



READ ROMANS 6:8-14

DAY 1

As you read through Romans 6:8-14, cross out the following words: *died, death, dead, die, sin, evil, master, rule.*

Go back and read it again, and this time, circle the following words: *live, raised, power, alive, life, right, grace, free.*

What an amazing gift God's grace is to us! Death is no longer, and instead, we can experience eternal life, God's power and freedom!

Thank God for the gift of grace that is for all of us!

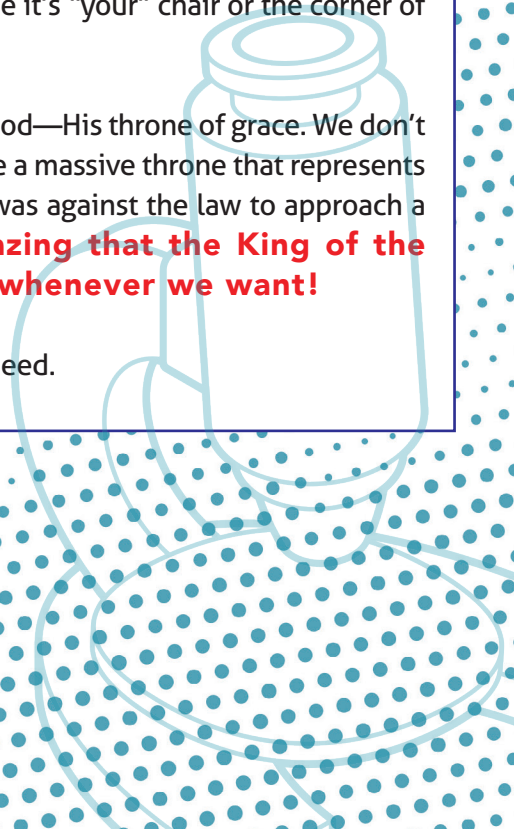
READ HEBREWS 4:16

DAY 2

Take this card and find a seat at your favorite spot in your house. Maybe it's "your" chair or the corner of the couch.

The writer of Hebrews talks about a very special chair that belongs to God—His throne of grace. We don't know if it's a literal throne or just the idea of one, but it's cool to picture a massive throne that represents all the love, grace, and mercy God has toward us. In ancient times, it was against the law to approach a king sitting on his throne, unless he had invited you first. **How amazing that the King of the universe has invited ALL of us to approach His throne whenever we want!**

Ask God to help you boldly approach His throne and ask for what you need.



READ 2 CORINTHIANS 12:9

DAY 3

What is something heavy in your room that you can't pick up by yourself? Ask someone stronger than you to come and help you. Are you able to lift it now?

What is something you struggle with? Have you ever asked God to show up and help you with it? Especially when it comes to things we know God wants us to do, like obeying our parents, being kind to others, being honest, and showing honor to others. If we are having a hard time doing those things, that gives God a chance to show up and help us. His grace means we're forgiven when we mess up, and we're strengthened when we're weak.

Know that you don't have to do it all alone!

READ JOHN 1:16-17

DAY 4

What do each of these traffic signs, or rules of the road, mean?

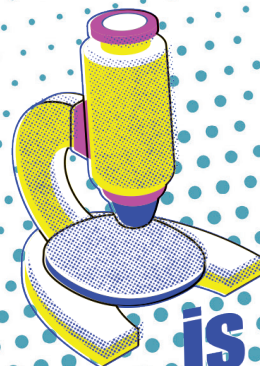


Have you ever thought of rules as grace? It's true though, rules keep us safe, help us know how to live well, and keep us from hurting ourselves and others.

God's rules, or law, are the same. He didn't have to give us rules, but He did because He loves us. But it didn't stop there. Because He also gave us Jesus! That means even when we mess up and don't follow the rules, we still have grace and mercy available to us through Jesus.

Thank God for His grace upon grace.

Answers: Yield, railroad crossing, school zone, winding road, slippery when wet



JESUS
is a gift for
everyone.



READ ACTS 1:8

DAY 1

When Jesus gave the command to His disciples to share the good news that He had come to save the world, He started out first by reminding them that they would have the power of the Holy Spirit inside them. Then He moved on to challenge them to share in their own city, then to the next region, and then to one even further out, and so on, until the entire world has heard the good news.

Disciples and Holy Spirit → Jerusalem → Judea → Samaria → The world

What is the closest part of your world—maybe there are people in your house who you can help to get to know Jesus? Or your neighborhood or school? Make your own version of Jesus' challenge to the disciples:

_____ and Holy Spirit → _____ → _____ → _____ → The world
(Your name)

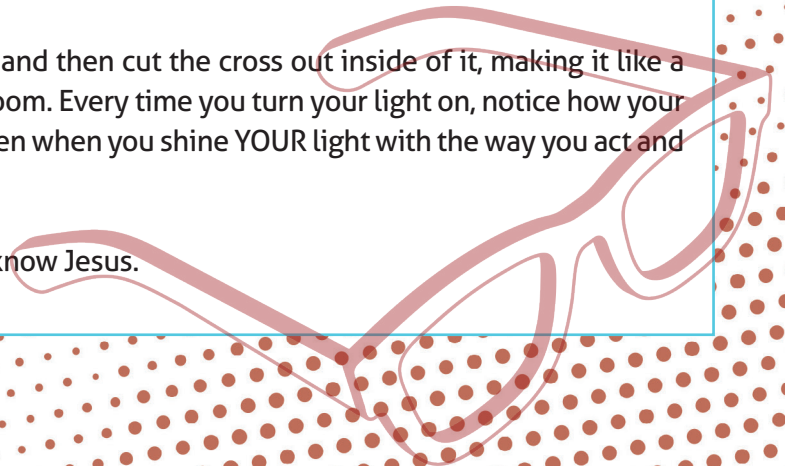
Ask God to help you share the great news about Jesus with others.

READ MATTHEW 5:16

Have you ever heard the phrase "actions speak louder than words"? When it comes to helping others know Jesus, this is also true. We need to tell others about Jesus, but we also have to make sure that the way we're living our lives shines His light to others. If our actions don't line up with our words, it will be hard for people to get to know Jesus.

Find a sticky note or index card. Cut out a square, and then cut the cross out inside of it, making it like a stencil. Tape the stencil to a light or lamp in your room. Every time you turn your light on, notice how your eye is drawn to the cross. The same thing can happen when you shine YOUR light with the way you act and show love to others, they will be drawn to Jesus!

Look for ways to shine your light and help others know Jesus.



READ MARK 16:15

DAY 3

Reading these words from Jesus may be a little intimidating. ALL the world? You may be thinking, **"I'm just a kid. How can I go into all the world?"**

The good news is that there are some people who are already out there sharing God's love and the good news about Jesus. We can be a part of what they're doing by praying for them, talking to others about the work they're doing, and donating money and supplies to help them.

With a parent's permission, do some internet research to find a missionary or organization serving in a part of the world that interests you. (Compassion International is a great one!) Find out what some of their needs are, and write them down so you can pray for them. And consider donating money or your time to help further their cause of helping others know Jesus.

Ask God how you can be a part of what He's doing in the world.

READ JEREMIAH 1:7-8

DAY 4

Yesterday you did some research and found out about some missionaries or organizations doing great work to share the good news of Jesus. Praying for those groups is great and super important! But God has more for you. He spoke to the prophet Jeremiah and told him no matter how young he was, God had a big plan for His life. He feels the same way about you! There are things you can begin doing today to help others know Jesus.

Make a list of talents and resources you have:

Now, how can you use those gifts to serve others and help them know Jesus? Maybe you can bake cookies to sell and donate the money to the organization you learned about yesterday. Maybe you could write a poem about how God's love has changed you and submit it to your school paper. Or maybe you could put your organizational skills to work and organize a neighborhood garage sale so you can donate the proceeds to a local shelter.

Look for ways you can share Jesus with others even though you're young!

**You can
help others
know JESUS.**





READ ROMANS 8:28

DAY 1

Have you ever had a bad day, but when you look back on it, you see that actually something really good came out of it? Maybe your baseball team didn't make the playoffs, but that meant you could do swim team, which you love. Maybe you didn't get the same lunchtime as your friends, but you made a new friend as a result.

What is something that right now seems really hard or bad? Write about it here.

How can you see this in a different light? Ask God to help you find a way to see your problem differently.

Know that seeing things through the lens of faith helps you see your problems differently.

READ JOHN 16:33

Imagine you're in a crowd, and something is happening, but because you're a kid, you can't see what it is. You start to get worried because you can't see what's going on, much less be prepared to face it. But you look up, and you see a parent or other trusted adult, and you see that they're not worried. They can see much more than you can from their vantage point, and if they're not worried, you probably shouldn't be either!

The great news is that we follow a God who made the world and who knows everything that is happening in it, and that ever will happen in it. When we're facing problems and aren't sure what to do, remember that He can see everything, and He has a plan for the world—and YOUR world—that will win out over everything else.

Ask God to help you turn to Him when it's hard to face your fears.

READ PROVERBS 3:5-6

DAY 3

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When you're facing problems, it's tempting to try to solve them on your own. The bad news is, you don't have all the knowledge and understanding to face your problems. The good news is, you serve a God who does! When you're not sure what to do, ask Him for guidance. He will lead you in the way you should go.

Go back up to the first sentence, and now use this key to decode the message. (Hint: A = T)

A B C D E F G H I J K L M N O P Q R S T U V W X Y Z
T U V W X Y Z A B C D E F G H I J K L M N O P Q R S

It's a lot easier to solve problems when you have access to the knowledge you need, isn't it?

Thank God for giving you what you need to face your problems.

READ 1 PETER 5:7

DAY 4

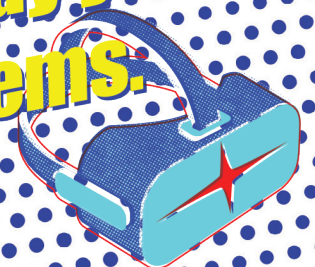
Get a blank sheet of paper and write down or draw a picture of something that has been worrying you.

Then, turn the sheet of paper over and write out the words found in 1 Peter 5:7. Hang the sheet of paper somewhere with the verse facing out so you can read it.

Knowing Jesus means you can trust Him with your problems. Instead of growing anxious, losing sleep, or getting upset, you can share your problems with Him and rest, knowing that He cares about you. When you're tempted to turn back over to worry, read the words of 1 Peter 5:7 out loud and remember that you can turn your worries over to Him and trust Him with your problems.

Thank God for caring about you and your problems.

**Knowing JESUS
changes the way you
see your problems.**





READ ECCLESIASTES 3:11-14

DAY 1

Get a sheet of paper and draw the most amazing place you can imagine. It might be a real place, or it could be something you completely make up . . . like a real-life Candy Land. If you have time, go all out with markers and colored pencils and even glitter or stickers. Leave the paper blank on the other side and hold on to it for tomorrow.

No matter how awesome your imaginary land might be, it can't come close to what God says heaven will be like. As much as we want to imagine how things will turn out in the end, we simply can't imagine how great heaven and living with God forever will be!

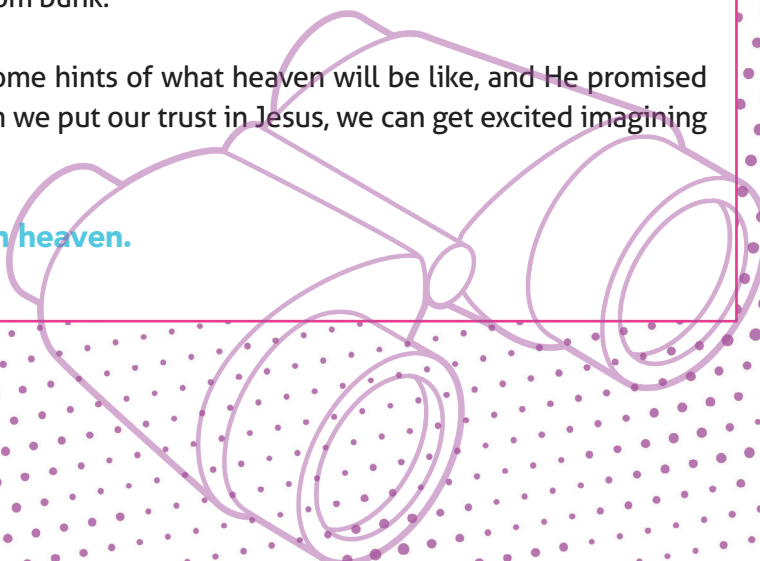
Know that following Jesus will turn out greater than you can imagine!

READ JOHN 14:2-3

Grab your sheet of paper from yesterday, where you drew the most amazing place. Flip it over and now draw your dream room. What color would the walls be? Would you line it with bookshelves or display cases for your LEGO® creations? Would you have a bunk bed or maybe a canopy? Now think about who your roommate might be in this dream scenario—or your next-door neighbor. Maybe your parents are just down the hall, but your best friend is in the bottom bunk.

It's fun to imagine, isn't it? Jesus gave us some hints of what heaven will be like, and He promised there are many rooms—room for all of us! When we put our trust in Jesus, we can get excited imagining what following Him will look like for eternity!

Thank God for preparing a place for you in heaven.



READ PSALM 16:11

DAY 3

Put a smiley face besides the things that make you really happy. You can put two smiley faces besides the ones that make you the most happy.

PUPPIES
MOVIES
CANDY
ROLLER COASTERS
BOOKS

MUSIC
FRIENDS
VIDEO GAMES
DANCING
FAMILY

Believe it or not, following Jesus can give you more joy than all these things combined. That may be hard to imagine, because we're only experiencing Jesus on this side of heaven. But one day, when we are with Him forever, all these things will pale in comparison to being with Jesus!

Ask God to give you a taste of the joy to come in heaven.

READ 1 CORINTHIANS 2:9

DAY 4

What is the coolest thing in nature you've ever seen? _____

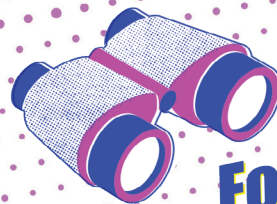
What is your favorite song to listen to? _____

What is the most amazing fact you've ever learned? _____

_____ (Here's one for you . . . the woodpecker's tongue is wrapped around his brain for an extra level of protection when he pecks!)

Isn't it awesome to know that in heaven, you'll see things unlike you've ever seen before? And the sound of worshipping God will be the best music you've ever heard? And you'll know everything there is to know about God and Jesus? Put on your favorite song as you go about your day, and imagine how great heaven's sights and sounds will be.

Thank God for the promise of heaven.



Following **JESUS**
will turn out greater
than you can imagine.