

Masterpiece

WEEKLY DEVOTIONALS

Discovering My Unique Design through God's Word

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WRITE THE NICKNAME YOUR FRIENDS & FAMILY CALL YOU:

WHO IS ONE PERSON IN THE WORLD YOU HOPE TO MEET ONE DAY?

WHAT IS YOUR FAVORITE FALL ACTIVITY?

Lost & Found

IF SOMEONE FINDS YOUR BOOK, DO YOU WANT THEM TO RETURN IT?

☐

**YES, CALL THE
NUMBER BELOW!**

☐

NO, JUST KEEP IT.

WRITE A PARENT OR ANOTHER ADULT'S PHONE NUMBER ON THIS LINE:



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WHAT IS A MASTERPIECE?

Master
Piece

A masterpiece is a work of outstanding artistry, craftsmanship, or skill. Different types of things can be considered masterpieces, like a painting, a house, or even a car! God is the greatest masterpiece maker of all time, because he made you—his greatest creation of all.

WRITE FIVE THINGS ABOUT YOURSELF THAT YOU'RE GRATEFUL GOD DESIGNED:

A feature that sets apart a masterpiece is its intentional, unique, or intricate design. This devotional series will help you discover, through God's Word, the purposeful and detailed ways God designed you to be his masterpiece.

WHAT ARE THREE THINGS YOU WANT TO LEARN FROM GOD THIS FALL?

EXAMPLE: To understand God's love for me

How to Use this Book

This book is created especially for Military children, like you, who face unique battles in life. Follow these simple guidelines to get the most out of this book.

1. READ

Read the devotional each week to learn more about loving God, yourself, and other people.

2. REFLECT

Think about how the devotional applies to your life and what you are feeling right now.

3. EXPLORE

Complete the weekly “Spiritual Fitness Training” to explore how you can live out God’s Word each week.

4. LEARN

Look up each Bible verse in the “Keep it Going” section to learn more about God.

5. EXPRESS

Use the notes and doodles sections to write down any thoughts or questions you have about God or any ideas you have to live out God’s Word each week. Use these pages to express yourself in your own unique way, like the unique masterpiece you are!

Tips & Ideas



Think about things you might want to change in your life.



Talk with your parents or siblings about what you learned and ask them to help you with live out God's Word each week.



If you don't understand something you read, don't be afraid to ask an adult to help you understand it.



Memorize the Scripture verse each week.



Have fun and mark up this book with your own thoughts and doodles!

Grace

WEEK TWENTY-SEVEN

A Life of Thanksgiving



*Because of all that the Son is, we have been
given one blessing after another.*

John 1:16

People talk about being blessed all the time. What is your greatest blessing? Great parents? Health and safety? Cool things you own?

When you think about it, God has given us blessings upon blessings. You could spend your whole life saying thank you!

Psst! Life hack: we *should* spend our lives saying thank you. Paying attention to all the blessings God gives you will change your life because it changes your heart. It teaches you to concentrate on the good things in your life—the things that come from God.

We don't deserve blessings. We didn't do anything to earn them. God gives them to us because he loves us. This is called grace. Truly, we are given grace after grace.

But what is the biggest blessing of all? The one that can't ever be taken away? Jesus! Blessings are given and taken away, but God is always with us. Because of Jesus's death on the cross, we can be forgiven for anything and everything when we admit our sins and change our attitude toward wrong things. Being adopted as a child into God's family is utterly mind blowing! We can have all the goodness of God's Kingdom because of Jesus and his great, great love for us.

***We are given many blessings, but
the greatest one of them all is Jesus.***

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Spiritual Fitness Training

Thanking God for his blessings can change you and your family. Get a poster board or a huge chunk of wrapping paper and hang it up where everyone can see it. Have everyone write at least one thing they are thankful for every day this week.

Instructions

- ① Find poster board or wrapping paper.
- ② Tape it to the wall.
- ③ Tell your family what you learned about being grateful.
- ④ Be the first person to write down something you are thankful for!
- ⑤ Encourage your family to write something each day, too!

Keep It Going This Week *Find out more by reading these verses.*

☐ Nehemiah 9:17

☐ Romans 8:32

☐ Psalm 150:6

☐ 1 Corinthians 15:56–57

**Week
Twenty
Seven**

" . . . Praise is not chiefly a matter
of saying anything, because most
of creation doesn't deal in words.
Instead the snow whirls, the fire
roars . . . and the old man watches
the moon rise."

—Frederick Buechner, pastor and author



Write Your Thoughts Here



God, sometimes I don't know why you love me so much. Thank you for Jesus and all he did so I can receive forgiveness.

**Week
Twenty
Seven**

God of hope

WEEK TWENTY-EIGHT

Holding Out Hope



I pray that God, who gives hope, will bless you with complete happiness and peace because of your faith. And may the power of the Holy Spirit fill you with hope.

Romans 15:13

You hope to get on the track team. You hope to pass the test. You hope to make friends in your new town. You hope your grandpa gets well.

We need hope! Otherwise, we'll be down about life. Thankfully our God gives us hope... and it's a hope that is much bigger and lasts much longer than anything we can hope for on this Earth.

This week's Bible verse talks about the hope God gives us through salvation, which means he saves us. When God sent his son, Jesus, to die on the cross, he took the punishment for our wrongdoing. Because of that, we can be forgiven. Without forgiveness, we'd have no hope of being together with a perfect, holy God.

But because of Jesus, we can have hope to enter his Kingdom, Heaven. That's real, eternal hope!

And this kind of hope gives you joy through the Holy Spirit. Even when life can get you feeling down, God will never leave you hopeless. Remind yourself of the great price he paid for you on the cross. Thank him for his love and forgiveness. And go out to face your day with the joy that comes from the God of true hope!

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***Even when life can get you feeling down,
God will never leave you hopeless.***

Spiritual Fitness Training

The Holy Spirit fills us with hope. Sometimes it's hard to know he is there because we can't see him. This week, find a quiet room and pray that God will surround you with his Holy Spirit. He can do that! As you do so, jot down what you observe, so you can start to recognize the Holy Spirit in the future.

The Holy Spirit

Example: My heart feels very calm.

What I'm
learning
about the
Holy Spirit



Keep It Going This Week *Find out more by reading these verses.*

☐ Job 13:15

☐ 1 Thessalonians 5:23–24

☐ Psalm 42:5

☐ Hebrews 11:1

**Week
Twenty
Eight**

Mind Blower

Scientists have been able to
get seeds that are thousands
of years old to grow. That's
holding out hope!



Write Your Thoughts Here



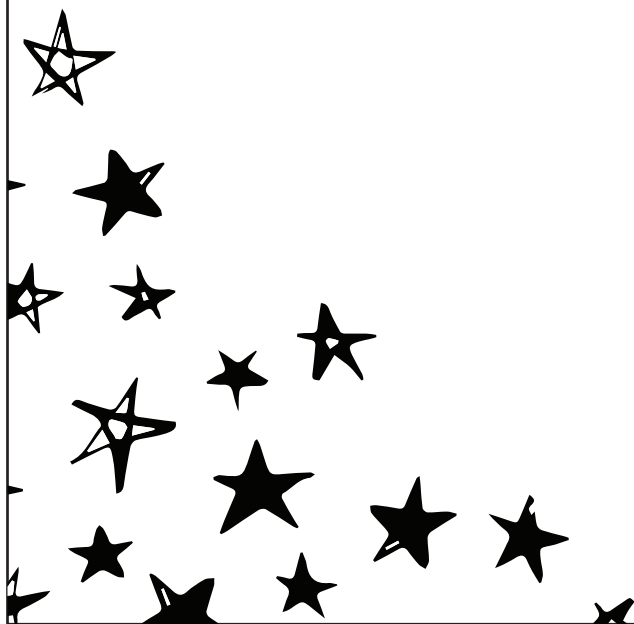
**God, there are a lot of things I am hoping for.
I trust you to bring what is best.**

**Week
Twenty
Eight**

Doodle Space



Draw pictures of some things you are hoping for, then tell God about these things in prayer!





When the End Comes



The Lord isn't slow about keeping his promises, as some people think he is. In fact, God is patient, because he wants everyone to turn from sin and no one to be lost.

2 Peter 3:9

Do you ever get in a hurry for the end of a story in a book or a movie? You may get tired of all the bad stuff in the middle when you know it has a good finish.

We also know the end of the world's story is going to be good—no more bad guys, no more pain, no more goodbyes, and, best of all, we'll get to be with Jesus face to face!

So it's easy to want to skip to the end, but God is being patient in bringing the story to the end. Why? Because he wants to give everyone plenty of opportunity to turn from their bad ways, ask forgiveness, and live for him.

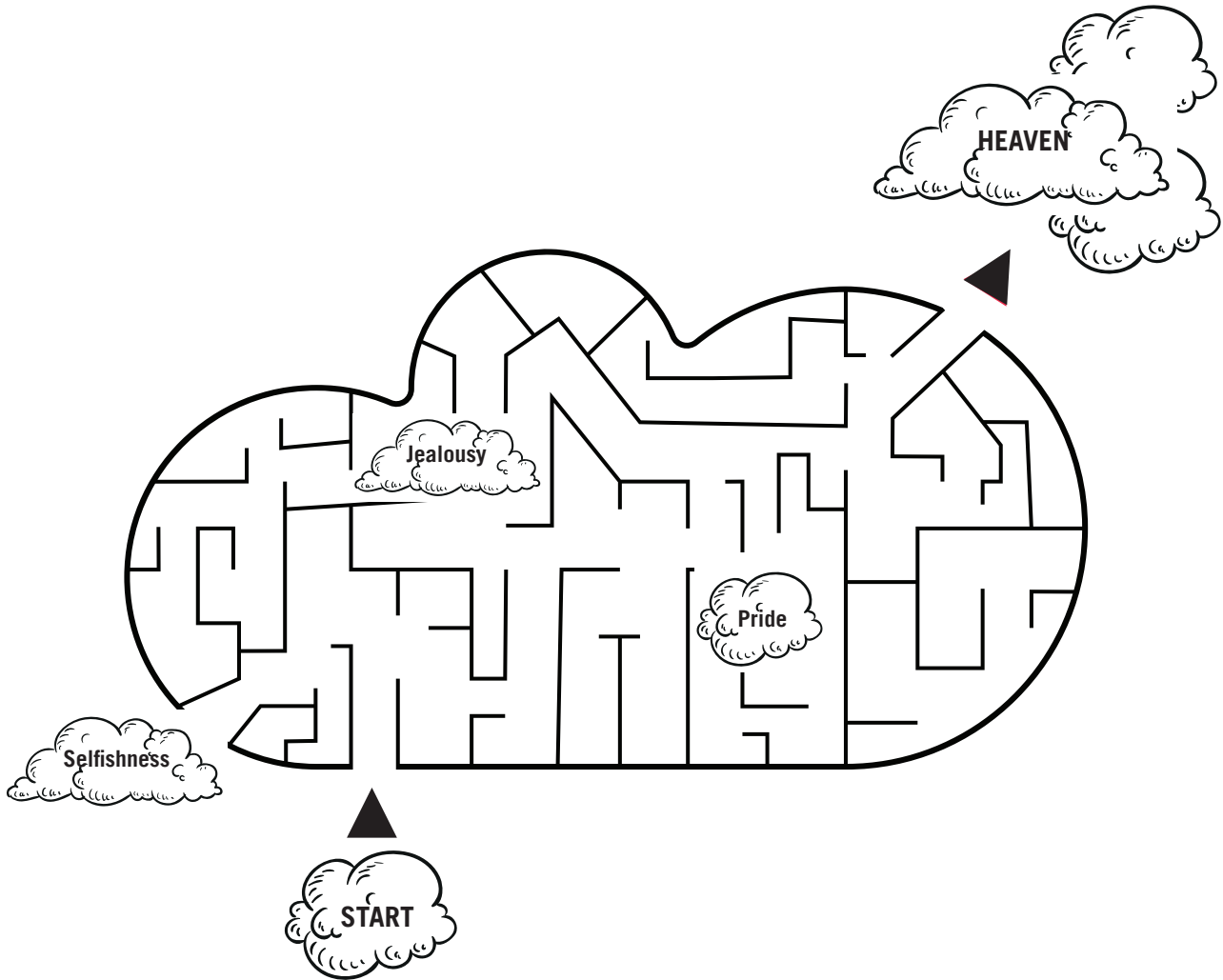
How awesome would that be? Imagine your worst enemy becoming your brother or sister in Christ! It takes an amazing God to do something like that. Now imagine you and all your friends sharing your love for Jesus and helping each other live for him. Imagine never being separated from anyone you love.

You don't have to just imagine these things. You can help make them happen by loving Jesus and telling others about him!

It's good to think about the end of the story and the things Jesus promises us. It helps us to wait and to pray for people to turn to God.

Spiritual Fitness Training

The Lord doesn't want any of his children to be lost. Help these kids turn from their bad ways to get through the maze.



Keep It Going This Week *Find out more by reading these verses.*

☐ Exodus 34:6-7

☐ Romans 2:4

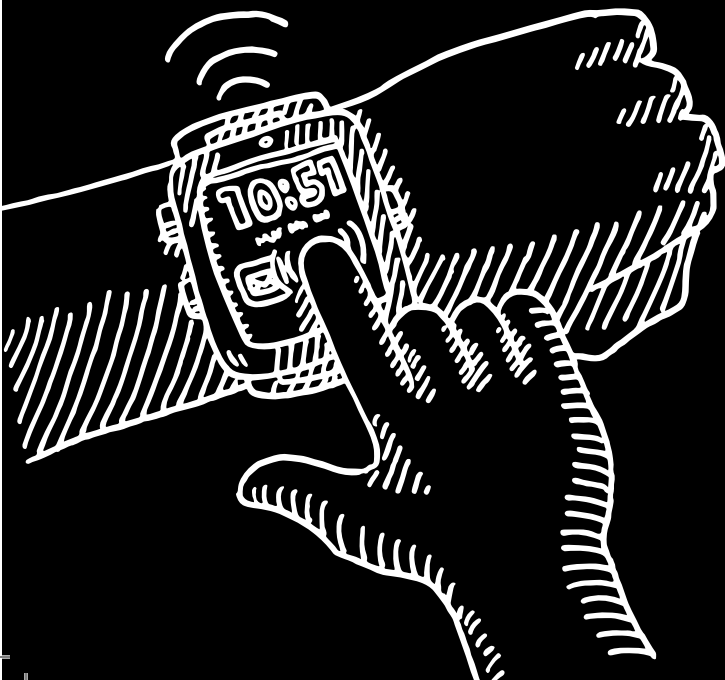
☐ Psalm 86:15

☐ 2 Peter 3:15

**Week
Twenty
Nine**

"God's delays are
not God's denials."

—Robert H. Schuller,
American pastor and author



Write Your Thoughts Here



**Lord, there are many people I want to see loving
and serving you. I pray they hear your voice today.**

**Week
Twenty
Nine**

god heals nations

WEEK THIRTY

Making a Change



If my own people will humbly pray and turn back to me and stop sinning, then I will answer them from heaven. I will forgive them and make their land fertile once again.

2 Chronicles 7:14

Adults are often worrying about America. They worry about our leaders, immigration, money, elections, crime, our Military, education, and the list goes on. It's enough things to talk about to fill our news channels 24 hours a day, seven days a week. And as a Military kid, you are probably extra aware of how problems with the country can affect you and your family.

But so what? It's not like there's anything you can do about it all.

Or is there?

Actually, you can do an important thing for your country: you can pray. People can work and argue and fight all their lives for America, but if God isn't helping, all those efforts will fail. So, we need to pray! We need to ask God to forgive us for what America does wrong. We can ask him to keep us safe from enemies. We can ask him to give our leaders wisdom. Most of all, we need to ask him to turn the hearts of more Americans to follow Jesus.

America is a great country because God has blessed us. Many people throughout our history served God and prayed to him. You and your generation can do the same. God will hear your prayers. He promises that in his Word.

***One of the most important things you
can do for your country is pray.***

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Spiritual Fitness Training

God's Word encourages us to pray for our leaders. Write down some traits of a good leader. Now pick a government or Military leader and pray for them to have those traits. Double-dog dare: choose one you don't agree with! (Yes, we should pray for them, too!) Bonus points: send them a letter telling them you are praying for them.

Traits of a good leader:

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I will pray for:

Dates I prayed:

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Keep It Going This Week *Find out more by reading these verses.*

☐ 2 Chronicles 6:26–27

☐ 1 Timothy 2:1–6

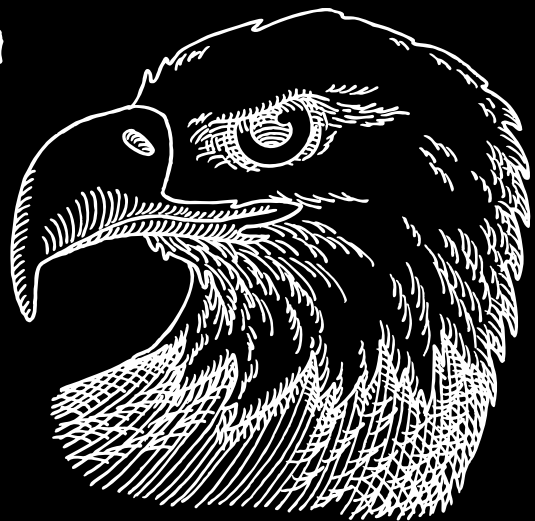
☐ Isaiah 55:7

☐ James 4:10

**Week
Thirty**

Mind Blower

Our national bird is the bald eagle, which almost became extinct in the 1950s. People became more careful with things like hunting laws. God blessed us, and now there is a healthy population of bald eagles across the nation.



Write Your Thoughts Here



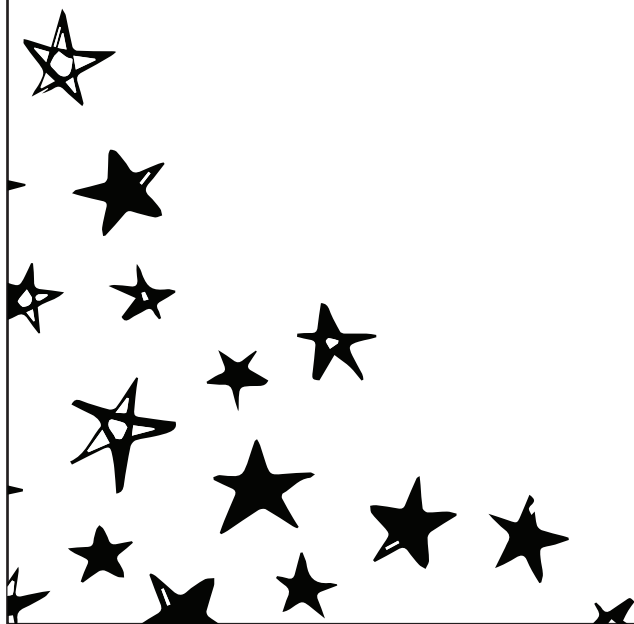
Lord, thank you for this great nation and the freedoms it offers. Please forgive us and help us. Heal our land.

**Week
Thirty**

Doodle Space



Draw a picture of the American flag. Use it as a reminder to pray for our leaders every time you see the flag.





celebrate!

WEEK THIRTY-ONE

Wherever I Am



*This day belongs to the Lord!
Let's celebrate and be glad today.*

Psalm 118:24

Maybe this place is too hot, or too cold.

Maybe it's too far from you friends.

Maybe it's just so weird!

Sometimes we just don't like where we are stationed, and it's hard to be happy about it. Or sometimes we're having a bad day, and it's hard to be joyful.

But no matter what, we know God put us here in this place, at this time. And he gave you this day—rainy, shiny, windy, crazy. No matter what kind of day it is, we can always be happy that he saved us from sin. It's an incredible gift!

So let's look for the blessings that he gives us each day, like little gifts sent for us to find. And let's rejoice because of him, even when we don't feel like it. Believing God is good and that we are saved from sin makes any day better. Let's focus on our wonderful God!

***Because God saves us and sends his
blessings, any day is worth celebrating.***

Master
Piece

Spiritual Fitness Training

Think of things for which you are grateful that start with the letters below. Write one on each line. As you do, thank God out loud!

T _____

H _____

A _____

N _____

K _____

S _____

Keep It Going This Week *Find out more by reading these verses.*

☐ Exodus 15:2

☐ Philippians 4:4

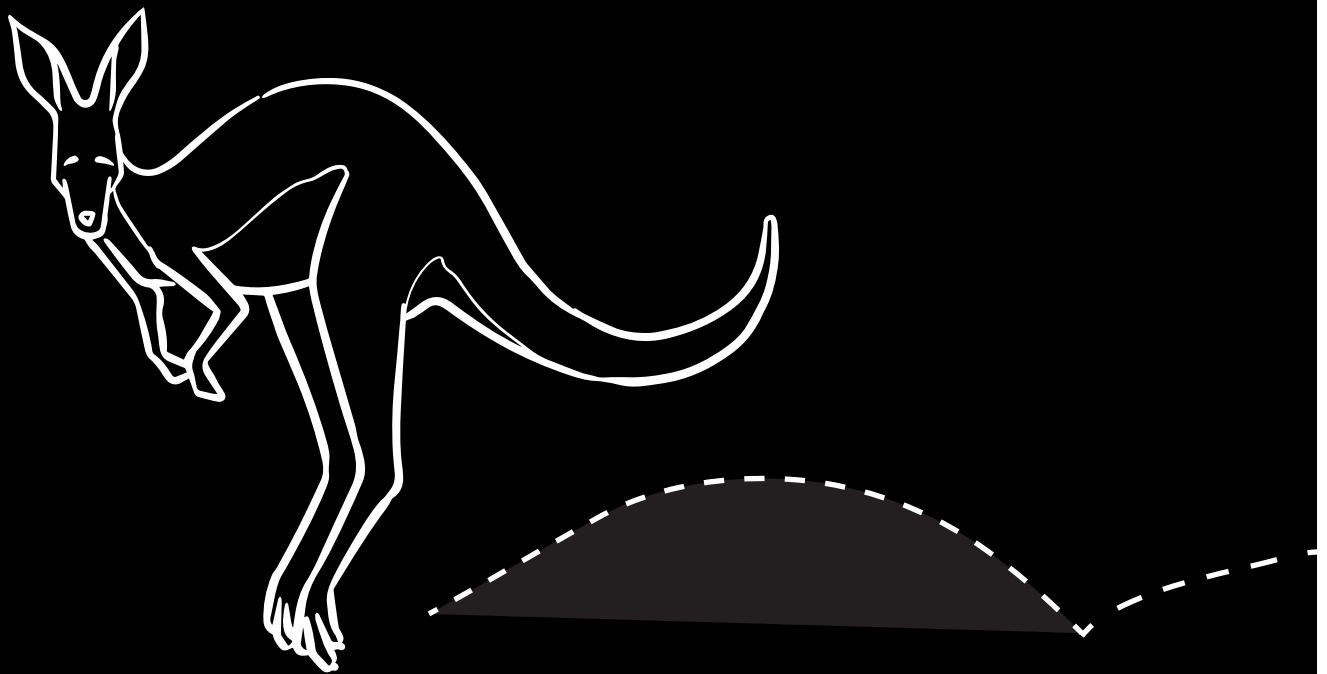
☐ Habakkuk 3:17–18

☐ Philippians 4:12–13

**Week
Thirty
One**

Mind Blower

Some people think the happiest animal on earth is the Quokka wallaby because its face looks like it is smiling.



Write Your Thoughts Here



**Thank you, Lord, for today. Thank you for saving me
and for all the blessings. I'm going to celebrate!**

**Week
Thirty
One**

Father for the lonely

WEEK THIRTY-TWO

When People Fail



Our God, from your sacred home you take care of orphans and protect widows. You find families for those who are lonely.

Psalm 68:5–6a

The prettiest girl. The most popular guy. The best athlete. The smartest kid. We all want to be chosen by the best—to be on their team, to be seen with them, to benefit from their status, to be thought of in the same way they are.

Well guess what? The God of gods and Lord of lords, the great and awesome one, has chosen you! He wants you to be his daughter or son—to be part of his family!

Military life can be lonely as you keep having to make new friends and figure out where you belong in a new place. The good news is no matter where you are, God is there. He walks into every situation before you. When you are by yourself, he is beside you. He listens to you. He cares about you. He loves you because he has made you his child.

Because people are human, sooner or later they will fail you. They won't say the right thing, or be at the place you need them, or be strong enough or wise enough to be able to help you. But God never fails his chosen children.

So don't ever forget who you are—a child of the living God!

***People will fail you, but God never will.
He invites you into his family.***

Spiritual Fitness Training

Because you are part of his family, God invites you into his home. On the wall of the house below, write out some great things about being part of the family of God.



Keep It Going This Week *Find out more by reading these verses.*

☐ Psalm 25:16

☐ Romans 8:15–16a

☐ Isaiah 66:13

☐ 1 John 3:1

**Week
Thirty
Two**

"Loneliness, at its root, is a spiritual issue. We don't need to merely hang out with more friends . . . We need a Savior."

—Paul Matthies, former missionary
and current pastor in Texas



Write Your Thoughts Here



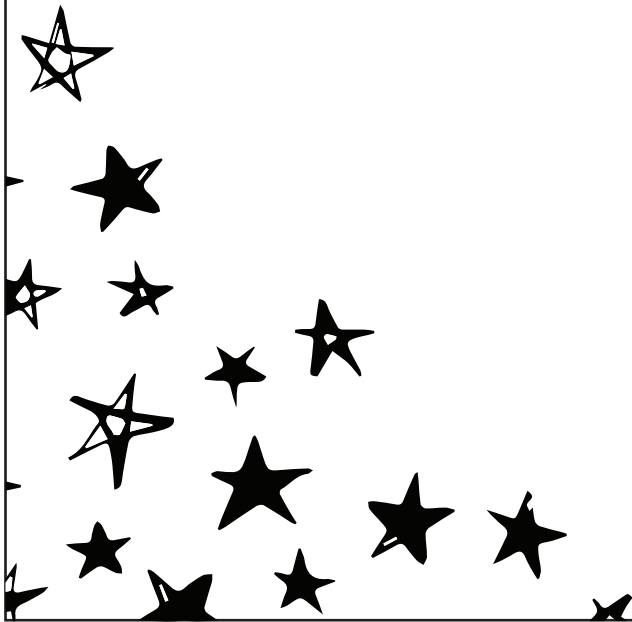
**Lord, thank you for choosing me! Help me
to remember your love when I feel lonely.**

**Week
Thirty
Two**

Doodle Space



*Draw a picture of
your family. Make
sure to include God
in it!*





Breaking the Hard Times



The Spirit of the Lord God has taken control of me! The Lord has chosen and sent me to tell the oppressed the good news, to heal the brokenhearted, and to announce freedom for prisoners and captives.

Isaiah 61:1

Some days are going to bring sadness. And when a bunch of those days line up, life can get really hard. Maybe you've seen that in a friend or felt it yourself. Some try all kinds of things so they don't feel the pain, or they try to hide it. Many of those actions only make it worse.

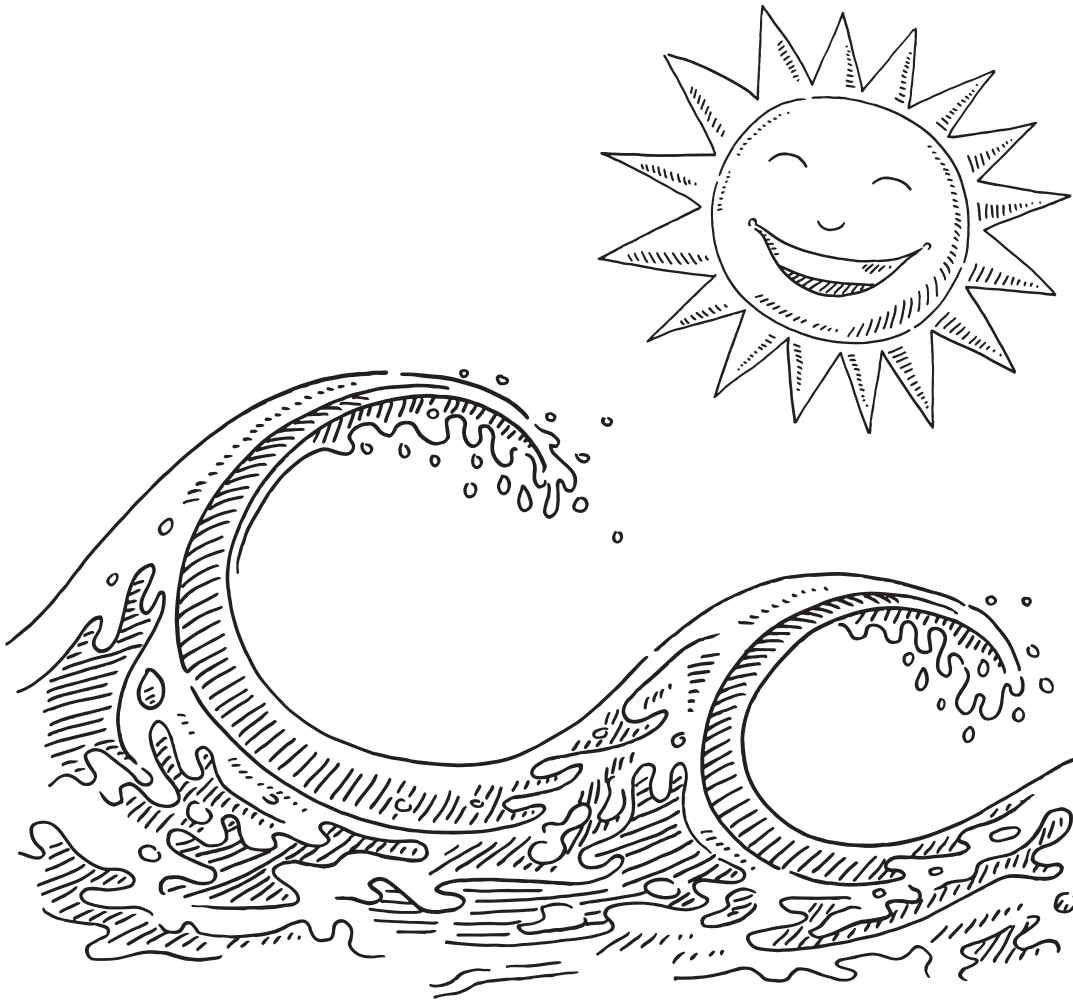
God cares about our pain, and he sent Jesus to help. Jesus himself talked about being chosen to come to this world to save it. Because of him, our pain won't last forever. Sadness, sickness, even death is not stronger than him. He helps us through it by giving us strength and peace.

He also sends us chaplains, pastors, doctors, teachers, parents, and friends. When you or a friend is feeling down, it is important to ask for help. Ask God to direct you to the right person. And be on the lookout for friends who may need help, too. You can be that caring person for them!

Look to God. Pray. Read his words. Watch God bring you and others through hard times. He promises he will do it in his Word!

Spiritual Fitness Training

Write this week's verse along the lines of the waves. As you do, thank God for helping you in times of trouble.



Keep It Going This Week *Find out more by reading these verses.*

☐ Psalm 43:5

☐ Matthew 11:4–6

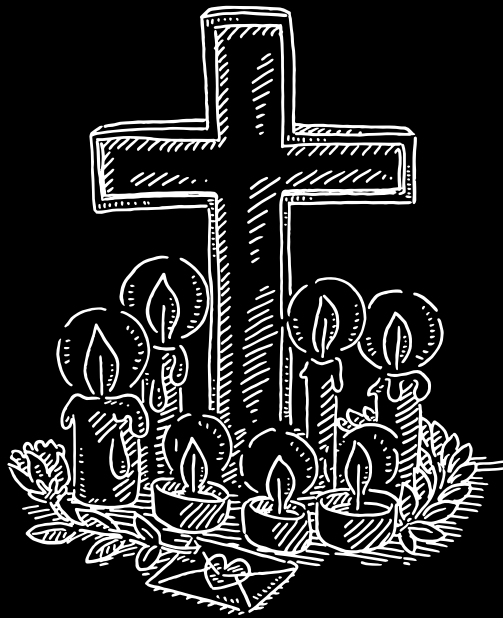
☐ Isaiah 57:15

☐ 1 Peter 4:10–11

**Week
Thirty
Three**

*"Please don't ever go back to
anything you had to pray your
way out of."*

—Toby Mac, Christian singer-songwriter



Write Your Thoughts Here



**Lord, thank you for sending Jesus to help us with
our troubles. Help me be a good friend, too.**

**Week
Thirty
Three**

God is superior

WEEK THIRTY-FOUR

How Big is Your God?



*[In Heaven] ...Christ rules over all forces, authorities, powers, and rulers.
He rules over all beings in this world and will rule in the future world as well.*

Ephesians 1:21

In many parts of the world, it is illegal to believe in the God of the Bible. People risk their lives just to have a copy of his Word. They face being killed, tortured, or imprisoned if they say they believe in God.

How about you? Do you risk anything if you say you believe in God? Maybe you will look weird in front of your classmates or teachers. Maybe you will lose a friend.

Is he worth it? Oh yes!

We don't usually have to face consequences for believing in God, but every day people are observing our actions—do you believe in Jesus enough to live differently? Does it change how you deal with fear when your parent deploys? Do you think God is powerful enough to be worth saying no to drugs or alcohol or other things you know you shouldn't do? Do you see him as caring enough to want the best for you?

It's something we all have to decide: do we believe in a God who is smarter and stronger than anything in this world? If you believe this truth, your actions must change to match what you believe. Take some time this week to think about the ways you are living like Christ and the ways you can do better. Then ask him to help you be more like him!

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***Does your belief in a big God
change how you live?***

Spiritual Fitness Training

There are missionaries around the world who are telling people about Jesus, often at great risk. Think about people or countries you can pray for this week and mark them on the world map below. Then take time to pray for God to help and protect them!



Keep It Going This Week *Find out more by reading these verses.*

☐ Job 38:1–4

☐ Romans 11:34–35

☐ Isaiah 55:8–9

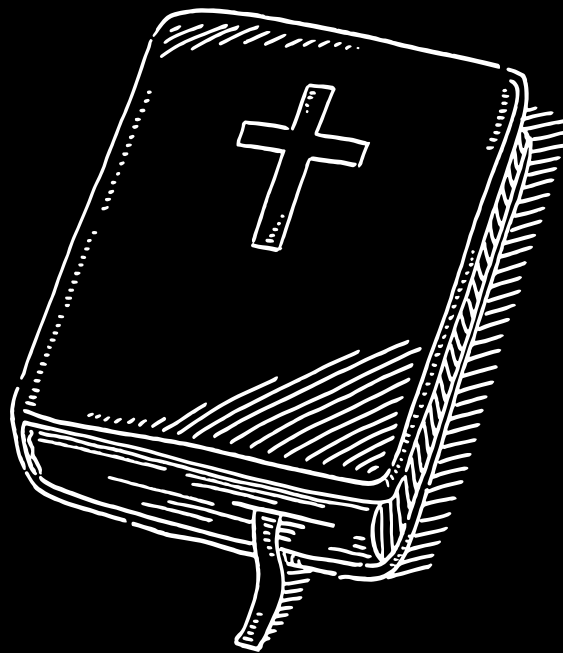
☐ Revelation 4:8

**Week
Thirty
Four**

Mind Blower

The Bible is illegal or banned
in more than 50 countries.

(Thank you, God,
that we have
the freedom in
America to read
it any time!)



Write Your Thoughts Here



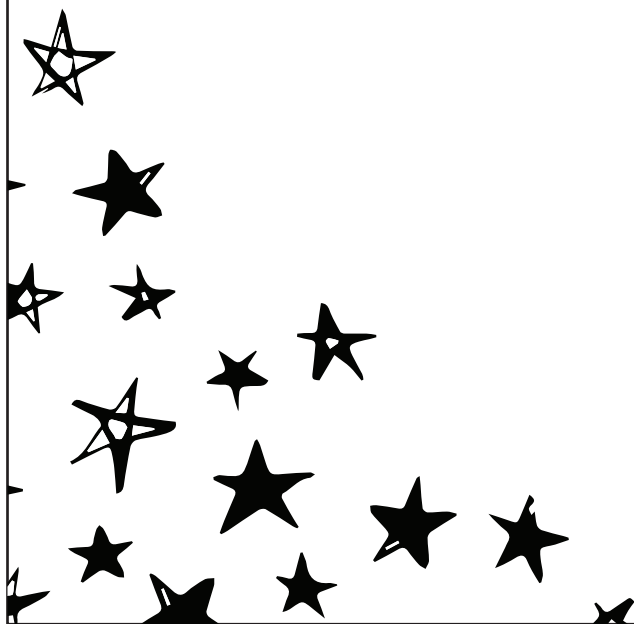
**Lord, you are powerful, right, and wise. I want
to live the way you want. You're worth it!**

**Week
Thirty
Four**

Doodle Space



*Draw a picture of
two people having
a conversation. As
you do, ask God to
show you one person
in your life that you
can tell about Jesus!*





protection

WEEK THIRTY-FIVE

Who You Gonna Call?



The Lord will protect you and keep you safe from all dangers.

The Lord will protect you now and always wherever you go.

Psalm 121:7–8

“Who you gonna call?” the old song asks, and the chorus answers, “Ghostbusters!”

It’s fun for a movie, but when you need real help in life, who are you going to call? Hopefully your parents! Maybe some good friends or good teachers. And hopefully you know chaplains, pastors, and other people you can trust.

God gives us these people to be a safety net for us. Even if you are in trouble because of a mistake you made, there are people who love you, are quick to forgive you, and are ready to help you figure things out.

But the best person to turn to first in times of trouble is God. He is always there, ready and waiting to help you get through any situation. Sooner or later, people will fail you. They can’t be there every time. But God can.

So no matter what you are afraid of, no matter where you are or who you are with, look to God first for protection. Often, he will send help through the people you know, but sometimes his protection will come in a surprising new way.

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***Look for God’s help coming from
people and other surprising ways.***

Spiritual Fitness Training

Think about the animal kingdom. God protects them in different ways by the way he created them. Can you think of how God protects these animals?



Keep It Going This Week *Find out more by reading these verses.*

☐ Psalm 23:1

☐ John 10:11

☐ Ezekiel 34:11-12a

☐ John 15:9

**Week
Thirty
Five**

 **Mind Blower**

Animals do many things to protect their young. Some birds will pretend to be wounded. They will hop around instead of flying, hoping to lure the predator to chase them . . . so the predator won't find their nest.



Write Your Thoughts Here



God, it is awesome that I can call on you anytime for help. Please keep protecting me and my family.

**Week
Thirty
Five**

Knowing God's Love

WEEK THIRTY-SIX

You'll Never Know



I pray that you and all God's people will understand what is called wide or long or high or deep. I want you to know all about Christ's love, although it is too wonderful to be measured. Then your lives will be filled with all that God is.

Ephesians 3:18-19

Have you heard this old camp song?

"Nobody likes me, everybody hates me, guess I'll go eat worms!"

It's a goofy, gross song and we usually laugh when we sing it.

But sometimes, it feels a little too true. Sometimes it seems like nobody likes us. But just because it feels that way doesn't mean it's true. There's lots of things we think we know are true, but we are wrong.

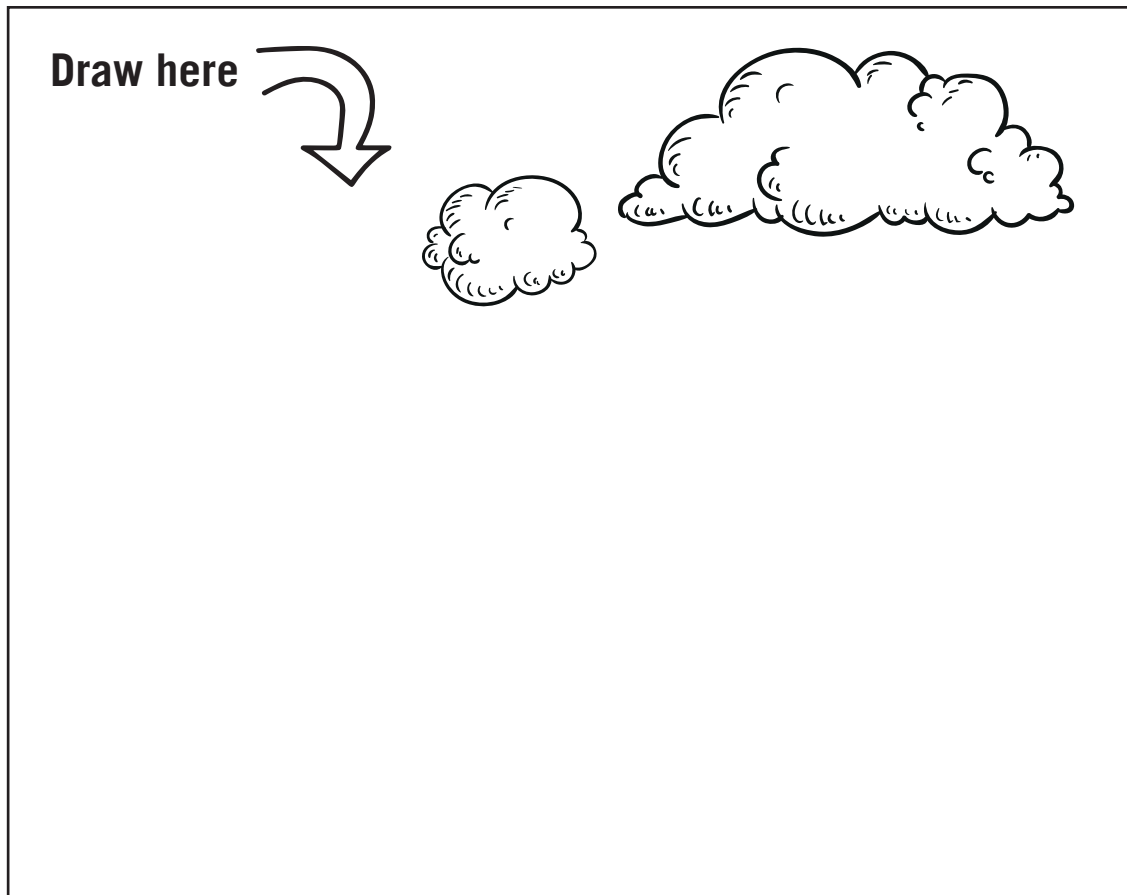
One thing we can absolutely know is true, no matter how we feel about it, is God's love. We will never reach the end or the bottom of it. We will never understand it completely because it is so massive. We can spend our whole lives learning more and more about it. We're swimming in it! We can't do anything so bad that he would stop loving us.

So instead of worrying about how many friends you have or what people say about you or how to look good in everyone's eyes, study how much God loves you by reading your Bible every day. You'll never get that all figured out!

Instead of worrying about how many friends you have, study how much God loves you.

Spiritual Fitness Training

Have you ever visited the Grand Canyon? It is in Arizona, and it is one of the seven wonders of the world! It is so, so big . . . but still not as big as God's love for you! Can you sketch it below? If you need ideas, ask a parent to help you look up pictures of it online.



Keep It Going This Week *Find out more by reading these verses.*

☐ Psalm 36:7

☐ Romans 8:38–39

☐ Zephaniah 3:17

☐ 1 John 4:10

**Week
Thirty
Six**

Mind Blower

The Grand Canyon is bigger
than the entire state of Rhode
Island! It is 277 miles long
and 18 miles wide.



Write Your Thoughts Here



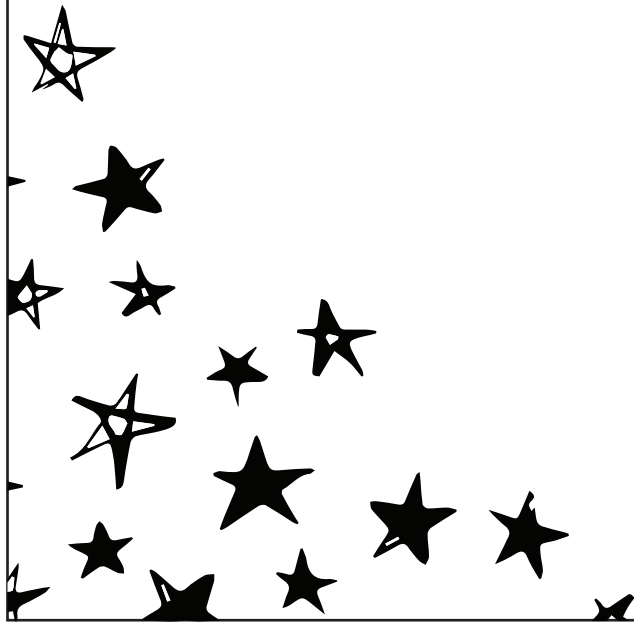
God, sometimes it seems like no one cares, but I know you do. Thank you for your unending love.

**Week
Thirty
Six**

Doodle Space



Draw picture of some things you might see in the Grand Canyon. God created all of those things! (And he cares for them too!)





my safe place

WEEK THIRTY-SEVEN

A Shelter from Trouble



*Our Lord and our God, you are my mighty rock, my fortress,
my protector. You are the rock where I am safe. You are my shield,
my powerful weapon, and my place of shelter.*

2 Samuel 22:2–3

Where do you go when you are afraid? When you feel threatened by other kids or scary events or maybe even anger in your own home, what do you do? Hide? Run off to play with friends and hope it goes away?

The older you get, the more you realize there are a lot of scary things and only one person can protect you from all of it. Your parents or best friends can't always be there for you, but God can. He is the fortress or safe place surrounding you at any time, no matter where you are.

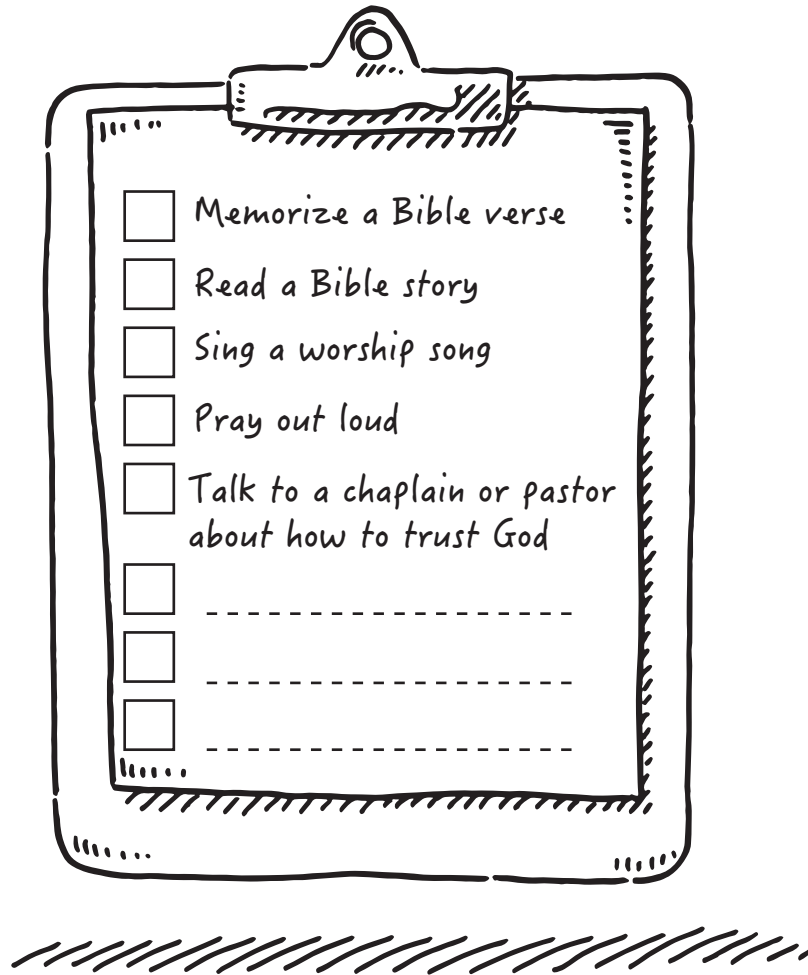
A man named David wrote this week's Bible verse. God saved him from many things—including a lion, a giant, and enemies trying to kill him. He knew God was his safe place, and he kept thanking God in prayers and songs. David compared God to his rock, fortress, and shield when men were throwing arrows and spears at him. Phew! That must have been scary.

Can you think of any times God has already helped you? We probably will never know all that he has done. But if you are breathing and playing with friends and having good days, you can know God is protecting you. And when you know about it, you can thank him!

***If you are breathing, you know God is
protecting you. Thank him every day!***

Spiritual Fitness Training

How can you turn to God the next time things get scary? Make a plan! Check the actions below that you commit to try when you need to find a safe place.



Keep It Going This Week *Find out more by reading these verses.*

☐ Psalm 91:1–4

☐ Acts 27:23–25

☐ Psalm 139:7–12

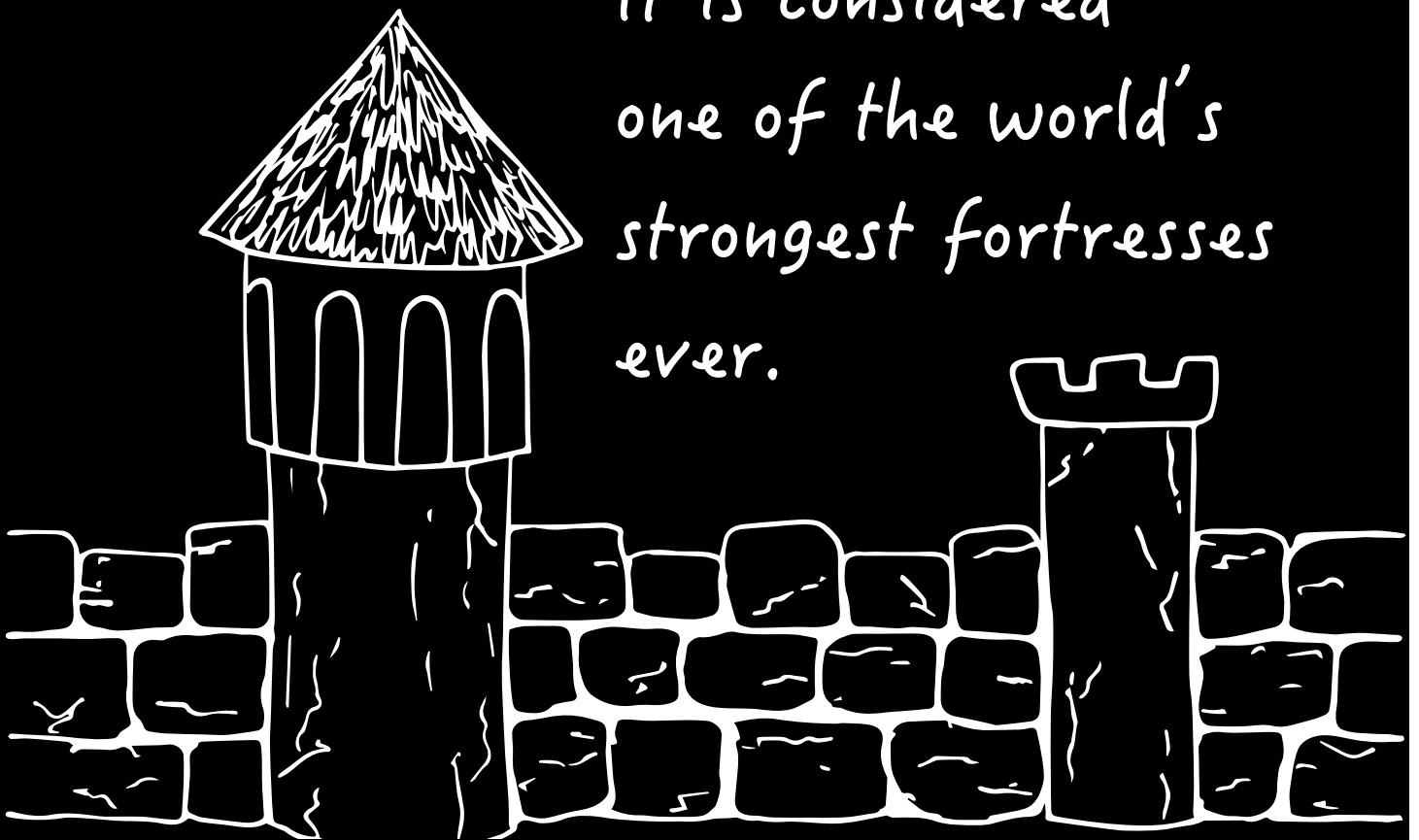
☐ Romans 8:39

**Week
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Mind Blower

In Masada, Israel, before Jesus was born, the Jews built a fortress on top of a plateau that is up to 1,300 feet higher than its surroundings.

It is considered one of the world's strongest fortresses ever.



Write Your Thoughts Here



**Lord, I need you to protect me all the time.
Thank you for being my safe place.**

**Week
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God judges

WEEK THIRTY-EIGHT

The Highest Standard



Everything you were taught can be put into a few words: Respect and obey God! This is what life is all about. God will judge everything we do, even what is done in secret, whether good or bad.

Ecclesiastes 12:13–14

Who loves you enough to push you to be your best? Hopefully several people in your life, like your parents, teachers, or your friends.

And most of all, God does! He knows what is best for you, so he gives you rules and directions that will keep you safe and help you make good decisions. Nothing is hidden from him. He knows your actions, thoughts, and feelings.

God also punishes bad behavior. This may sound harsh, but it's for his good purpose. Just like your parents correct you when you do wrong, God does, too. He judges you, because he loves you and wants what is best for you.

He holds you to the highest standard—to be holy like him. God is making us into the image of his Son, Jesus—the perfect and holy one.

Thankfully, he also sent Jesus and the Holy Spirit. Because of Jesus, we can be forgiven. Because of the Holy Spirit, we have help to do the right things.

All of this means we can say, “Thank you God for loving us enough to judge us!”

Master
Piece

God's perfect judgment brings us to the highest standard—to be holy like him.

Spiritual Fitness Training

Set up a target at which you can kick a soccer ball. Try 10 kicks. How many times did you hit the mark? Now back up another 5 feet and try again. It gets harder! Aren't you glad God forgives us when we miss the target God sets for us in his Word?

Put a checkmark in a box each time you hit your mark.

First Attempt

1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10

Second Attempt

1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10

Total



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☐ 1 Chronicles 16:33

☐ Matthew 25:41

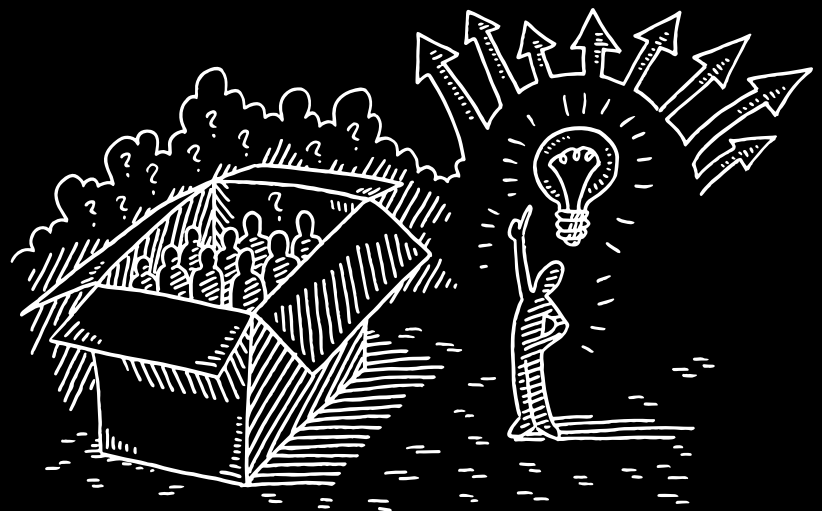
☐ Psalm 51:10–12

☐ Romans 5:8–9

**Week
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Eight**

"You and I were created by God to be so much more than normal . . . Following the crowd is not a winning approach to life. In the end it's a loser's game, because we never become who God created us to be by trying to be like everybody else."

—Tim Tebow,
former NFL football
player and Heisman
Trophy winner



Write Your Thoughts Here



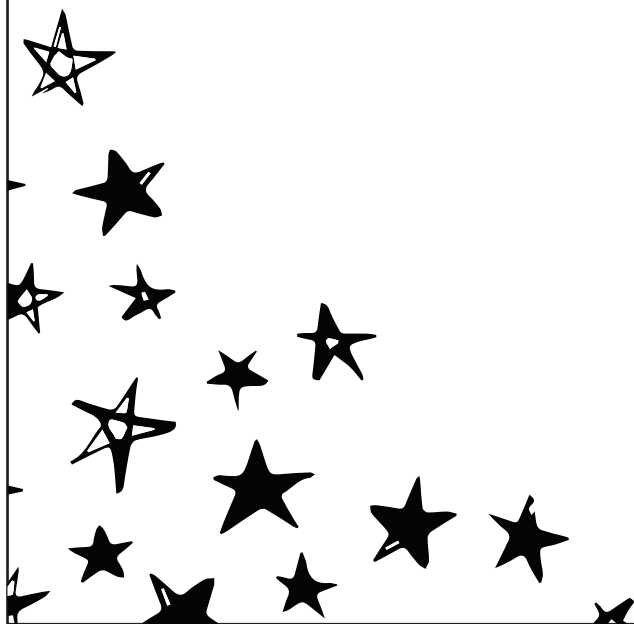
**Forgive me, God, for the many times
I don't do the right thing. Thank you for your
judgment and forgiveness.**

**Week
Thirty
Eight**

Doodle Space



What are some rules
that keep you safe?
Draw a picture of
them below!





God knows best

WEEK THIRTY-NINE

Know Your Leader



We have not stopped praying for you since the first day we heard about you. In fact, we always pray that God will show you everything he wants you to do and that you may have all the wisdom and understanding his Spirit gives.

Colossians 1:9

Imagine a soldier who wanted to please his Commander, so he learned a bunch about him, but he never spent any time with him. He never opened his orders from the commander and didn't know what the commander wanted him to do.

Crazy right? But sometimes we do that to God. We want to do the right thing, but when it comes time to follow through, we don't know what he wants us to do because we don't know him. We haven't spent any time listening to him or reading his orders found in the Bible.

God doesn't hide his will—or what he wants—from his children. He is an open book. In fact, that book is the Bible! When you read it, you get closer to him and start to understand what he wants. You also understand him through prayer and the wise advice from other godly people, like parents, teachers, and pastors.

And when you learn what God wants, you can do it. The Holy Spirit can give you power and wisdom to make the right choices. Obeying God brings him joy and helps you become more like him.

So, start today on your journey to knowing his perfect will. Think about how you can love God and know him more.

Start today on your journey to knowing his perfect will. Learn to love God more.

Spiritual Fitness Training

Fill in the crossword puzzle below with ways you can love God and get to know him better.

PRAY	THANK	LOVE OTHERS
PRAISE	LISTEN	
OBEY	ENJOY	

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		A					J								

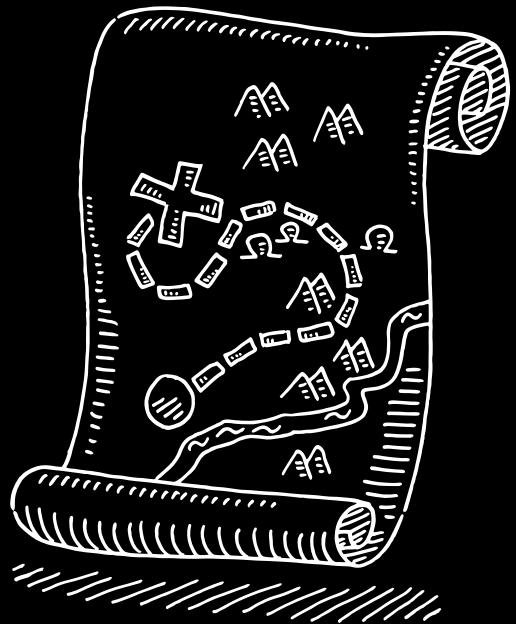
Keep It Going This Week *Find out more by reading these verses.*

- ☐ Nehemiah 9:20
- ☐ Matthew 6:10
- ☐ Psalm 143:10
- ☐ Ephesians 5:17

**Week
Thirty
Nine**

Mind Blower

We still don't know how birds, butterflies, and other animals know how to navigate while migrating, but theories include the position of the sun or the pull of gravity. Somehow, God directs them!



Write Your Thoughts Here



**God, you know what is best for my life. Help
me to know you and obey your instructions.**

**Week
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