It:

'I am the vine; you are the branches. If you stay joined to Me and I to you, you will bear lots of fruit. Without Me you can do nothing. If anyone doesn't stay joined to Me, you are like a branch that is thrown away and dries up. Those branches are picked up, thrown into the fire and burned. If you stay joined to Me and My words remain in you, ask whatever you want and it will be given to you. When you bear much fruit, it brings glory to My Father, and you show yourselves to be My disciples.' (John 15:5-8)

On It:

Have you ever seen a grapevine? It has one big bit of plant attached to the ground, and then all the branches go off their separate ways. But they are all attached to one bit in the middle. That is the relationship of Jesus with His disciples. So, if you are a disciple of Jesus you are like the branches of the grapevine connected to the vine, which is Jesus. Do you catch that? The branch can't grow on its own. It must suck the nutrients and water out of the vine. If a branch stops getting that stuff out of the vine, then it dies on the vine and is cut off and thrown out. Do you get the application? If we are not sucking stuff out of the vine, if we are not growing, if we are not connected to Jesus, we are cut off and thrown out. That's disastrous. So, remain IN Jesus. Stay connected to Him. And if you do, you will bear much fruit. And THAT is how you show yourself to be a disciple of Jesus!

Live It:

The Salvation Army has rations - rations are the daily spiritual food that a soldier takes in through prayer and Bible reading. Take your rations daily

- this book is intended to help you make it a life-long habit.

Do It:

Make a card that tells this person how important it is to pray. Write a prayer inside the card somewhere.



In It:

Help me to stay close to You so that I can produce good fruit for Your kingdom.

Eat It:

'So, then, just as you received Christ Jesus as Lord, continue to live in Him, rooted and built up in Him, strengthened in the faith as you were taught, and overflowing with thankfulness.' Colossians 2:6-7. Memorize this verse and tell five friends.

Read It:

One-year Bible Plan: Read Ezekiel 17-19, & Revelation 7

Week 36

Day 1



Jehovah Rocks:

You are my strength. I can't do it without You. You are so good and You protect me and all who lead me because You are a God who loves. (Psalm 89:17)

See It:

'We are under pressure on every side, but not crushed; confused, but not in despair; treated badly, but not left alone by God; knocked down, but not destroyed. We always carry around in our body the death of Jesus, so that the life of Jesus may also be shown in our body.' (2 Corinthians 4:8-10)

On It:

We're spending a week on persecution to help you understand that following Jesus isn't about fun times and a comfortable life. You'll be convinced at the end of this week of readings that persecution is a normal part of following Jesus Christ. But it's better to find that out now rather than when you are in the middle of it wondering why things don't feel so good. Look at Paul in this text. He's pressed down on every side. He's perplexed. He's persecuted. He's struck down. There isn't a big relief mentioned in the reading. However, he does emphasise that he is not crushed, that he is not in despair, that he is not abandoned, that he is not destroyed. So, Christianity is NOT about removing trouble from you but about providing a way through it. This is an important lesson for you.

Live It:

In 1881 The Skeleton Army started. Its only purpose was to persecute The Salvation Army. They mocked us, interrupted our meetings, attacked us, threw rotten vegetables at us, vandalized our property – all because we love Jesus and tried to get lots of other people to love Him, too.

Do It:

Write 'Jesus saves' on some of your school notebooks.



In It:

Thank You that You are stronger than any evil and that You protect me from satan.

Eat It:

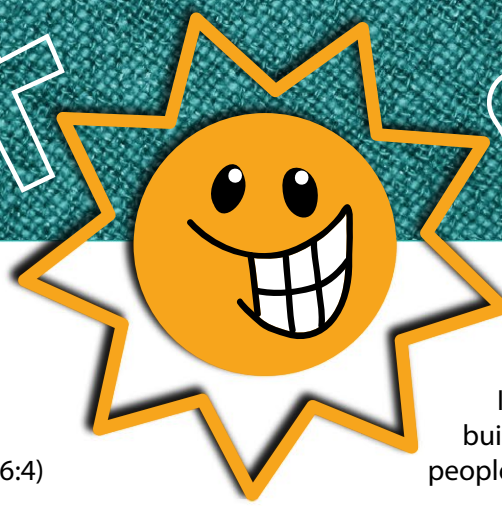
'He himself bore our sins in His body on the tree, so that we might die to sins and live for righteousness; by His wounds you have been healed.' (1 Peter 2:24) Memorize this verse this week.

Read It:

One-year Bible Plan: Read Ezekiel 20-21, Psalm 111, & Revelation 8

Week 36

Day 2



Jehovah Rocks:

I think You are so great that I want there to be at least one person praising You at all times! You should be honoured more than any other god or person. (Psalm 96:4)

See It:

'We are fools for Christ, but you are so wise in Christ! We are weak, but you are strong! You are honoured, we are dishonoured! Until now, we are hungry and thirsty, we are in rags, we are treated terribly, we are homeless. We work hard with our hands. When people curse us, we bless them; when we are treated badly, we put up with it; when we are abused, we answer kindly. Up to this moment we have become the scum of the earth, the rubbish of the world.' (1 Corinthians 4:10-13)

On It:

'Scum of the earth!' And Paul's talking about himself and fellow apostles! Again, notice the trend. The blessing of God is not a removal of pain from your life. Paul says that he is weak, dishonoured, hungry and thirsty, brutally treated, cursed, persecuted, slandered, scum of the earth, refuse of the world. How does he deal with it? He does the opposite. So, when people curse him, he blesses them! Do you get it? So, if someone calls you a bad name you say something like 'God bless you.' If they swear at you, you can ask God to bless them. When people slander them - that is, lie about them - they speak kindly to them! Wow. This is revolutionary. Did you notice yesterday that Paul just about said he was dead - carrying around in our body the death of Jesus? Well, today, he describes himself as scum and refuse. How do we deal with persecution as Christians? We don't get a free pass to good times. God helps us to respond in the opposite spirit. Bless those who curse you.

Live It:

In the early days of The Salvation Army in Canada, Corps buildings were routinely burned down! And it wasn't because people forgot to blow out candles!

Do It:

Forgive somebody you know has been mean to you lately.

In It:

Please help me to forgive, even people who are really mean to me.



Eat It:

1 Peter 2:24
'He Himself.' Jesus did not pass on the responsibility to die for our sins to someone else. He died for our sins, Himself.

Read It:

One-year Bible Plan: Read Ezekiel 22-24, & Revelation 9

Week 36

Day 3



Jehovah Rocks:

When You perform another miracle, all of Heaven shouts a loud cheer of praise. You show us your love and loyalty when You help us. Thank You! (Psalm 89:5)

See It:

'You know all about my teaching, my way of life, my purpose, faith, patience, love, ability to go on, bad treatment, suffering — the kinds of bad things that happened to me in Antioch, Iconium and Lystra, the things I put up with. But the Lord rescued me from all of them. In fact, everyone who wants to live a godly life in Christ Jesus will be treated badly.' (2 Timothy 3:10-12)

On It:

How would you describe yourself? 10 ½ years old, grade 5, soccer player, chess club, duty monitor? Or, if you are a hardcore Junior Soldier, maybe as a 10 ½-year-old Jesus-loving, demon-shoving, God-glorifying, devil-defying mighty warrior? Paul describes himself here based on his teachings, his purpose, his faith, his love, his PERSECUTIONS, his sufferings... he was known for being persecuted. But he doesn't stop there. He insists that everyone who wants to live a godly life in Christ Jesus will be persecuted. Wow. Really? Everyone? So, does that mean if you want to be a solid Christian, an effective Junior Soldier, you will be persecuted? Yes. What will persecution look like? Well, it could be stuff like people making fun of you because you love Jesus, excluding you from friendship groups or events, or hurting you. But in some places in the world it could mean that you get thrown in jail, that you get fired from jobs (or don't even get hired), that your home is vandalised or taken, or that you get killed. And we're not exaggerating. Is that too much for you? Because this is the cost of following Jesus. But the reward is worth it all!

Live It:

On November 24, 1887, the Battle of the Basilica was fought in Quebec as The Army was attacked by a mob of 5,000 destroying Salvation Army property and bashing soldiers.

Do It:

Write 'Jesus saves' in three different places today.

In It:

Thank You that You give me the privilege to speak to You.



Eat It:

1 Peter 2:24
'Bore our sins in His body on the tree.' Jesus died for us. He bore our sins on His body. All your sins, all my sins, were in some mystical way on His body on the tree – on the Cross. Memorize this verse.

Read It:

One-year Bible Plan: Read Ezekiel 25-28, & Revelation 10

Week 36

Day 4



Jehovah Rocks:

I love to sing about how wonderful You are and tell You how much I love You. You are my God, and You are worthy of all of the praise! (Psalm 92:1)

See It:

'In fact, when we were with you, we kept telling you that we would be treated badly. And it turned out that way, as you well know. Therefore, brothers, in all our worry and bad treatment, we were encouraged about you because of your faith. Now we really live, since you are standing firm in the Lord.' (1 Thessalonians 3:4,7-8)

On It:

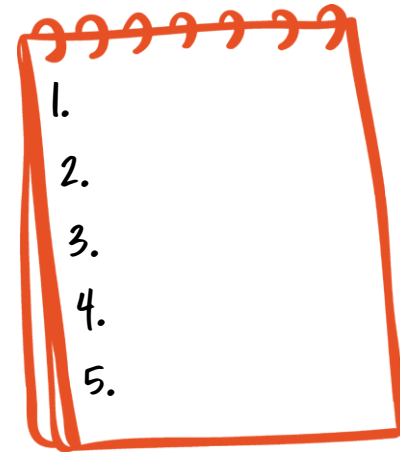
Do you ever guess what is going to happen? Maybe at the end of the movie? Or maybe you pick who will win the game? Well, Paul told the soldiers in Thessalonica that he and his crew would be persecuted. And he was right. But the way that we handle persecution can affect others. If we crumble under the pressure maybe other followers of Jesus will get discouraged and shy away from staying true to Jesus. But if we handle it in a godly way, blessing when cursed, showing kindness when slandered, and so on, then we encourage our fellow followers of Jesus. Paul was psyched to see his friends exercise their faith under persecution. In fact, his life was electric – he was thrilled - because they stood firm in the Lord.

Live It:

In 1887, practically the whole Lindsay Ontario Corps was thrown into prison for preaching the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Do It:

Recite five of your memory verses at lunch time today. Make sure they are different to the five you did last time.



In It:

Thank You that You equip me with Your armour. I put it on and know that You will be with me.

Eat It:

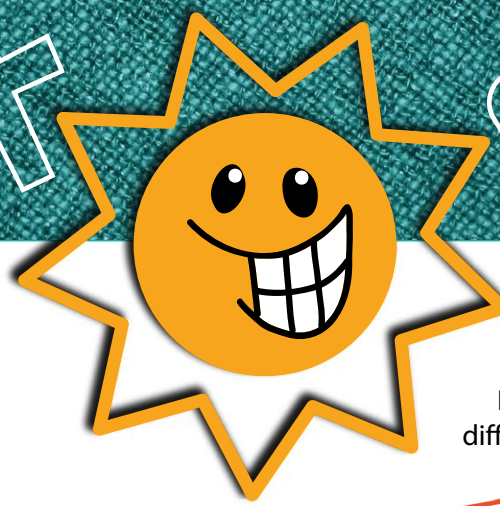
1 Peter 2:24
'So that we might die to sins.' Not only can we have forgiveness for our sins, we can be dead to them. That means we are not inclined to sin anymore. Memorize this verse.

Read It:

One-year Bible Plan: Read Ezekiel 29-32, & Revelation 11

Week 36

Day 5



Jehovah Rocks:

I love You and I want to tell You everyday, how much I love You. I want to tell people that I meet throughout my day that You are my God who saves! (Psalm 96:2)

See It:

'Some were killed with stones. Others were sawed in two. Some were killed with swords. They wore sheepskins and goatskins, were poor, treated awfully — the world was not worthy of them.' (Hebrews 11:37-38a)

On It:

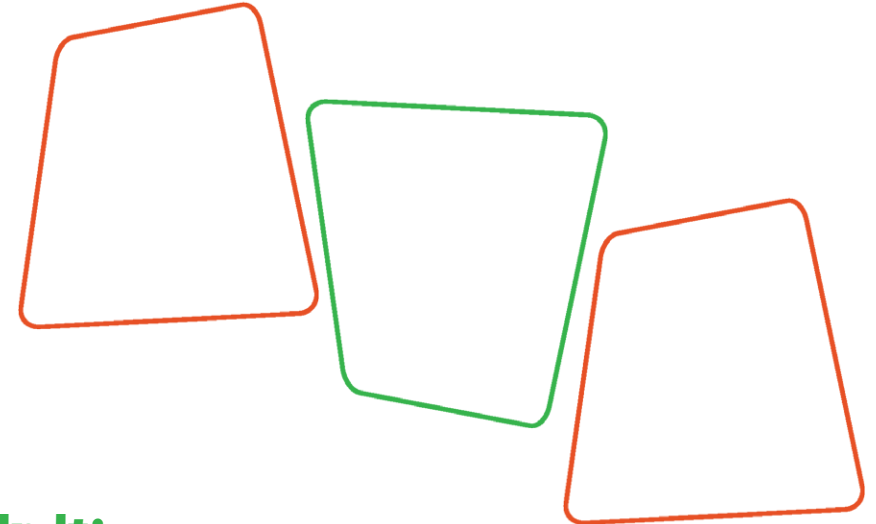
The writer to the Hebrews is finishing a wonderful chapter - 11 - known as the hall of faith. There is a long list of these heroes who used their faith to the glory of God. You will see many familiar names there, like Moses and Abraham and Enoch and Jephthah, and so on. But then the writer figures that there is not enough space to describe all the heroes. He talks about nameless heroes who were stoned to death, sawed in two, chopped to death - persecuted in so many ways. And then there is the conclusion that hits me every time I read it. 'The world was not worthy of them! The world was not worthy of them! They were too good for the world and did not belong there! These heroes were not citizens of earth (we are not to consider ourselves as citizens of this world, either). Their treasures were in Heaven. That means that the important things in their lives had to do with God and eternity. They lived better lives than the earth could inspire or empower. And they died better deaths, as well. They are an example for us. A motivation. What a great caption for your tombstone (if you get one) - the world was not worthy of _____ (put your name there).

Live It:

In England we had women Salvationists killed for preaching the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Do It:

Recite three of your doctrines. Make sure they are a different three to the last time you recited them.



In It:

Please keep me close to You, Jesus!

Eat It:

1 Peter 2:24
'Live to righteousness.' Not only do we die to sin, but we live to righteousness. What animates us, what feeds us, what drives and inspires us, is supernaturally powered integrity that can shake the world.

Read It:

One-year Bible Plan: Read 2 Kings 25, 2 Chronicles 36, Jeremiah 40-41, & Revelation 12

Week 36

Day 6



Jehovah Rocks:

Praise Yahweh! Forever and ever, praise Yahweh!
(Psalm 89:52)

See It:

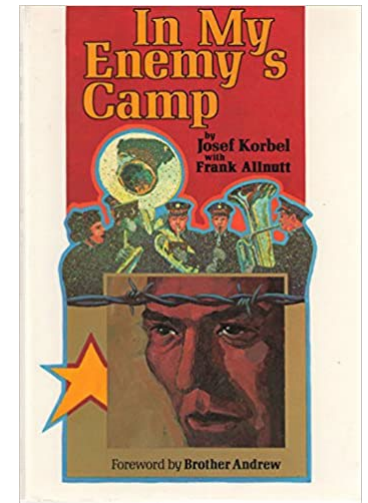
'Who can separate us from the love of Christ? Can trouble or hard times or people treating us badly or having no food or nakedness or danger or war? No, in all these things we are more than winners through Jesus who loved us.' (Romans 8:35, 37)

On It:

Have you ever said that you weren't friends with someone because of peer pressure? Have you ever been bullied into dissing The Salvation Army or even Jesus? This is the very issue Paul is addressing. He's basically asking - what would it take to make me let go of Jesus' love? He throws out a few possibilities. What about trouble? I mean, trouble is a hassle. Often when you stand up for Jesus you get in trouble (whether you get a knife to your throat, or just get kicked out of malls for preaching like we have). Well, how about hardship? I mean, if you got kicked out of school for following Jesus, or disowned by your family? Or maybe if you couldn't buy food to eat because you are a Christian? Well, maybe persecution? It could be that you get beaten for Jesus? Famine? Nakedness? Danger? Sword? Wow. There are a lot of possibilities to be separated from Jesus' love there. And many people have thrown in the towel in the face of some of those very difficult circumstances. But how does Paul conclude? He says NO. NO NO NO NO NO. NO to all those things. How? Well, in all those situations we can be MORE THAN CONQUERORS through Jesus who loves us. Jesus empowers us. His grace is sufficient for us. Nothing will separate us from Jesus!

Live It:

Brigadier Josef Korbel was arrested by Communists in Czechoslovakia and imprisoned for more than a decade for preaching the Gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ as a Salvation Army Officer. You can read his autobiography, *In My Enemy's Camp*.



Do It:

Tell some kids at school today about Jesus.

In It:

Thank You that nothing can separate me from Your love!

Eat It:

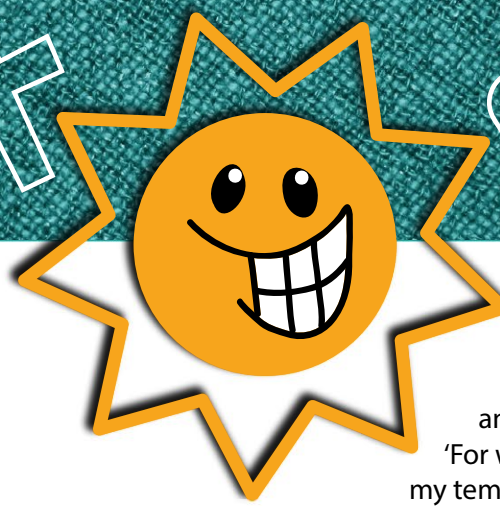
1 Peter 2:24
'By His wounds you have been healed.' Because Jesus was crucified for us, His wounds provide a way for us to be healed, to be saved. Hallelujahweh!

Read it

One-year Bible Plan: Read Jeremiah 42-44, Psalm 48, & Revelation 13

Week 36

Day 7



Jehovah Rocks:

I want to praise You everyday for the rest of my life on earth, and in Heaven. (Psalm 44:8)

See It:

'Dear friends, do not be surprised at your painful suffering, as if something strange were happening to you. Be happy that you're a part in the sufferings of Christ, so that you may be so happy when his glory is revealed. If you are insulted because of the name of Christ, you are blessed, for the Spirit of glory and of God rests on you. If you suffer as a Christian, do not be ashamed, but praise God that you bear that name.' (1 Peter 4:12-14,16)

On It:

Okay, if you know that persecution is coming, the best approach is to plan to handle it in the right way. Peter, who himself was terribly persecuted, gives us some hints. First, do not be surprised, as if this was such a surprise to be made fun of. We are expecting persecution so let's not let it shock or confuse us when it does happen. Second, rejoice. In suffering? Why rejoice? Well, then we can be overjoyed when God is shown to others through us. Third, know that you are blessed. When we are insulted along with Jesus, Holy Spirit actually comes on us to take the blows, and so God rests on us. Fourth, don't be ashamed. Jesus is worthy of the sacrifice of all our lives. It is a privilege to suffer for His name. Fifth, praise God. Let's just keep reflecting glory to God! Hallelujahweh!

Live It:

Commissioner Herbert Lord was a prisoner in the 1950s for preaching the Gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ in Korea. His guard was questioning him: 'And do you believe that... God answers prayer?' 'Yes.' 'Well, we'll prove it. I am going to stand behind you, and I want you to pray to your God and ask Him to tell you in which hand I am holding this gun.' 'I refuse to offer

such a prayer,' declared the Commissioner. 'God is not a conjuror.' The guard said, 'And yet you believe He answers prayer?' And he replied, 'Yes, and I am praying now.' 'For what?' said the guard. 'That He will give me grace not to lose my temper with you, and that if you decide to use your gun that I may die like a Christian gentleman.' The guard walked away.

Do It:

Can you memorize the first 30 books of the Old Testament?

In It:

Help me to rejoice in You, even when I am feeling sad.



Eat It:

'He himself bore our sins in His body on the tree, so that we might die to sins and live for righteousness; by His wounds you have been healed.' (1 Peter 2:24)

Read It:

One-year Bible Plan: Read Lamentations 1-2, Obadiah, & Revelation 14

Week 37

Day 1



Jehovah Rocks:

'I love saying thank You to You, Yahweh! You have done so many wonderful things in my life and I love to tell others about them.' (Psalm 26:7)

See It:

We tell you what we have actually seen and heard so that you can have friendship with us. And our friendship is with the Father and with His Son, Jesus Christ! (1 John 1:3)

On It:

If you see an amazing new movie or play an exciting new game what is the first thing you do when it is finished (after thanking God for the opportunity to experience it)? Tell your friends! Why? Well, you want them to experience what you have. You want them to share your excitement, your blessing. This is a very little like fellowship with God. John is writing to a bunch of friends about his experience with the Lord Jesus Christ. But your friends can't enjoy the experience of the movie or game until they agree to join you in it. Once they buy in, they can share that fun. That is the same with Jesus. John invites them into this fellowship. But he explains that the fellowship is all about connecting with God the Father and with His Son Jesus Christ. And this is what we want to do – get as many people as possible to join us in our fellowship with God. The goal is getting everyone in the whole world to join us in fellowship with God.

Live It:

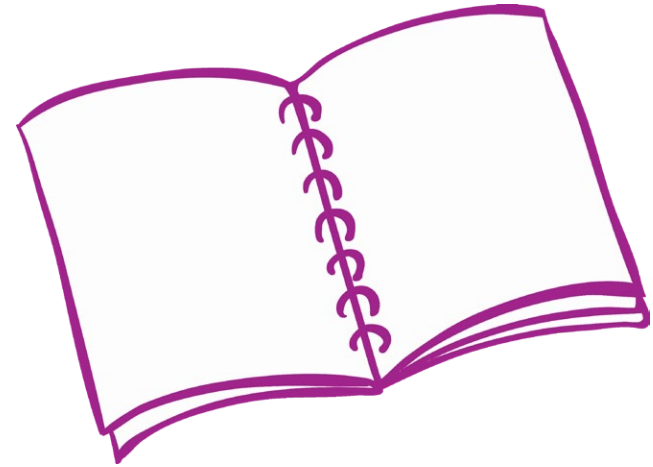
The Salvation Army fought hard to raise the age of consent in England to protect young girls from abuse and human trafficking back in the 19th century in a battle called the Maiden Tribute.

Do It:

Google the 'Maiden Tribute' and find out some more information about it.

In It:

Thank You for my family and for all the love they give me. Think of one thing about each member of your family that you want to pray for.



Eat It:

'A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. By this all people will know that you are My disciples, if you love one another.' (John 13:34-35) Memorize this verse this week.

Read It:

One-year Bible Plan: Read Lamentations 3-5, & Revelation 15

Week 37

Day 2



Jehovah Rocks:

When I am close to You I know I am safe. You are like a rock to stand on that keeps me from falling over.
(Psalm 26:12)

See It:

'How good and sweet it is when God's people live together in peace! It's like the special olive oil that was poured on Aaron's head. It ran down on his beard and on the collar of his clothes. It's as if the dew of Mount Hermon were falling on Mount Zion. It's there that the Lord gives His blessing.' (Psalm 133: -3)

On It:

What is the best idea of tasty blessing that you can imagine? Would it be splashing in jelly? Or swimming in a pool of fair-trade chocolate? Well, these verses are trying to describe that very feeling. So, when you see the bit about the oil being poured on your head and running down your face and onto your clothes, read 'chocolate!' And how do you get this most blessed experience? You dwell. Together. In unity. You make your home there. Together – you are not alone. You do it with friends. In Unity – You agree. You all love Jesus. We can tell you from experience that if you can find a community of believers and warriors with whom to dwell – together – in unity – you are swimming in ice cream!

Live It:

Today we are going to learn about the Cab Horse Charter - General William Booth had a plan, 'a very humble one, but if realized it would solve the worst problems of modern society.' He called it The Cab Horse Charter. If a cab horse (which is a horse used to take people around the city in a carriage) fell, we would do what it takes to get it right again. It had 'a shelter for the night, food for its stomach and work allotted to it by which it can earn its corn.' 'That,' he continued, 'although a humble

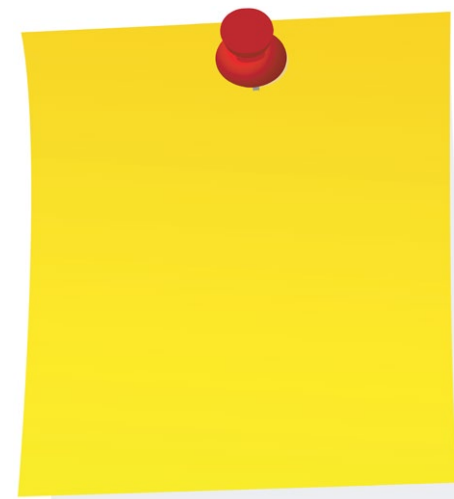
standard, is at present absolutely unattainable by millions - literally by millions - of our fellow men and women.' Do you get it? He is saying that we should treat all humans at least as well as we treat horses!

Do It:

Tell your teacher about the Cab Horse Charter story.

In It:

Think over your day and make a list of all the things you did. Thank God for each of the parts of the day that involved you receiving something you needed, or something you liked (maybe food, school, sport etc).



Eat It:

John 13:34-35

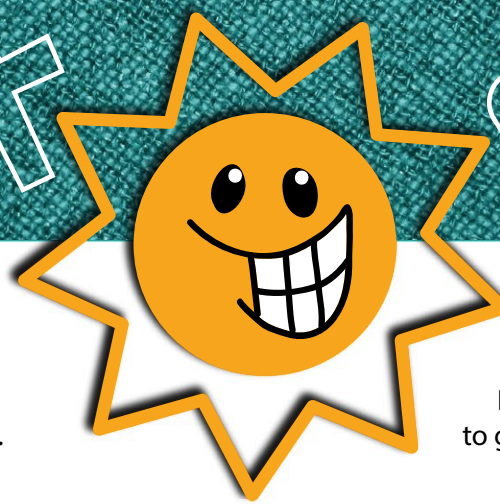
'A new command I give you.' The first followers of Jesus were Jewish. They had several hundred rules they had to obey to be 'good Jews' – a very difficult situation. Jesus over-rides all those rules with this command.

Read It:

One-year Bible Plan: Read Daniel 1-2, & Revelation 16

Week 37

Day 3



Jehovah Rocks:

*Thank You, Yahweh, You are so good to me.
Whenever I call out to You for help, You are always there.*
(Psalm 28:6)

See It:

'And all the believers met together in one place and shared everything they had.' (Acts 2:44)

On It:

All the believers were together and shared everything. Wow. This verse sounds almost too good to be true. If you have brothers or sisters, you know that sharing everything with them is hard enough! Imagine all the believers together – maybe all your Junior Soldier mates, all your Sunday School friends, the whole Corps, and all the Christians in the neighbourhood – sharing everything! It is tough to get your head around. But the Bible is true. So, we believe it. There is a goal for us. How can we aim for it? Well, first, we have remembered that we don't own anything ourselves, even if you did pay for them! All our toys and our bed and our toothbrush and everything belong to Jesus. He's letting you use them for a time. He's trusting you with them! If we know that all this stuff is His it is easier to share, isn't it! That is the big take away lesson for today – all your possessions belong to Jesus.

Live It:

Commissioner Gunpei Yamamuro was not the only Japanese Salvationist beaten during missions to rescue prostituted persons in Japan in 1900. They used to swarm brothels and surround the victims to take them from their custody. He and The Salvation Army, known as Kyuseigun in Japanese, became heroes in Japan (his book Common People's Gospel sold many millions of copies).

Do It:

Look at all your toys and favourite things. Choose one thing to give away to someone else.



In It:

Please help me to be brave and heroic so I can do the amazing things
You need me to do to help Your children.

Eat It:

John 13:34-35
'Love one another.' There is a saying – love covers a multitude of sins. Well, it also fulfills multitudes of laws. You see, those hundreds of laws were not useless. But if you love people then you will be fulfilling these other laws that try to tell you what to do.

Read It:

One-year Bible Plan: Read Daniel 3-4, Psalm 81, & Revelation 17

Week 37

Day 4



Jehovah Rocks:

You are my strength and my protection for this world, and the next. Thank You! (Psalm 28:7)

See It:

'They worshiped together at the Temple every day, met in their homes for the Lord's Supper, and shared their meals with great joy and generosity!' (Acts 2:46)

On It:

Wow. Do you have any friends that you play with every day? Isn't that great? It is more likely that your parents don't, anymore. They are busy working and cooking and cleaning and fixing things and probably don't find time to play with their friends all that often. But this verse shows that the Jesus-believers met a lot to worship God and to fellowship together. We're throwing this out at you now, while you are young. Use this schedule as your goal, not the example of the world out there. What we mean is this: it is important to get together to worship God and to hang around with other people who love Jesus, enjoying His presence in each other through such basic things as eating meals together.

Live It:

You may have heard of 'fair trade' products that don't enslave people to make them. More than century ago, The Salvation Army led the way with Tea from Sri Lanka called Hamodava Tea. Hamodava is Singhalese for Salvation.

Do It:

Don't eat any non-fair-trade chocolate for the whole week!

In It:

Thank You that you are a God who loves justice, and that You call us to be people who help others.

Eat It:

John 13:34-35

'As I have loved you, so you must love one another.' Wow! Don't just love but love as Jesus loved! How did He love? Right to the cross. In other words, there is no limit to His love. And we MUST love like Him. Well, what God commands, God enables. Hallelujah! Now, memorize the verse.

Read It:

One-year Bible Plan: Read Ezekiel 33-35, & Revelation 18



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Week 37

Day 5



Jehovah Rocks:

I love knowing that You, Yahweh, are going to be praised FOREVER! It will never end, and that is what you deserve! (Psalm 92:8)

See It:

'But as the believers rapidly grew, some of them started to get grumpy with each other. The Greek-speaking believers complained about the Hebrew-speaking believers, saying that their widows were being discriminated against in the daily distribution of food.' (Acts 6:1)

On It:

Did you notice the key point here? The number of disciples was multiplying! Wow. Praise God! More and more people were coming to give their lives to Jesus and beginning to fight in the Salvation War. But it wasn't all smooth all the time. You see, this whole idea of authentic Christian community can work really well if it is just our small group of keen Christian friends that never changes, never grows. But when you start adding (or multiplying!) new Christians to your group, who are still getting their lives to fit Jesus' demands and who don't know as well as the original group how to live together in authentic Christian community, it can get messy. And it got messy for the believers in this story. They began to complain, and apparently, they were not treating some of the people in the group very well. Now, they worked it out (you can keep reading chapter 6 to see how), but it is a good lesson for us. We WANT our groups to multiply, but we must be ready to bring new people in and to bless them and treat them well. Jesus will help us.

Live It:

The Salvation Army invaded a terrible prison that was on an Island called 'Devil's Island' that had awful conditions for the prisoners and shut down

the colony and converted the whole Island - the former Devil's Island became Salvation Island! Hallelujah.

Do It:

Do you know of someone in your school who gets bullied? Do something to try to help them today or make a plan of what you WILL DO next week.



In It:

Lord, please help the person who is being bullied at my school and help me to know what to do.

Eat It:

John 13:34-35
'By this all people will know...' What a great proof of our discipleship – love. It is one thing to talk about Jesus but if people see us loving each other they can tell there is something different, something special – that's our Jesus.

Read It:

One-year Bible Plan: Read Ezekiel 36-37, Psalm 110, & Revelation 19

Week 37

Day 6



Jehovah Rocks:

There is nothing in this world, or in Heaven that comes even close to being as good as You Yahweh. You are awesome! (Psalm 97:9)

See It:

'If your brother sins against you, go and talk to him. Tell him what he did wrong. Keep it between the two of you. If he listens to you, you have won him back.' (Matthew 18:15)

On It:

I used to play football when I was in school. And during try-outs one year my buddy, who was the quarterback, threw a pass to a guy who was trying to make the team as a tight end. The ball bounced off his facemask and fell to the ground, an incomplete pass. Jogging back to the huddle, my buddy confided to me, 'that's the last time I'm throwing to him.' He held a grudge against this guy, and it turned out that this guy never got any playing time as a result. Have you ever held a grudge? Maybe someone mistreated you, so you decided never to talk to them again? Jesus is teaching us that if we have a grudge, we should deal with it. Now there could be some corps where people don't deal with grudges and just pretend that everything is alright. But that is not authentic Christian community. And that kind of situation does not attract people to Jesus. So, deal with your grudges. If you need to confess something to a friend or a parent, do it. If they need to repent to you, be gentle and tell them about it one-on-one. And Jesus will be pleased.

Live It:

During 2004, The Salvation Army's International Conference of Leaders (held in the USA) declared the promise to 'combat the evil of human trafficking for sexual exploitation'. Since then we have started an

International Social Justice Commission, dedicated a year to this issue called While Women Weep, and are stirring up local and global strategies to conquer this wickedness.

Do It:

Think of someone you have hurt. Go and ask for their forgiveness.



In It:

Forgive me of any grudges I have against people.

Eat It:

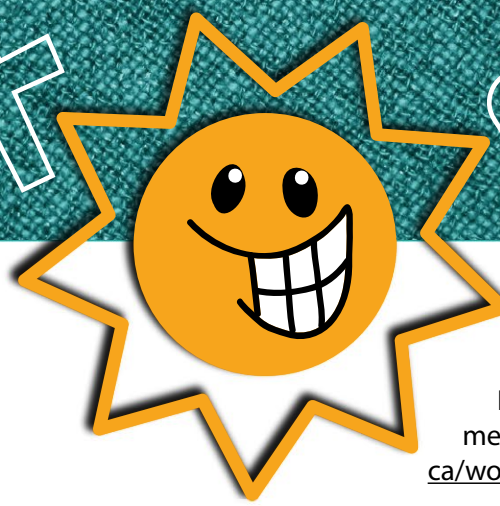
John 13:34-35
'Love one another.' So, this is a command for which Jesus explains the impact. If we love one another, people will see that we are followers of Jesus. It makes sense. Love one other. And memorize this verse.

Read It:

One-year Bible Plan: Read Ezekiel 38-39, Psalm 145, & Revelation 20

Week 37

Day 7



Jehovah Rocks:

You are the King of the world! (Psalm 99:2)

See It:

If we say we are believers, but we walk in the darkness, we lie and do not live by the truth. But if we walk in the light, as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus, His Son, cleans us from all sin.' (1 John 1:6-7)

On It:

A lot of people put on masks. They pretend to be something that they are not. They pretend to have it together, to be confident, to be cool, or something else. But most people have some problems – they are afraid or insecure or have sins in their lives that they are hiding. Authentic Christian community flicks a spiritual light switch on our lives that shows our sins and weaknesses and burns off our masks so that our friends who love Jesus, too, can see the real us. That can be scary, (letting people see who you really are), but it is really important to do. We all need Jesus' blood for forgiveness. And Jesus can purify us from ALL sin. So, let's walk in the light as He is in the light and share a deep and pure fellowship with one another.

Live It:

Instead of some toy or game for your birthday, you can ask for a something to help kids, at salvationist.ca/world-missions/gifts-of-hope/. This helps rescue us from the onslaught of materialistic consumerism that takes away from the spirit of giving. A way of giving that keeps the Spirit of generosity alive and offers us a chance to combat greed with great and joyful giving. Let's face it, you don't need another toy! So, get someone to give you a pig, instead!

Do It:

Raise some money by talking to others about justice at the meeting on Sunday and then buy something from salvationist.ca/world-missions/gifts-of-hope/.



In It:

I love You, Yahweh!

Eat It:

'A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. By this all people will know that you are My disciples, if you love one another.' (John 13:34-35) Memorize this verse and tell it to five friends.

Read It:

One-year Bible Plan: Read Ezekiel 40-41, Psalm 128, & Revelation 21

Week 38

Day 1



Jehovah Rocks:

You are so holy and perfect. I know You want me to love and worship You, but You are so much better than me. I bow down low to show You I know that You are God.
(Psalm 99:5)

See It:

'So when you give to those people in need, do not shout it from the roof tops, as the hypocrites do in the synagogues and on the streets, so that others will think you are really good. I tell you the truth, they have been given their reward in full. But when you give to people in need, do not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing, so that your giving is in secret. Then your Father, who sees what is done in secret, will reward you.' (Matthew 6:2-4)

On It:

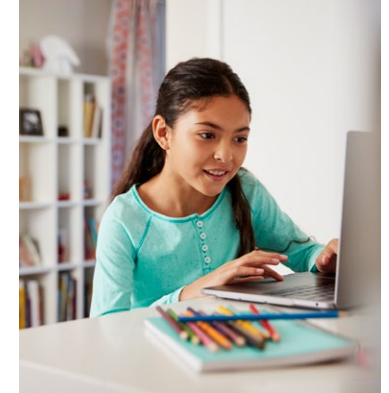
Have you ever watched a magician perform a magic trick? There is so much mystery and intrigue. I never know how they do it and I am in so much awe of them. But once you find out there was a trap door or a second bird, it's just not that exciting anymore, is it? It is the same with your giving and your service. If you tell everyone you gave up your pocket money, they won't be that impressed. If you give lots and lots, they might think you are a really good person, but they may think that about you instead of thinking it about God. Jesus tells us that when we give, we should do it in secret. That way, all the glory and awe and intrigue and attention stays with God instead of being given to you. We want the praise to go to God and not to us. And if you feel like you should be praised for being so good, try to remember that God Himself will reward you which will be so much better than anything any human could give you. So, in a nutshell, when you give and are generous... shhhh!

Live It:

This week we are going to list a bunch of great Salvationists. Then you can research them to find out more about them. Keep the information you find, because you will need it for a challenge in the coming weeks.

Do It:

Prepare some paper, one with a heading that says, "Famous Salvationists" and ask your mom or dad if you can do some research on the internet this week. (You may need to ask them to take you somewhere that has internet.)



In It:

Thank You, God, for the joy that giving brings!

Eat It:

'We believe that we are justified by grace through faith in our Lord Jesus Christ, and that he that believeth hath the witness in himself.'
(Doctrine 8) Memorize this.

Read It:

One-year Bible Plan: Read Ezekiel 42-44, & Revelation 22

Week 38

Day 2



Jehovah Rocks:

*You are holy and good and I want to worship You.
I want to tell You that You are awesome and I love You!*
(Psalm 99:9)

composer; Sidney Cox – song writer; Richard Slater – Father of Salvation Army Music; Bill Himes OF - composer; Arthur Gullidge –bandmaster of 2/22 Battalion Band of Salvationists that died in WW2 battle; Joy Webb OF – Joy Strings; John Larsson – musicals.

See It:

'And when you pray to God, do not be like the hypocrites, because they love to pray standing in the synagogues and on the street corners and be heard and seen by lots of people. Believe Me, they have received their reward in full. So instead, when you pray, go into your room, close the door and pray to your Father, who is unseen. Then your Father, who sees what is done in secret, will reward you.' (Matthew 6:5-6)

On It:

Have you ever been at a meeting when someone was praying for a really long time? Everyone is really quiet and polite and just waits for them to finish! Sometimes it's great and God loves when we pray, but at other times I feel like it is kind of like a performance. What does Jesus tell us? He says to pray in secret! Why? Well, it's hard to explain. It's not that God doesn't like us to talk about Him or pray to Him in public. In fact, it's quite the opposite. But you see we humans are silly little creatures sometimes and we often take pride or claim points based on how holy people think we are. We think if we can say a fancy prayer people will think we are really close to God, and then they will look up to us or think we are powerful like God. This is very bad. We should be like Jesus, yes. But we shouldn't be trying to get others to think we are cool just because we love God. Be very careful about this, it trips up a lot of people. So, be holy, and be real about it!

Live It:

Here are some influential Musical Salvationists: Dean Goffin –composer; Eric Ball – composer; Charles Fry – 1st Brass Band; Eric Leidzen –

Do It:

Choose one name from this list and find out an interesting fact about that Salvationist.



In It:

Please keep my family safe and healthy.

Eat It: Doctrine 8

"Justified by grace." We are seen as 'just' or right by God's grace to us, and not because of any great things we do on our own. We don't deserve to be made right with God, but He graciously makes it possible for us.

Read It:

One-year Bible Plan: Read Ezekiel 45-46, & Luke 1

Week 38

Day 3



Jehovah Rocks:

You will send help direct from heaven when I need it and You send Your love to me all the time. Thank You.
(Psalm 57:3)

– Evangelist General; Catherine Bramwell Booth – widespread television interview evangelism in her nineties; Frank Bradley – combined love and humility in Central and Southern Africa; Andy Miller – one-on-one evangelist and preacher.

See It:

'And when you pray, do not keep on talking on and on like the pretenders, for they think they will be heard because of their many words.' (Matthew 6:7)

On It:

When I first became a Christian, I was too scared to pray out loud, even though everything in me wanted to! Everyone listening, talking to God the creator of the universe! Wow, talk about scary! It wasn't that I didn't want to pray, but everyone used these fancy words that I didn't even understand and so I just thought I should practise at home first... until I got better at it. That was silly. Think about a little baby and how ga-ga adults go over them... and they can't even talk! I learned that it's not what we say to God, it's what we feel in our heart toward God that He hears. You can say the fanciest prayers, but if you don't mean it then it would be like the sound of running your nails down a blackboard to God. Or you could say a very short and simple prayer and mean it and it would be like a choir of singing angels to God. So, don't be scared. If you want to speak to God, speak up and say it loud and proud. You'll probably teach an adult a lesson or two along the way.

Live It:

Here are some of the most influential evangelistic Salvationists: Lyell Rader Sr. – open-air evangelist; Elijah Cadman – invented uniform; Mary Styles – nurse evangelist in South Africa; Joe the Turk – novelty genius pioneer; Catherine Booth Jr. – 'La Marechale'; Clarence Wiseman

Do It:

Choose one name from this list and find out an interesting fact about that Salvationist.

In It:

Please show me people today who I can talk to about You



Eat It: Doctrine 8

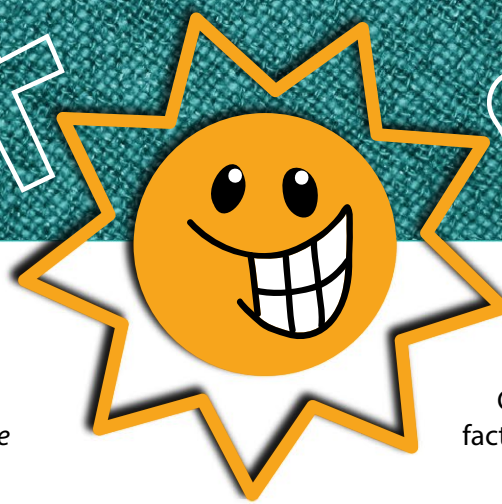
'Through faith in our Lord Jesus Christ.' In Romans 5 Paul suggests that we get our grace through faith. This doctrine says the same thing. God's grace doesn't justify everyone. His grace justifies everyone who uses faith in our Lord Jesus Christ. Faith in anything else won't work. So, don't waste your time.

Read It:

One-year Bible Plan: Read Ezekiel 47-48, & Luke 2

Week 38

Day 4



Jehovah Rocks:

Please save all of Your children. With Your power and love, please make it possible for all Your children to come to know You. (Psalm 60:5)

See It:

Do not be like them, for your Father knows what you need before you ask Him. (Matthew 6:8)

On It:

When I was a teenager and still living at home with my parents, I would often use up the last of something and never remember to tell them that we needed more. Toothpaste, toilet paper, shampoo, butter etc. But every time I went to use it again, it was there! My mom always seemed to know what I needed and when I needed it without me even asking! How? Because she cares about me and she pays attention to the things I am doing and the things that I need. And if I did NEED something and needed her to buy it for me, I could just ask her... I didn't have to beg or convince her. It is even better with God I am sure, because He is not replacing toothpaste, He is replacing the big stuff we need like forgiveness, love, friends, health etc. We should always tell God how we are going and ask Him for the things that we need. But He is our DAD and He knows us, so you can talk to Him and know that He is listening and will give you the things you need without you having to do a big song and dance about it.

Live It:

Here are some of the most influential preaching Salvationists: Allister Smith Jr. – worldwide revivalist; Gypsy Smith – popular evangelist; Rhoda Sainsbury – Newfoundland legend; “Miss Salvation Army”; Samuel Hurren – ‘wonderful orator’; Margaret Hay – UK Preacher of Year; Arthur Pitcher – holiness story teller; Israel Gaither – craft weds passion.

Do It:

Choose one name from this list and find out an interesting fact about that Salvationist.



In It:

Thank you, Father, for providing for me.

Eat It:

Doctrine 8
'He that believeth hath.' Now, these doctrines were set down a long time ago when they sometimes put 'th' at the end of words instead of 's'. But it means the same thing as 'he that believes has'. And, by the way, it also means 'she that believes has' as well!

Read It:

One-year Bible Plan: Read Daniel 5-6, Psalm 130, & Luke 3

Week 38

Day 5



Jehovah Rocks:

*Praise You! You are a God who saves! Halleluiah!
You rescue us from death and save us. Thank You!
(Psalm 68:20)*

See It:

'This, then, is how you should pray: "Our Father in heaven, hallowed be Your name."' (Matthew 6:9)

On It:

Imagine you had a secret formula for an invention that would enable you to communicate with the most powerful leader in the world! Would you use it? And what would you say? Would you ask for world peace, or would you ask for a Nintendo Wii? Well, today, you are getting the secret formula! Jesus teaches us exactly how to speak to God, the creator and governor of the universe! Now some people use it as an actual prayer, and that's great, but it can actually be used as a guide for prayer as well. It starts with 'Our Father'. Wow, let's just remember that the God we pray to wants to be called our Dad! 'Hallowed be Your name'. Now, He is not calling Himself another name... hallowed means holy, special, praise-worthy, awesome... this is where we worship God! So, we start a prayer by saying Hi to God, and then praising Him!

Live It:

Here are some of the most influential Salvationist heroes: Harry Andrews – SA medical pioneer; received the Victoria Cross; William Evans – Australian in Zambia, overcame cancer and effects; Anna Beek – Dutch in the Congos for life; Jean Caldwell – principal of the Usher School under fatal attack; continued service in Zimbabwe after the event; A. Bramwell Cook (OF) Kiwi medical officer in India for more than 50 years; Charles Pean – converted Devil's Island into Salvation Island.



Charles Péan at Devil's Island

Do It:

Choose one name from this list and find out an interesting fact about that Salvationist.

In It:

God, I praise You because You are so powerful and mighty and You still listen to my prayers.

Eat It:

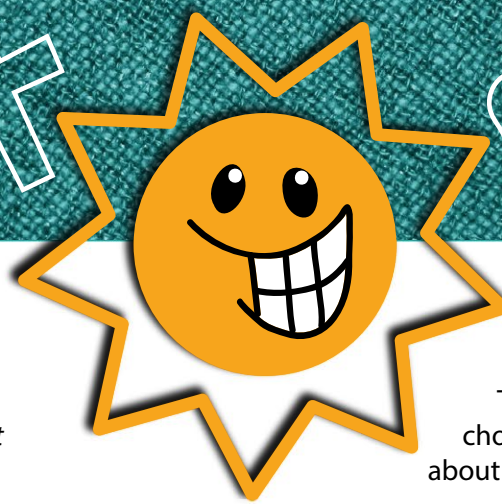
Doctrine 8
'The witness in himself.' Most people don't get this, but it refers to a verse in Romans 8:16 where Paul teaches that if you are real Christian the Holy Spirit testifies with your spirit that you are God's child. And this is key. We will know that we are saved because Holy Spirit witnesses deep down in our spirits that we belong.

Read It:

One-year Bible Plan: Read Daniel 7-8, Psalm 137, & Luke 4

Week 38

Day 6



Jehovah Rocks:

Thank You that You are my God, and that You listen to my prayers. You always do what is right and I know that You will save me. Thank You! (Psalm 71: 2)

See It:

'Your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day, our daily bread.' (Matthew 6:10-11)

On It:

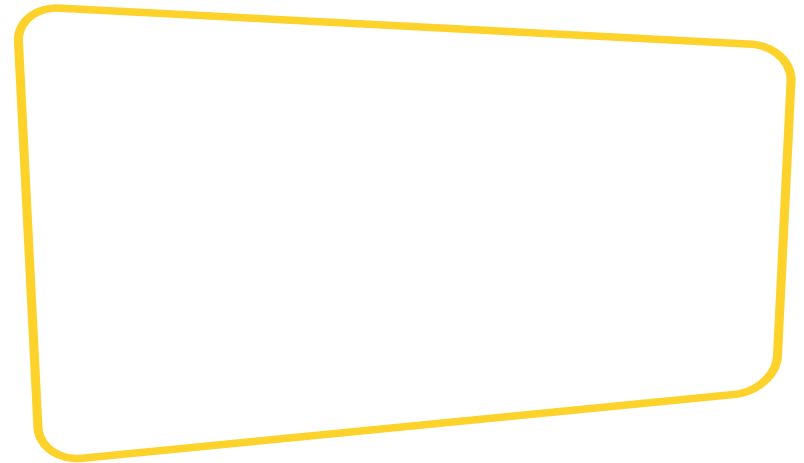
I want you to sit for a minute and imagine Heaven. Imagine the Kingdom of God. Then think for a minute about earth and some of the things that are not nice here on earth. In His lesson to us on how to pray, Jesus is telling us to pray that the earth would start to look like Heaven! Now when I thought of Heaven, I thought of everyone worshipping God, everybody happy and fulfilled, and nobody sad. When I thought of earth, I remembered that there are loads of people who don't even know God, tonnes of people who are hungry and dying and heaps of people who are sad. But God doesn't want it to be that way! Jesus is telling us to pray that earth would be more like Heaven, so we know that God wants good things for His children on earth. God wants all His children to know Him, to be safe, and to be fed every day. And even though that seems like hard work from where we are now, God knows we can do it if we call on Him for His help. So, let's pray that God's will is done on earth today, and not ours.

Live It:

Here are some of the most influential writing Salvationists: Frederick Coultts – international Bible lessons material; Catherine Baird – 'The Army's poet laureate'; Gunpei Yamamuro OF– Japanese 'Common Peoples' Gospel'; Albert Osborn – Poet General; Henry Gariepy – a lot of books; John Gowans – poetry/musicals; Milton Agnew – holiness teaching; Edward Read – holiness teaching; Sallie Chesham – poet.

Do It:

Two challenges today! Draw a picture of Heaven AND choose one name from this list and find out an interesting fact about that Salvationist.



In It:

Help me to make the world around me a better place by showing Your love to others.

Eat It:

Doctrine 8
Some people get confused on this and stop any use of emotion. But, if you love your mommy, for example, you show her. There are emotions involved. In the same way, if you love Jesus, you show Him. There are emotions involved.

Read It:

One-year Bible Plan: Read Daniel 9-10, Psalm 123, & Luke 5

Week 38

Day 7



Jehovah Rocks:

You are my rock and I know that with You I will be kept safe. (Psalm 71:3).

See It:

'Forgive us our trespassers as we forgive those who trespass against us. Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil!' (Matthew 6:12-13)

On It:

Yesterday, we imagined Heaven. Today, I want you to imagine God. It's amazing. He is so powerful and righteous and majestic and big! Now, imagine a human. Even the toughest human doesn't compare to the awesomeness of God. And yet, He forgives us and calls us to be His children! It's really amazing! So, if God, the most awesome one, can forgive us little creatures He created, then we can definitely forgive people who have hurt us. God wants us to forgive others in the same way He forgives us. We don't forgive because people deserve it, or because they have done something to make us. We forgive because God asks us to, and if God can do it for us without us having to prove our worth (as if we ever could anyway) then we can surely forgive others. Don't get tripped up on holding a grudge. Satan loves it when God's children don't forgive each other. When we do that, satan wins. That is no good. Speaking of that worthless swine, we need to remember to ask, everyday, for protection against his slimy schemes and tricks. We need to be protected in the first place and if we do stumble and mess up by his temptation, we need to be delivered out of that in the power of God through repentance.

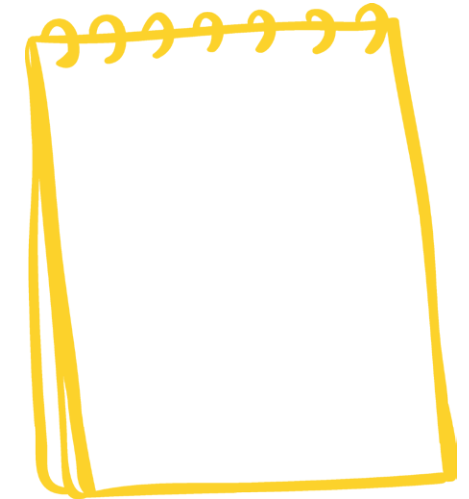
Live It:

Here are some of the most influential Salvationist Leaders: William Booth; Edward Higgins – guided Army through 1929 crisis; Evangeline Booth OF – established The Army in USA; Frederick Adlam – much loved leader in Africa; Joel Mbambo Matunjwa OF - 'Zulu Apostle of The Salvation

Army'; Eva Burrows – eastern Europe Vision; Paul Rader - internationalism; Brian Tuck – Truth and Reconciliation in South Africa; Albin Peyron – 'to the French, Peyron was The Salvation Army, and The Salvation Army was Peyron'.

Do It:

Choose one name from this list and find out an interesting fact about that Salvationist.



In It:

Please help me to forgive those who have hurt me today.

Eat It:

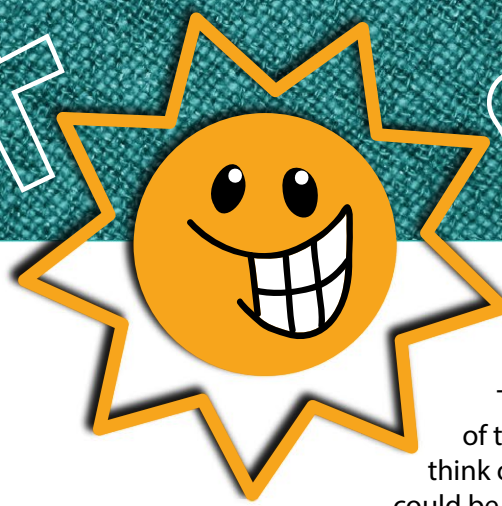
'We believe that we are justified by grace through faith in our Lord Jesus Christ, and that he that believeth hath the witness in himself.' (Doctrine 8) Recite this. Memorize it. Tell five friends.

Read It:

One-year Bible Plan: Read Daniel 11-12, & Luke 6

Week 39

Day 1



Jehovah Rocks:

I love You Yahweh. You hear me calling to You and You have mercy on me. (Psalm 116:1)

See It:

'Then Jesus came to them and said, "All authority in Heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.'" (Matthew 28:18)

On It:

Have you ever wondered what you are going to do when you grow up? Some kids dream of being a ballet dancer, or maybe a doctor. My friend Cath always wanted to work at a milk bar (which is the shop where they sell milk and candies). She thought you got to take all the money home, and I thought you got to eat all the candies! There is one thing we will be doing regardless of what job we have. Jesus gave us our mission at the end of Matthew. We're on a mission from God. One of the early heroes of The Salvation Army, explained, 'We have no hobbies... unless it be a hobby to want to save the largest number of souls with the highest possible salvation in the quickest space of time by the best imaginable methods. That is the sum and substance of our mission.' (Frederick Booth-Tucker) We get them saved, sanctified, disciplined, mobilized, and deployed to get more people saved, sanctified, disciplined, mobilized, and deployed to get more people. That is your life mission!

Live It:

'We know that God hates sin, and we believe that He is doing His utmost to get people saved from committing it; and we know that He fails because He has such a wretched, cowardly set of Soldiers to fight for Him.' (William Booth)

Do It:

This week is the Chalk Challenge week! Your first challenge of today is to find some coloured chalk. Then you need to think of six sentences or statements that tell others about God. It could be 'Jesus saves', or 'Jesus leads to Heaven', or it could even be one of your memory verses. But you need six!



In It:

'Amazing grace, how sweet the sound, that saved a wretch like me! I once was lost, but now I'm found. Was blind but now I see.' (Amazing Grace by John Newton)

Eat It:

'I tell you the truth, whoever hears My word and believes Him who sent Me has eternal life and will not be condemned; he has crossed over from death to life.' (John 5:24)

Read It:

One-year Bible Plan: Read Ezra 1, Psalm 84-84, & Luke 7

Week 39

Day 2



Jehovah Rocks:

I want to follow You and do what You want for my life. You are so wise, and You let me be a littler wiser when I am close to You. (Psalm 119:32)

See It:

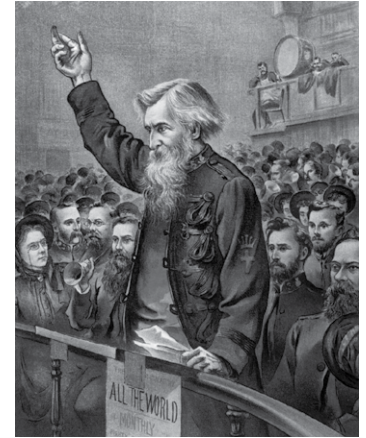
'As Jesus was getting into the boat, the fellow who had been possessed by a demon begged to go with Him. Jesus did not let him, but said, "Go home to your family and tell them how much the Lord has done for you, and how He has had mercy on you." So he went away and began to tell in the Decapolis how much Jesus had done for him. And all the people were amazed.' (Mark 5:18-20)

On It:

Do you remember this man? He was possessed by a whole legion of demons. He was a hurting, broken man. The first bunch of Salvationists weren't the most educated people. But we were expert at the important parts of salvationism. Commissioner Dowdle, an early Commissioner, had this to say to cadets: 'I know I'm not as well learned about Aristotle as a good many of you; but one thing I do know, and that is all I want - how to get souls saved.' (George Scott Railton, COMMISSIONER DOWDLE, p57) You don't have to go to school for years to learn how to evangelize really well. You have to know Jesus well. Then your love for Him will overflow in your life and conversation and actions and priorities. Dowdle was an old town drunk lying in a gutter when he heard the Gospel preached by other regular Salvationists in an open-air meeting. He repented and believed. He was saved and he led many more people to our Lord Jesus Christ. So, if an old drunk can help in the mission, you can, too!

Live It:

William Booth continues his quote from yesterday: 'With true Soldiers, and plenty of them, He would soon drive sin and the devil out of the world. Let us help Him.'



Do It:

Write one of your statements on the sidewalk outside your house using your chalk. Decorate it to make it look bright.

In It:

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear and grace my fears relieved. How precious did that grace appear, the hour I first believed!' (Amazing Grace by John Newton)

Eat It: John 5:24

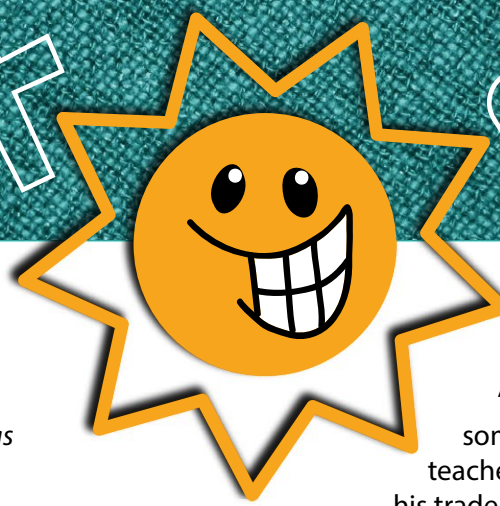
'Whoever hears My word.' Well, you have heard His word. And, if you are reading this, we're guessing you have bought in. But if not, repent and believe. Follow Jesus. The challenge for us is to make sure that all our friends and classmates get to hear His word, too.

Read It:

One-year Bible Plan: Read Ezra 2-3, & Luke 8

Week 39

Day 3



Jehovah Rocks:

I want to praise You for all the love You give me and all of Your children. Thank You for all the amazing things You have done in my life. (Psalm 107:8).

See It:

'Then the King will say to those on his right, "Come, to me those of you who are blessed by my Father; take your inheritance, the kingdom prepared for you since the creation of the world. For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in, I needed clothes and you clothed me, I was sick and you looked after me, I was in prison and you came to visit me.'" (Matthew 25: 34-36)

On It:

Mercy evangelism, or servant evangelism, is a style that Salvationists do really well. Our social action helps in evangelising people in need. In the 'social work standard' that started the 'social wing' of The Salvation Army in 1890, General William Booth said, 'My only hope for the permanent deliverance of mankind from misery, either in this world or the next, is the regeneration or remaking of the individual by the power of the Holy Ghost through Jesus Christ. But in providing for the relief of temporal misery I reckon that I am only making it easy, where it is now difficult, and possible, where it is all but impossible, for men and women to find their way to the Cross of our Lord Jesus Christ.' (IN DARKEST ENGLAND AND THE WAY OUT, preface) We operate everything from hostels to unwed mothers' homes, from food banks to addictions treatment centres. If we can show mercy to people in need, serve them and demonstrate Jesus' love for them, we can help them to find their way to the Cross of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Live It:

'A good soldier makes war his business. He may do something in other lines of duty; he may be (an accountant, a teacher, a plumber, a student) or what not, but after all, fighting is his trade.' (William Booth)

Do It:

Write one of your statements on the sidewalk outside your school using your chalk. Decorate it to make it look bright.



In It:

'Through many dangers toils and snares, I have already come. Tis grace has brought me home thus far and grace will lead me home.' (Amazing Grace by John Newton)

Eat It: John 5:24

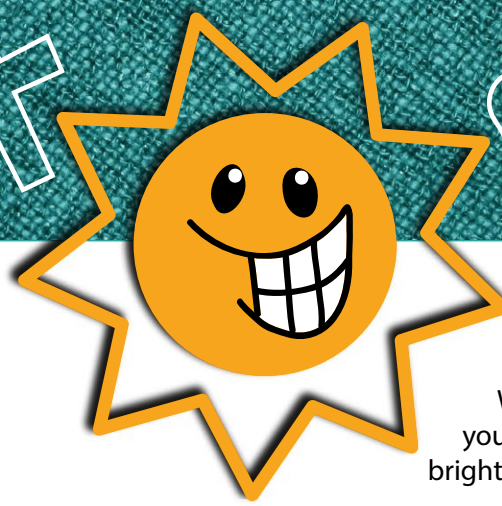
'Believes Him who sent Me.' The Father sent the Son. And you have to believe Him. And we spell 'believe' 'O - B - E - Y'. Obey God. And memorize this verse!

Read It:

One-year Bible Plan: Read Ezra 4, Psalm 113, 127, Luke 9

Week 39

Day 4



Jehovah Rocks!

I want to tell people how wonderful You are. I want everyone to be talking about You! (Psalm 145:6)

See It:

'Job said, "I rescued the poor who called to me for help, and the fatherless who had no one to help them. I was a father to the needy; I took up the case of the stranger."' (Job 29:12, 16)

On It:

Justice Evangelism is starting to come back into our Army in a big way at the moment and is all done in our mission to win the world for Jesus. The idea is to invite people to join you in your justice work. So, you can invite your friends to join you in demonstrating, in signing petitions, in writing letters to your government representatives, in informing people about huge injustices in our world. They find themselves wrapped up in this larger cause (whether pro-life or stop the traffic or fair-trade or...) and find that it is Jesus and His followers who are really running the important change. They end up wanting some purpose in their lives and the potential to make a huge impact. Jesus is the solution to both of these things. You tell them what is motivating you - Jesus. You share how Jesus is the answer to the answer to these problems. And you give them opportunity to repent and believe and follow Jesus. There are many injustices in this world. Jesus can bring wholeness. 'Now something must be done, and somebody must do it.' (William Booth, The War Cry, July 11, 1885)

Live It:

'He has chosen it, and made secondary all other business, connections, relationships, and pleasures of his life.' (William Booth)

Do It:

Write one of your statements on the sidewalk outside your local shops using your chalk. Decorate it to make it look bright.



In It:

'When we've been there ten thousand years, bright shining as the sun, we've no less days to sing God's praise, than when we first begun.' (Amazing Grace by John Newton)

Eat It:

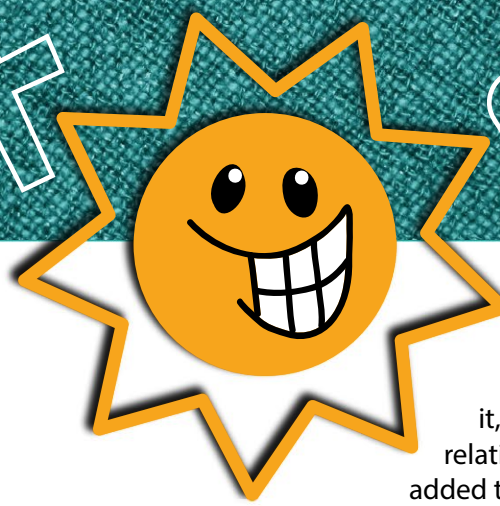
John 5:24
'Has eternal life.' If you believe/obey the Father, you have eternal life. How simple is that? What an amazing promise. If you believe the Father, you have eternal life! Hallelujah! Memorize this verse.

Read It:

One-year Bible Plan: Read Haggai 1-2, Psalm 129, & Luke 10

Week 39

Day 5



Jehovah Rocks:

Everything You do shows how amazing and beautiful You are. Your goodness never fails. (Psalm 111:3)

See It:

'But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be My witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.' (Acts 1:8)

On It:

Have you ever seen a movie where there is a legal court scene? They get the witnesses to sit on the stand and say all the things they had seen and heard, and then the jury decides from that what will happened to the person who is accused of doing something bad. Well, we get to be witnesses as well! Jesus explains that when the Holy Spirit swamps us we become His witnesses. Before we can get to 'the rest of the world' we need to start in our home and classroom. You can decide to tell each of the people in those places that Jesus has saved you and then share with them how Jesus can save them, too. Before you can do that effectively Holy Spirit needs to swamp your life. Has He? Why not repent of every sin right now, tell Him that you believe that He wants to fill you and smother you, and then tell Him that you are dedicating every aspect of your life to Him right now? Then claim this experience and use that power to be His witness everywhere.

Live It: Let's have the whole quote together...

'We know that God hates sin, and we believe that He is doing His utmost to get people saved from committing it; and we know that He fails because He has such a wretched, cowardly set of Soldiers to fight for Him. With true Soldiers, and plenty of them, He would soon drive sin and the devil out of the world. Let us help Him. A good soldier makes war his business. He may do something in other lines of duty; he may

be (an accountant, a teacher, a plumber, a student) or what not, but after all, fighting is his trade. He has chosen it, and made secondary all other business, connections, relationships, and pleasures of his life.' (William Booth) (we added the bracketed section)

Do It:

Write one of your statements on the sidewalk outside your friend's house using your chalk. Decorate it to make it look bright.

In It:

Help me to know how amazing it is to be saved by You, Jesus.



Eat It: John 5:24

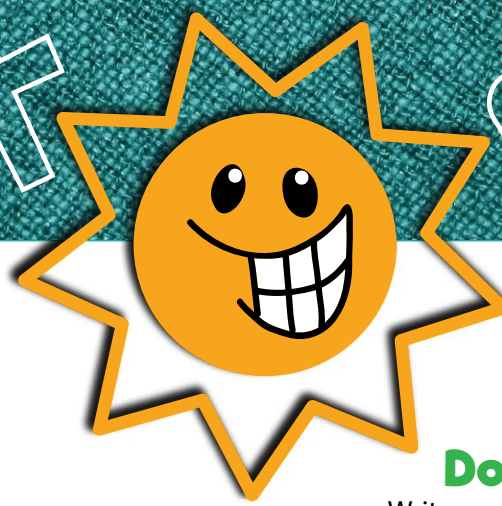
'Will not be condemned.' In a way, this is the flip side of the last promise of eternal life. You get Heaven AND you don't go to hell! You will not be condemned if you believe the Father! Hallelujah. Believe the Father. And memorize this verse.

Read It:

One-year Bible Plan: Read Zechariah 1-3, & Luke 11

Week 39

Day 6



Jehovah Rocks:

You love all of Your children and You are faithful to us all. (Psalm 119:90)

See It:

'They overcame him by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony; they did not love their lives so much as to shrink from death.' (Revelation 12:11)

On It:

This is a huge war. The devil is the one that we are meant to overcome. He is trying to crush us and steal our salvation from us. How do we defeat him? First, Jesus' blood! Hallelujah. Second, the word of our testimony. We need to testify that Jesus has saved us - a lot. And we need to hold our lives loosely, not being concerned too much if our warfare for Him means that we get martyred! This is strategy from God that we need to take seriously. We can be confident against the enemy because we know that Jesus is WAY STRONGER than all the demons and devils and evil spirits put together. It is no contest if you look at it that way. However, if it is a demon against you by yourself, and you are not hiding in Jesus' blood but are maybe overconfident in your own abilities, then you are toast. How do you hide in Jesus' blood? Don't sneak out from under it. The blood of Jesus covers every sin that you uncover. So, confess everything that is sinful and dedicate every area of your life to Him. And don't peak out from under the blood and do something to get you attention so that you get famous or admired or popular. Hide in Jesus. Let people see Jesus instead of you.

Live It:

'The people will come – cannot help but come. Nothing will keep them away. They may scoff at your doctrines, be disgusted with the noise,

disapprove the excitement, and be cut to the heart with the truth, but they will come nevertheless.' (William Booth)

Do It:

Write one of your statements on the sidewalk outside your house using your chalk. Decorate it to make it look bright.

In It:

Give me the passion I need to tell more people about You!



Eat It: John 5:24

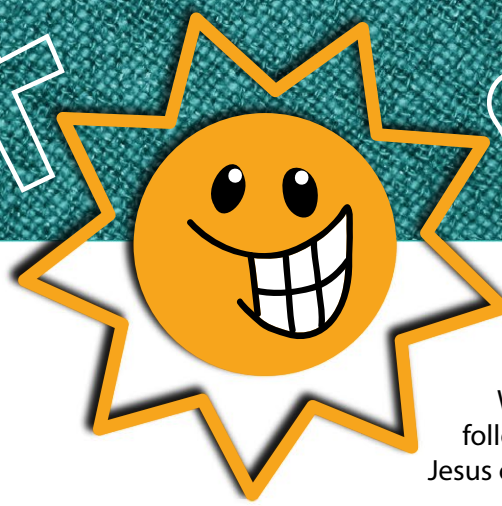
'Crossed over from death to life.' In believing in God you are crossing over from death to life. As you put your faith in God, as you repent and believe, you are actually crossing over from death to life. You get purpose, fulfillment, peace, satisfaction, contentedness, abundant life. Memorize the verse.

Read It:

One-year Bible Plan: Read Zechariah 4-6, & Luke 12

Week 39

Day 7



Jehovah Rocks!

Your Kingdom will be here forever, and You will forever be King! (Psalm 145:13)

See It:

'Then Philip ran up to the chariot and heard the fellow reading Isaiah the prophet. "Do you understand what you are reading?" Philip asked. "How can I," he said, "unless someone tells me what it means?" So, he invited Philip to come up and sit with him. The eunuch was reading this passage of Scripture: "He was led like a sheep to the slaughter, and as a lamb before the shearer is silent, so he did not open his mouth. In his humiliation he was deprived of justice. Who can speak of his descendants? For his life was taken from the earth." The eunuch asked Philip, "Tell me, please, who is the prophet talking about, himself or someone else?" Then Philip began with that very passage of Scripture and told him the good news about Jesus.' (Acts 6:30- 35)

On It:

Have you ever had to leave a party early? Maybe your mom came to pick you up from a birthday party that was still going strong and you were the first to go home? It is hard. Philip was in the middle of a revival when God told him to head out into the middle of nowhere! I mean, people were getting saved and all kinds of miracles were drawing crowds to Jesus. And Philip had to leave and go 'nowhere'! But Philip went anyway. He found this guy who didn't know Jesus, so he went up to him and started chatting to him. He explained the good news about Jesus so that he would repent and believe. What's the lesson? God seems to think that getting one person saved is more important than someone enjoying a wonderful spiritual revival! God cares that much about each person. So be on the look out for the lonely person who still needs Jesus.

Live It:

We are a 'salvation army' and getting others to know and follow Jesus is our first goal. We do many other things that Jesus calls us to do, but salvation should be our first priority.

Do It:

Write one of your statements on the sidewalk outside your Corps using your chalk. Decorate it to make it look bright.

In It:

Thank You for saving me!



Eat It:

'I tell you the truth, whoever hears My word and believes Him who sent Me has eternal life and will not be condemned; he has crossed over from death to life.' (John 5:24) Memorize this verse and tell it to five friends.

Read It:

One-year Bible Plan: Read Zechariah 7-9, & Luke 13

Week 40

Day 1



Jehovah Rocks:

I may get sick or hurt or tired, but the strength that comes from Yahweh will always be in my heart.
(Psalm 73:26)

See It:

'When the queen of Sheba heard of Solomon's fame, which honoured the name of the Lord, she came to test him with really hard questions. She arrived in Jerusalem with a large group of her servants and a great caravan of camels loaded with spices, large quantities of gold, and precious jewels. When she met with Solomon, she talked with him about everything she had on her mind. Solomon had answers for all her questions; nothing was too hard for the king to explain to her.' (1 Kings 10:1-3)

On It:

The Queen of Sheba visited King Solomon, and she was outlandish in her generosity. She gave. And yet, 2 Chronicles 9:12 tells that she left with more from him than she had given! Solomon out-gave her! God calls us to give. How do we give when we give our money to God? 'Make His glory your joy, your conscience, your guide, and the Salvation of men, for time and eternity, the supreme object for which you live and trade and do everything else, and you will not go astray on this subject.' (William Booth) What is he saying? Well, the Bible encouraged us to give a tenth of our pocket money to God. But you can give more! Work out what you think you could give, and then give that and keep the rest.

Live It:

Here are some of the most influential Salvationist expansionists: George Scott Railton – instigator; Henri Becquet – Congo, now the country with the highest percentage Salvationists; Karl Larsson – Eastern Europe and Russia; Fred Clark – contributed significantly expansion in Central Africa; James Barker – Australia; Hanna Ouchterlony (OF) – Sweden;

Henry Bullard – India & Japan; Francis Simmonds – South Africa; Tom Lewis – mid-century missionary in South Africa expanding through that continent.

Do It:

Choose a name off this list, and research one fact about that Salvationist. Have you lost the facts from last time? If yes, your second challenge is to find them!



In It:

'Having food and clothing, we will be content.' (Songbook: from song 921)

Eat It:

'Give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together and running over, will be poured into your lap. For with the measure you use, it will be measured to you.' (Luke 6:38)

Read It:

One-year Bible Plan: Read Zechariah 10-12, Psalm 126, & Luke 14

Week 40

Day 2



Jehovah Rocks:

Your Kingdom will go on and on forever. You will be like the moon and stars that are always there each night. I will look at them and remember that You are with me forever! (Psalm 89:37)

See It:

'Should people cheat God? Yet you have cheated me! But you ask, "What do you mean? When did we ever cheat you?" You have cheated Me of the tithes and offerings due to me. You are under a curse, for your whole nation has been cheating me. Bring all the tithes into the storehouse so there will be enough food in My Temple. If you do, says the Lord of Heaven's Armies, I will open the windows of Heaven for you. I will pour out a blessing so great you won't have enough room to take it in! Try it! Put Me to the test!' (Malachi 3:8)

On It:

How do we cheat God? By not giving Him what we owe Him! Remember, we owe Him, technically, everything and He owns everything we have. But to help us remember that, He requires us to give Him 10% of our money, plus gifts and offerings. God doesn't tell us to test Him, EXCEPT right here. 'Test Me', He challenges! Fire the tithe and see if God doesn't bless your socks off. In The Salvation Army, we FIRE CARTRIDGES – a cartridge explodes a charge or bullet. We are firing our money to God and He uses it to attack the enemy. So, fire away!

Live It:

Here are some influential and sacrificial Salvationists: Arnolis Weerasooriya – Buddhist convert family in Sri Lanka, PtG in service to the sick; first Indian CS; Narayana Muthaiah – Hindu convert in South India; persecuted; Herbert Lord – Korea and Singapore prisoner; Sara Broadbent – Early Martyr (represents all the martyrs); Eva Den Hartog

– Africa, India, Asia medical work; Alida Bosshardt OF – Holland; Harry Williams OF – India hospitals; Dudley Gardiner MBE – India; Rin Iwasa – Japan; Brigadier Joseph Korbel - Czechoslovakia prisoner; Bartholomew Siebrits – traveling WW2 international auditor.



Eva Den Hartog

Do It:

Choose a name off this list, and then research one fact about that Salvationist.

In It:

'More and more receiving, more and more to give.' (The Songbook: from song 921)

Eat It:

 Luke 6:38

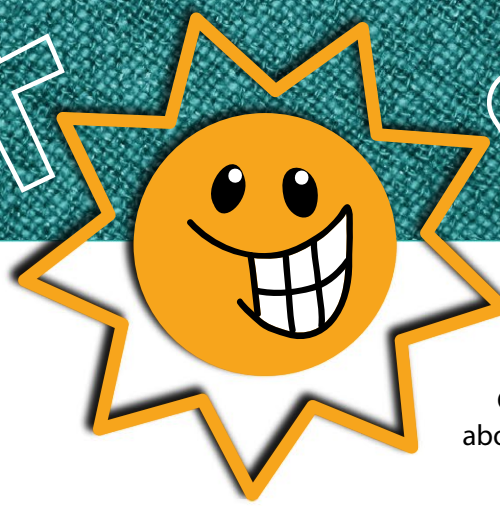
'Give.' It really isn't rocket science. It is a direct command! We don't choose to give, we just give! We don't give just when we have lots. We give all the time! We don't give because we are generous. We just give! Give, give, give!

Read It:

One-year Bible Plan: Read Zechariah 13-14, Psalm 147, & Luke 15

Week 40

Day 3



Jehovah Rocks:

I will praise You, Yahweh, for as long as I live!
(Psalm 146:2)

See It:

'Don't be misled—you cannot mock the justice of God. You will always harvest what you plant.' (Galatians 6:7)

On It:

If you practice the piano every day, you will get better at the piano. If you swim every day, you will get better at swimming. If you do your homework every day, you will get better at school. The point? Put in, and you will get something back. It is a Biblical principle. What you plant, you harvest. This is really important! It is not magic; it is just good sense. So, if you want to see revival and have lots of people start coming to your corps, follow the conditions written in Hosea (Sow for yourselves righteousness, reap the fruit of unfailing love, and break up your unploughed ground; for it is time to seek the LORD, until He comes and showers righteousness on you- 10:12). If you want a massive impact in the Kingdom of God, pour massive resources into it! Give your money, your time, and your holiness and see what happens in return. 'I will spend all the time, strength, money, and influence I can on supporting and carrying on the salvation war.' (Articles of War)

Live It:

Here are some of the most influential Salvationist innovators: Herbert Booth – cinema; Arnold Brown – radio and television; David Lamb – restructuring of The Army's social programme, internal governance system; established the migration programme; Mary Murray – early officer involved in SA Red Shield Services; Elizabeth Cottrill – SA social work pioneer; Joe Noland – injected creativity and resource into mission

Do It:

Choose a name off this list, and then research one fact about them.



In It:

'We have given little, You have given all.' (The Songbook: from song 921)

Eat It: Luke 6:38

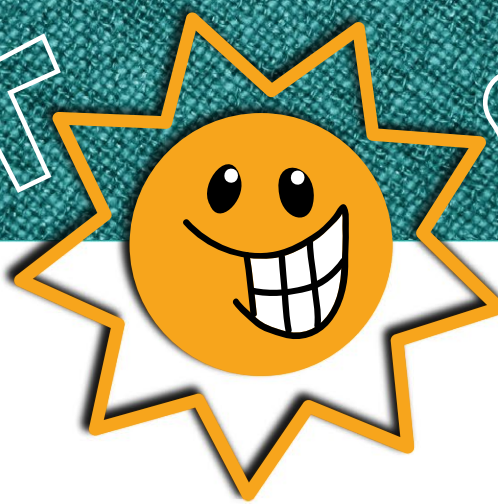
'Give, and it will be given to you.' Ok, so we give... but then it says it will come back to us! But it's not a boomerang. It means if you are generous, and you try to help others by giving your money away instead of keeping it all to yourself, God will bless you and will help you out with the things you need.

Read It:

One-year Bible Plan: Read Ezra 5-6, Psalm 138, & Luke 16

Week 40

Day 4



Jehovah Rocks:

You are going to be my God forever! Thank You!
(Psalm 146:10)

See It:

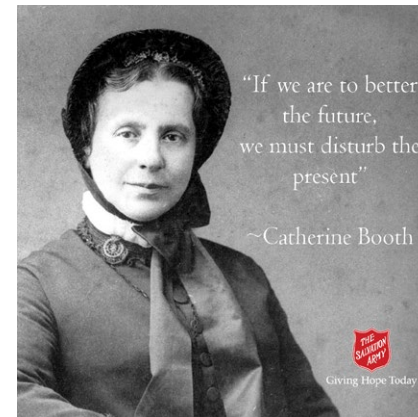
'Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to make all grace abound to you, so that in all things at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work... You will be made rich in every way so that you can be generous on every occasion, and through us your generosity will result in thanksgiving to God.' (2 Corinthians 9:6-12)

On It:

Hallelujah! What a great God we serve! He is able to overflow grace all over us so that whatever we are doing and wherever we are doing it we can abound in every good work. He will make us rich so that we can be generous. But it flows out of a cheerful heart that takes joy in giving. We think you should decide right now, as a kid, that you want to try to be really good in this means of grace. Decide that you want to please God in everything you do, including giving. You will not go wrong if you aim to please Jesus!

Live It:

Here are some of the most influential Salvationists on doctrine: Catherine Booth; Samuel Logan Brengle (OF) - holiness; Erik Wickberg – in whose honour a Salvation Army theological festschrift was published; Roger Green – author of theological histories; Phil Needham – Ecclesiology; Earl Robinson – Doctrine Council; new Handbook; Ecumenism.



Do It:

Choose a name off this list, and then research one fact about that Salvationist.

In It:

'While our best we bring to You, bless our sacrifice.' (The Songbook: from song 921)

Eat It:

 Luke 6:38

'A good measure, pressed down, shaken together and running over, will be poured into your lap.' What does that mean!? Well, one suggestion says that it is how they sold food back in Jesus' time. They would fill a bag, and then shake it and press it to get the air out, and then they would fill it some more so that it was completely full and you didn't miss out on anything you deserved.

Read It:

One-year Bible Plan: Read Esther 1-2, Psalm 150, & Luke 17

Week 40

Day 5



Jehovah Rocks:

Let all that I am, all that I do, all that is in me praise Yahweh! (Psalm 146:1)

See It:

'Many people were willing to give. They included the leaders of families and the officers of the tribes of Israel. They included the commanders of thousands and commanders of hundreds. They also included the officials who were in charge of the king's work. All of them gave to the work on God's temple. They gave more than 190 tons of gold and 375 tons of silver. They also gave 675 tons of bronze and 3,750 tons of iron. Anyone who had valuable jewels added them to the treasure for the Lord's temple... The people were happy when they saw what their leaders had been willing to give. The leaders had given freely. With their whole heart they had given everything to the Lord. King David was filled with joy.' (1 Chronicles 29:6, 9)

On It:

Sometimes when I am at the Corps, I like to give some money to the kids around me so that they can put it in the offering plate. It is funny to watch some children. The money was never theirs, but once it is in their hand, they sometimes want to keep it and not put it in the plate! God wants us to happily give our money away, and not have to have someone give them a mean looking face first! In this passage, we see that the leaders gave. But not only that, they gave willingly. They did not give because they were forced to, or pressured to, or coaxed to. They wanted to give. And they gave generously. And when the people saw that their leaders had given wholeheartedly and generously, they rejoiced and praised God. Even though you are young you have the opportunity to be a leader in giving. You can be an example to all kinds of people in your generous, wholehearted giving. Aim for it.

Live It:

Here are some of the most influential Salvationist pioneers: Frederick Booth Tucker – India; Kawl Khuma OF – Mizoram, India; King Hudson – Ghana; Philip Rive OF – pioneer officer in the Rhodesias (now Zambia and Zimbabwe); Allister Smith Sr. – consolidated The Army in Zululand; pioneered the work in East Africa; George Pollard - New Zealand; Leonard Kirby Sr. OF - Africa; Eliza Shirley – USA.

Do It:

Choose a name off this list, and then research one fact about that Salvationist.

Name:

One fact:

In It:

'All of Your children gladly give you more and more.' (The Songbook: from song 921)

Eat It: Luke 6:38

'For with the measure you use.' This is where this verse gets interesting. How generous will you decide to be with your giving? Exactly what you should, a little bit more, or will you give whenever you think someone needs?

Read It:

One-year Bible Plan: Read Esther 3-8, & Luke 18

Week 40

Day 6



Jehovah Rocks:

*You love everything that You have made, and so do I!
Thank You! (Psalm 104:31)*

See It:

Suppose I give everything I have to poor people. And suppose I give my body to be burned. If I don't have love, I get nothing at all!
(1 Corinthians 13:3)

On It:

Here's the check. You could go crazy and give everything you have. Praise God. But if you do it out of a sense of duty (that you kind of have to do it) or to look good to others (maybe they'll think you are really holy) then you don't benefit from it. Does that make sense? Your motivation, the reason you give, needs to be love for God. Paul is checking the Corinthians on this point. Sure, give tonnes! But your giving must be accompanied by love. It is similar to our teaching on Faith and Works. If you do a bunch of good things for God but you don't have faith in God, you still go to hell. That is, your good works for God aren't enough to get rid of your sins. You need faith. And the faith WILL BE accompanied by works. Similarly, Love and Giving. You can give without love, and that does NOT please God. But if you love God, giving will follow.

Live It:

Here are some of the most influential Salvationist administrators: Bramwell Booth – system; Arthur Carr – legal secretary and chief of staff; Ron Cox – revision of Netherlands governance and O+R for Officers; George Carpenter – post WW2 unity; Paul DuPlessis – hospitals and world evangelization. (Gen doesn't want to ever be on this list!)

Do It:

Choose a name off this list, and then research one fact about that Salvationist. Make sure you keep all of the facts that you have collected. We will need them for next week!



In It:

'Loving life too much, we will lose it. But dead to self we truly live!' (The Songbook: from song 922)

Eat It: Luke 6:38

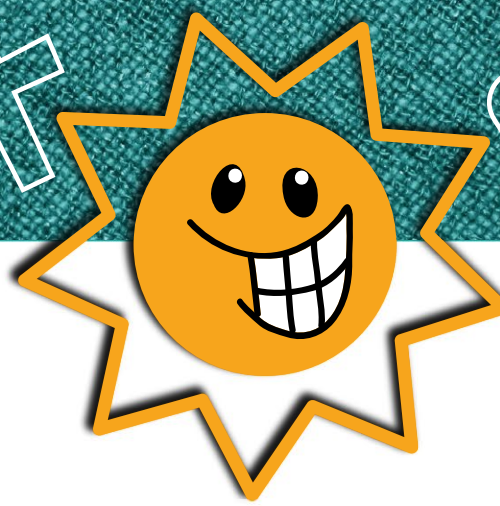
'It will be measured to you.' Okay, so is this saying that God will be as generous to you as you are to others? Again, some people think that this means that if they are really generous with their money, God will bless them with wealth and health and all good things. It's NOT LIKE THAT! We don't earn blessings and God is not a drive thru! For me it means that as you give, you will see God more. Give a little, and you will see a little and be frustrated. Give more and you will see more, and you will be so excited by seeing what God is doing!

Read It:

One-year Bible Plan: Read Esther 9-10, & Luke 19

Week 40

Day 7



Jehovah Rocks:

You always keep your promises, even when I break mine. Thank You, Yahweh! (Psalm 105:8)

See It:

'Last year you were the first not only to give but also to have the desire to do so. Now finish the work, so that your eager willingness to do it may be matched by your completion of it, according to your means.'
(2 Corinthians 8:10, 11)

On It:

This is really important today. And the lesson? Keep your word. Enthusiasm is good. We love it. But without follow-through it is hypocrisy. It is weak and pathetic. And it dishonours the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ. Yes, be enthusiastic. How fantastic is it that we who live in rich countries have money that can be poured into the poorer countries of the world to help spread the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ! It's amazing. So, when we hear about the opportunities, of course we're going to be psyched and want to give. BUT remember, let's actually turn our excitement into real money that is going to be sent there! Let's keep our world. Let's change the world with our finances, and then let's celebrate!

Live It:

Here are some of the most influential Salvationist pray-ers:
Flora Larsson - Books; Check Yee - China; Solomon Perera - Ceylon For Christ; Albert Pepper - holiness teacher; Mina Russell OF - Russell declared that "the Army's greatest need is prayer.... Prayer is the source of spiritual power. The more simply we trust prayer power for guidance in planning, inaugurating, and sustaining our work, the more personally and collectively we will fulfill God's plan and enjoy His blessing."

Flora Larsson



Do It:

Choose a name off this list, and then research one fact about that Salvationist.

In It:

'Souls in darkness yet are calling, come and help us still they cry. With our gifts our hearts outpouring, we will help them lest they die.' (The Songbook: from song 922)

Eat It:

'Give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together and running over, will be poured into your lap. For with the measure you use, it will be measured to you.' (Luke 6:38) Have you got it? Try to find the Ron Kennolly song on YouTube and it will help you!

Read It:

One-year Bible Plan: Read Ezra 7-8, & Luke 20

Week 41

Day 1



Jehovah Rocks:

I want everyone to praise You, Yahweh!
(Psalm 147:12)

See It:

'Keep reading and studying this book, all the time. Meditate on the instructions, day and night so that you will be able to do everything written in it. Only then will you do well in all you do. This is My command—be strong and courageous! Do not be afraid or get sad. For the LORD your God is with you wherever you go.' (Joshua 1:8-9)

On It:

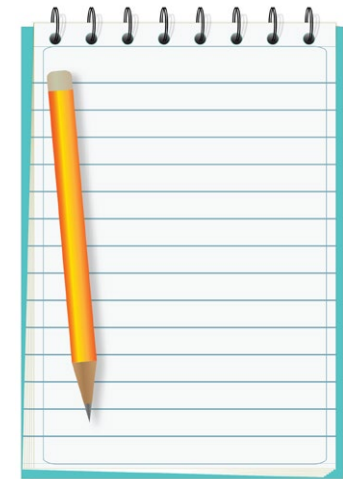
Have you ever been left in charge of something? Maybe your mom left you with the key: 'Whatever you do, don't lose that key! Don't let it out of your sight!' Have you ever heard that? Well, the people of Israel were given these important instructions – don't let the Bible out of your mouth (as one translation suggests). And then there are other instructions – meditate on these instructions. That word 'meditate' – in Hebrew – kind of means something said out loud. It was used when people wanted us to know there was murmuring or twittering or other sounds. What does that mean? Well, we should be speaking God's Word over and over again with our lips, out loud! How can you do that? Well, we are memorizing a lot of verses this year in this book. So, you have some you can do. You could be singing them through your day (with the GOD AND TOAST songs on Spotify!). AND, you can pray these back to God. Why is this a good idea? Because it helps you obey. But it also makes do well, and have a life filled with good times.

Live It:

The next few facts are going to tell you the names of every General we have had so far and will tell you something they are famous for.

Do It:

Look through all your facts of great salvationists. Put them in order of your favourite to least favourite. This week you are going to make a poster that you can put up at your Corps.



In It:

'For Your holy book we thank You, and for all who served You well. Writing, guarding and translating, that its pages might tell, our strong love and tender care for Your people everywhere.' (The Songbook: from song 856)

Eat It:

'Then He called the crowd to Him along with His disciples and said: If anyone would come after Me, he must deny himself and take up his cross and follow Me.' (Mark 8:34) Memorize this verse this week.

Read It:

One-year Bible Plan: Read Ezra 9-10, Psalm 131, & Luke 21

Week 41

Day 2



Jehovah Rocks:

*Thank You for teaching me a good way to live my life.
I love that I know the right path to follow.*
(Psalm 119:7)

See It:

'How can a young person stay pure? By doing the things that You say in Your word. I have tried hard to find You— don't let me get away from Your commands. I have hidden Your word in my heart that I might not sin against You.' (Psalm 119:9-11)

On It:

Do you like hide and seek? Finding the best hiding place is fantastic – it means that no one will be able to find you and steal you away from safety. Well, we need to find the best hiding spot for God's Word – deep within our heart. That way, the devil can't sneak in and steal it away from us. How do you do it? Well, we are working on memory verses throughout this year. Here's a key we've found - review, review, review. That means going back to the verses you learned in January and repeating them over and over and putting the song (or platlist) on repeat and listening and listening. And what will happen to you? Purity – holiness. And holiness is the solution to every problem!

Live It:

William Booth – He started The Salvation Army!

Do It:

On the poster, make a heading that says something like... 'Great Salvationists'.



In It:

'For Your holy book we thank You and for those who work today, that the people of all nations reading it and following it may know Your love and tender care for Your people everywhere.' (The Songbook: from song 856)

Eat It:

Mark 8:34
'Then He called the crowd to Him along with His disciples.' Jesus is talking to His disciples and the crowd. What He teaches them also applies to us. So, memorize this verse.

Read It:

One-year Bible Plan: Read Nehemiah 1-2, Psalm 133, & Luke 22

Week 41

Day 3



Jehovah Rocks:

Please, Yahweh, continue to teach me the best way to live. I love You. (Psalm 119:12)

See It:

'This means that anyone who belongs to Christ has become a new person. The old life is gone; a new life has begun!' (2 Corinthians 5:17)

On It:

Have you ever wished you were someone else? Maybe there is a great teacher at your school, or a wonderful Junior Soldier in your brigade, or a loving elderly lady at your corps. Or maybe you went through a really tough time and it seemed easier to be someone else. Well, the good news is, when you get saved, you BECOME a NEW PERSON! Really, when you follow Jesus closely, you leave behind the dodgy parts of your life – the greed, selfishness, laziness, bitterness, hate, rage, disobedience, and other sin. And Jesus doesn't just forgive you. Holy Spirit regenerates you – that means He brings you to life again. A new life! Where is that old life? Gone, history, forgotten (if you'll forget it). Don't worry – the good parts of your old life aren't gone, things like your winsome attitude and charming personality... Your life of discipleship shows this truth of the new life. And it is contagious (that means, others get caught up by it!).

Live It:

Catherine Booth – She 'birthed' The Salvation Army, that's why we call her the Army Mother.

Do It:

On your poster, write out five of the names and facts. Make sure you leave enough room for all the heroes you will need to add.

In It:

'For Your holy book we thank You, may its message be our guide. May we understand the wisdom of the laws it will provide, and Your love and tender care for Your people everywhere.' (The Songbook: from song 856)

Eat It:

Mark 8:34

'If anyone would come after Me.' The idea is that all of us should come after Him – follow Him.

Read It:

One-year Bible Plan: Read Nehemiah 3-4, & Luke 23



Week 41

Day 4



Jehovah Rocks:

Yahweh, please listen to my praise of You. Please accept it as a gift from me to You. I want to be close to You so You can teach me. (Psalm 119:108)

See It:

'All scripture is inspired by God and is helpful to teach us what is true and to make us understand what is wrong in our lives. It corrects us when we are wrong and teaches us to do what is right. God uses it to get His people ready to do every good work.' (2 Timothy 3:16-17)

On It:

We can say a lot about these verses, but today we want to take a step back and see what we can learn as a disciple. Who teaches you? Who helps you realize what is wrong in your life? Who corrects you? Paul is telling us that the Bible does it. Yes. Read it and obey it. BUT it very important for you to have a person to teach you, to help you realize what is wrong in your life, and to correct you. That person disciples you. It could be your parent or older sibling or your Junior Soldier Sergeant or your Sunday School teacher or another respected veteran Christian. You should find someone to disciple you – tell your Corps Officers that you are on the lookout and they will help you find someone.

Live It:

Bramwell Booth – He was the builder. He put system and structure to this aggressive movement of God.

Do It:

Add the next five heroes and their facts.

In It:

'For Your holy book we thank You, may it's message in our hearts lead us now to see in Jesus all the grace Your word imparts. All Your love and tender care for Your people everywhere.' (The Songbook: from song 856)

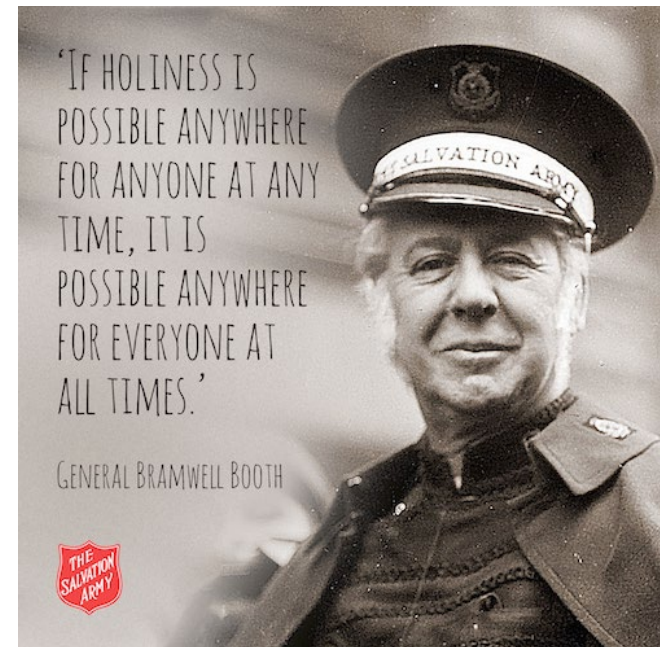
Eat It:

Mark 8:34

'He must deny Himself.' Deny yourself. That is the opposite of what every advertisement teaches us. It is opposite to what our culture expects. Say 'no' to yourself and 'yes' to Jesus.

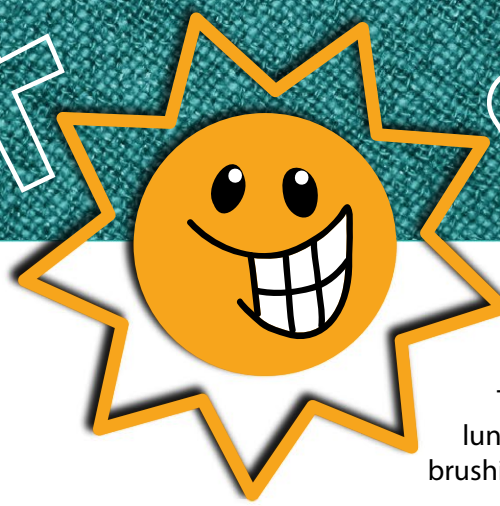
Read It:

One-year Bible Plan: Read Nehemiah 5-6, Psalm 146, & Luke 24



Week 41

Day 5



Jehovah Rocks:

I want to praise You seven times a day! You are so good, and You are so just. Thank You! (Psalm 119:164)

See It:

'The temptations in your life are no different from what everyone else goes through. And God is faithful. He will not let the temptation be bigger than you can handle. When you are tempted, He will show you a way out so that you can get through it.' (1 Corinthians 10:13)

On It:

Wow, life can be tough sometimes. Friends can be mean, homework can get hard, sometimes you feel like no one understands you and that you are totally alone. Well, this is one of the really good things about having God as your best friend. You have the creator of the universe in your corner! Isn't it great to know you are not alone? When you are going through a hard time or a tempting situation you can know that you are not the only person in the history of the world to face it. And you don't have to face it alone. Does that take away the temptation or remove the difficult time in your life? No, but when you know that Jesus is there, you get a strange comfort. And He isn't just there alongside you. First, He'll make sure you are not tempted beyond what you can handle. And, second, He will provide a way out.

Live It:

Edward Higgins - We call him the 'Storm Pilot' because he got us through a difficult time in the world. He also never preached without having people respond at the mercy seat.

Do It:

Add the remaining heroes and their facts.

In It:

Today you need to praise God at breakfast, morning recess, lunch, after-school snack, supper, late lunch, and while you are brushing your teeth at night.

Eat It: Mark 8:34

'Take up His cross.' This is talking about the practice in those days of criminals who were about to be executed carrying their own crosses on which they were about to be crucified. If you saw someone carrying a cross, you knew that was a walking dead person. And to be a disciple of Jesus, you have to be a walking dead person, spiritually. You don't live for you, you live for Jesus, instead.

Read It:

One-year Bible Plan: Read Nehemiah 7-8, & Acts 1



Week 41

Day 6



Jehovah Rocks:

I want to tell You how good You are all day! I want You to know that I love You, Yahweh! (Psalm 119:171)

See It:

'So be humble before God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you.' (James 4:7)

On It:

Part of the discipleship process is to learn how to follow Jesus better. So, here, James is teaching us how to overcome the devil. He gives us two keys: First, we must humble ourselves before God. That means we obey and love Him, regardless of what we want to do ourselves. It is difficult, but important. If we don't obey and love Him, then the devil gets an opening that he will use to tempt us and try to separate us from God. Second, we are to resist the devil. So, you know that Jesus was tempted in every way, just like you! Well, temptation is not a sin (Jesus never sinned). So, when you are tempted, resist the temptation. If you are tempted to steal candies at the shop, you can say out loud, 'I don't want to steal the candies. It is wrong to steal. I want to please God. I love Jesus. I resist the devil and he flees from me!'

Live It:

Evangeline Booth - Romantic, heroic, a pioneer, who grabbed the imagination of a generation. She was dramatic and loads of people loved her!

Do It:

Draw some pictures that represent some of the things these people did.

In It:

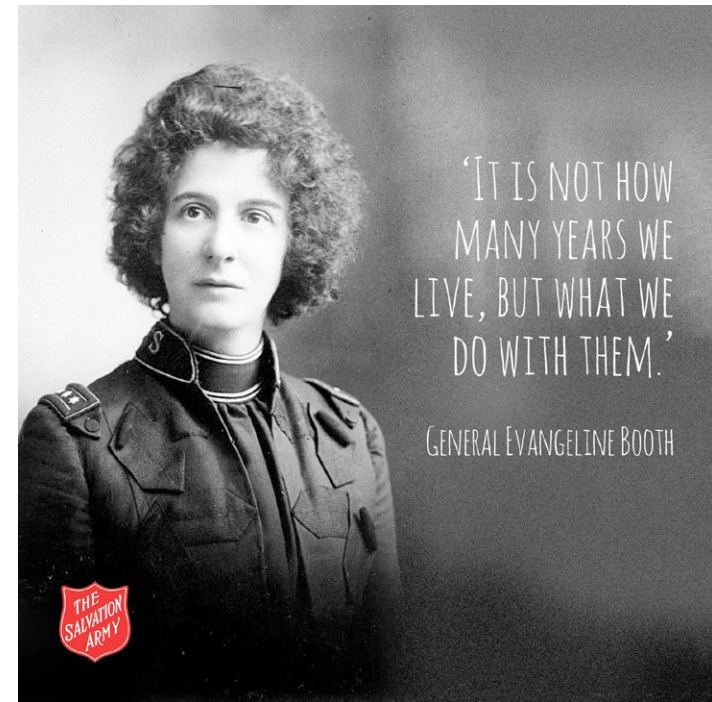
Your prayer task is to try to praise God once every hour.

Eat It: Mark 8:34

'Follow Me.' That's the key. It is THE invitation of your life and THE command of your life. Follow Jesus. And memorize this verse.

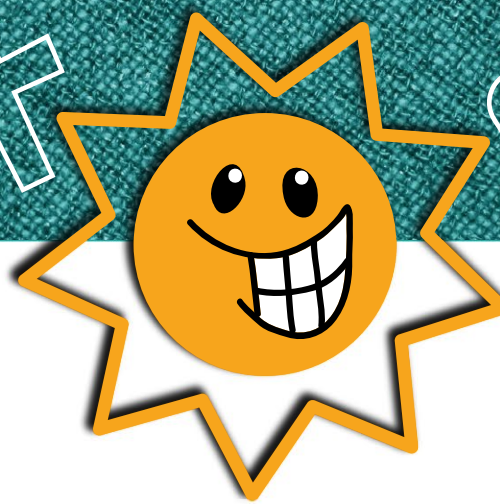
Read It:

One-year Bible Plan: Read Nehemiah 9-10, & Acts 2



Week 41

Day 7



Jehovah Rocks:

*Please help me to live in a way that makes You happy.
Help me to follow Your way. (Psalm 119:175)*

See It:

'Do not love this world or the things it tries to give you, because when you love the world, you do not have the love of the Father in you. For the world only gives you things that feel good to you for a little while. It makes us want everything we see, it wants us to feel proud of the things that we do, and enjoy all the praise and attention that comes from them. These are not from the Father, but are from this world.' (1 John 2:15-16)

On It:

Have you seen the Star Wars movies? The Jedi are a different kind of breed! They are good, but they are a little scary. When they walk down the market lane, people stand back. Why? Part of it is out of respect for them and the good they do – protecting, bringing righteousness, and bringing justice. But part of it is because the people are a little afraid of the power that they have. Disciples of the Lord Jesus Christ are a bit like Jedi in Star Wars. People will be a little afraid of the power from God that you have. But they will also respect you because you protect those who need help, you bring righteousness, and you bring about justice. But they respect disciples of the Lord Jesus Christ because we are a different breed. We live among them and befriend them and help them, but we don't get involved in the sinful activities or even some of the plain worldly activities of theirs. We are in love with God the Father and He has grabbed our imagination, our excitement, our energies. And the kind of life that gets our friends to follow Jesus too.

Live It:

George Carpenter – He is the war time General who held the Army together through some scary times in the world.



Do It:

Find somewhere on the poster to write a challenge to the people who will read the poster. It might say, 'will you get to be on this poster one day?' Then give you poster to your Corps Officers and ask them to put it up somewhere where people will see it.

In It:

Thank God for the people in your life who teach you and lead you closer to God.

Eat It:

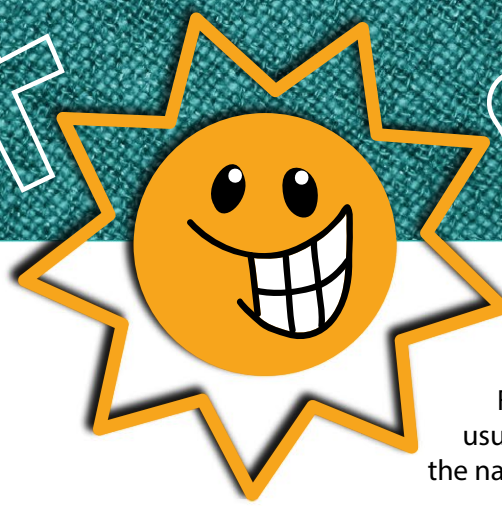
'Then He called the crowd to Him along with His disciples and said: "If anyone would come after Me, he must deny himself and take up his cross and follow Me.'" (Mark 8:34) Memorize this verse and tell it to five friends.

Read It:

One-year Bible Plan: Read Nehemiah 11-12, Psalm 1, & Acts 3

Week 42

Day 1



Jehovah Rocks:

You have chosen me to be Your child! Thank You so much, Yahweh! (Psalm 147:20)

See It:

'Love is made complete among us so that we will have confidence on judgment day, because in this world we are like him. There is no fear in love, but perfect love gets rid of fear, because fear has to do with punishment. Anyone who fears is not made perfect in love. Remember, we love because He first loved us.' (1 John 4:17-19)

On It:

Wow! This holiness stuff is wild. First, we did the negative bit, removing the sin that keeps us from holiness. Then we added Holy Spirit. And now we look at transformation (over the next few days). Here, love is perfected in us. We're transformed in love. Check this out – once this happens to us, we can have confidence because, 'as He is, so also are we in this world!' (NASB) Jesus has perfect love. And John says he has it through Jesus, too! We are like Jesus in perfect love! Do you want it? Well, it says that we love because He first loved us. The key for us is to hold onto His love. He loves you so much that He died on the Cross for your sins. He loves your socks off! Embrace that love. When you get a great handle on that, you are more than halfway to perfect love.

Live It:

Albert Orsborn - The Poet General. In his earlier days he wrote a new song every week for Bramwell Booth's holiness meetings.

Do It:

Write or type out three of your memory verses and stick them in a place you will see them for a few minutes every day (I keep mine next to the toilet!).

In It:

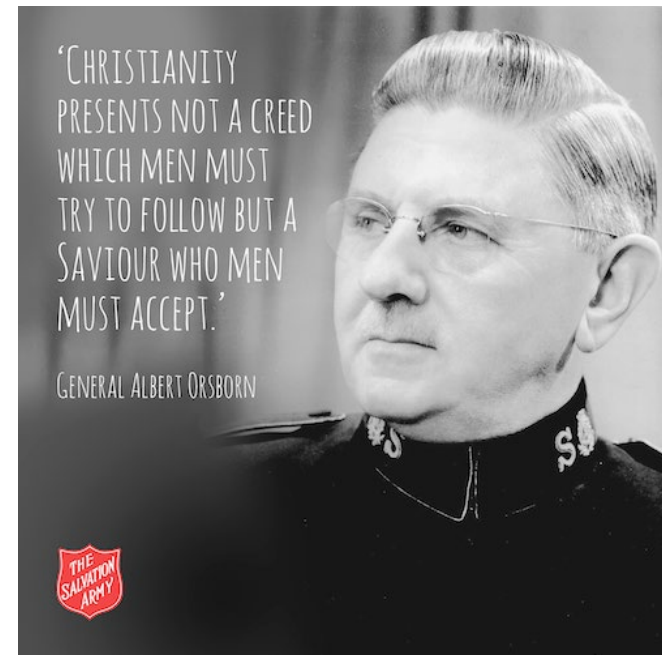
Find a street map of the area around your Corps. You can usually get one from the street directory online. Write down the names of the streets directly around your corps.

Eat It:

'Make every effort to live in peace with all people and to be holy; without holiness no one will see the Lord.' (Hebrews 12:14) Memorize this verse this week.

Read It:

One-year Bible Plan: Read Nehemiah 13, Malachi 1-2, & Acts 4



Week 42

Day 2



Jehovah Rocks

Whenever I need help, I know that You are there even before I have called out to You. (Psalm 94:18)

See It:

'His divine power has given us everything we need for life and godliness through our knowledge of the one who called us by his own glory and goodness, God! Through these things He has given us His great and precious promises, so that through them you can join in the divine nature and escape the terrible things in the world caused by evil desires.' (2 Peter 1:3,4)

On It:

We're still on the transformative part of holiness. His divine power has given us everything we need to have life and godliness. So, He gives us all we need to be godly and to face everything in life that comes. But we can escape the corruption of the world – not be running away, but by being transformed – and join in the divine nature! Give your head a shake! That is mind-boggling stuff! And yet it is God's honest truth – for you and for us! Hallelujah! We just need to access it. Paul teaches us in other places that we can get this grace by faith. That means, believe it. We here to testify that God's word is true, and you can rely on it, depend on it, obey it, piggyback on it, go whole hog in following the Lord! He is worthy.

Live It:

Wilfred Kitching - He was a great Salvationist. He would always try to get people saved and tried to be the best soldier he could be.

Do It:

Write or type out three more of your memory verses and stick them in

the same place as yesterday. You should now have six you can practice every day.

In It:

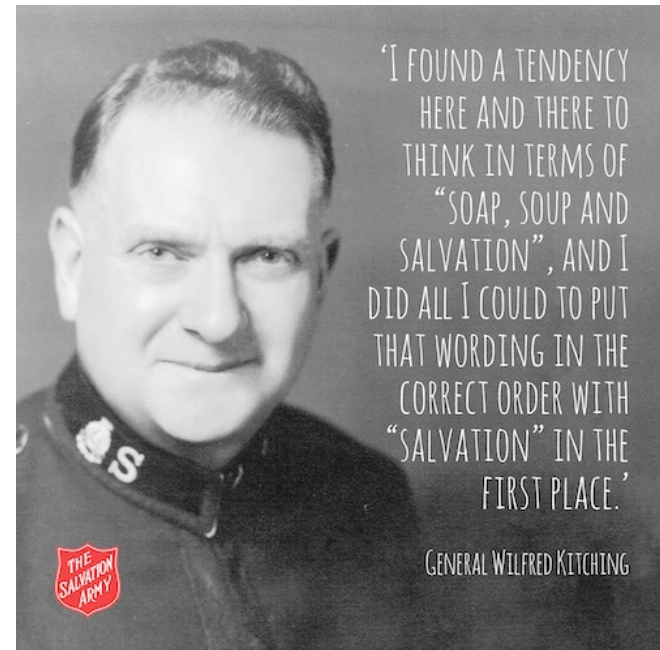
Find a street map of the area around your neighbourhood. Write down the names of the streets directly around your house.

Eat It:

Hebrews 12:14
'Make every effort.' Do whatever it takes. Don't hold back. Let nothing stop you.

Read It:

One-year Bible Plan: Read Malachi 3-4, Psalm 148, & Acts 5



Week 42

Day 3



Jehovah Rocks:

You are love and You are faithful to the promises You make to Your children. You allow us to see salvation.
(Psalm 98:3)

See It:

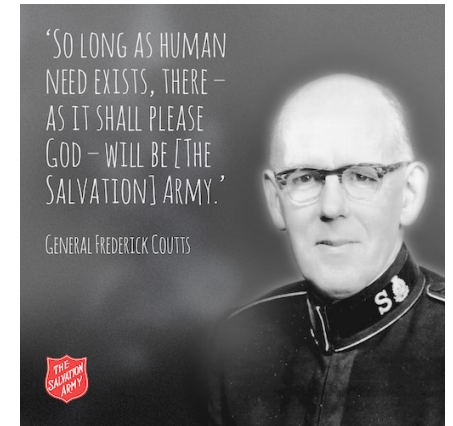
'Knowing that God is merciful, I beg you to offer your bodies as living sacrifices, holy and pleasing to God. This is your spiritual act of worship. Do not go along with what the world wants you to do anymore but be totally changed by the way God is changing your mind. Then you will be able to test, know and approve what God's will is—His good, pleasing and perfect will.' (Romans 12:1-2)

On It:

We're still in the transformative week here and we are looking at what the 'way God is changing your mind' means. But this one is really important because it shows us how to do it. Offer your whole life to God. In the old days they used to offer animal sacrifice to God to try to make up for their sinning. It's kind of messy and not so good for the poor animal, but it was almost as if they were saying, 'we think that our sin is so bad that it deserves massive punishment. So big in fact, we think someone needs to die so that God can see just how sorry we really are.' Now, it was sad for the lamb, but something needed to die for the sin! But here we are instructed to offer ourselves in the same way – as a sacrificed lamb put on the altar before God. (But, of course, we don't have to die now because Jesus already did.) The thing is, though, the lamb didn't sneak away and crawl off the altar before it got chopped. And that's important for us, too! This is our holiness teaching coming to full circle. You see we need a spiritual death that leads to our transformation. Get it? Now just don't crawl off the altar!

Live It:

Frederick Couitts -
He wrote International Company Orders (SA Sunday school curriculum) for a dozen years, as well as several other books. His biography is titled 'A Very Private General'.



Do It:

Write or type out three more of your memory verses and stick them in the same place as yesterday.

In It:

Go for a walk around the streets you have marked on your neighbourhood map. Pray that God would put people in each one of their lives that will start to tell them about God.

Eat It:

 Hebrews 12:14

'To live in peace with all people and to be holy.' The goal is to live at peace and be holy. Do whatever it takes to be holy. And memorize this verse.

Read It:

One-year Bible Plan: Read Job 1-2, & Acts 6-7

Week 42

Day 4



Jehovah Rocks:

You are mighty and strong and You love justice and equality for all of Your children. (Psalm 99:4)

See It:

Be perfect, therefore, just like your Heavenly Father is perfect! (Matthew 5:48)

On It:

Have you ever climbed a mountain? Me neither. How about a really big hill? When you get to the top you can look back at where you came, and you can look ahead at what's to come. This verse is like that peak of a really big hill! Jesus is preaching this amazing lesson on how the love of Jesus flows out of the life of His soldiers into the world (they've named it 'the sermon on the mount'; we like to call it 'the mountain message!'). He's been teaching about how people are blessed and how they get blessed. And He explains how His love turns things upside down. For example, Jesus talks about the instruction to love your neighbour. But He figures that's not that big a deal – most of us love the people who love us and bless us in various ways. He goes way beyond that to suggest that His love in you enables you to love your enemies! Think about that for a second. It's at this point that He summarizes and says to be perfect just like your Father in Heaven is perfect. Be perfect in your loving. How are you supposed to do that? Well, repent of your sins and ask Jesus to fill you with His Holy Spirit and let THAT love overflow to both your neighbour and your enemy.

Live It:

Erik Wickberg - He fought to advance the philosophy and thinking of The Salvation Army to bring it on par with the spiritual aggressiveness of The Army.

Do It:

Write or type out three more of your memory verses and stick them in the same place as yesterday.

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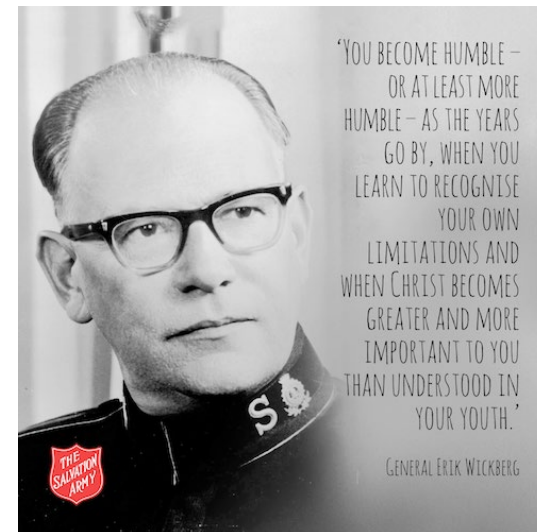
Write a list of things your corps runs through the week. Pray for each one of the programmes and ask that God would bless the leaders and people who come to the programmes.

Eat It:

Hebrews 12:14
'No one will see the Lord.' One take on this is that if we're not holy we won't see the Lord in Heaven. Another take is that if we are not holy, no one will see the Lord in us. They are both pretty bad... so, GET HOLY!

Read It:

One-year Bible Plan: Read Job 3-4, & Acts 8-9



Week 42

Day 5



Jehovah Rocks:

You are so good! And Your love will last forever!
(Psalm 100:5)

See It:

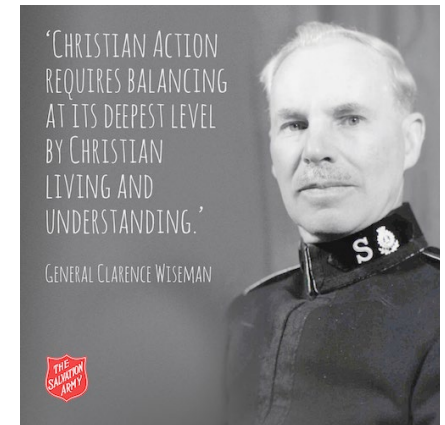
I want to do what is good, but I don't. I don't want to do what is wrong, but I do it anyway. (Romans 7:19)

On It:

You may be wondering why we slid this verse into the bunch on holiness. We want to straighten you out on Romans 7 before someone else messes you up on it. Normally, we think of people as being Christian or non-Christian. That's a fair perspective on things. But Paul didn't break things down that way. He saw people as Jews, Christians, or pagans (people who worship other gods). This chapter makes it sound like you can never do what you want to do. Most Christians figure that must be how they should live the Christian life – failing all the time. They explain away their sinning by pointing to this chapter and figure that even Paul couldn't get it right. So, these Christians settle for a bad version of Christianity – sin and confess, sin and confess. They can never really enjoy things of Jesus because they have this sin always harassing and beating them up. And they can't really enjoy the sinning because they feel so guilty about not pleasing God. They are a great example of the defeated Christian life. However, these Christians make a huge mistake. They think it is either non-Christian or Christian. And Paul didn't think that way. For Paul it was pagan, Christian, or Jew. And in Romans 7 he is talking like the Jew he once was before he repented and believed in Jesus. Good Jews try to please God, but they don't have the power of Jesus to do it. So, they live a really frustrated life. How does Paul provide the solution for the Jews and everyone else who tries to please God without divine power? Read Romans 8 to find the answer!

Live It:

Clarence Wiseman -
The Evangelist General.
He was all about getting
everyone saved.



Do It:

Write or type out three more of your memory verses and stick them in the same place as yesterday.

In It:

Go for another walk around the streets you have marked on your neighbourhood map. This time sing praises to God and recite your memory verses as you walk. Invite God into your neighbourhood and ask Him to do a mighty work there.

Eat It:

Hebrews 12:14
'No one will see the Lord.' If we are not holy, maybe no one else will see the Lord. What would attract people to Jesus if we are no different than they are?

Read It:

One-year Bible Plan: Read Job 5, Psalm 108, & Acts 10-11

Week 42

Day 6



Jehovah Rocks:

I love to sing about the love that You give to us! I love to tell others about Your justice. (Psalm 101:1)

See It:

'Try your very hardest to live peacefully with everyone and to be holy. Without holiness, no one will see the Lord.' (Hebrew 12:14)

On It:

Here's another verse that throws people off. They figure it must mean that either God sees us as holy when we're not (this is 'make believe' since He pretends, we're holy) or that very few people are going to go to Heaven. I used to guess that the writer of Hebrews was not trying to explain things for people 2000 years later and instead was just looking back over a long life of following Jesus and fighting for Him and noticed that if people we're not holy or advancing toward holiness they were slipping backwards away from God. But here's another idea – an important one for Salvationists who like to win the world for Jesus. 'Holiness without which no one shall see the Lord' could mean, 'unless you and I don't get sanctified, THEY won't see the Lord'. If we're not living, breathing examples of loving people, how will other people be attracted to Jesus? So, let's go for holiness!

Live It:

Arnold Brown - The Statesman General. He was one of the first Salvationists to use radio and television. He was a composer and writer, and a developer and administrator.

Do It:

Write or type out three more of your memory verses and stick them in the same place as yesterday. You should now have eighteen memory verses for you to practise! Can you do it?

In It:

Find a place to stick your maps in a place you will regularly see them and pray for the people who live in these areas whenever you see the map.

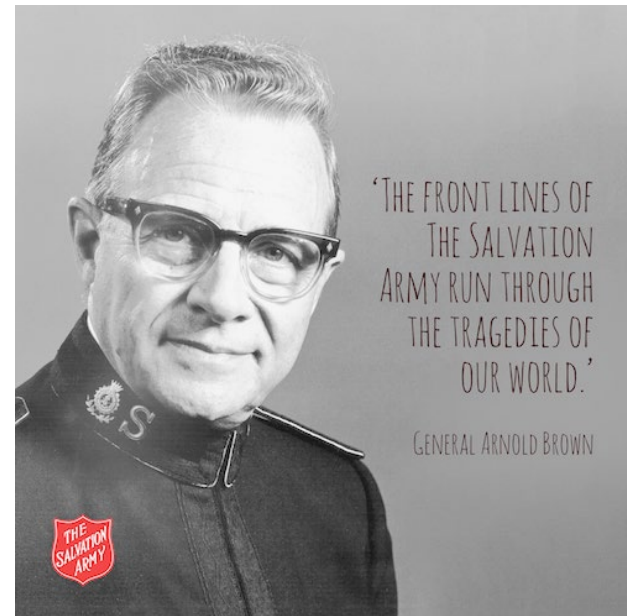
Eat it:

Hebrews 12:14

'Without holiness.' What a letdown at the end of your life – to have lived 'without holiness.' That's like saying you spent your whole life trying to be good in your own power. It's like living your whole life supporting a football team that never wins the Grey Cup! Terrible! Memorize this verse.

Read It:

One-year Bible Plan: Read Job 6-8, & Acts 12



Week 42

Day 7



Jehovah Rocks:

You have saved me from the grave and given me life forever! You fill me with love and compassion.
(Psalm 103:4)

See It:

'Jesus replied, "The truth is, everyone who sins is a slave to sin. A slave doesn't have a permanent place in the family, but a son or daughter belongs to it forever. So if the Son frees you, of course you will be free!'
(John 8:34-36)

On It:

John Wesley is one of the great Christians of history. He made a big dint in the western world with his holiness preaching that started a massive revival on two continents. His secret was preaching holiness. He preached several times a day. And he used to use the same 30 Scriptures, now known as Wesley's Thirty Texts. This is one of them, and it looks at the issue of slavery versus freedom. Jesus is basically teaching here that if you sin, you are a slave to sin. That's not good. I don't want to be a slave to sin! Who wants to be chained up and enslaved to some scummy, stinking evil like lying or cheating or...? No one. And slaves don't get to live in the home. But children do! And Jesus says that if He sets you free, you are free indeed! You are no longer a slave. You get to live in His home. You live freely everyday by overcoming temptation and sin, by avoiding temptation and the devil, and sharing Jesus' love to everyone you meet.

Live It:

Jarl Wahlström - He was from a rock-solid Salvationist family, each of his brothers being commissioners - a brilliant Salvationist.

Do It:

How many of the 18 verses can you do by heart? Get someone to test you!

In It:

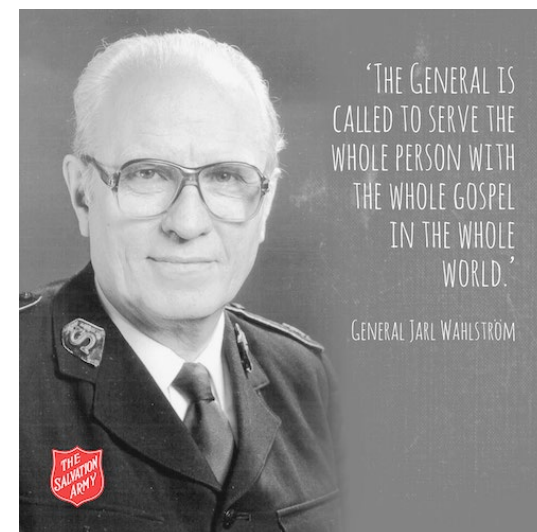
Before or after Sunday School, ask one of your leaders to walk around the streets you have marked on your corps map, and ask them to pray for each one of the people that live in the houses on these streets.

Eat It:

'Make every effort to live in peace with all people and to be holy; without holiness no one will see the Lord.' (Hebrews 12:14) Memorize this verse and tell it to five friends.

Read It:

One-year Bible Plan: Read Job 9-10, & Acts 13-14



Week 43

Day 1



Jehovah Rocks:

*Everyone should praise You because You are worthy!
We should get lots of people together and praise You!
And we should get all of the holiest people together to super
praise You! (Psalm 107:32)*

See It:

'Suppose one of you has a hundred sheep and loses one of them. Does he not leave the ninety-nine in the open country and go after the lost sheep until he finds it? And when he finds it, he joyfully puts it on his shoulders and goes home. Then he calls his friends and neighbors together and says, "Rejoice with me; I have found my lost sheep." I tell you that in the same way there will be more rejoicing in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who do not need to repent.' (Luke 15 :5-7)

On It:

I am known for losing things. I am not a neat person but losing things is not my fault because I think my things grow legs and wander off! So, I can really relate to these stories. Why does Jesus tell them? Well, Jesus is being picked on by the Pharisees for hanging out with sinners. I guess I should point out again that the Jews were very strict about who you could and couldn't hang out with. It wasn't because they were mean, or because they wanted to keep the popular kids separate from the geeks. It's because it was how they had been taught to be holy. But Jesus came to fulfill that teaching which means He was adding some rules. We are still to be obedient to the law, yet we are to apply grace and love to ALL of God's children... sinners, gentiles, sick etc. So, Jesus tells this story to show us that anyone who is lost from God must be found! We must search high and low, and wide for people who don't know God. We must search our schools, and our community, and our Corps and our sports clubs for people who don't know Jesus!

Live It:

Eva Burrows -
The People's General.
She was the youngest
elected General in history.



Do It:

Recite five memory verses to anyone that will listen.

In It:

You give strength when I'm tired and You increase my power when I'm weak. (From Isaiah 40)

Eat It:

'As you go, preach this message: "The kingdom of heaven is near." Heal the sick, raise the dead, cleanse those who have leprosy, drive out demons. Freely you have received, freely give.' (Matthew 10:7-8)
Memorize this verse this week.

Read It:

One-year Bible Plan: Read Job 11-12, & Acts 15-16

Week 43

Day 2



Jehovah Rocks:

I want to praise You and tell the world how good You are! (Psalm 108:3)

See It:

"... How many of my father's employees have food to spare, and here I am starving to death! I will set out and go back to my father and say to him: Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. I am no longer worthy to be called your son; make me like one of your employees." So, he got up and went to his father. But while he was still a long way off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion for him; he ran to his son, threw his arms around him and kissed him... the father said to his servants, "Quick! Bring the best robe and put it on him. Put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. Bring the fattened calf and kill it. Let's have a feast and celebrate. For this son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found." So they began to celebrate.' (Luke 15: 17-24)

On It:

This is a great parable. It tells us of a young person who asks for his dad's inheritance, and then leaves home for a time of 'wild living'. Well, he ends up poor and homeless and friendless and realizes he wants to go home. But, how can he? He has been a terrible son. How could his father ever forgive him? I mean, he basically told his dad he considered him dead! But the son is desperate, so he heads home and hopes that he will be able to work for his dad as a slave. But when the father sees his son heading home, he races to him, hugs him and forgives him. Then he throws him a party! This is a story of God's love for us. The son comes to the father deserving nothing and yet he gets love and forgiveness. God goes through the pain of watching all His children living a life of 'wild times', but the minute we realize our sin, and head home, He is there to meet us, and throw a party in Heaven!

Live It:

Bramwell Tillsley -
He was known as a
Bible teacher and holiness
writer.



Do It:

Can you recite all the books of the Old Testament? Try to add five more.

In It:

Even with all the energy of a child, I still grow tired and weary, and sometimes stumble and fall. But I put my hope in You, Yahweh!

Eat It:

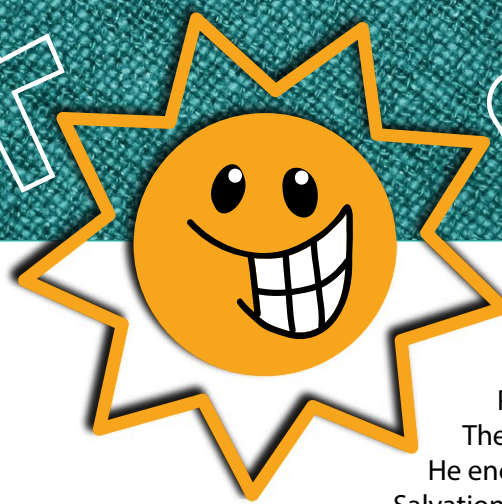
Matthew 10:7-8
'As you go, preach this message.' First up, we go. We don't stay. There are people who will end up in hell unless we go to help them. Some people say being an example and showing Jesus to people is enough, BUT we actually have to PREACH the message, as well. So, preach it. And memorize the verse.

Read It:

One-year Bible Plan: Read Job 13-14 & Acts 17-18

Week 43

Day 3



Jehovah Rocks:

You are awesome; please speak to me so I can do the things You want me to do. (Psalm 109:1)

See It:

'Jesus was telling a story: "The workers who were hired at five o'clock came. Each got the normal day's pay. So, when those who were hired first came, they thought they would get more. But each of them also received the usual day's pay. When they received it, they began to complain about the owner. 'These people who were hired last worked only one hour,' they said. 'You have paid them the same as us. We have done most of the work and have been in the hot sun all day.' The owner answered one of them. 'Friend,' he said, 'I'm being fair to you. Didn't you agree to work for the usual day's pay? Take the money and stop complaining. I want to give the ones I hired last the same pay I gave you. Don't I have the right to do what I want with my own money? Do you feel cheated because I gave so freely to the others?' So, those who are last will be first. And those who are first will be last.' (Matthew 9-16, read verses 1-16)

On It:

Why did Jesus tell this story? Well the Jews were grumbling saying that it was unfair for the gentiles to suddenly be allowed to get into heaven when God promised it to them first. They had been God's special people for so long and he had made the deal with them, and now the others were getting the same reward. Unfair? I guess so, but it's not fair that God chose them in the first place, either. So, what's in it for us? Well, the next time you think God is being unfair because He decides to bless your neighbour instead of you, just think about all the amazing blessings you have already, and be thankful others have been included, too.

Live It:

Paul Rader -
The Missions General.
He encouraged The
Salvation Army on in
world evangelization.



Do It:

Tell somebody one of the parables you have learned and tell them what Jesus was trying to teach us by telling this story.

In It:

With my hope in You I can continue to regain my strength and keep going.

Eat It:

Matthew 10:7-8
'The kingdom of God is near.' The kingdom of God is near. It is near to everyone you preach to when you preach it to them. The kingdom of God is in you. So where you are there is the kingdom of God is. Memorize this verse.

Read It:

One-year Bible Plan: Read Job 15, & Acts 19-20

Week 43

Day 4



Jehovah Rocks:

I want to praise You! You are the King! (Psalm 109:30)

See It:

'Here is what the Kingdom of Heaven is like. A king prepared a wedding dinner for his son. He sent his servants to those who had been invited to the dinner... But they said they didn't want to go. Then he sent some more servants. He said, "Tell those who were invited that that dinner is ready, and they should come to the wedding dinner." But the people ignored him... The king became very angry. He sent his army to destroy them... Then the king said to his servants, "The wedding dinner is ready. But those I invited were not fit to come... Invite to the dinner anyone you can find." So, the servants... got all the people they could find, both good and bad. Soon the wedding hall was filled with guests. The king... noticed a guest there who was not wearing wedding clothes. "Friend," he asked, "how did you get in here without wedding clothes?" The guest couldn't think of anything to say. Then the king told his servants, "Tie up his hands and feet. Throw him outside into the darkness..." (Matthew 22:1-14)

On It:

This is a story about the Kingdom of God. The invitation to be God's people had been sent to the Israelites long ago and yet, when Jesus came, they refused to come and join Him. Did that stop Jesus? NO! He invited non-Jews to join him, instead. The party was now open to everybody including you and me! Hooray! Except what about the poor guy at the end who got thrown out for not wearing the right clothes! It sounds harsh, but really if you are invited to have dinner with the King, you are not going to disrespect Him by turning up in shorts and a t-shirt! Jesus is trying to tell us that you won't get into Heaven if you are holding onto the yucky sin of your old life. We have to repent (get cleaned up) and then believe (accept the invite to the party). Then, we will be in for the feast of our life!

Live It:

John Gowans -
The Great
Communicator.
Gowans teamed up with
Larsson to write 10 popular
musicals. Can you find out what
one of them was called?



Do It:

Write out one of the parables as a story and then give it to your teacher at school.

In It:

With my hope in You, I will soar on wings like eagles.

Eat It:

 Matthew 10:7-8

'Heal the sick, raise the dead, cleanse those who have leprosy, drive out demons.' These are commands. As we go and preach, we are meant to heal sick people and raise dead people back to life!

Read It:

One-year Bible Plan: Read Job 16, & Acts 21-23

Week 43

Day 5



Jehovah Rocks:

From the bottom of my heart I want to say I love You, Yahweh! (Psalm 111:1)

See It:

'Someone asked him, "Lord, are only a few people going to be saved?" He said to them, "Try very hard to go through the narrow door. Many people will try to get in and will not be able to. The owner of the house will get up and close the door. Then you will stand outside knocking and begging. You will say, 'Sir, open the door for us.' But he will answer, 'I don't know you. And I don't know where you come from.' Then you will say, 'We ate and drank with you. You taught in our streets.' But he will reply, 'I don't know you. And I don't know where you come from. Get away from me, all you who do evil!' You will cry and get angry when you see those who are in God's kingdom. You will see Abraham, Isaac and Jacob and all the prophets there. But you yourselves will be thrown out. People will come from east and west and north and south. They will take their places at the feast in God's kingdom. Then the last will be first. And the first will be last.'" (Luke 13:22-30)

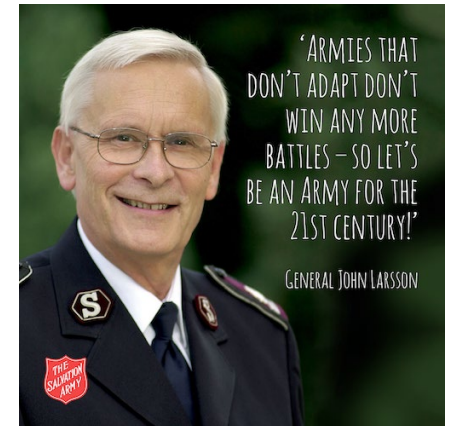
On It:

There were a whole bunch of people in Jesus' day that assumed, because they were Jewish and because they didn't sin, that they would be resting in Heaven next to all the other famous Bible characters. They also assumed that those who were not Jewish and those that were sinners were going to go to hell. Jesus on the other hand had some different news. He tried to explain that entry into Heaven is not as easy as being born into the right family and keeping a few laws. Instead, entry into Heaven was going to be based on whether people do, or do not know Jesus! So, why is He talking about the door being small and hard to get through? One way to think about it is to imagine a small door. To get through a small door you must first take off your backpack that you lug

around. That's the bit about us taking off the sin that we don't want and giving that over to Jesus to get rid of.

Live It:

John Larsson - He spoke to the important issues of each generation.



Do It:

Can you recite the first ten books of the New Testament? If not, try to learn them, today.

In It:

With my hope in You I can continue to run and not be tired.

Eat It:

'Freely you have received, freely give.' We are on the receiving end of so much grace and blessing and we need to share it all with other people. That goes for the message of Salvation too, so don't keep it all to yourself.

Read It:

One-year Bible Plan: Read Job 17 & Acts 24-26

Week 43

Day 6



Jehovah Rocks:

*I am in awe of You because You are the greatest!
I want to show You so much respect and love. I praise
You! (Psalm 111:10)*

See It:

'Jesus told a story to some people who were sure they were right with God. They looked down on everybody else. He said to them, "Two people went up to the temple to pray. One was a Pharisee. The other was a tax collector. "The Pharisee stood up and prayed about himself. 'God, I thank you that I am not like other people,' he said. 'I am not like robbers or those who do other evil things. I am not like those who commit adultery. I am not even like this tax collector. I fast twice a week. And I give a tenth of all I get.' "But the tax collector stood not very far away. He would not even look up to heaven. He beat his chest and said, 'God, have mercy on me. I am a sinner.' "I tell you, the tax collector went home accepted by God. But not the Pharisee. Everyone who lifts himself up will be brought down. And anyone who is brought down will be lifted up.'" (Luke 18:9-14)

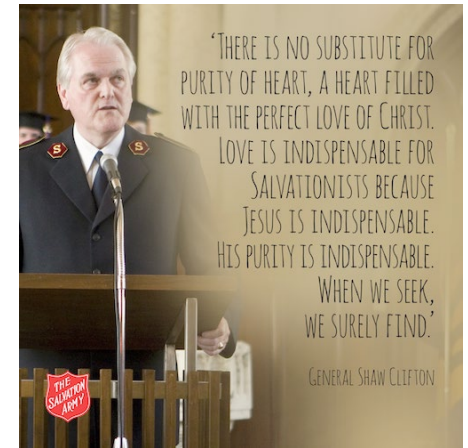
On It:

Whenever I run games with the kids, I always look for the person who tries the hardest. When it comes time to give out the points, I always give it to the most unexpected person. There are always complaints... 'they're not the best! They can't even catch! They're no good!' And I just smile and say nothing. Jesus does one better than that, He actually tells the Pharisees exactly how it's going to be when they try to get to Heaven. God loves it when we show Him respect, and honour. How do we do that? We show respect and love to others, and we don't try to make ourselves sound good to God. Don't tell God how good you are and how much He should bless you because of it. Come to God humbly and know that it is so awesome just to be with God. Don't boss Him

around! Come to God honestly and respectfully and you will show Him how much you love Him.

Live It:

Shaw Clifton – He accelerated the global advance of the salvation war.



Do It:

Make a sign for your room, washroom, etc. GOD IS HERE.

In It:

With my hope in You I can continue to walk and not fall down and faint.

Eat It:

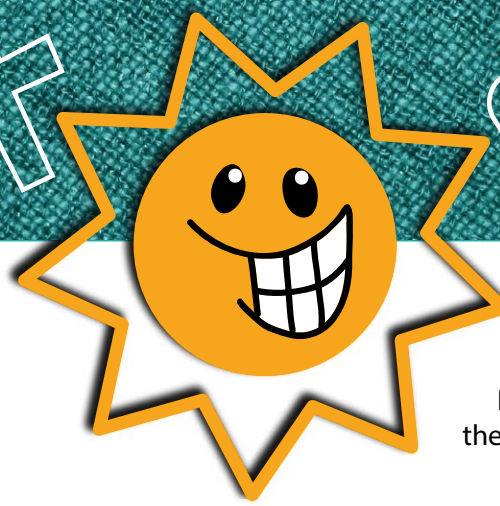
Jesus sent out His disciples with this message. As His disciples today, we need to respond by going and preaching that message and performing the miracles for which He gives us the power to do.

Read It:

One-year Bible Plan: Read Job 18, Psalm 114, & Acts 27-28

Week 43

Day 7



Jehovah Rocks:

I want to follow Your ways because Your ways are perfect! (Psalm 112:1)

See It:

'A landowner planted a vineyard... He rented the vineyard out to some farmers. Then he went away on a journey. When harvest time approached, he sent his servants to the renters. He told the servants to collect his share of the fruit. But the renters jumped on his servants. They beat one of them. They killed another. They threw stones at the third to kill him. Then the landowner sent other servants to the renters... The renters treated them the same way. Last of all, he sent his son to them. "They will respect my son," he said. But the renters saw the son coming. They said to each other, "This is the one who will receive all the owner's property someday. Come, let's kill him. Then everything will be ours." So... they killed him...' (Matthew 21:33-44)

On It:

So, what was Jesus on about in this story? Well, Jesus was describing exactly what was going to happen to Him. The owner was God, the Pharisees were the wicked trustees and He, of course, was the son who lost His life. And what does it mean for us? Well, we must remember, that this world that we live in is not ours. It belongs to God. We are just minding it for Him. So, when God wants something that belongs to Him, we must give it back! We can't claim it just because we have had it for a long time. So be prepared to give up toys, books, clothes, houses, schools and friends. It is important to remember that nothing in this world belongs to you, so instead praise God that you have been blessed with good things rather than getting angry that those good things must now go away.

Live It:

Linda Bond preached the Gospel of Jesus Christ.



Do It:

Imagine you are General of The Salvation Army. What is one thing that you would do? Write it down somewhere and talk about it with someone at your corps.

In It:

Thank You, Yahweh, that You give me strength to do Your work.

Eat It:

'As you go, preach this message: "The Kingdom of Heaven is near." Heal the sick, raise the dead, cleanse those who have leprosy, drive out demons. Freely you have received, freely give.' (Matthew 10:7-8) Memorize the verse. Tell it to five friends.

Read It:

One-year Bible Plan: Read Job 19 & Mark 1-2

Week 44

Day 1



Jehovah Rocks:

I love You, Yahweh! I want to praise Your name all of the time. (Psalm 34:1)

See It:

'May the Lord bless you and take very good care of you. May the Lord smile on you and be good to you. May the Lord look on you with favour and give you His peace.' (Numbers 6:24-26)

On It:

What do you say when you leave or hang up the phone? Here are some things we've heard: Good-bye (God be with you); Grace; See 'ya; adios (to God); Courage and Godspeed; paca (until...); etc. Benedictions (or saying goodbye) are 'good words', and the Bible has a lot of them. Here is the first of a week's worth that you can pray and claim and then use with others. This benediction is one of the most famous. It looks for God's blessing. It looks for grace and peace. And it looks for God's smiling face on us. What could be better than that? And the proper response is 'Amen', or 'I receive that' or 'Hallelujah'!

Live It:

André Cox emphasized accountability and transparency.

Do It:

Ask if you can say grace tonight at dinner time.

In It:

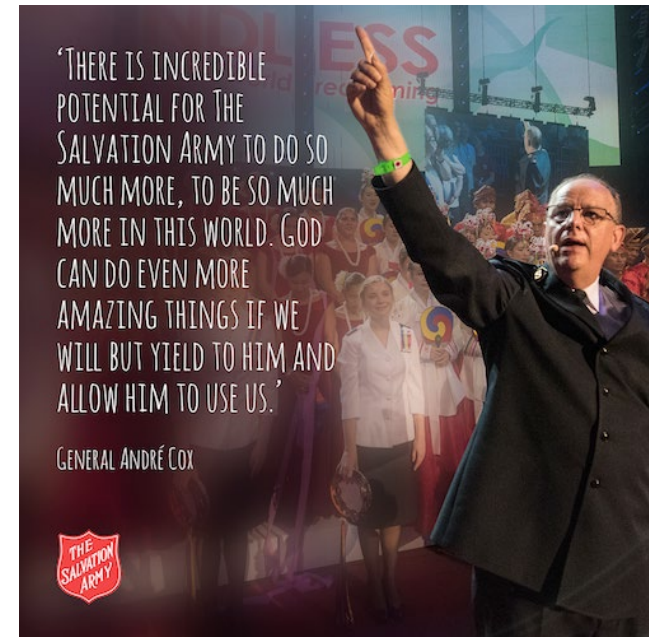
'We are the hands of Christ; He uses us every day.' (The Songbook: Inspired by Song 851)

Eat It:

'We believe that continuance in a state of salvation depends upon continued obedient faith in Christ.' (Doctrine 9)

Read It:

One-year Bible Plan: Read Job 20 & Mark 3-4



Week 44

Day 2



Jehovah Rocks:

I want to thank You for all that You do. I love You and I want everyone to know about it! (Psalm 35:18)

See It:

'The Lord will keep you from every kind of harm. He will watch over your life. The Lord will watch over your life no matter where you go, both now and forever.' (Psalm 121:7-8)

On It:

Have you ever gone swimming in the open water? You know, like at the beach? Now I am not a very good swimmer. I have tried to learn, but for some reason, just can't do it! When I was younger I went out in the water with my brother. A few big waves came and before we knew it, we were in trouble! We both hung on to each other for help, but that just made us sink! Well, another friend came to rescue us, so everything turned out alright. This is why there are usually lifeguards on duty who have with them all kinds of gadgets to rescue you if you start to drown! Well, think of this when you read today's benediction. This could be called the 'rescue me' benediction. The prayer is for the Lord to preserve (or keep us safe) us from evil, to preserve our souls, to preserve our going out and coming in, from now on. That is a great and full benediction of preservation. So, claim it!

Live It:

Brian Peddle is the current general, the '21st general for the 21st century'.

Do It:

Write out a short prayer and place it on your bedroom door.

In It:

Thanks, Jesus!

Eat It: Doctrine 9

'Continuance in a state of salvation.' This reminds us that just because you prayed some prayer in Sunday School or at camp or beside your bed or somewhere else sometime that you are all good to be saved when you die. There is something that you have to do to continue, or to hold onto your salvation.

Read It:

One-year Bible Plan: Read Job 21 & Mark 5-6



Week 44

Day 3



Jehovah Rocks:

I want to please You by doing the right thing. And then when I praise You, You will love it! (Psalm 64:10)

See It:

'God will meet all your needs. He will meet them with His wonderful riches that come to you because you belong to Christ Jesus. Give glory to our God and Father for ever and ever. Amen.' (Philippians 4:19-20)

On It:

Who looks after you and gives you (or supplies) everything you need? Most of you have a parent who supplies your clothing and food and pillow to sleep on. You could have a Junior Soldier Sergeant who supplies some of your warfare training and opportunities to fight for Jesus. You have a teacher who supplies some of your educational programme. But our God will supply ALL your needs. Trust Him for them. How? He's stored up riches in glory by Christ Jesus. How should we respond to such a generous offer? Let's give glory to God and our Father forever!

Live It:

There are all kinds of places in the salvosphere for you to explore – sites about salvationism and the mission. Try to find one with a parent's help or a teacher's help, today.

Do It:

Contact your corps officers and ask them if you could lead the final song this Sunday. Tell them it will be the words to a chorus in the songbook. Ask someone to help you choose one.

In It:

Praise You for supplying all of my needs! I love You!!!



Eat It:

Doctrine 9
'Depends upon continued obedience faith.' So, your salvation is best friends with your obedient faith. You can't separate them! If you are faithful, you are saved. If ten years from now you are still faithful, then you are still saved.

Read It:

One-year Bible Plan: Read Job 22 & Mark 7-8

Week 44

Day 4



Jehovah Rocks:

You love me like a Father and You give me the things that I need. (Psalm 127:2)

See It:

'Our Lord Jesus Christ and God our Father loved us. By His grace God gave us comfort that will last forever. The hope He gave us is amazing. May our Lord Jesus Christ and God our Father comfort your hearts. May they make you strong in every good thing you do and say.'
(2 Thessalonians 2:16,17)

On It:

People who have large families get ganged up on sometimes by all their brothers and sisters. They play fight and tackle and have all kinds of fun. In my family, when one of us was getting upset or annoyed, the other six siblings would join their hands together like they were pretending to stir a really big pot and they would all chant 'stir'. It would make me so angry! And when I used to cry, my sister would sing this silly Australian song about Kookaburras, but she would change the words to 'Sook-a-burras' (it's insulting in Australia!). It wasn't even clever! But boy, it would make you soooo angry! Well, this verse is kind of like that, but in the opposite. You see here we have God the Son and God the Father ganging up on us, but instead of teasing us and making us sad, they are lovingly and graciously comforting us and giving us hope and confidence. This is amazing! I mean if one sister can make you so sad and angry, imagine how happy and excited you are when the Trinity gang up on you and say wonderful things! It is very powerful, and it is there for anyone who is filled with faith in Jesus. You can experience it, too. Claim it today.

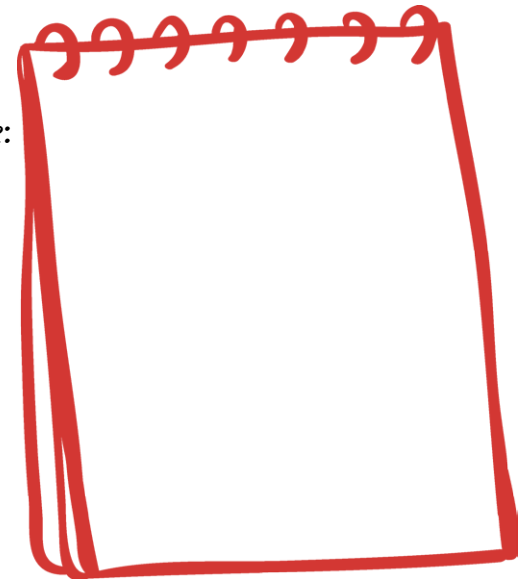
Live It:

Ask your corps officer if your corps live streams the holiness meetings...

Do It:

Learn an old SA chorus from the back of the SASB.

Write the words here:



In It:

Stir me up with Your grace and love and goodness and joy and faith. Gang up on me, Trinity!

Eat It:

Doctrine 9
'Obedient faith.' As we explained a couple of doctrines ago, faith is spelled 'O - B - E - Y!' So, to say 'obedient faith' is like saying 'Catholic Pope' - there is no other kind of Pope than the Catholic kind. There is no other kind of faith than the obedience kind.

Read It:

One-year Bible Plan: Read Psalm 121 & Mark 9-10

Week 44

Day 5



Jehovah Rocks:

I know that I can trust You and rely on You because You love me! (Psalm 130:7)

See It:

Friends build yourselves up in your most holy faith. Let the Holy Spirit lead you and help you when you pray. The mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ will bring you everlasting life. As you wait for His mercy, remain in God's love. (Jude 1: 20-21)

On It:

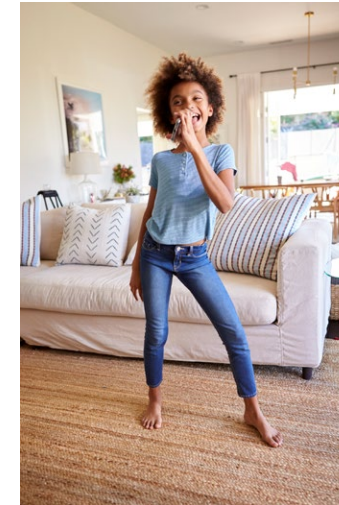
Do you have rules in your classroom? We have a few rules in our kid's cells that we lead. They help us treat each other respectfully and put us in a good place so that all can get the most out of the class. Jude throws a few of these kinds of 'rules' at us, helping us to obey. And they all come from God's love, so they aren't bossy and mean strict demands. First, build yourself up your most holy faith. How do you build up your body? You eat healthy things and exercise. Well, you build yourself in your most holy faith by eating healthy things and exercising. Eating in this case means what goes into you – so into your eyes, into your ears, into your thoughts – think about things like worship and prayer and the Bible and good conversation and blessing and evangelism and discipling. Exercise in this case involves evangelism and discipleship and service and worship. Wow, that was long – we have to be quick on the last bits. Pray in the Holy Spirit. Keep yourselves in the love of God – do not stray from His love! Don't do it! And keep looking for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ that provides us with eternal life. Hallelujah!

Live It:

And for today, we have the International Headquarters site that launches us into the world: salvationarmy.org

Do It:

Sing the chorus you learned yesterday to someone today!



In It:

Jesus, help me to understand how to stay really close to You. Help me to love people the way You love them. Help me to follow all Your love rules!

Eat It:

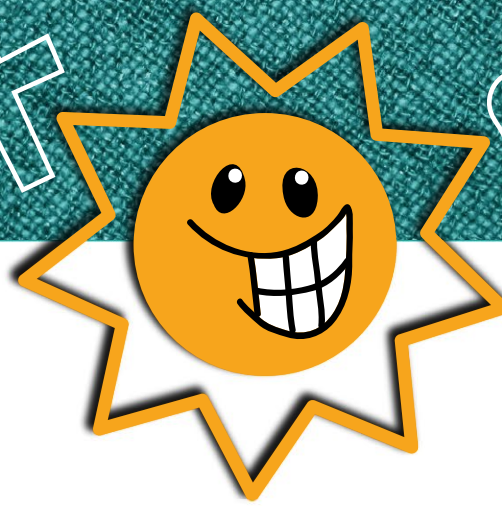
Doctrine 9
'Faith in Christ.' Faith in your abilities; faith in your family; faith in your friends; faith in The Salvation Army; faith in some religion – none of this faith saves. None of it can carry you from hell to Heaven. It is only faith in Christ that saves. Don't forget it. If you memorize the doctrine it will help you not forget it.

Read It:

One-year Bible Plan: Read Job 23-24 & Mark 11-12

Week 44

Day 6



Jehovah Rocks:

You are so good and I will worship You. You are so much better than anything else and You are so full of love. Thank You. (Psalm 138:2)

See It:

'May the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit. Amen.'
(Philippians 4:23)

On It:

That is simple, isn't it? But it is also really deep. You can throw away the rest of your life exploring the depths and riches of the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ! Some people say grace is G R A C E – God's Riches At Christ's Expenses. That means, we get to have all of God's blessings and good stuff because of what Jesus did on the Cross. There is some of that, for sure. But it is more. Others get confused between mercy and grace. Well, the difference is this: mercy is when you don't get what you deserve, and grace is when you get what you don't deserve. Does that make sense? God's mercy lets us to miss the punishment we deserve for our sins. (we didn't make either of these illustrations up!) But God's grace gives us a bunch of stuff that we don't deserve, starting with Salvation. Hallelujah!

Live It:

Ask a parent to help you find a site with junior soldier resources...

Do It:

Can you try to write your own little chorus about Jesus?



In It:

I am a friend of Christ. Thanks that we get to be BFF (best friends forever!).

Eat It:

 Doctrine 9

Why is this doctrine important? Salvation changes the way you live. Paul talks in Acts about works that match up with repentance. In other words, if you are saved, you live better (not sinning but also doing good things). Some people think they might be saved because they once prayed some prayer. But if their lives haven't changed for the better, they probably aren't saved, and that is a problem.

Read It:

One-year Bible Plan: Read Job 25 & Mark 13-14

Week 44

Day 7



Jehovah Rocks:

You will fulfill Your plans for me and Your love will be with me forever! (Psalm 143:8)

See It:

'May the grace shown by the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love that God has given us, and the sharing of life brought about by the Holy Spirit be with you all!' (2 Corinthians 13:14)

On It:

Hey, look at that! Sometimes you get assignments in groups. Maybe your Junior Soldier brigade goes on a mission and Alicia has to arrange what streets to preach on and how to get there, Zion has to cover the whole mission in prayer, and you have to prepare who is going to say and sing what and when. You are one brigade and you all have different roles in a united mission. Praise God. That is not very much at all like this verse! In fact, if we said it was, it would be a heresy (you can look that word up in a dictionary). But we are not doing that. Here, the GODHEAD (some people like the term Trinity – which means 'three in one') gets called on in this benediction. We want all of the Lord Jesus Christ's grace. We want all of God the Father's love. And we want to be tight with God the Holy Spirit all the time. All of the Trinity, in all of us. We are not picking and choosing ice-cream flavours. We get the lot! Amen!

Live It:

Infinitum – that way of life we described earlier – is based on One Vision: follow Jesus; Two Virtues: loving God, loving others; and Three Vows: surrender, generosity, and mission.

Do It:

Sing or read the chorus you made up yesterday at the meeting today.

In It:

Your friendship is so wonderful, I want all to share it, too!



Eat It:

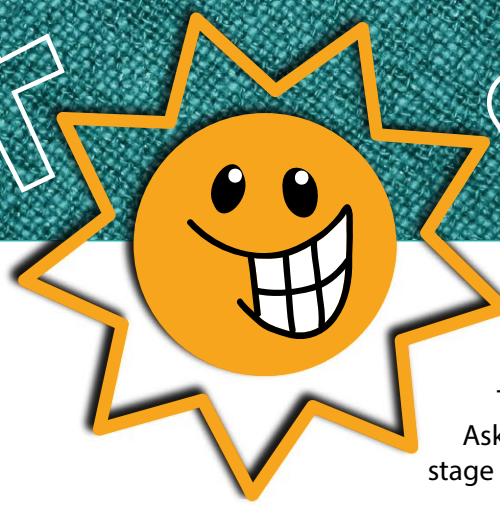
'We believe that continuance in a state of salvation depends upon continued obedience faith in Christ.' (Doctrine 9) Recite it. Memorize it. Tell it to five friends (and try to get them saved!).

Read It:

One-year Bible Plan: Read Job 26-27 & Mark 15-16

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:

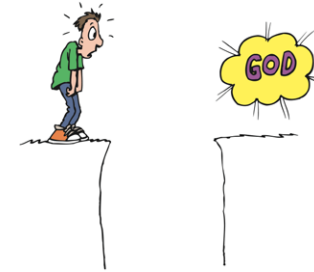
'I was speaking and praying. I was admitting that I and my people Israel had sinned. I was making my request to the Lord my God about His holy mountain of Zion. While I was still praying, Gabriel came to me. I had seen him in a vision I had had before. He flew over to me very quickly. It was about the 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:

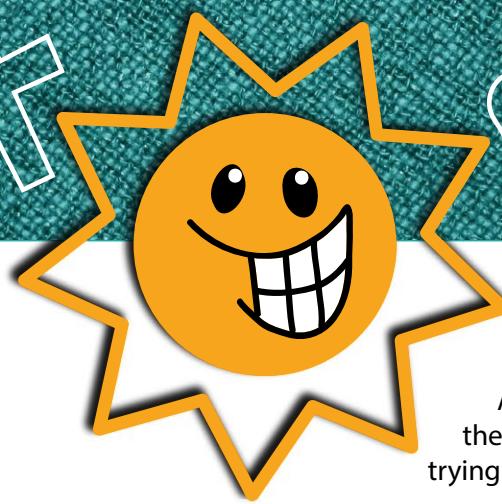
Philippians 4:6-7
'Will guard your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.' God's peace guards our heart and mind in Christ Jesus. How beautiful is that? No commentary necessary.

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)

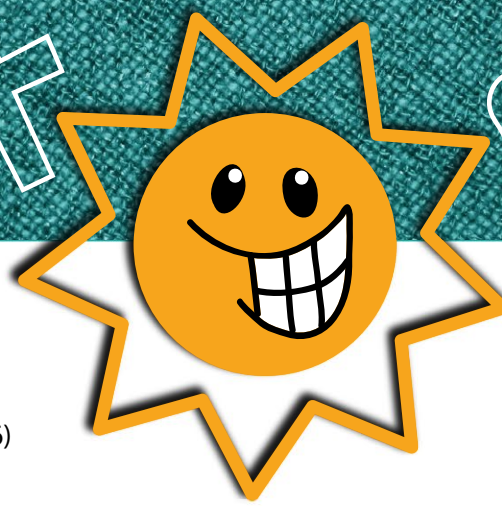
Read It:

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



Week 46

Day 1



Jehovah Rocks:

*You love me and I know that You want to speak to me.
In Your mercy, please help me to hear You. (Psalm 69:16)*

See It:

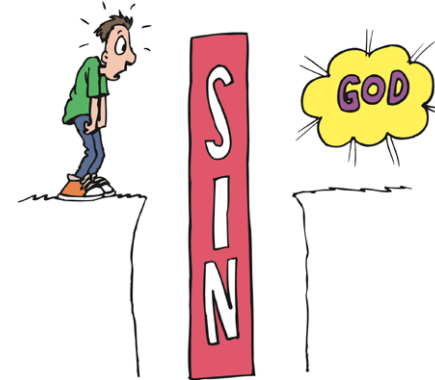
'Don't be afraid in any way of those who come against you. That will show them that they will be beaten and that you will be saved. That's what God will do. Here is what He has given you to do for Christ. You must not only believe in him. You must also suffer for him. You are going through the same struggle you saw me go through. As you have heard, I am still struggling.' (Philippians 1:28-30)

On It:

Paul almost trash talks the opponents of the Gospel. They are in for destruction, but you are in for salvation from God! Then Paul says you get to believe in Jesus AND suffer for His sake! Wow! God considers you worthy to suffer for representing Him and represent Him in suffering. God is good. So, don't be thrown off by opponents. The fact that you have them is a good sign that you are on the right track. You are hard at it. You are pressing into God. They don't like it. But unless they repent and believe, they can't be rescued. Jesus will save you. Be encouraged.

Live It:

The Bridge continued
We are onto Step 2 - Our Problem: Separation from God. God created us for an abundant, meaningful life. He gave us a freedom and choice. But... we chose to disobey God. We still do. And this separates us from God.



Do It:

This week is pump up week! We want to make everyone feel good about themselves. Today, we want you to make a card for your teachers telling them something you are thankful for and something that they are very good at.

In It:

Ask God to empower your parents and leaders to live up to what God has dreamed for them.

Eat It:

'Now to Him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to His power that is at work within us, to Him be glory amongst 'the Called Out' and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever! Amen.' (Ephesians 3:20-21)

Read It:

One-year Bible Plan: Read Job 37-38 & 1 Corinthians 8

Week 46

Day 2



Jehovah Rocks:

When I am sad, I know that I can turn to You and You will comfort me. (Psalm 86:3)

See It:

'It was almost time for Jesus to be taken up to Heaven. So, He made up His mind to head to Jerusalem.' (Luke 9:51)

On It:

Jesus 'made up His mind' to go to Jerusalem. He gathered up His courage and pumped Himself up for the journey to Jerusalem. You see, Jesus knew that when He got to Jerusalem the team He had built would crumble, that He would be betrayed, that He would be cheated and beaten, and that He would be crucified. He knew that there was going to be a lot of sadness awaiting Him in Jerusalem, from friends who would feel He let them down, to a mother who would feel abandoned, to followers who might lose their belief in His teaching. Who would want to go through that? But Jesus made up His mind to go to Jerusalem. He went with determination. He took aim at Jerusalem. And, do you know what? All those bad things happened. And, of course, He conquered sin and death and defeated the devil and rose again and started something that continues to grow by the scores of thousands every day as people are rescued from sin and hell by His sacrifice, by His grace, through their faith in Him. Hallelujah! Following Jesus is going to be hard. To follow means that you go where He goes. He went straight at the biggest challenge possible. He didn't get distracted. We, too, need to gather up our courage and make up our mind to go straight at the challenges required by faithful obedience to Jesus.

Live It:

There are a lot of verses for step two, so dig deep. A lot of people try to believe in Jesus BEFORE they repent of their sin. But it can't work

that way. So, make sure you do step two even if it feels like you are being mean. You just have to help them understand their sin.

Do It:

Tell a couple of your family members how much you love them, and something about them that you think is really good.



In It:

Please help me to explain sin graciously in a way that is understood. And help my friends to see their sin.

Eat It:

 Ephesians 3:20-21

'Him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine.' God our Father is able to do more than we can ask Him to do. He can do more-than-we-can-measure more than we can IMAGINE! Hallelujah.

Read It:

One-year Bible Plan: Read Job 39-40 & 1 Corinthians 13-14

Week 46

Day 3



Jehovah Rocks:

I love You, Yahweh! I love that You listen to me when I call out to You. Thank You! (Psalm 116:1)

See It:

'But I will make you as stubborn and hard headed as they are. I will make your forehead like the hardest stone, harder than flint. Do not be afraid of them or terrified by them, even though they refuse to do what I tell them to.' (Ezekiel 3:8-9)

On It:

You may be wondering how you can gather up that courage from yesterday's bit. Well, today we answer your question. God will make your face as hard as your enemy's face and your forehead as hard as your enemy's forehead. There you go. A forehead like flint! Wow. You don't have to make it or harden it by lots of practice banging into brick walls. He makes it hard. He gives you the resolve, the courage. You can slam that thing into almost anything. You can drive straight ahead in God's will to accomplish His purposes. Don't let anything stop you.

Live It:

Here's the first verse: 'For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God.' (Romans 3:23) We ALL need forgiveness. Even the kind little old lady down the street. Everyone!

Do It:

Tell a couple of your friends at school that they are really good at something and encourage them to continue working hard.

In It:

Please show me any sins that are left in my life so that I can be closer and closer to You!

Eat It:

'According to His power that is at work within us.' (Ephesians 3:20-21) This part is even more mind-boggling than the first part. He can do all that He can do according to His supernatural power that works THROUGH US! His power working through us – Hallelujah!

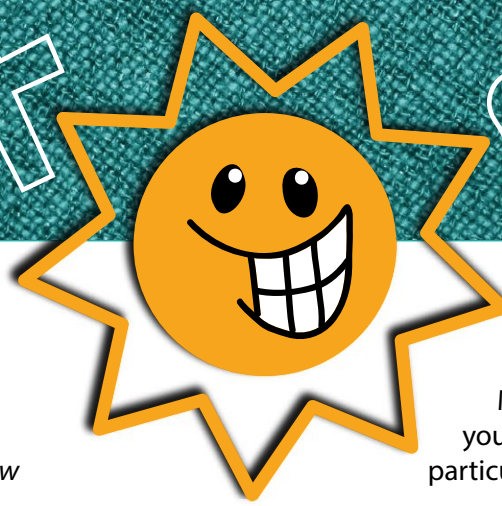
Read It:

One-year Bible Plan: Read Psalm 149 & 1 Corinthians 15-16



Week 46

Day 4



Jehovah Rocks:

You are so wise and good and I will follow the path that You set for me because Your ways are much better than mine. You make me a better person because I follow You. (Psalm 119:32)

Do It:

Make a card for your corps officers and tell them that you are praying for them and thank them for one thing in particular that you admire about them.

See It:

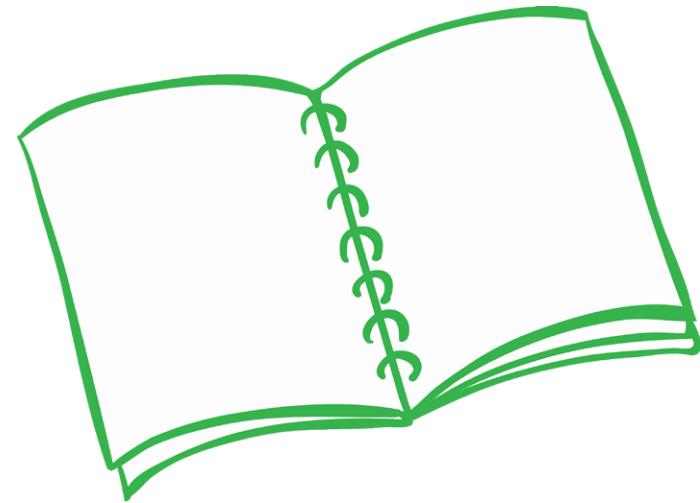
'We preach about Him. With all the wisdom we have, we warn and teach everyone. When we bring them to God, we want them to be perfect as people who belong to Christ. That's what I'm working for. I work hard with all of Christ's strength. His strength works powerfully in me.' (Colossians 1:28-29)

On It:

Have you ever heard anyone talking so confidently about what they had done that you thought, 'man, what a bragger!?' Well, Paul is not bragging here. He is in the middle of a revolution – he's leading it – and he's just plainly telling people how he is doing it, and how they can join him. What? He is preaching the gospel of Jesus to everyone. How? With all wisdom. Why? To present everyone perfect in Jesus – Holy! When? Now (he speaks in the present tense – we DO this). And that is just verse 28. In the next verse he explains that he also throws himself into it with all he's got, fighting with everything GOD has IN him – God working powerfully in Paul. If it wasn't true it would be silly bragging. But Paul was just a man. If God can empower him mightily in his war fighting then God can do the same thing in and through you, and us!

Live It:

Here's the next verse for step two: 'Your iniquities have separated you from your God; your sins have hidden His face from you so that He will not hear.' (Isaiah 59:2) Remember, you can look back to the week this verse was explained in your Eat It section.



In It:

Thank You for my Corps Officers. Give them wisdom and love and grace and joy and funny messages!

Eat It:

Ephesians 3:20-21
'To Him be glory amongst the 'Called Out.' That's all of us who have accepted Jesus' call out of the kingdom of darkness into His Kingdom of Light. May we all reflect glory to God!

Read It:

One-year Bible Plan: Read Job 41-42 & 2 Corinthians 1-2

Week 46

Day 5



Jehovah Rocks:

You are Yahweh! The King of the whole world and of Heaven! (Psalm 83:18)

See It:

'God is able to do far more than we could ever ask for or imagine. He does everything by His power that is working in us. Give Him glory among 'the Called Out' and in Christ Jesus. Give Him glory through all time and for ever and ever. Amen.' (Ephesians 3:20-21)

On It:

What is the most amazing thing you can imagine? Because our God can do it. But not only do it, He can do beyond that. But not only that, He can do abundantly beyond that. But not only that, He can do it 'exceeding abundantly' (that's how 'King James' puts it) beyond that. Whew! The best thing you can think up and that is not even God warming up – He's prepared to do WAY more than multiple times what you've dreamt up. Hallelujah! How is this a pump-up verse? Sure, it pumps up God, and that is fantastic! But, if you read it closely, it is pumping up God for a bunch of mind-blowing stuff that He does by His supernatural power that works WITHIN US! Woah! Did you catch that? WITHIN YOU! Hallelujahweh!

Live It:

The next verse for step two is: 'For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.' (Romans 6:23) Our sins mean that we should be nowhere near God. We should fall right off that cliff. BUT God has other plans for us, and He makes those plans possible!

Do It:

Go and tell your parents how thankful you are for everything they do. Try to think of something in particular that you love about them and tell them that.



In It:

Thank You so much for my parents, and for the people in my life that look after me and show me how to be a good person. Bless them all, Lord!

Eat It:

Ephesians 3:20-21
'To Him be glory in Christ Jesus.' May everyone in the world honour Jesus with our lives.

Read It:

One-year Bible Plan: Read 2 Corinthians 3-6

Week 46

Day 6



Jehovah Rocks:

It is amazing because I am sitting close to You, Yahweh, and You are the creator of the universe!
(Psalm 91:1)

See It:

'I have not yet received all of those things. I have not yet been made perfect. But I keep going to take hold of what Christ Jesus took hold of me for. Brothers and sisters, I don't think that I have taken hold of it yet. But here is the one thing I do. I forget what has happened in the past. I push hard toward what is ahead of me. I move on toward the goal to win the prize. God has told me I am going to win it. The heavenly prize is Christ Jesus Himself.' (Philippians 3:12-14)

On It:

I have a buddy who is non-stop action, all the time! He is like the energizer bunny! He just won't stop. He might not be the tallest guy on the basketball court, or even the quickest, but he just doesn't stop running and jabbing and swooping and jumping and rebounding and decking and faking and driving and... I get tired just describing it. Paul's a bit like that. I mean, he's a hero revolutionist. He's raised dead people and kicked demons. He's healed sick people and introduced heaps of people to Jesus. But he just won't stop. He hasn't arrived yet. He's not resting on what he has done. He keeps pressing on. He has a 'bulldog' anointing. He's got his chompers on this goal and he just won't let go. He's going for the goal to score the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus. Now there's an example for us. Relentlessly aim at laying hold that for which you were laid hold of by Christ Jesus – perfection!

Live It:

The final verse for step two is: 'Just as people are destined to die once, and after that to face judgment.' (Hebrews 9:27) We don't 'deserve' God.

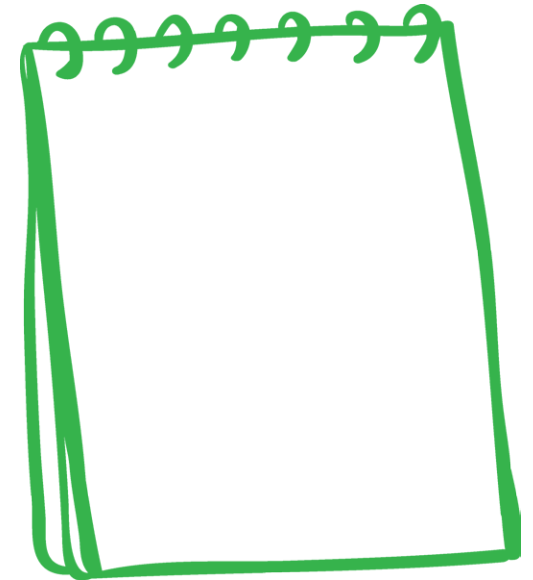
We 'deserve' judgement and death. BUT again, God has other plans for us, and He makes those plans possible in step three!

Do It:

Write a card thanking your leaders for all that they do for you and others.

In It:

Praise You, Lord, for the plans and purposes for my life.



Eat It:

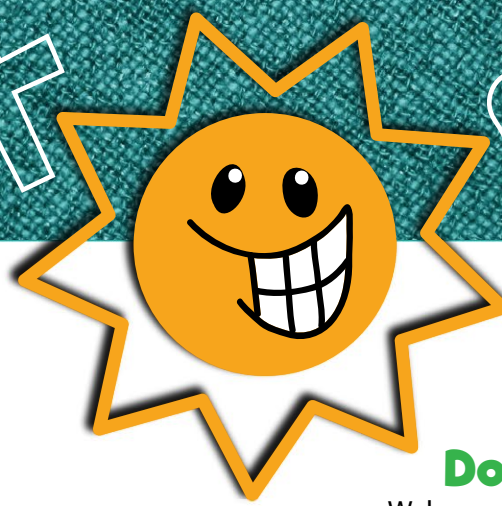
Ephesians 3:20-21
'Throughout all generations, forever and ever. Amen!' This goes on forever. We want everyone to honour Jesus all the time and for all time. Hallelujah!

Read It:

One-year Bible Plan: Read 2 Corinthians 7-10

Week 46

Day 7



Jehovah Rocks:

You are better than anything and everything!
(Psalm 97:9)

See It:

'To those who are weak I became weak. That was so I could win the weak. I have become all things to all people so that in all possible ways I might save some. I do all of that because of the good news. And I want to share in its blessings. In a race all the runners run. But only one gets the prize. You know that, don't you? So run in a way that you will win the prize. All who take part in the games train hard. They do it to get a crown that will not last. But we do it to get a crown that will last forever. So I do not run like someone who doesn't run toward the finish line. I do not fight like a boxer who hits nothing but air. No, I train my body and bring it under control. Then after I have preached to others, I myself will not break the rules and fail to win the prize.' (1 Corinthians 9:22-27)

On It:

Only one person wins a race. Run the race of the Christian war to WIN. Athletes train like crazy so they can win a little race. Train like crazy spiritually to win something that has eternal rewards. Discipline yourself. Maybe that means adding a chapter of reading every day from the Bible from the bottom of these pages. Maybe it means adding more people to your prayer list. Maybe it means trying to pray ALL THE TIME to God by simply telling Him that you love Him and thanking Him for His love and forgiveness and salvation. Toughen up. That way, when you are attacked for loving Jesus, you won't crumble like a sack of potatoes.

Live It:

On our own, there's no way we can attain the perfection needed to bridge the gap to God. Good works won't do it, or religion, or trying to be really good or nice. We try to find another way... but the verse below

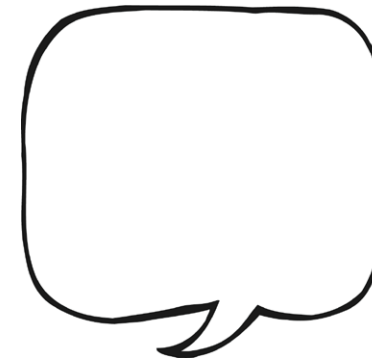
shows us that we fail. 'There is a way that seems right to a person, but in the end it leads to death.' (Proverbs 14:12)

Do It:

Welcome everyone who comes into the meeting by shaking hands and saying – God bless you!

In It:

Imagine Jesus is right in front of you. Tell Him 'thank you' for being the bridge that brings you over to be with our Father God.



Eat It:

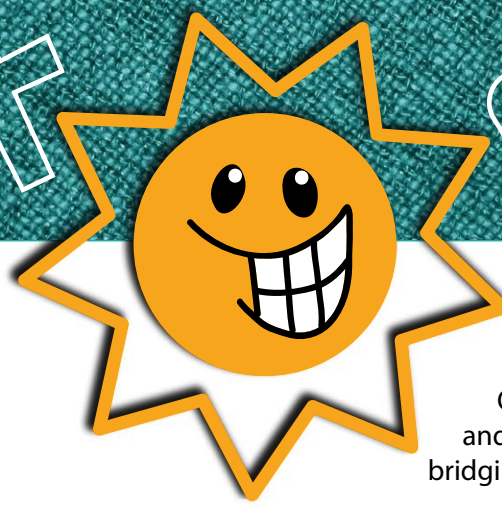
'Now to Him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to His power that is at work within us, to Him be glory amongst 'the Called Out' and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever! Amen.' (Ephesians 3:20-21) Hallelujah! Memorize this verse, and then pray it back to God!

Read It:

One-year Bible Plan: Read Psalm 124 & 2 Corinthians 11-13

Week 47

Day 1



Jehovah Rocks:

You are so powerful! Your voice is like thunder that all can hear. (Psalm 29:3)

See It:

'David asked the Lord for some advice. He said, "Should I chase after the warriors who attacked Ziklag? If I do, will I catch up with them?" "Chase after them," the Lord answered. "You will certainly catch up with them. You will succeed in saving those who were captured." David and his 600 soldiers came to the Besor Valley. Some of them stayed behind there. That's because 200 of them were too tired to go across the valley. But David and the other 400 continued the chase.' (1 Samuel 30:8-10)

On It:

David's crew is on the run from King Saul, who is out to kill them all. But then, while David's mighty warriors were out on a mission, the Amalekites also attacked them. And they took all of the women and children and all of their possessions! David did two important things in his response to save his clan. First, he asked God what to do. Second, David leads his warriors in pursuit of the bad guys and 200 of his warriors are so exhausted that they have to pull out. God blesses them and keeps His promise and they rescue every single person kidnapped and ALL of their belongings! When they return home the 400 warriors who did the fighting wanted to cut out the 200 guys who were too exhausted and could not finish the trip. David (v 24) laid down a new law for community - we all share alike. This was a shocker to the people. Different people have different gifts and roles. You do what you can, and we all help each other in this Jesus community of which we are blessed to be a part.

Live It:

Onto step three! God's solution: Jesus died on the cross and rose from the grave, paying the penalty for our sin and bridging the gap between God and people.



Do It:

This week we want you to do heroic things that are going to change the world! Ask your parent to take you to three shops and ask if they would like information to stock fair trade chocolate and coffee. Then get the information from fairtrade.ca

In It:

Imagine Jesus was sitting with you. Ask Him what He would like You to do for Him.

Eat It:

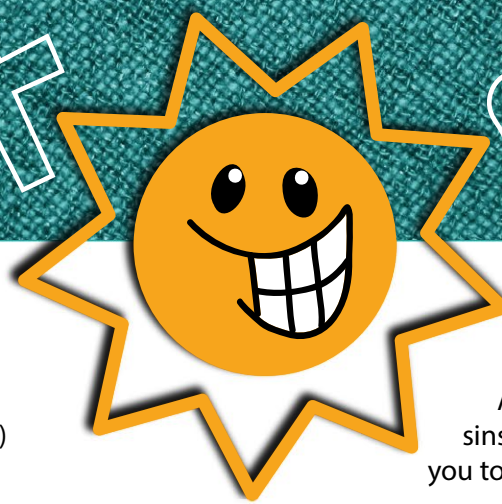
'Jesus gave them this answer: "I tell you the truth, the Son can do nothing by Himself; He can do only what He sees His Father doing, because whatever the Father does the Son also does.' (John 5:19) Memorize this verse.

Read It:

One-year Bible Plan: Read Matthew 1-4

Week 47

Day 2



Jehovah Rocks:

When You speak, amazing things happen! I love it and want to tell You that You are amazing! (Psalm 29:9)

See It:

'Abishai was chief over the Three. He was the brother of Joab, the son of Zeruiah. He used his spear against 300 men. He killed all of them. So, he became as famous as the Three were.' (2 Samuel 23:18)

On It:

Abishai once killed 300 men, himself, in battle. He was one of David's Mighty Warriors, nicknamed, The Thirty, and was chief. He was not one of the famed Three (the superheroes of The Thirty) but he led them. Here is a guy who was completely devoted to David and his God. Now, despite what you see on video these days, killing 300 bad guys by yourself is absolutely ridiculous! It is very rare. These were not old people in wheelchairs. They were all soldiers. Can you imagine? Fighting one person is tiring - ten is tough to imagine. He took on and defeated 300 in one battle! This guy depended on God for the strength to accomplish God's purposes. You may be called by God to attack demons in your spiritual warfare. Demons are usually tougher opponents than humans. Maybe God will even call on you to defeat 300 demons in one battle. It could get tiring. Abishai was one of the Mighty Men. They were legendary for their tough heroism and physical prowess. In other words, they lived disciplined lives and trained hard. You should live spiritually with at least that Mighty Warriors standard of discipline and training so that when you face off against 300 demons you are not squashed like a bug at a summertime picnic. Squash them in Jesus' name.

Live It:

And here is the first verse for step three. 'For Christ died for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, to bring you to God...' (1 Peter 3:18)

Do It:

Volunteer on a soup-run/Salvation Army street combat attack (get parent's permission).



In It:

Please speak to me! (Spend some time listening to God)

Eat It:

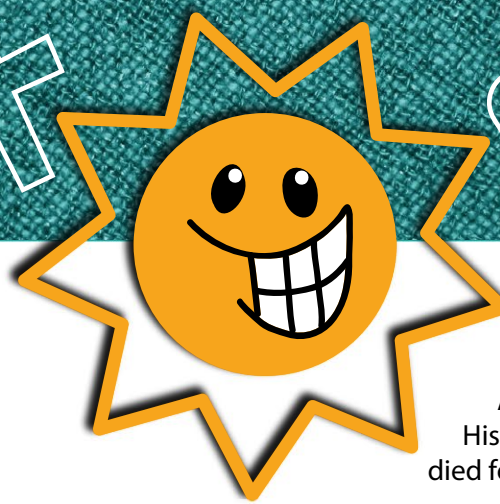
John 5:19
'Jesus gave them this answer.' And this is what Jesus does. He gives answers. He IS the answer. If your question is 'how do I get saved?' or 'how do I find peace?' or 'how do I get purpose' or... Jesus answers.

Read It:

One-year Bible Plan: Read Matthew 5-7

Week 47

Day 3



Jehovah Rocks:

I am going to shout out loud all of the amazing things that God has done! I want to tell everyone about the things that You have done in my life. (Psalm 105:2)

See It:

'Next to him was Eleazar. He was one of the three mighty men. He was the son of Dodai, the Ahohite. Eleazar was with David at Pas Dammim. That's where Israel's army made fun of the Philistines who were gathered there for battle. Then the Israelites soldiers pulled back. But Eleazar stayed right where he was. He struck the Philistines down until his hand grew tired. But he still held on to his sword. The Lord helped him win a great battle that day. The troops returned to Eleazar. They came back to him only to take what they wanted from the dead bodies.' (2 Samuel 23:9-10)

On It:

Have you ever been left holding the bag? That means being left on your own with all the responsibility. Maybe your teacher assigned your group to do some work and the rest of the kids bailed out to draw pictures or play video games. Maybe your mom asked you and your siblings to do some chores but your brother(s) and sister(s) took off to play. Maybe your Junior Soldier Sergeant sent you and your company on a mission and your comrades dropped the ball. If so, you can smell what Eleazar was stepping in. The Israelites started trash talking the Philistine Army. But when the Philistines responded by attacking, all the Israelites retreated! Except Eleazar. He stood his ground and fought. He struck them down until his hand was so tired it froze to his sword. And God brought a great victory that day. It says that the Israelite troops did return to the field of battle, but only after Eleazar performed this stubborn miracle, and only to loot the dead bodies. What's the lesson for us? Let's stand our ground for our God, EVEN when everyone else bails on us. Let's not give up. Let's press on through, completely relying on Jesus to bring about a great victory to glorify His name.

Live It:

And the other verse for step three: 'But God demonstrates His own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.' (Romans 5:8)

Do It:

Walk around your school and pick up rubbish during lunch time. Try to do it without anybody seeing.



In It:

Help me to be a hero for You!

Eat It:

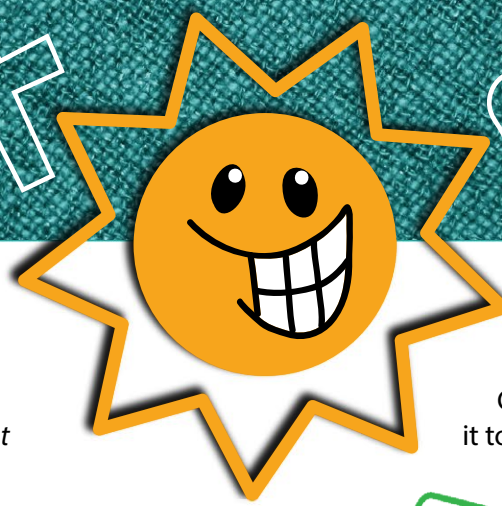
John 5:19
'I tell you the truth.' As if Jesus ever did anything but tell the truth!

Read It:

One-year Bible Plan: Read Matthew 8-10

Week 47

Day 4



Jehovah Rocks:

I want to live my life so that it glorifies You. I want to be obedient so that people will know just how important You are to me. I love You! (Psalm 105:45)

See It:

'Josheb-Basshebeth, a Tahkemonite, was chief of the Three; he raised his spear against eight hundred men, whom he killed in one encounter.' (2 Samuel 23:8)

On It:

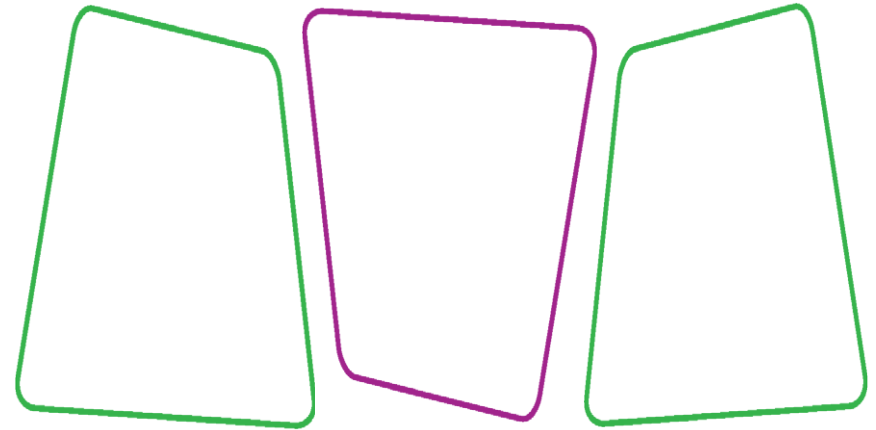
800 men! That's more than FIVE TIMES bigger than my son's whole school! Worship Leader Jason Upton says that this generation of God's Army will have a nameless, faceless tribe. That means that today, there might not be the famous heroes like Josheb-Basshebeth the Tahkemonite or General William Booth in your day. But it is meant to be 'mass mobilization'. That means every Junior Soldier in the whole world getting sanctified, getting disciplined, getting trained up, and doing great exploits for Jesus by fighting demons and saving sinners. When there are millions of you Junior Soldiers performing miracles in your daily warfare it will be impossible to give each of you the cover of Just for Kids or Time Magazine or Salvationist.ca or to feature you on the latest greatest television programmes. But you will be changing the tide of history and forcing a renovation in Heaven (to fit more people in!). And that is what counts. Aim for Josheb-Basshebeth's standard and try to get everyone you know to reach it as well.

Live It:

The important part to remember for step three is to tell people that Jesus is the reason we can be with God the Father. We don't need to stress anymore about not being close to God or feel guilty that we are sinners. Nope, we get to hand over all our sin to Jesus and then use Him as a bridge over to God the Father.

Do It:

Can you give up your entire week's pocket money and give it to your corps? Can you tell three adults to do the same?



In It:

Pray one thing for everyone in your class today during school.

Eat It: John 5:19

'The Son can do nothing by Himself! Wow! Jesus is totally unable to do anything by Himself. As a human being, Jesus is teaching us an excellent lesson – we cannot do anything by ourselves. There is nothing of eternal significance that we can do by ourselves.'

Read It:

One-year Bible Plan: Read Matthew 11-13

Week 47

Day 5



Jehovah Rocks:

Thank You so much for Your love. It never ends and is always there. (Psalm 106:1)

See It:

'When the Philistines banded together at a place where there was a field full of lentils, Israel's troops fled from them. But Shammah took his stand in the middle of the field. He defended it and struck the Philistines down, and the LORD brought about a great victory!' (2 Samuel 23:11-12)

On It:

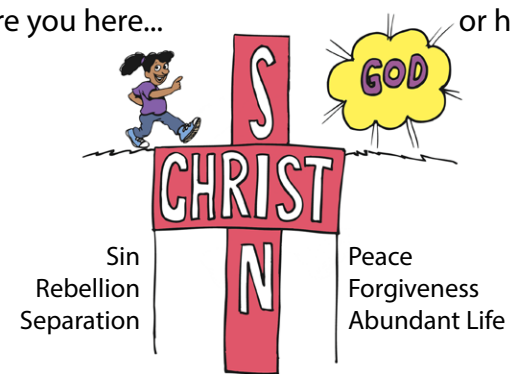
Here's another example of the troops fleeing from danger. We don't want to make danger sound cool, or safe. In your spiritual warfare you will face danger. You will likely face demons and oppression and persecution - all because you have committed your whole life to Jesus. Don't be surprised. But don't be chicken, either! This week we'll look at the Armour of God that He wants us to wear every day. It includes a helmet (Salvation), a sword (Holy Spirit's spoken Word), a shield (Faith), a breastplate (Righteousness), a belt (Truth), and boots (the Gospel of Peace). So, yes, danger will come. But, we're warriors. 'We live to fight. We love to fight. We love the thickest of the fight.' (William Booth)

We don't turn and run away as soon as people call us bad names, or throw things at us, or beat us up. We dig in. We love. We believe. We forgive. We show mercy. We pour out compassion. We speak truth. We persevere. This is the kind of fighting we do (we don't use guns or fists). So, use Shammah as an example. You defend what God has given you spiritually. You strike down the enemy. And Jesus will give you a great victory!

Live It:

That gets us to step four! Our Response: Believing means trust and commitment – We need to first speak about our sinfulness, trust Christ's forgiveness, and let Him control our life. We can't just tell people the bridge, we have to ask them to respond.

Are you here...



or here?

Do It:

Talk to someone about Jesus today, and try to get them saved.

In It:

Please help people to see You in me when I talk to them about You.

Eat It:

'He can do only what He sees His Father doing.' Jesus can only do what He sees God the Father doing.

Read It:

One-year Bible Plan: Read Matthew 14-16



Jehovah Rocks:

I could praise You all day long and all night long and still not even come close to saying all of the wonderful things that You have done. Thank You! (Psalm 106:2)

See It:

'Benaiah son of Jehoiada was a valiant fighter from Kabzeel, who performed great exploits. He struck down two of Moab's best men. He also went down into a pit on a snowy day and killed a lion. And he struck down an Egyptian who was seven and a half feet tall. Although the Egyptian had a spear like a weaver's rod in his hand, Benaiah went against him with a club. He snatched the spear from the Egyptian's hand and killed him with his own spear.' (1 Chronicles 11:22-23)

On It:

You are probably picking up from some of these hero stories that things were wild and woolly back in those days. There were not set and solid governments and rule of law and security and peace like we enjoy in the western world today. It was more like some developing and very dangerous places in the world today where there is not safety or certainty. In times like that, whether Israel a few thousand years ago, or some very hurting countries in the world today, it is important to be able to trust people. David made Benaiah, this valiant fighter who defeated the heroes of the enemy and killed lions and giants, the chief of his bodyguard. So many people were out to kill David that he had a strong bodyguard who were trusted to protect him. A lot of times spies will try to infiltrate the personal guard to get access to the king to kill him. You have to be able to trust the chief of the guard completely. Let's aim to combine the traits of Benaiah - those of valiant warrior and reliable friend - in our service of King Jesus.

Live It:

And the verses for Step four that you can pass onto your friend: 'For God so loved the world that He gave His one and only Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have eternal life.' (John 3:16)

Do It:

Find five chores to do around the house and try to do them without anyone noticing.

- _____
- _____
- _____
- _____
- _____

In It:

Please make me a mighty strong warrior for You!

Eat It: John 5:19

'Whatever the Father does, the Son also does.' This is the key. Jesus saw everything the Father was doing so He could do everything He was supposed to do. So, we should pray this prayer, 'Help us to see what You are doing and do what we are seeing.'

Read It:

One-year Bible Plan: Read Matthew 17-19

Week 47

Day 7



Jehovah Rocks:

I am so thankful for all of the things You have given me in my life! (Psalm 106:5)

See It:

'They prayed to Baal from morning until noon. "Baal! Answer us!" they shouted. But there wasn't any reply. Then they danced around the altar they had made. At noon Elijah began to tease them. "Shout louder!" he said. "I'm sure Baal is a god! Perhaps he has too much to think about. Or maybe he has gone to the toilet..." So they shouted louder... When it was time to offer the evening sacrifice, the prophet Elijah stepped forward. He prayed, "Lord, you are the God of Abraham, Isaac and Israel. Today let everyone know that you are God in Israel. Let them know I'm your servant. Let them know I've done all of these things because you commanded me to. Answer me. Lord, answer me. Then these people will know that you are the one and only God..." The fire of the Lord came down. It burned up the sacrifice. It burned up the wood and the stones and the soil. It even licked up the water in the ditch. All of the people... fell down flat with their faces toward the ground. They cried out, "The Lord is the one and only God!" (1 Kings 18:26-28, 36-39)

On It:

After years of drought, God's prophet Elijah challenged 850 evil prophets to a power fight. The stakes? Whoever won, well, everyone would have to worship that god. And what did they have to do? Cry out to god or God and see if he or He will light the fire. Crack open your Bible and read the whole chapter. But Elijah pokes fun of these followers of false gods - he says that they should cry louder because maybe their god is in the toilet! After they tried all day, Elijah steps up to the plate (v36-39) and our God answers with a show of power that blows away the whole crowd. Don't take a back seat to the enemy just because his followers are loud or popular or 'successful'. Confidently trust God and stand up for truth in Jesus' name.

Live It:

And the second verse for step four: 'I tell you the truth, whoever hears My word and believes Him who sent Me has eternal life and will not be condemned; he has crossed over from death to life.' (John 5:24)

Do It:

Make something for an older person in your corps and then give it to them today.



In It:

Walk around your house and pray that God will protect all those who live there.

Eat It:

'Jesus gave them this answer: "I tell you the truth, the Son can do nothing by Himself; He can do only what He sees His Father doing, because whatever the Father does the Son also does.' (John 5:19)

Read It:

One-year Bible Plan: Read Matthew 20-22

Week 48

Day 1



Jehovah Rocks:

Please continue to give me Your salvation. Please continue to love me! Because I want to keep being in Your presence so that I can keep praising Your name!
(Psalm 106:47)

See It:

'But the people who know their God will be strong and will resist him.'
(Daniel 11:32b) ('him' is the enemy from the previous verses)

On It:

Daniel is sharing a prophecy with us. It relates to the end times before Jesus returns. If you are really keen, you could read the whole thing. But part of it tells us that there will be very difficult times for those of us who follow Jesus. We will be under a lot of attack. But there is a blessing in it all for people who love God. Those who know their God will do great things. The people who know their God a lot will show strength and take action. This is a warfare blessing. We're all for God's blessings, but those that bless us in battle are precious. The important thing for us to remember here is that the blessings apply to those who know God intimately. So, keep pressing into Jesus. That will position you to do great exploits in battle, to display strength and take actions.

Live It:

After you have talked about all four steps in the Bridge, and talked about the verses, you need to ask your friends to respond. You might ask them if they want to cross over to the other side to be with God? And then you can help them make their decision. First, recap the lessons (listed in the next few days).

Do It:

This week's and next week's challenges are tough, but fun. We want you to make a scrapbook for your corps. You will need to interview 11 people all up and then put their information in the book. Today, you need to make a book with 13 pages. Decorate the front cover with the name of your corps.



In It:

Please help all the Christians around the world who are going through hard times. Help them to remember Your goodness. Please do a mighty and miraculous work in their lives.

Eat It:

'We believe that it is the privilege of all believers to be wholly sanctified and that their whole spirit and soul and body may be preserved blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.' Memorize this doctrine. (Doctrine 10)

Read it

One-year Bible Plan: Read Matthew 23-25

Week 48

Day 2



Jehovah Rocks:

You are blessed! You are God! You are the King forever. I praise You! (Psalm 106:48)

See It:

'Oh, that we might know the LORD! Let us keep trying to get to know Him. Just as we know the sun will rise, and that the rain will fall in spring, we know that God will respond to us when we search for Him.' (Hosea 6:3)

On It:

At my welcome Sunday as an Officer Cadet at the Training College we heard a Commissioner preach on a text in Revelation, 'Conquering, and to Conquer.' I still remember it, but I didn't understand it at the time. Here we are encouraged to know Yahweh and to keep trying to get to know Yahweh. Knowing and to know. Maybe this is the sequel to that preach – actually, likely the prequel (the message before the message). Knowing Yahweh, and to know Yahweh helps you to keep conquering and to conquer. Why should we keep pressing in to know Yahweh more? He is guaranteed like the sunrise. He will come. He never misses a show. He never misses an opportunity to bless. So, the more we know Him, the more we will get to see Him and what He is doing.

Live It:

Lesson one: You must 'Believe and receive' – Look up John 1:12.

Do It:

The questions for each person interviewed are: what they love about God, a short testimony of how they came to faith, one thing they love about their Corps. You can add some questions if you like. Then neatly write or type your answers, one person per page. Today, you need to ask these questions to your corps officer.

In It:

Please help me to know how to lead people to You, Lord. Please give Your me ears and eyes to know what you want me to do.



Eat It:

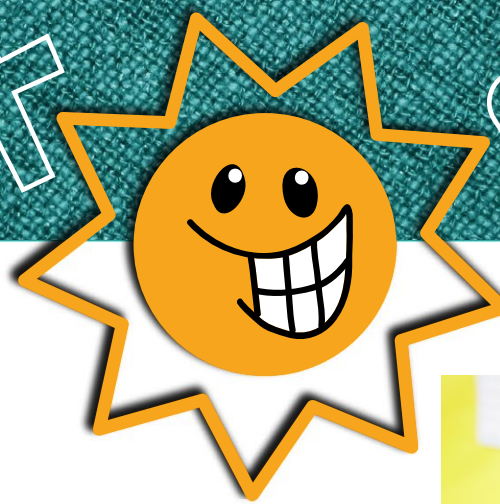
Doctrine 10
'Privilege of all believers.' So, this holiness stuff is not just for adults or officers or martyrs. It is for all believers. That means it is for you!

Read It:

One-year Bible Plan: Read Psalm 125 & Matthew 26-27

Week 48

Day 3



Jehovah Rocks:

You are so good to me! You forgive me and love me so much. You are there for me every time I call You.
(Psalm 86:5)

See It:

'By My power I will make My people strong, and by My authority they will go wherever they want. I, the LORD, have spoken!' (Zechariah 10:12)

On It:

It may be that you have represented The Salvation Army as a Junior Soldier, or maybe your school in a choir competition or something. When you represent a group like The Salvation Army, people treat you differently because they don't just see just you, they see all the things that have been done by others in the past. So, people will probably show you respect or say thanks or speak to you as though you are an old lost friend! You walk in the name of The Salvation Army. Yahweh is promising something like that, but much more powerful. We can walk in His name. That carries with it much authority, supernatural power, divine favour, compassionate love, and persistent mercy. Ask Yahweh to strengthen you in Him so that you can walk in His name at home, on the streets and playgrounds of your neighbourhood, and at school.

Live It:

Step two, we need to then confess our sins – Look up 1 John 1:9.

Do It:

Today, you need to ask these questions to your Sunday School leaders. Then finish their pages.



In It:

Please reveal any more sins that are in my life. And help me to give over everything I have to You.

Eat It: Doctrine 10

'Wholly sanctified!' You can be made holy. Your first sanctification happens when you get saved. But you are wholly sanctified when you get holy. Your sanctification gets bigger and bigger until every part of your life is sanctified by Holy Spirit.

Read It:

One-year Bible Plan: Read Matthew 28 & 1 Thessalonians 1-3

Week 48

Day 4



Jehovah Rocks:

*Please continue to listen to me and to my praise!
I need You and Your amazing grace! (Psalm 86:6)*

See It:

'The Lord and King gives me strength. He makes my feet like the feet of a deer. He helps me walk on the highest places without worrying about falling.' (Habakkuk 3:19)

On It:

Have you ever tried to use a phone or a toy that doesn't have a lot of battery left? It's annoying. It will work for a little bit, and then it will die, and then for a bit longer if you shake it around, and then it will die, and then... well, you get the idea. When something starts to lose its strength and power, it is not that helpful, even if it will work 'some' of the time. Where do you get your strength and power from? Probably it is from a good sleep at night, healthy food, and good exercise. That is good. Where do you get your spiritual strength? There are a lot of places to get it, and some are bad. Others are nice for some back-up sources (like hearing teaching or preaching or nice spiritual conversation). But these are the really good ones, like prayer and Bible – direct lines to God. The point is to get your strength from Yahweh! When we get our strength from Him, He serves like a supercharger that busts us into hyperspace, zipping around advancing the Salvation War by His power. And then we can be reliable for Him instead of stopping and starting all the time.

Live It:

And then repent and turn – Look up Acts 3:19.

Do It:

Today, you need to ask these questions to someone older in the corps. Then finish that person's page.



In It:

Please, Yahweh, would You give me Your supernatural strength so that I can do mighty things in Your name!

Eat It:

Doctrine 10
'Whole spirit and soul and body.' Holy Spirit wants to fill every part of your life, not just your mind or your friendships or your family or your body or you spirit... He wants to sanctify every part of you.

Read It:

One-year Bible Plan: Read 1 Thessalonians 4-5 & 2 Thessalonians 1-3

Week 48

Day 5



Jehovah Rocks:

*You are so good to me. Thank You so much!
Whenever I am in trouble, I call on You and You answer
me! (Psalm 86:7)*

In It:

Please help _____ (put the names of the people you have interviewed so far) to know you more deeply and to get a double blessing today.

See It:

'The LORD is my strength and my song; He has become my salvation. He is my God, and I will praise Him, my father's God, and I will exalt Him.' (Exodus 15:12)

On It:

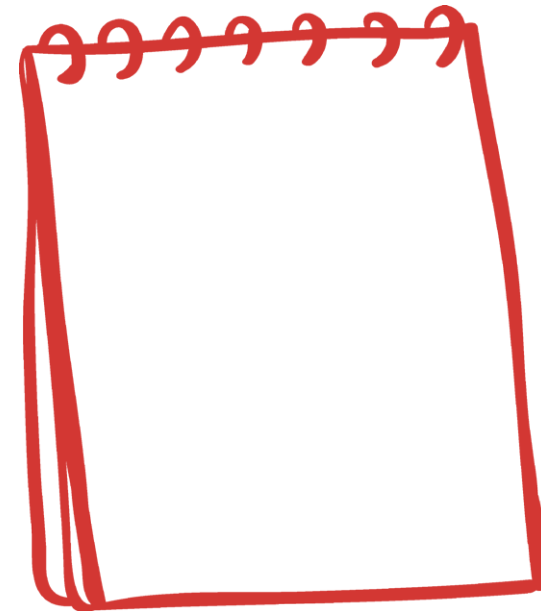
Do you like to hear good preaching and teaching? We do. Do you have a favourite teacher at Sunday School who always makes things sound really clear, but also makes you laugh? Here is a text that is ready-made for people who like to do what some call a three-point message. The first is that Yahweh is my Strength. We tackled that yesterday. The second is that Yahweh is my Song. He puts a song in my heart. I just start humming tunes of joy in my Lord. And third, Yahweh has become my Salvation. Three Ss. Hallelujah. But then it slips into a Hebrew repeating thing, where it says something similar twice. This is MY God and I will praise Him. This is MY FATHER'S God, and I will extol Him. The repetition is trying to make it really clear that He is OUR God and WE adore Him! Great! You could make that lesson into a funky rap!

Live It:

So, to walk your friends through the steps, tell them that they firstly admit they are sinners and then repent of their specific sins.

Do It:

Today, you need to ask these questions to a mom in the corps. Then finish her page.



Eat It: Doctrine 10

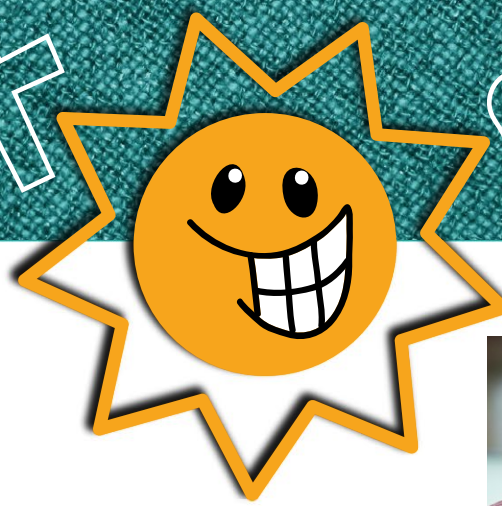
'May be preserved blameless unto the coming.' Preserved means kept. You can be kept free from blame until. That means more than just being good during a family meal or a Sunday School class. It means being good and blame-free, by Holy Spirit's power, non-stop, forever. Hallelujah!

Read It:

One-year Bible Plan: Read Romans 1-4

Week 48

Day 6



Jehovah Rocks:

There is no one else like You. You are better than any human or creature. And You are the one true God!
(Psalm 86:8)

See It:

'Give praise to the Lord. He is my rock. He trains my hands for war. He trains my fingers for battle.' (Psalm 144:1)

On It:

Did you know that blessings go both ways? Sure, we've been happy to look at the blessing we receive from God. But here is one of many verses in the Bible from which we can bless God. We bless Yahweh, our ROCK. He trains our hands for war, and our fingers for battle (there's that Hebrew repetition we mentioned yesterday, again – hands for war, fingers for battle). Hallelujah. He is the rock on which we stand. He is the one who trains us up for the Salvation War. He is worthy of all our praise and adoration. We bless You, Yahweh!

Live It:

After this, our friend needs to know that they believe that Jesus died on the cross for them and then rose from the grave.

Do It:

Today, you need to ask these questions to a dad in your corps.



In It:

Thank You, Yahweh, for The Salvation Army. Thank You that You have blessed us, and please help us to do Your mission so that everyone would be helped and come to know You as their Father.

Eat It:

Doctrine 10
'Coming of our Lord Jesus Christ!' Did you know that Jesus is coming back? Just the way He left! (He left by rising up into the clouds) When He comes back again, He is going to conquer the devil and save all of us who follow Him. We'll go to Heaven. Let's look forward to this day and speed its coming (by getting everyone saved!).

Read It:

One-year Bible Plan: Read Romans 5-8

Week 48

Day 7



Jehovah Rocks:

Every country and every person that You have made is going to come before You and worship You! Everyone will call on Your beautiful name, Yahweh! (Psalm 86:9)

See It:

'I will pour water out on the thirsty land. I will make streams flow on the dry ground. I will pour out My Spirit on your children. I will pour out My blessing on their children after them.' (Isaiah 44:3)

On It:

Here's a beautiful blessing for our last blessings day to claim for ourselves and our families. Have you ever been really, really thirsty? You know, on a hot day, and maybe you have been out playing. Think about it for a couple of seconds. Remember that feeling? Oh, it's just terrible. And then you get a glass of water, and you can't drink it fast enough! And sometimes, you just want to leave it in your mouth for a while because it feels so refreshing. Well, this is kind of like your soul, and the water is the Holy Spirit. What a blessing! And look at today's verse. There's that Hebrew repetitive structure again (water on thirsty land and streams on dry ground). God is emphasizing how He wants to bless us. And He will pour His Spirit on our children and His blessing on our descendants. Now, you may be a bit young for this but in 15 or 20 years you might have your own children. If you do, you should definitely claim this verse.

Live It:

And finally, pray with them and ask them to invite Jesus Christ to come in and control their life through the Holy Spirit. And there you have it! It seems like a lot to remember, so maybe practise it a little at home, and then just try it out in your evangelizing with friends. But make sure you always pray before you evangelize so that the Holy Spirit can be in charge, and not your memory!

Do It:

Today, you need to ask these questions to someone in your Sunday school. Then finish that page.



In It:

Please help me to understand what it means to be sanctified.

Eat It:

'We believe that it is the privilege of all believers to be wholly sanctified and that their whole spirit and soul and body may be preserved blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.' (Doctrine 10) Recite it. Memorize it. Tell it to five friends today and invite them to get holy!

Read It:

One-year Bible Plan: Read Romans 9-12

Week 49

Day 1



Jehovah Rocks:

You are great! You are my God and You are the only God! I love You. (Psalm 86:10)

See It:

'Don't let anyone look down on you because you are young, but set an example for the believers in speech, in life, in love, in faith and in purity.' (1 Timothy 4:12)

On It:

By now you must be pretty chock full of information and teachings that are going to set on getting the mission of God done! You are ready! You are covenanted up (or preparing for it), you are trained up, you are holy (or know how to get holy), and you have all of the information and Spirit that William and Catherine had when they got started on their great mission. So, this week we are going to be focusing on one part of your mission, and that is good leadership. If you are going to lead anyone, whether it will be one person being led to Christ, or 100 people being led into prayer or worship, you are going to need to learn something about being a good leader. Today's verse is there simply to remind you of what you already feel inside, and that is, that even if you are just a small child, you can be a leader for Jesus. You don't have to wait until you are all grown up before God can use you in a mighty way. So, don't just sit around and twiddle your thumbs. Make sure you take your mission seriously and lead others to be doing the same. How? Well, you have to start by setting a good example. You have to be different to your other friends, and that will take some great sacrifice at times. You are being asked by God to live a life that leads others to Him. That is serious, so stay tuned for the week!

Live It:

'But who is to go (today)? You! You who read this; who else is there to go?' (William Booth) Wow, what a challenge! Don't say that nobody has ever asked you to be a leader. You have just been called on by William Booth himself!

Do It:

How is the scrapbook looking? Take today to catch up if you have fallen behind!



In It:

Help me to be really radical like William and really passionate and smart like Catherine.

Eat It:

'Then he said to His disciples, "The harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few. Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into His harvest field."' (Matthew 9:37-38) Memorize this verse this week.

Read It:

One-year Bible Plan: Read Romans 13-16

Week 49

Day 2



Jehovah Rocks:

I love You, Yahweh! Please teach me Your ways so that I can walk in Your ways and live in Your truth. I want to live my whole life for You. (Psalm 86:11)

See It:

'A good leader motivates; doesn't mislead; doesn't exploit.' (Proverbs 16:10)

On It:

There is this great explorer whose name is Sir Ernest Shackleton who explored the South Pole. He needed some people to go with him for his exploration, and so he advertised in the local paper, 'Men wanted for hazardous journey; small wages; bitter cold; long months of complete darkness; constant danger; safe return doubtful; honour and recognition in case of success.' Wow, that sounds awful! But you know what? He got a huge response and loads of people wanted to go with him on his adventure. This is a really important lesson in leadership. If you are going to lead people, you have to tell them the truth. You must be honest about what you are going to be asking them to do, and what sorts of things they might have to give up in order to follow you. Jesus did this when He said, 'take up your cross and follow Me'. A good leader prepares their people for the journey, and that means telling them all about the ups and downs of the road ahead.

Live It:

'You are saved. You say your sins are forgiven, and that you belong to the family of God.' (William Booth) This is really important. What do you need to be and know in order to serve in The Army for God? You just need to be a Christian. That's it. You don't need to be super smart, or confident, or pretty, or...

Do It:

Today, you need to ask these questions to someone in the youth group. Then finish their page.



In It:

I will not fear the battle if You are by my side. Nor wander from the pathway if You will be my guide.

Eat It:

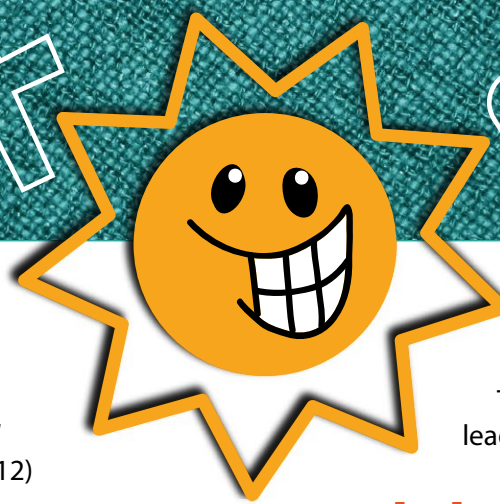
Matthew 9:37-38
'His disciples.' Disciples are student-followers. And Jesus had a bunch of disciples. He still does, today. It is important that each of us become disciples of Jesus. Just being a believer does get us forgiveness. But it doesn't make us very useful in the Salvation war. Disciples, those who are completely devoted to Jesus, are the most effective in the War.

Read It:

One-year Bible Plan: Read Ephesians 1-4

Week 49

Day 3



Jehovah Rocks:

I thank You, Yahweh, for everything that You have given to me. I thank You with my whole heart and mind and I am going to praise Your name forever. (Psalm 86:12)

See It:

'Kings like honest people; they value someone who speaks the truth.'
(Proverbs 16:13)

On It:

Today's lesson is on truth again, so that just reminds you how important honesty is to leadership. Except this time, it is talking about telling the truth about what you have done. Can you think of a time you have been caught in a lie? You try to re-explain yourself, but no matter how you say it, you look like an untrustworthy and dishonest person. And when people think you are dishonest, they won't trust you or what you say, even when you are telling the truth. They will always wonder if this is just another lie. Now, can you lead when the people think you are lying? No! And if somebody thinks you are lying, will they believe the good news you tell them about Jesus? Maybe not! That's terrible. Are you starting to see the problem? Good leaders always tell the truth, even if it means getting into trouble. Good leaders don't exaggerate, either! So, if you talked to one person about Jesus, don't exaggerate and say they got saved when they didn't, or say there were five people when there was one. You must be honest, or else people will not follow you.

Live It:

'You say the promises apply to you; why not the commands? Have one and shirk the other? Never, never, never!' (William Booth) So here William is reminding us that we can't have the dessert without the vegetables! If you are going to claim salvation and the love of Jesus, then you also need to take up the commands that Jesus gives you as a disciple.

Do It:

Today, you need to ask these questions to the youth group leader. Then finish that page.

In It:

Help me to be strong enough to always tell the truth, even if I think I might get into trouble. And help me to live a life in a way that I am proud to tell others about.

Eat It:

 Matthew 9:37-38

'The harvest.' The harvest Jesus is describing is people getting saved. On a farm the harvest is when the farmer brings in all the crops that have been growing over a period of months. Jesus is explaining to His disciples that there are a whole of people who are ready to get saved – a crop ready to be harvested. Let's start harvesting!

Read It:

One-year Bible Plan: Read Psalm 119:1-80 & Ephesians 5-6



Week 49

Day 4



Jehovah Rocks:

*Your love is so huge, and You have given it to me!
You have saved me! Thank You! (Psalm 86:13)*

See It:

'A king is honoured when he has many people to rule, but a prince is ruined if he has none.' (Proverbs 14:28)

On It:

There was this girl in my class in High School who thought she was so popular. She would talk like she ruled the world! She always made her hair and make-up just right, and she would talk to everyone in the class for a few seconds each day. She would make big plans for the school, and she would talk about all the friends that she had in all the local schools. She was a born leader, and everyone seemed to let her lead the way. I thought she was nice, but I didn't want to be like her. I thought everyone else did, though, and I guess she did, too! But you know what? When it came time to elect the House Captain, she didn't win! Didn't even come close! She was loud, and she was known, but she was not the leader the people followed. This is an important lesson for us. You are NOT a leader because you sound confident, or because you know a lot or because you are popular or because you look like a leader, or even because somebody elects you as one. You are a leader IF you have followers! If people listen to you and do the things you ask, then you are a leader.

Live It:

'They are united. Do not say you are a child and not a servant.' (William Booth) We are called to do the mission of Jesus and to grow the Kingdom. We do this as children of God, and it is a great privilege.

Do It:

Today, you need to ask these questions to someone who plays music at your corps. Then finish that person's page.



In It:

Please protect me from people who want to hurt me or make me feel sad. Protect me with Your super love and strength.

Eat It:

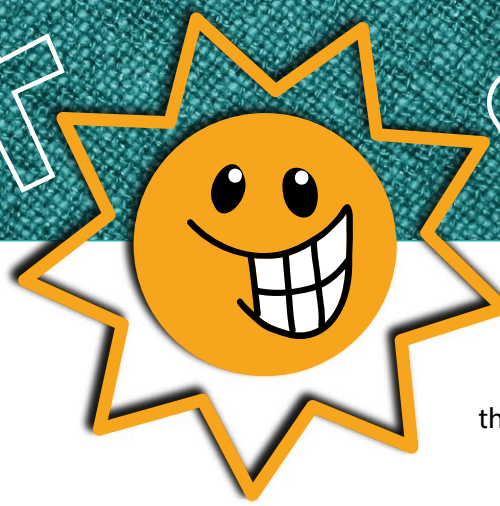
Matthew 9:37-38
'The workers are few.' It's like a massive crop and only one farmer. He needs help. Well, there are billions who could get saved if we befriended them and/or evangelized them effectively. We need more harvesters. Memorize this verse.

Read It:

One-year Bible Plan: Read Philippians 1-4

Week 49

Day 5



Jehovah Rocks:

Yahweh, You are my God and I love You! I want to be near You. Without You, I am empty and nothing in this world can fill me but You. (Psalm 63:1)

See It:

'You do well in everything else. You do well in faith and in speaking. You do well in knowledge and in full commitment. And You do well in Your love for us. So, make sure that you also do well in giving generously to others.' (2 Corinthians 8:7)

On It:

I (Genevieve) go to a lot of (Australian Rules) football games, and when our team is losing, we have a little saying we like to yell. We yell out "Captain's goal"! What does it mean? Well, we are saying that if our team is going to turn things around and start winning, we are going to need our captain, our leader, to start doing some very special stuff. We are going to need him to personally kick us a goal. All the pressure goes onto one man. And if he succeeds, then the whole team lifts and usually wins the game. But if he doesn't, the team usually goes on to lose. Wow, that is a lot of pressure. But that is the power and responsibility that comes with being a good leader. And today's text tells us about doing well. Leaders are people who do things well. When we do well, everyone around us lifts! Everyone does better when the leader does well. So, if you are a leader, you will need to be confident, and follow through on all the things you said you would do. As a leader, you have to kick a Captain's goal.

Live It:

'You must go yourself. This is a personal call which comes down through the centuries to you!' (William Booth) You can't pass on your work to someone else. You can't expect other people to do the evangelism, or

the giving, or the cleaning, or the... do you understand? All of us who have been saved by Christ are going to do the mission of Christ.



Do It:

Today, you need to ask these questions to someone who is new to the corps. Then finish this person's page.

In It:

Help me to be a leader who is able to inspire loads of people to follow you!

Eat It: Matthew 9:37-38

'Ask the Lord.' The verb Jesus uses is much stronger than just 'ask'. It is more like beg or implore. It is a desperate situation. If we don't get harvesters into the harvest field – evangelists out to evangelize sinners – a lot of people will go to hell. So, beg the Lord.

Read It:

One-year Bible Plan: Read Colossians 1-4

Week 49

Day 6



Jehovah Rocks:

You are so powerful and You deserve all the glory and honour. I am going to praise You so that You know just how much I love You! (Psalm 63:2)

See It:

'Do what is good. Set an example for them in everything. When you teach, be honest and serious. No one can question the truth. So, teach what is true. Then those who oppose you will be ashamed. That's because they will have nothing bad to say about us.' (Titus 2:7-8)

On It:

One of the best ways that you can lead is just by living a really good life. Let me give you an example. I am a really loud person, but Adam, my husband is kind of quiet. I do lots of talks at my Corps, and Adam doesn't. I do all the announcements and run the games, and Adam doesn't. And I have all the meetings with important people, and Adam doesn't. BUT, if you ask the kids who they want to be like at our Corps, and who they want to follow, it is almost always Adam! Why? Because he is a great person! He is always there for them, he is always caring, always helpful and always friendly. That's not to say that I am not, but people like to follow people that they want to be like, and not always the people that are telling them what to do. So, our lesson for today as leaders is this: Be good! Be the best that you can be, and people will follow you.

Live It

'You cannot evade it and remain true to yourself and your God.' (William Booth) Wow, this last bit is full on! If you don't do what Jesus has called you to do, then you can't really stay honest and committed to God and His plan for you. Wow.

Do It:

Today, you need to ask these questions to someone who has been at the corps a long time. Then finish their page.



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In It:

Speak to me and reassure me. Speak to make me listen. You're the guardian of my soul.

Eat It:

 Matthew 9:37-38

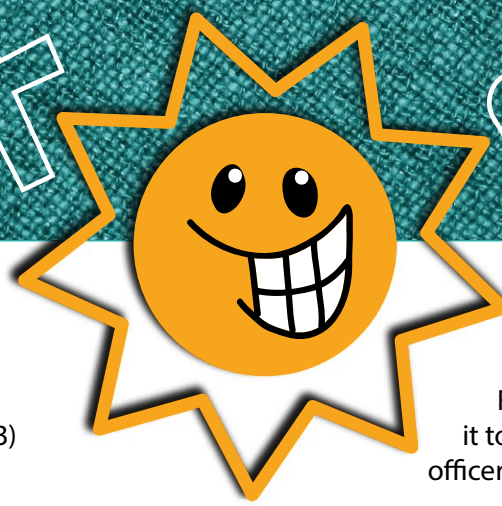
'Send our workers.' Again, the word Jesus uses is a lot stronger than 'send'. It is more like force or thrust or push. Some harvesters are slow to plunge in. But we want God to force them out into the harvest field. Beg the Lord. Let's bring in that harvest!

Read It:

One-year Bible Plan: Read 1 Timothy 1-4

Week 49

Day 7



Jehovah Rocks:

Your love is so much better than anything, even better than my life. I am going to praise You forever! (Psalm 63:3)

See It:

'Praise and cursing come out of the same mouth. My people, it shouldn't be that way. Can fresh water and saltwater flow out of the same spring?' (James 3:10-11)

On It:

Can something be both hot and cold? Can it be hard and soft? Can it be sticky and clean? Salty and sweet? No. And, James, today, is giving us some really important advice. It is one thing to go to the corps on Sundays and act very sweet and give all the right answers in Sunday school. But, if the minute you leave the Hall you yell at your brother, curse when you stub your toe and lie to your mother, can you really believe that the Holy Spirit is controlling your thoughts and your heart? No! We need to learn how to discipline your mind so that your mouth doesn't let you down. In leadership, this is very important. You can't tell people one thing and then do something completely different. You need to live and speak with the same heart all the time, and you need to make sure you are doing the things you expect of others. Otherwise, you are trying to be two things at once, and that is not possible or helpful.

Live It:

'But who is to go (today)? You! You who read this; who else is there to go?... You are saved. You say your sins are forgiven, and that you belong to the family of God. You say the promises apply to you; why not the commands? Have one and shirk the other? Never, never, never! They are united. Do not say you are a child and not a servant. You must go yourself. This is a personal call which comes down through the centuries to you! You cannot evade it and remain true to yourself and your God.' (William Booth)

Do It:

Finish your scrapbook and ask someone to help you bind it together. Then give it to your Sunday School leader or corps officer.



In It:

Jesus, thank You for all of Your promises to me!

Eat It:

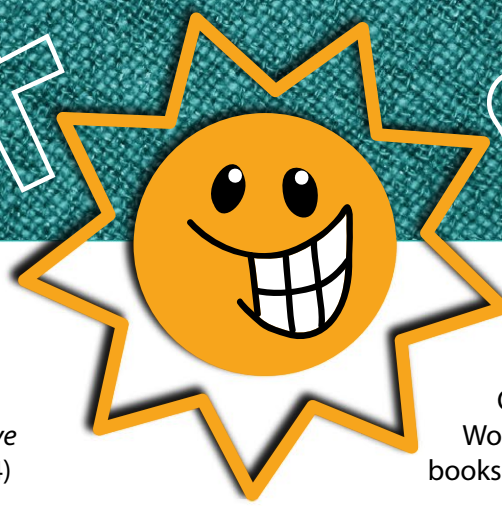
'Then He said to His disciples, "The harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few. Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into His harvest field."' (Matthew 9:37-38) Memorize it. Share it with five friends.

Read It:

One-year Bible Plan: Read 1 Timothy 5-6 & Titus 1-3

Week 50

Day 1



Jehovah Rocks:

I say Your name and I lift up my hands to You and praise You. I want to bless You for everyday that I am alive here on earth, and then everyday after that! (Psalm 63:4)

Do It:

Okay, the time has come to test a year's worth of memory! Wow! Today, look over your memory verses, doctrines and books of the Bible, and do some last-minute memorizing!

See It:

'The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I have come so they can have life. I want them to have it in the fullest possible way.' (John 10:10)

In It:

Thank You for Your Holy Spirit.

On It:

Have you ever played games like advanced 'capture the flag' in which different groups have different assignments? Your group may have to get to the green flag, but maybe another group's mission is to keep a third group from getting yours. Well, this is NOT a game, but satan has a mission. He is out to destroy you. We are in a battle and we are fighting on God's side. And you know how to win the battle? By not letting satan destroy you. Don't listen to his evil lies. So, when you start to feel angry, or sad, or jealous, or annoyed... and you start to think mean thoughts about others or yourself... that's satan in your ear trying to destroy you! So, tell him to buzz off! And how do you do that? Well, simply start praising God and he will run away from you in a flash. And then you will have God's fullness! Bring on the fullness!



Live It:

We are a holiness movement which means knowing the Holy Spirit is really important to us. So, this week, we are going to tell you some more things about our precious Holy Spirit. Did you know that the Holy Spirit is symbolized by water? Ezekiel's (chapter 47) vision of water flowing from the Temple was interpreted by Jesus in John 7:37 to be Holy Spirit flowing out of our belly (the Temple was considered the 'belly' of the earth - the centre). And now, the Holy Spirit flows out of our belly because we are the temple!

Eat It:

"Come, follow Me," Jesus said, "and I will make you fishers of people." (Mark 1:17) Memorize this verse this week.

Read It:

One-year Bible Plan: Read 2 Timothy 1-4

Week 50

Day 2



Jehovah Rocks:

You are always there to help me. I can hide in You and I can rest there and sing songs to You about how great You are. (Psalm 63:7)

See It:

'And may you know His love, even though it can't be known completely. Then you will be filled with everything God has for you.' (Ephesians 3:19)

On It:

What? Is God kidding? (No, He's not!) I mean, come on – we can be FILLED with the FULLNESS of life and power that comes from God? Wow! How on earth does that happen? (And we mean that, because we can imagine that happening in Heaven, probably) Well, Paul explains, in his inspired prayer, how (feel free to dig into the whole prayer, starting in verse 14). It all comes down to the love of our Lord Jesus Christ. When we explore how big His love is for us, we get wrapped up in it, enveloped in it, surrounded by it, saturated by it. We experience His love, firsthand. At that point we will be filled with the fullness of life and power that comes from God! Hallelujahweh!

Live It:

The Holy Spirit is also symbolized as a dove. At Jesus' baptism, the Holy Spirit came 'as a dove' on Jesus (John 1:32).

Do It:

How many doctrines can you remember? Ask your parent to test you.

Doctrine 1

Doctrine 2

Doctrine 3

Doctrine 4

Doctrine 5

Doctrine 6

Doctrine 7

Doctrine 8

Doctrine 9

Doctrine 10

Doctrine 11

In It:

Praise You, Holy Spirit!

Eat It:

Mark 1:17
'Come.' What an amazing invitation! The creator of the universe – our Jesus – is calling us to Himself. We get to enjoy His company; we get the pleasure of His presence. He invites us to come.

Read It:

One-year Bible Plan: Read Philemon & Hebrews 1-4

Week 50

Day 3



Jehovah Rocks:

I trust You Yahweh. I know that my soul holds on tightly to You. You are my hope and my salvation.
(Psalm 63:8)

See It:

'God was pleased to have His whole nature living in Christ. God was pleased to bring all things back to Himself because of what Christ has done. That includes all things on earth and in Heaven. God made peace through Christ's blood, through His death on the cross.' (Colossians 1:19-20)

On It:

We are well into the land of mystery here. We're not sure how to explain it. So, maybe let's not try, and, instead, celebrate it. Here is the Lord Jesus Christ, who was completely human, also, by some miracle, fully God. Yahweh was smiling in that deal! And it is the Lord Jesus Christ, who is specially placed to reconcile all things because He made peace by the blood of His cross. All glory to Jesus. And when Jesus lives inside of us, that means that all the fullness of Yahweh must be inside of us, too! How do you get your head around that one? You don't. So just try to get your heart around it – embrace Him – and then overflow His fullness to everyone you meet (see also Colossians 2:9).

Live It:

Just as He hovered over the waters in Genesis 1:2, Holy Spirit hovered over Jesus, and the effect was like a dove fluttering its wings.

Do It:

How many verses can you remember? Ask your parent to test you.

In It:

Please help me to be clean so that You can come and live inside of me.

Eat It:

Mark 1:17
'Follow Me.' Another fantastic invitation. But it is more than an invitation. It is also a command. The creator of the universe is also commanding you to come and follow. And He is inviting AND commanding everyone you know.



Read It:

One-year Bible Plan: Read Hebrews 5-8

Week 50

Day 4



Jehovah Rocks:

I will trust in Your love forever and ever. (Psalm 52:8)

See It:

'Like babies who have just been born, you should want the pure milk of God's word. It will help you grow up as believers.' (1 Peter 2:2)

On It:

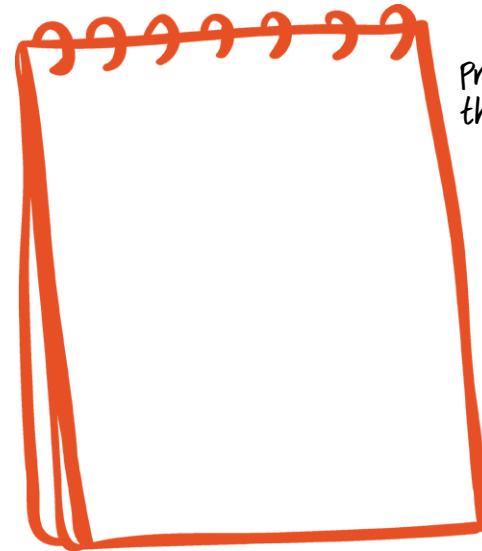
I have a son that some people say looks like me. But he is a lot shorter than me; he's a lot lighter than me; he's got less hair on his face than me; and so on. It really is not a fair comparison for him! However, before the comparison can be complete, he has to grow up. In a similar way, we might be saved from hell and the consequences of choosing a sinful life. Praise God. But there is a lot more than that there for us all. We can be saved from sin as well. We can be made pure by the Holy Spirit. We need to grow up into the fullness of our salvation, or what The Salvation Army sometimes calls Full Salvation. And we can – each of us. You don't have to be old or rich or busy or a superstar. But you do have to CRAVE it and CRY OUT for this nourishment from God like your baby sister does (if you have one or would if you did). Crave and Cry. Are you up for it? Alright... Begin!

Live It:

The Holy Spirit is often seen as fire (e.g. Acts 2:3). He refines (which means makes better) and consumes (which kind of means eats up). This is The Salvation Army's focus, with our war cry, BLOOD AND FIRE, and our songs imploring, 'SEND THE FIRE!'

Do It:

How many New Testament books can you remember? Ask your parent to test you.



Practice by listing the books here.

In It:

Please make me better and eat up all my sin!

Eat It: Mark 1:17

'I will make you.' Once you respond to Him, He will make you into what you need to become. You don't have to perfect yourself before you respond to Him. Respond, and then HE will do it. Some people get that order mixed up. Straighten them out. And, memorize the verse.

Read It:

One-year Bible Plan: Read Hebrews 9-11

Week 50

Day 5



Jehovah Rocks:

I want to thank You for all of my days. You have done so much for me. (Psalm 52:9)

See It:

'Because you belong to Christ, you have everything you need. He is the ruler over every power and authority.' (Colossians 2:10)

On It:

Have we told you the one about the father who wanted to buy a bike for his daughter for her birthday? (This is before he learned about being able to buy pigs and so on) But since he didn't have enough money until payday, he gave her a card that said he was giving her a bike for her birthday. His daughter loved it. She showed it to everyone and took it to school with her each day until payday. Well, the father got paid and bought that bike and presented it to her. She took the card to school the next day (not the bike!) and continued showing it to her friends. She returned from school doing the same thing. Her father got frustrated. She had the bike right in front of her but continued to wave the promise of the card around. Now, you can use this story to show how the one baptism we should have is Holy Spirit baptism (from Matthew 3; Acts 1; Ephesians 4; etc.). But it works here, too. We have been given fullness in Christ! But most of us just go around talking about that fullness and not living it or using it. The Father must get frustrated as well! Claim it today. Experience fullness in Christ!

Live It:

Holy Spirit is symbolized as wind (e.g. Acts 2:3; John 3:8). He comes and goes and can bring refreshing or He can mess up the landscape.

Do It:

How many Old Testament books can you remember? Ask your parent to test you.

Write the books you remember here:

In It:

Please help me to remember all the verses and doctrines and promises and books!

Eat It:

Mark 1:17
'Fishers of people.' Another week we talked about you being harvesters of the harvest. Now we're talking about fishers of people. What do fishers do? They catch fish. Well, Jesus is explaining to them that if they follow Him, He will make them into people who catch people for Him. He will make them evangelists who catch people with the Gospel.

Read It:

One-year Bible Plan: Read Hebrews 12-13 & Jude

Week 50

Day 6



Jehovah Rocks:

*You look down for children who seek after God.
Please find me! (Psalm 53:2)*

See It:

'That will continue until we all become one in the faith and in the knowledge of God's Son. Then we will be grown up in the faith. We will receive everything that Christ has for us.' (Ephesians 4:13)

On It:

Have you ever been in one of those competitions, maybe at the corps or at school, where you plot the progress on a huge chart up on the wall? Maybe it is Self-Denial or some group activity that awards points for correct answers or good behaviour or memory verses. Well, this reading (see the verses before today's reading so you understand) is a bit like one of those long competitions, except we are all on the same team. So, the goal by the end of the competition is unity in faith and fullness in Christ. The way we get the whole team there is not to wait until the end of the whole competition. It is to get fullness in Christ ourselves, and then fight for the rest of our lives to get everyone else to experience fullness in Christ. Then we will be united in our faith. Are you up for it? Let's go for it.

Live It:

So Holy Spirit can be seen as water, dove, fire, wind, oil, breath and more! The Salvation Army camps out on Holy Spirit FIRE. But the important thing to remember is that He is a person, and so while He might be described as fire, Holy Spirit is not an 'it'!

Do It:

Can you remember the Junior Soldier promise? Ask your parent to test you.



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In It:

I love You, Holy Spirit; please breathe Your breath and power on me.

Eat It: Mark 1:17

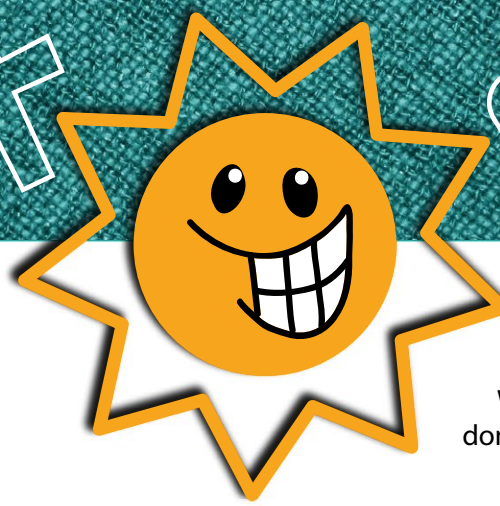
The whole point of this verse is to catch people for Jesus. First, we get ourselves saved (by repenting and believing) and then we let Jesus change us into fishers who get other people saved. So, if you are saved, yourself, ask Jesus to make you into one who gets a lot of other people saved!

Read It:

One-year Bible Plan: Read James 1-5

Week 50

Day 7



Jehovah Rocks:

I want to be completely still right now and think about You and know that You are God. (Psalm 46:10)

See It:

'We have been given so many blessings, again and again. God's grace is not limited. Moses gave us the law. Jesus Christ has given us grace and truth.' (John 1:16-17)

On It:

Wow. Sometimes it is tough to put the whole Bible into order. Here is a reading that helps a bit. You remember that Moses was way back in the Old Testament and that God gave him the ten commandments for the people of Israel to follow. He set the stage for the Old Testament. Here, John compares him with the Lord Jesus Christ. Grace and truth came through Jesus. Grace is the solution for every problem caused by our failure to keep the law (it is impossible to follow all of the law). Grace is what makes Christianity different from every other religion. Jesus brings grace and truth. And we experience the fullness of His grace we receive wave after wave of blessing. That is the result of fullness!

Live It:

'If the Army were to develop an enthusiasm not fully directed towards holiness and righteousness of life, it would be sadly in danger of becoming either fanatical on the one hand or worldly on the other.' (Commissioner George Scott Railton) So get holy!

Do It:

Well done! There are still two more verses, but you have done very well if you know some, most or all of them!



In It:

Thank You that you choose to live in me!

Eat It:

"Come, follow Me," Jesus said, "and I will make you fishers of people." (Mark 1:17) Memorize this verse and then share it with five other people.

Read It:

One-year Bible Plan: Read 1 Peter 1-5

Week 51

Day 1



Jehovah Rocks:

*I am happy to sit for a moment and think about You.
And I realize that You are my God and You have saved
me. Thank you! (Psalm 62:1)*

See It:

'The Lord himself will give you a miraculous sign. The virgin is going to have a baby. She will give birth to a son. And He will be called Immanuel!' (Isaiah 7:14)

On It:

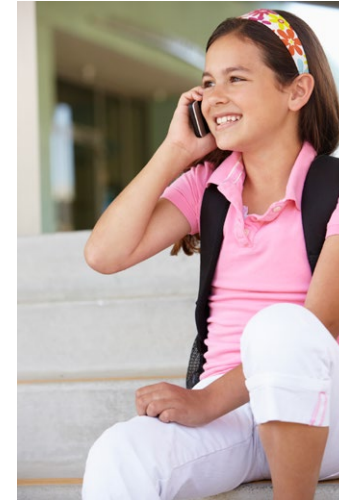
Christmas is all about Jesus! Did you know that? It is the day we celebrate His birthday! So even though there are lots of great Christmas carols – some of which we will teach you this week – you could properly sing Happy Birthday to Jesus on December 25. But this verse was written hundreds and hundreds of years before Jesus was born. And it accurately prophesies (though every single prophecy in the Bible comes true, so the fact that it is accurate should not surprise us!) that, for the ONLY TIME in all of history, a virgin is going to have a baby. That virgin was Mary. And that baby is Jesus! Hallelujah! Jesus was not just some guy who, one day, got tired of being a wood worker and decided that He'd try to save the world. God planned this all out long beforehand. Don't forget this as we celebrate with birthday cake this week!

Live It:

We have told you about 'Gifts of Hope' and 'Brighter Futures' before but here they are again in the week it counts the most! So, instead of some toy or game for your birthday, you can ask for support of a needy child overseas through 'Gifts of Hope' (salvationist.ca/world-missions/gifts-of-hope/).

Do It:

Phone your Corps Officer and ask if you can do an announcement about Gifts of Hope at the meeting.



In It:

Help me to remember the real reason of Christmas.

Eat It:

'We believe in the immortality of the soul, in the resurrection of the body, in the general judgement at the end of the world, at the eternal happiness of the righteous, and in the endless punishment of the wicked.' (Doctrine 11) Memorize this doctrine.

Read It:

One-year Bible Plan: Read 1 Peter 1-3 & John 1

Week 51

Day 2



Jehovah Rocks:

You are my rock and You are my salvation. You are my fortress and I cannot be shaken, because You are strong enough to keep my life together. (Psalm 62:2)

See It:

'A child will be born to us. A son will be given to us. He will rule over us. And He will be called Wonderful Adviser and Mighty God. He will also be called Father Who Lives Forever and Prince Who Brings Peace. The authority of His rule will continue to grow. The peace He brings will never end. He will rule on David's throne and over his kingdom. He will make the kingdom strong and secure. His rule will be based on what is fair and right. It will last forever. The Lord's great love will make sure that happens. He rules overall!' (Isaiah 9:6-7)

On It:

Sometimes parents who are expecting baby will send out a Facebook message to all their friends so that they know the happy couple is having a baby. A pregnancy takes about nine months and the couple usually waits for a few months before telling anyone, so it is usually less than six months before the birth occurs. But, like we noted yesterday, God sent out the Facebook message hundreds and hundreds of years before the baby was to be born! And He sent it to everyone that He wants to be His friend – that include you and us and everyone we know! But this is no ordinary baby. This baby has some nicknames. One of them is Mighty God! Another is Wonderful Advisor. A third is Father Who Lives Forever (it is catchier in Hebrew!). And a fourth is Prince Who Brings Peace (likewise). Jesus is not just a good guy. He is the Mighty God! Wow! And we are celebrating His birth this week! Hallelujah!

Live It:

If you get people to use Gifts of Hope instead of buying presents from the shops, you will start to see that the gift giving will keep going and going and will help so many people. Or you could buy a doll! Which would you prefer?

Do It:

Look salvationist.ca/world-missions/gifts-of-hope/ and find the Gifts of Hope page. Make up a flyer that explains clearly what people need to do to use Gifts of Hope. Get this flyer to your Corps Officer to copy and hand out at the Christmas meeting.



In It:

Jesus, thank You for being born!

Eat It: Doctrine 11

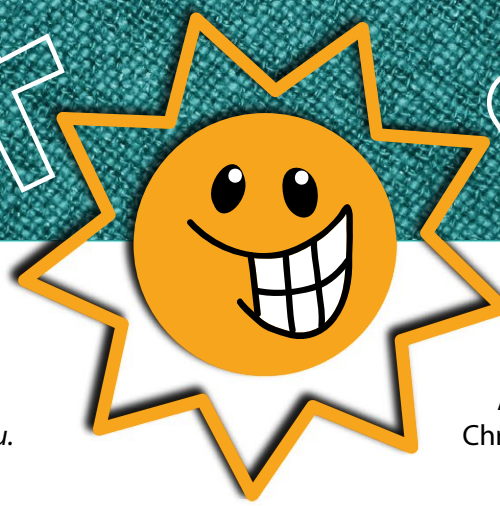
'Immortality of the soul.' This means that even after your body dies, your soul continues forever. 'Immortality' means that it won't die. The Bible implies this truth in lots of places.

Read It:

One-year Bible Plan: Read John 2-4

Week 51

Day 3



Jehovah Rocks:

All the hope that I have, all the good things that I have now and all the good things to come are from You.
(Psalm 62:5)

See It:

'The Lord says, "Bethlehem, you might not be an important town in the nation of Judah. But out of you will come a ruler over Israel for me. His family line goes back to the early years of your nation. It goes all the way back to days of long ago."' (Micah 5:2)

On It:

Jerusalem was the capital city. Everyone went there for holy days. The government was there. The Temple was there. Bethlehem was a tiny, insignificant town. And the Lord chose Bethlehem to be His birthplace. He is the only one in history to choose His own birthplace and He chose this town. Why is this important? Well, we are showing you that this whole Christmas thing wasn't just an accident or a creation of a bunch of people who wanted a day off in December or making recognition of a guy who tried hard to help people. No. It was planned by God way before it happened. The other thing we want you to note is that God sees things differently than most people do. Most people would have wanted to be born in the richest, nicest, biggest city with all the comforts of modern life. God chose to be born in a little town into a poor family without much going for it. Take note of that. It is not important if you were born rich or important. It is important for you to please Jesus with your whole life.

Live It:

Using Gifts of Hope will, 'Combat excessive buying that consumes our money and resources and leaves us bored and tired.' Just think how many toys you have that you never play with! Or how many clothes you have that you never wear! We don't need more!

Do It:

Ask your parents if they would be able to make part of your Christmas present a Gift of Hope item.



In It:

Please help people around the world who aren't getting presents and food this Christmas.

Eat It:

Doctrine 11
'Resurrection of the body.' This means that your body will be raised back to life after the judgement day. But it will be a spiritual body, and we believe that its weaknesses will be strengthened (so if you have only one hand, you will have two; if you are short-sighted, you will have 20/20 vision; and so on...).

Read It:

One-year Bible Plan: Read John 5-6

Week 51

Day 4



Jehovah Rocks:

My whole life is here because of You. You keep me safe. (Psalm 62:7)

See It:

'In the sixth month after Elizabeth had become pregnant, God sent the angel Gabriel to Nazareth, a town in Galilee. He was sent to a virgin. The girl was engaged to a fellow named Joseph. He came from the family line of David. The virgin's name was Mary. The angel greeted her and said, "The Lord has given you special favour. He is with you"... But the angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary. God is very pleased with you. You will become pregnant and give birth to a son. You must name Him Jesus. He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High God. The Lord God will make Him a king like His father David of long ago. He will rule forever over His people, who came from Jacob's family. His kingdom will never end.'" (Luke 1:26-28; 30-33)

On It:

Have you ever seen an angel? Sometimes they come in disguise. But not this time. This was Gabriel, a mighty angel of God, who usually hangs around in God's presence, sent with this historic message for a teenaged girl named Mary. Gabriel explains this mystery to Mary, confirming what we read earlier this week from centuries earlier. Not only was her life about to flip upside down, from being a good girl to one who was slandered for being pregnant before getting married, but the boundless Creator of the Universe was going to do the ultimate shrinking act so that He could fit, as an unborn baby, in her womb! Wow. God is amazing.

Live It:

So, you use Gifts of Hope and you end up with a card, and someone else ends up with a present! What's the fun in that? Well, using Gifts of Hope means that someone somewhere who really needs food, or clothes or

books, will now have them... all thanks to you! Doesn't that sound great? The fun is in knowing that you have helped someone in need while you play with all the other toys you already had.

Do It:

Ask your brothers or sisters if they would ask your parents to make part of their Christmas present a Gifts of Hope item.



In It:

Help me to remember that giving is better than receiving.

Eat It: Doctrine 11

'General Judgement at the end of the world.' Everyone is going to be judged. We will be judged based on sin and works. If we have sin in our lives, we will get one verdict, if we lack sin, we will get a different verdict. And we will be judged on the things we did during our lives. Memorize this doctrine.

Read It:

One-year Bible Plan: Read John 7-8

Week 51

Day 5



Jehovah Rocks:

I trust You Yahweh. I love You and I give my life to You.
(Psalm 62:8)

See It:

'The star they had seen when they were in the east went ahead of them. It finally stopped over the place where the child was. When they saw the star, they were filled with joy. The Wise Men went to the house. There they saw the child with His mother Mary. They bowed down and worshipped him. Then they opened their treasures. They gave Him gold, incense and myrrh.' (Matthew 2:9b-11)

On It:

There were some scholars from another country, who, much earlier, had noticed a strange star in the sky. It had not been there before. So, they decided to study it and follow it. God had put the star in the sky to lead them to the birth of Jesus. This reading explains the last leg of their journey and the birthday presents they brought to Jesus. Before giving Him the presents, they bowed down and worshipped Him. That would be a strange sight, too – adult scholars kneeling in front of a BABY worshipping him! And the presents that they give were prophetic, too. Gold was the desired metal of royalty. Jesus is the King. Frankincense became symbolic of the name Yahweh (Malachi 1:11). Jesus is God. Myrrh was a key ingredient for holy anointing oil (Exodus 30:23), for embalming dead bodies (John 19:39). Jesus is the Messiah – the Anointed One – who was to die for us.

Live It:

Using Gifts of Hope will help people in developing world countries a chance to improve their lives.

Do It:

Choose a friend and ask them if they would ask their parent to make part of their Christmas present a Gifts of Hope item.



In It:

I love You, baby Jesus! I will worship You!

Eat It:

Doctrine 11
'Eternal happiness of the righteous.' Righteous people are those who live lives of integrity because Jesus has forgiven their sins and empowered them to live good lives. And all of us will go to Heaven forever. Hallelujah!

Read It:

One-year Bible Plan: Read John 9-11

Week 51

Day 6



Jehovah Rocks:

Blessing and honour should go to You. You are the one who raises me. Thank You, Father. I love You.
(Psalm 68:39)

Do It:

Take some money you have saved and either give it to your parent to purchase something from Gifts of Hope or put it in a safe place to save up for an item on Gifts of Hope.

See It:

'When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the baby leaped in her womb; and Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit. And she cried out with a loud voice and said, "Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb!"' (Luke 1:41-42)

On It:

Elizabeth was Mary's cousin. She was pregnant, too! And they greeted each other with an embrace. So, technically, Elizabeth was embracing Mary AND Jesus in her womb. And when Elizabeth embraced Jesus, her baby leapt in her womb AND Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit! And THEN she prophesied. Do you get that? When we EMBRACE Jesus, He will fill us with His Holy Spirit and we will act in supernatural ways (for Elizabeth it was prophecy; for you it could be that, and it could be a bunch of other Holy Spirit gifts and fruit). Christmas is the birth of Christ. And, when people first embrace Jesus, Christ is born in them (sort of) and they are born again. So, give Jesus a big hug today!

Live It:

Using Gifts of Hope will spread the real meaning of Jesus at Christmas time. Remember, 'Jesus is the reason for the season'.



In It:

Please take the money that we give You and send it to the right places.

Eat It: Doctrine 11

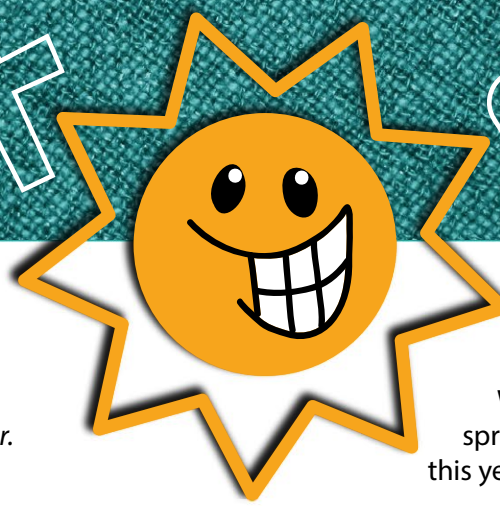
'Endless punishment of the wicked!' The people who still have sin in their lives are wicked. They refused to repent and believe Jesus. They refused to follow Jesus. And they are headed to endless punishment in hell.

Read It:

One-year Bible Plan: Read John 12-14

Week 51

Day 7



Jehovah Rocks

I love You, Yahweh. I love to be close to You. I love that You keep me safe and have saved me completely, forever.
(Psalm 69:18)

Live It:

We invite you to participate by buying Gifts of Hope and by spreading the word. Why not bring back the Spirit of Giving this year!

See It:

'There were shepherds living out in the fields nearby. It was night, and they were looking after their sheep. An angel of the Lord appeared to them. And the glory of the Lord shone around them. They were terrified. But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid. I bring you good news of great joy. It is for all the people. Today in the town of David a Saviour has been born to you. He is Christ the Lord. Here is how you will know I am telling you the truth. You will find a baby wrapped in strips of cloth and lying in a manger." Suddenly, a large group of angels from Heaven also appeared. They were praising God. They said, "May glory be given to God in the highest heaven! And may peace be given to those He is pleased with on earth!"' (Luke 2:8-14)

On It:

Have you ever been minding your own business when someone interrupts you? Maybe you are sitting in the park in the middle of the afternoon dividing blades of grass or counting clouds and then your friends sneak up behind you, and, suddenly, scream and pounce on you? That is shocking! But it is nothing compared to what a handful of unsuspecting shepherds in the hills on the outskirts of Bethlehem had coming to them one quiet night. Do you remember the Facebook announcement of the forthcoming birth? Well, it is typical for new parents to announce the actual birth in the same way. But God goes WAY OVER THE TOP with His birth announcements! Tonnes of angels appear in the sky and begin praising God!



Do It:

Spend some time reading over your memory verses and doctrines and books of the Bible! Next week is going to be a recall week!

In It:

Please bring peace to every country in the world.

Eat It:

'We believe in the immortality of the soul, in the resurrection of the body, in the general judgement at the end of the world, at the eternal happiness of the righteous, and in the endless punishment of the wicked.' (Doctrine 11) Recite this. Memorize it. Tell five friends.

Read It:

One-year Bible Plan: Read John 15-18

Week 52

Day 1



Jehovah Rocks:

Yahweh, Your name is perfect. You are the most amazing God and You are better than everything in the Heavens and the earth. (Psalm 8:1)

See It:

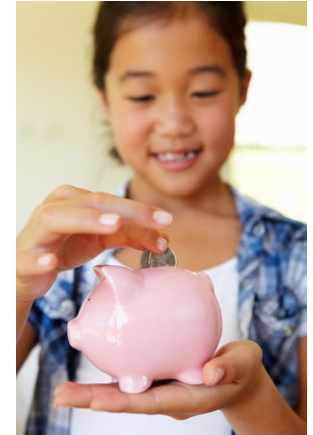
"I know the plans I have for you," announces the Lord. "I want you to have good times. I do not plan to harm you. I will give you hope for all your years to come. Then you will call out to Me. You will come and pray to Me. And I will listen to you. When you look for Me with all your heart, you will find Me." (Jeremiah 29:11-13)

On It:

How do you get clean clothes to wear each day? How does cooked food mysteriously show up on your kitchen table a couple of times each day? It doesn't just happen! Someone thought it through and prepared it for you. As a kid you usually expect someone to have a plan. Maybe your parents or teachers or Junior Soldier Sergeants are the people you presume have thought out and prepared things for you. And it is great that they do. They know more about life than you do. They know what it needed for tomorrow – clean clothes and nourishing food and opportunities to learn and to worship and to serve and to evangelize... And they work it out for you. Can you imagine if no one planned for you? Can you imagine if the plans were to hurt you? Wow. Well, here, God assures us that HE has made plans for each of us. And these plans are not harmful – they are set in place so that we can enjoy success. He wants to put hope in our hearts. When we call on Him, He listens. When we search with all of our hearts, we will find Him. Let's start living out His successful plan!

Live It:

This week we are looking at seven areas of the world, and seven things that The Army does there. We want you to think of seven ways you can do something similar next year. In Indonesia, The Salvation Army runs over 15 children homes for orphans. They always need more supplies. Can you think of a way to raise some money for these missions?



Do It:

We want you to think about things you are going to do next year. Write them all on the same page, and on that page, make a heading. You will also need to make an envelope for the page to go in at the end of the week.

In It

Please bless Indonesia and all of the mission there.

Eat It:

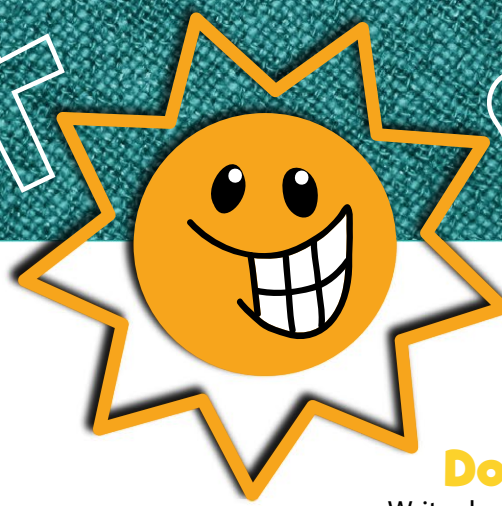
'The harvest is the end of the age.' (Matthew 13:39b) Memorize this verse, this week.

Read It:

One-year Bible Plan: Read John 19-21

Week 52

Day 2



Jehovah Rocks:

You are the mighty and strong help for anyone who calls on You. No matter what they are going through, You are strong enough. (Psalm 9:9)

See It:

'The Lord loves us very much. So, we haven't been completely destroyed. His loving care for us never fails. His great love is new every morning. Lord, how faithful You are! I say to myself, "The Lord is everything I will ever need. So, I will put my hope in Him." (Lamentations 3:22-24)

On It:

Have you ever had a bad day or a sad day? Sometimes even a good night's sleep won't take away the problem that causes your sadness. Jeremiah had a very long streak of bad days and sad days. The morning would not bring with it a clean slate. Just because the sun rose in the sky it didn't mean that the problem disappeared. But do you know what Jeremiah found? He found that he could feel God's merciful love faithfully in a fresh way each morning. And that love reminded Jeremiah that God provides everything he needs. He put his hope in God each morning. We are not promising that when you go to war for Jesus that you will have no sadness or problems. In fact, in some ways you will run into more difficulties. But we can follow Jeremiah's example and wake up each morning to a fresh experience of God's merciful and faithful love in our lives to give us a jolt of hope to overcome our challenges of the day.

Live It:

Every year in Canada and Bermuda (and probably lots of other places too) The Salvation Army have lots of Christmas presents donated that they then give out to children who otherwise would receive nothing.

We get so many presents that it takes an entire warehouse to store them!

Do It:

Write down some of your school goals for next calendar year.

My Goals:



In It:

Draw some Christians together to worship with you at school and then pray to God that this would happen. (And God bless Europe!)

Eat It:

Matthew 13:39b
Do you remember when we talked about praying for workers for the harvest? The harvest was the crop of people who were ready to get saved. Well, Jesus is promising a harvest, what Revelation describes as a massive, unprecedented crop of people getting saved from every tribe, and language, and people, and nation. That's a huge harvest!

Read It:

One-year Bible Plan: Read 1 John 1-5

Week 52

Day 3



Jehovah Rocks:

*You don't let anyone who calls on You fall. Thank You!
You are our salvation! (Psalm 9:10)*

See It:

'I will sprinkle pure water on you. Then you will be 'clean.' I will make you completely pure and clean. I will take all of the statues of your gods away from you. I will give you new hearts. I will give you a new spirit that is faithful to Me. I will remove your stubborn hearts from you. I will give you hearts that obey Me. I will put My Spirit in you. I will move you to follow My rules. I want you to be careful to keep My laws. You will live in the land I gave your people long ago. You will be My people. And I will be your God.' (Ezekiel 36:25-28)

On It:

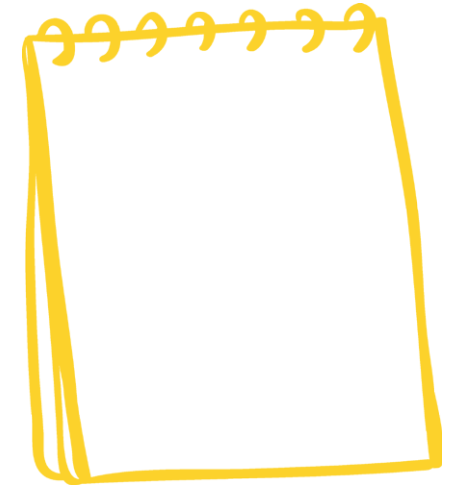
Have you ever been in a big mudslide? After it rains a lot and the dirt turns into a big field of mud, sometimes it is fun to take big runs and then dive into the mud to see how far you slide. At the end of the game you are covered and saturated with mud. Usually you need a sprinkler to wash all the dirt off of you. This is sort of what God is promising to us when He wants to sprinkle pure water on us and make us clean. That spiritual sprinkler is washing off spiritual mud – all kinds of sins like pride, selfishness, disobedience, swearing, lying, cheating, stealing, jealousy, resentment, etc. – and making you clean. And God goes even further. He wants to transform your inside as well! He wants to give you a new heart, a new spirit that wants to obey Him. He wants to put His Holy Spirit in you to help you be careful to obey His laws. You will be His people. And He will be your God. Hallelujahweh!

Live It:

In Mexico, we have a trade centre where people can go and learn a trade so that they can then get a job. Find a way to use your talent and gifts to bring hope or joy to others this year.

Do It:

Write down some things you want to do for God next year.



In It:

God, please bless Mexico.

Eat It:

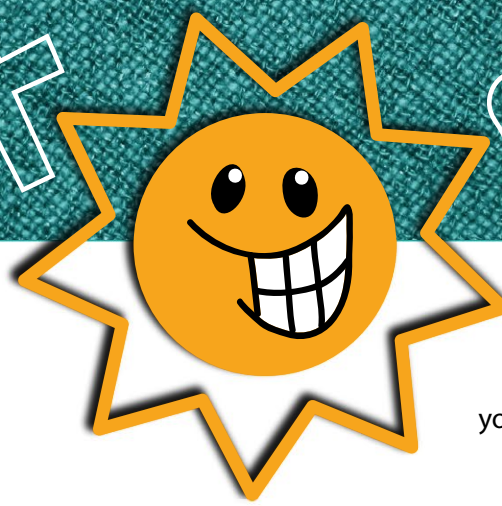
Matthew 13:39b
And, as Revelation and this verse suggest, this massive group of people getting saved is the end of the age. That means that Jesus is coming back right around when we harvest this crop. Memorize this verse.

Read It:

One-year Bible Plan: Read Psalm 117, 119:81-176, 2 John, & 3 John

Week 52

Day 4



Jehovah Rocks:

You help all those who don't have any help. You are my wonderful Father. (Psalm 10:14)

See It:

'In a race all the runners run. But only one gets the prize. You know that, don't you? So, run in a way that will get you the prize. All who take part in the games train hard. They do it to get a crown that will not last. But we do it to get a crown that will last forever.' (1 Corinthians 9:24)

On It:

Now, we are running out of days in this year and in this book. What's next? Well, if this is your first year through the book, then we encourage you to do it again next year but beef up your Bible reading. That is, maybe do the New Testament reading each day. If you did that this year, then bump it up and do the whole Bible reading list next year. That will cover the whole Bible in One-year. And if you have done THAT, then find three friends and meet with them to teach them the material. This will be part of your discipling process to raise up more mighty warriors. Paul's testimony in these verses is a great reminder for us. You may know kids who practise piano for an hour a day (great idea) or study really hard (great, too) or practise their favourite sport (fun, too). Those are good things, and maybe you do all of these things (great!). But can we just challenge you to do as much in your salvation warfare – prayer and Bible, rations, evangelism, worship, discipling – as you do in those other things? It is your salvation warfare that will last forever. And, review the memory verses each week next year.

Live It:

In Kenya, we have a farm where we raise rabbits and sell them and use this money to raise money for their programmes. You can either buy

some rabbits online at Gifts of Hope, or you can find a way to make money and give this to a programme at your corps.



Do It:

Set yourself a target of how much of your pocket money you can give away and write that down, too.

In It:

Please bless all the officers in all of Africa.

Eat It: Matthew 13:39b

Can you imagine too many people to count, from every country in the world, from every tribe in the world, speaking every language in the world, from every people group in the world, getting saved? You'd better imagine it, because God wants to use you to help make it happen! Where do you start? Memorize this verse.

Read It:

One-year Bible Plan: Read Revelation 1-4

Week 52

Day 5



Jehovah Rocks:

I love You and know that You are my strength.
(Psalm 18:1)

See It:

'My son Solomon, always remember the God of your father. Serve Him with all your heart. Do it with a mind that wants to obey Him. The Lord looks deep down inside every heart. He understands the real reasons for everything you think. If you look to Him, you will find Him. But if you desert Him, He will turn His back on you forever.' (1 Chronicles 28:9)

On It:

These were words that Solomon's father, King David, told him shortly before he died. It was David's advice to his son as he was about to take over the kingdom of Israel. And it is serious advice for us, as well. Let's serve God with wholehearted devotion and a willing mind. God knows the desires and motivations of your heart. Don't try to fool Him. Look to Him, all the time. So, when you are 11, 21, 31, 41, 51 years old (and all the years in between, and afterward!) keep staring at Jesus. Do NOT desert Him. Let us say that again. Do NOT desert Him.

Live It:

In Australia, we have a 'flying Padre' service. It flies around remote parts of Australia to bring help to isolated people. You should find a way to bring hope to people in your area who are lonely.

Do It:

Write down how much of the Bible you are going to read next year.

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In It:

God bless Australia!

Eat It:

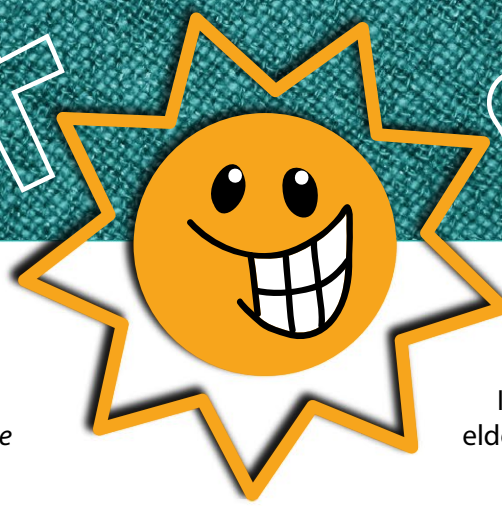
Matthew 13:39b
There are all kinds of strategies to reach these people groups, many of whom have never heard the Good News about Jesus. There are people who translate the Bible into languages of these people. There are people who broadcast the Gospel of Jesus over the radio into the lands of people who can't hear the Gospel in person. There are people who slip into new tribes and peoples and make friends and start small groups of the Gospel. And so on. Maybe God will give you some ideas and strategies.

Read It:

One-year Bible Plan: Read Revelation 5-9

Week 52

Day 6



Jehovah Rocks:

You are my rock, my salvation, my fortress, my deliverer, my shield, my stronghold, and my refuge. I love You! (Psalm 18:2)

See It:

'Then the angel showed me the river of the water of life... It flowed from the throne of God and of the Lamb. It flowed down the middle of the city's main street. On each side of the river stood the tree of life, bearing 12 crops of fruit... The leaves of the tree bring healing to the nations. There will no longer be any curse. The throne of God and of the Lamb will be in the city. God's servants will serve him. They will see His face. His name will be on their foreheads. There will be no more night. They will not need the light of a lamp or the light of the sun. The Lord God will give them light.' (Revelation 22: 1-5)

On It:

This is what we have to look forward to in Heaven. Water and crops of fruit represent life and abundance and healing. We won't need lamps and light bulbs/globes, or even the light of the sun. God glows. It is going to be amazing. I sat on a bus for a couple of hours with a guy one time. I told him all about Jesus' love for him and how Jesus died on the cross for his sins and rose again. Well, this guy was interested but did not receive Jesus as Lord. A few days later I heard that he died. I went to the funeral and was surprised that everyone was celebrating, as if he was going to Heaven. I was frustrated because I knew that just a few days earlier, on a bus, he had rejected Jesus. But his mother came up to me and told me that in between the bus trip and his death her son decided to repent and believe, and he accepted Jesus' invitation. And that is why everyone was celebrating at his funeral. Well, if we follow Jesus, we end up in Heaven, too. Let's get everyone we can to join us in Heaven!

Live It:

In the USA, The Salvation Army runs nursing homes for the elderly who have no one to take care of them.



Do It:

Write down some of the things you are going to stop doing for next year.

In It:

Lord, please bring hope to all the people of the USA and grow Your Army there.

Eat It: Matthew 13:39b

The good news about this verse is that it corrects the mistake in most Christians' heads that the world is going to end with Christianity slipping out with a whimper. They seem to think that we will all be persecuted and there will be very few Christians left. We WILL be persecuted. But tons of people will be saved!

Read It:

One-year Bible Plan: Read Revelation 10-14

Week 52

Day 7



Jehovah Rocks:

I call out to You and praise You. You are so worthy to be praised, Yahweh. You are the strongest and the greatest. (Psalm 18:3)

See It:

'Give praise to the One who is able to keep you from falling into sin. He will bring you into His heavenly glory without any fault. He will bring you there with great joy. Give praise to the only God. He is our Saviour. Glory, majesty, power and authority belong to him. Give praise to Him through Jesus Christ our Lord. Give praise to the One who was before all time, who now is, and who will be forever. Amen.' (Jude 1: 24-25)

On It:

The proper way to end this book is to give glory to God! Hallelujahweh! He is the One who is able to keep you from falling into sin. He is the One who will bring you into His heavenly glory without any fault! He is the One who will take you there with great joy! So, we praise God! He deserves the focus of all of our passion and energy; He deserves the fruit of all of our purity and creativity. He deserves all of the glory of our service and warfare. He is our Saviour. Let's join in giving glory to God for the rest of our lives.

Live It:

Did you know that the famous Salvation Army Red Shield was invented in the Canada and Bermuda Territory in 1914 (in Calgary) to help raise funds for the Great War? Well, that shield is now displayed in over a hundred countries, on thousands of buildings throughout the world, and is a symbol of hope and salvation when people see it and find us inside!

Do It:

Write down the names of three people you are going to introduce to God.



In It:

Please bless Canada and Bermuda, and send a revival here!

Eat It:

'The harvest is the end of the age.' (Matthew 13:39b) Memorize this verse. Tell five of your friends.

Read It:

One-year Bible Plan: Read Revelation 15-18

Mission Accomplished!

You made it to the end of the book! Well done! You are a mighty Junior Soldier. And for the last day, you will have something a little different. So here are some words from us to you to spur you on for next year.

Dear reader:

Greetings in Jesus' name. Mercy and peace to you from God our Father. We trust the battle progresses well on your front.

Congratulations on finishing this book. Hallelujah. You'll note that we jammed it so full of stuff there is enough challenge in there, enough readings, enough information to last you all of next year (and maybe even the one following that!). (and do read up Genevieve's letter to you that directly follow this!)

But, if you've been pretty consistent at plunging into this every day, you can look back at yourself a year ago and recognize a lot of pretty big changes. And for that, we join you in praising God. It is all because of Him!

Let this be a launching pad for you to invest your life in love God and loving others, aiming at multiplying multiplying disciples multiplying multiplying bases.

God bless The Salvation Army.

Stay close to Jesus.
Much Grace,
Stephen Court (Major)

Hello to all of you wonderful children!

GOD AND TOAST was written for you, to you to help you keep your promise to God. A promise to pray, to read your Bible, to help others follow Jesus, and to lead a life clean in thought word and deed. Your faithfulness to God has changed your world, the world of those around you, and the Kingdom! Praise God! But, in case you missed it, I want you to know a few things. First, God loves you so much. We don't even fully understand His love, but we know that it is huge! Second, Jesus has forgiven you completely. Thank You, Jesus. Third, the Holy Spirit makes you holy and strong and helps you be all that God wants you to be. Fourth, satan is totally weak, and when you fight in the strength of God, you will win. Hallelujah! And Fifth, we need to share this good news with as many people as we can, so that they can have the awesome promises God has for them fulfilled in their life too!

You have done well this year, but each year brings new challenges and adventures from God. It is so important for you to keep going with your rations, and to continue to ask for more and more of God. Watch how He will grow you into a mighty warrior for Him. As you stay close to Him, He will help you to look more and more like Jesus. So, I encourage you to work through this book again next year, and do even more of the challenges, even more of the Bible reading, even more of the prayers. I hope you have had fun. I pray God has given you a bigger brain to understand it all. But above all, I hope that you have felt His love and grace in your beautiful life that is filled with His holy purposes for you.

As a sister to you in God's Army, I say 'well done!' Keep your heart and mind on Jesus,
Genevieve Peterson (Major)

Final Bible Reading: Revelation 19-22





Glossary

Covenant/covenanted: It is a strong promise and bond – in our case between us and God – and so we, as junior soldiers are covenanted.

Demons: Evil spirits; they used to be angels in Heaven, but they rebelled against God.

Eternal life: The moment we get saved, our eternal life starts, and it continues into Heaven.

Evangelize/evangelizing: As the Junior Soldier pledge says, I will ‘try to help others to follow Him.’ It will include pointing out that we are sinners, that Jesus died for our sins, and that we can repent and believe to be forgiven and become friends with Jesus.

Holy/holiness: As the Junior Soldier promise declares, ‘because Jesus is my Saviour from sin, I can ‘live a life that is clean in thought, word, or deed’ – this is only possible when Holy Spirit fills us.

Prophecies: God’s message to someone through you (or to you through someone else).

Prophet: God tells you something to tell someone else - that’s prophetic.

Repent: Turn from your sins. Stop doing them. Change your mind about sinful things (from thinking they are fun or okay to knowing that they offend God [‘think different’]).

Revolutionary Movement: We are fighting to overthrow the rule of Satan and demons and see the Lord Jesus Christ take His rightful place as King.

Salvation: Getting saved from sin and hell by Jesus.

Satan: An angel who rebelled against God and hates God and all of us and wants to destroy us.

Saved: You, ‘Having asked God for forgiveness,’ became ‘His loving and obedient child.’ Jesus saves us by His death on the Cross through our repentance and faith.

Sin: Disobeying God.

The enemy: Satan, the devil, demons, evil spirits, gargoyles, ghosts, witches, goblins, gnomes, elves, and every other evil spirit that hates our Lord Jesus Christ and tries to steal and kill and destroy our lives.

The war: The Salvation War is fought by God’s soldiers – those of us who are committed to Jesus – against the devil and sin. We’re fighting to see everyone become friends with Jesus.

Warrior: A trained, equipped, committed fighter for the Lord Jesus Christ.