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KNOWLEDGE!

Learning
something new

so you can
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whatever you do

**WEEK
ONE**
2ND-3RD GRADE

Read Proverbs 1:7

DAY 1

This month is all about knowledge—learning something new so you can be better at whatever you do. In the space below, write down something new you have learned this week.

Every day, you're learning new things about how the world works. But of all the things you could learn, knowing God is the most important thing! Our verse today gives us one BIG clue about where we should start when it comes to knowing more about God. Unscramble the word to the right to find out what we should start with.

S E R T C P E

If you want to gain knowledge, you must begin by having respect for the Lord. That means that you recognize that God is holy, perfect, and worthy of all praise and honor. It means you understand that even though you can know more about God, you will never understand everything. Knowing God is the most important thing. As you pray today, name three things you know about God. Thank Him for loving you and allowing you to know Him.

Read Luke 2:49

DAY 2

When Mary and Joseph searched frantically for Jesus, where did they find Him? In the temple talking about God. Jesus was asking questions and listening. He showed us, even at twelve years old, that spending time learning about God is important.

One way we learn about God is by going to church. Every week, as you sit in your small group or listen to the Bible story in large group, you are growing in your knowledge of God. As you open the Bible together, as you sing praises to God in worship and as you bow your head in prayer, you're adding to your knowledge of God.

At your next meal with your family, talk about what you all learned at church. If you have younger or older siblings, ask about what they learned in their groups. And ask your parents what they talked about in the worship service too.

Pray together as a family and thank God for all the things you learned about Him this week.

Read Proverbs 18:15

DAY 3

Does your Mom sometimes have to call your name fourteen times before you answer? Maybe you're watching your favorite TV show or trying to advance to the next level of your favorite video game. Even though she's steps away, calling your name over and over and again, you can't hear her. Why? Because you weren't listening!

You can't learn anything new if you don't listen. So the question is, how do you hear from God? How can you have ears to hear what He has to say? One way is through prayer. Prayer is the best way for you to talk to God about how you're feeling and to ask for His help.

Here's a little prayer challenge for you. Grab a notebook to start a prayer journal. Write today's date and then write down any prayer requests you have. As you pray, ask God to give you ears to hear what He has to say as you grow in your knowledge of Him.

NOTE: Keep up your prayer journal for this month. Add the date then write down any prayer requests you have for that day. Take a few minutes to look back at previous days to see if any of your prayers from before have been answered.

Read Jeremiah 9:24

DAY 4

"I'm the best at this." "Look at me. I'm awesome!" "Our team beat your team!"

No one likes to hang out with someone who brags all the time. Bragging about your accomplishments isn't the best way to make and keep friends.

According to this verse, there is one thing God is okay with you bragging about! You can always tell others what you know about God! Knowing God is the MOST important thing. God wants EVERYONE to know Him, and that's why you should share some of what you know about God to friends and family around you.

So here's a little bragging challenge. This week, when you're tempted to brag about something you've done, think instead of something God has done, something you know to be true about Him. Brag on God and show what you know. Because knowing God is the most important thing.

In your prayer today, tell God three things you love about Him. Ask Him to help you tell others what you know this week so they can know Him too!

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WEEK TWO
2ND-3RD GRADE

Read John 10:14-15

DAY 1

In our verses today, Jesus compares Himself to a good shepherd. What does a shepherd take care of? Yes, sheep!

Just as a shepherd guides his sheep safely where they need to go, when we choose to follow Jesus, He will lead us in the right direction. Just as a shepherd recognizes each of his sheep, Jesus knows you. He loves you just the way you are. You don't have to do anything to earn His love. And we know this is true because Jesus chose to give His life for us—just as a shepherd would willingly fight a lion or other wild animal that tries to take one of His sheep.

Grab some cotton balls, glue, a pen, and a piece of paper.

Use the cotton balls to create a sheep and write today's verse on the bottom of the page.

Hold your page and thank God for sending Jesus so that you could know Him.

Read 1 Peter 3:18

DAY 2

In this verse, there is one word that is repeated three times. Can you find it? Here's another hint. It starts with an "S." Write it in the blank below.

Who suffered? Jesus. The day Jesus was killed was the worst day in history. Jesus was beaten, made fun of, and nailed to a cross like a criminal. But Jesus had never done one wrong thing. Still, He chose to suffer, to be punished for our sins on that terrible day.

But that's not the end of the story. After Jesus' body was put to death, what happened three days later? God brought Jesus back to life! Jesus, the one who did what was right suffered for those who don't do what was right. Why? So that we can know God. That's how the worst day became the best day ever.

Use the prayer below and fill in the blanks with what you want to say:

"Dear God, Thank You so much for _____. I am so grateful You sent Your Son, Jesus so that I can know You and have a relationship with You. Please _____, amen."

Read John 1:14

DAY 3

Imagine the most beautiful place. A place where nothing bad ever happens. A place with unlimited soft serve ice cream and all the gaga ball you could ever play. Okay—maybe I made up the soft serve and gaga ball part. But you get the idea. Grab a piece of paper and draw what you think heaven might look like.

Now, imagine choosing to leave that place to come to a world where things aren't so beautiful. A place with sadness and hurt. A place where things happen that don't always make sense.

Would you choose to leave a beautiful paradise like that?

That's what Jesus did. Jesus chose to come to earth, to live as one of us, in a human body that can get tired, and feel loneliness and pain. Why? So we could know God. Jesus came to live on earth, to die on the cross and be raised to life again on the third day. When we choose to put our trust in Jesus, we can have a relationship with God forever.

Look at the picture you drew and spend some time thanking Jesus for choosing to leave such a beautiful place to come to earth so that you could know God.

Read John 14:7-9

DAY 4

There were 12 men who traveled with Jesus called the disciples. Philip, one of those 12, asked Jesus an important question. He asked, "Lord, show us the Father." Philip didn't recognize that Jesus, the one standing right in front of him, WAS God.

Jesus came to show us who God is. We can know God by looking at the life of Jesus. Because Jesus cared for others, we know that God cares for us. Because Jesus listened and helped, we know that God hears us and will help us when we need it. If you want to know God, all you have to do is look at the life of Jesus.

Unscramble the words from the verse below.

Y N A N O E H W O S H A N S E E E M H S A

N S E E H T E A F T H R E

Thank God for sending Jesus so that you could know Him.

**If you
want to
know God,
start with
Jesus.**



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WEEK
THREE
2ND-3RD GRADE

Read 2 Timothy 3:16

DAY 1

All month long, we've been talking about knowledge which we've defined as learning something new so you can be better at whatever you do. And when it comes to learning how to make the wise choice, choices that honor God and others, the Bible is the BEST place to search.

When we read God's word, it has the power to change how we think and act. Because it's God's story and because everything comes from God, we can trust that what we read in the Bible is true. Discovering what's in the Bible will help you make the wise choice.

Look back at today's verse and fill in the blanks below, using the words from the word bank.

The Bible is useful for teaching us what is _____.

The Bible is useful for correcting our _____.

The Bible is useful for making our lives _____.

The Bible is useful for training us to do what is _____.

Word Bank

**WHOLE
RIGHT**

**TRUE
MISTAKES**

Choose one of the four statements above. Thank God for giving you His word and ask Him to help you apply that statement in your own life this week.

Read 2 Timothy 3:17

DAY 2

Think about your morning routine to get ready for school. Number the statements below in the order you complete them each day. For instance, your number one item will likely be "get out of bed." What comes next?

My Morning Routine

_____ Brush teeth

_____ Get out of bed

_____ Head out the door

_____ Eat your breakfast

_____ Get dressed

_____ Grab your backpack

Getting ready for school requires some preparation. Just like brushing your teeth and getting dressed helps you prepare for the day ahead, reading your Bible can prepare you to do every good thing. Discovering what's in the Bible will help you make the wise choice. How could you make reading your Bible a regular part of your routine so that you can be prepared to make the wise choice? What if you put your Bible on the kitchen counter so that you can read tomorrow's GodTime after you finish your breakfast?

Ask God to help you make a plan to spend time reading His word each day so that you are prepared to do every good thing.

Read Hebrews 4:12

DAY 3

The Bible is made up of 66 different books that tell ONE big story. God's story. But this one big story isn't meant to be read and then put back on the shelf like any other storybook.

God's word has the power to help us be ready for whatever comes our way. It has the power to cut through all the excuses we make to show us what we need to change. The Bible helps us see when we're making unwise choices so we can make different ones, better ones, WISER ones, next time. And God's word reminds us that even if we do mess up, **God ALWAYS forgives us.**

Grab a piece of cardboard and cut it in the shape of a sword. Cover the "blade" with foil and write the words of today's verse all along the edge. Ask an adult for permission to use a permanent marker that won't rub off.

Hold your sword in one hand and your Bible in the other. Thank God for giving you His word and ask Him to show you the things you need to change so you can follow Him.

Read Psalm 119:9

DAY 4

Have you ever played outside and gotten super dirty? Maybe your Mom let you play in the puddles or make mud pies and you came in covered from head to toe. What did you need? A bath! You needed to get clean before tracked muddy footprints through the house.

One of the things that's important for us to understand about God's word is that it shows us the stuff we need to clean up. God wants to show us the things we need to change from the inside out. The Bible shows us how to clean up our hearts so that we can be pure and live God's way.

Write the words of today's verse on a card and place it near the sink. Each time you wash your hands this week, read the verse and ask God to help you live according to His word so you can make wise choices.

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WEEK
FOUR
2ND-3RD GRADE

Read 1 John 5:14-15

DAY 1

When do you normally talk to God? Before bed? At the dinner table? Did you know that you can talk to God when you're confused about something? Did you know you can talk to God even when you have questions about God?

The amazing thing about following God is that He is always available and ready to listen. When you have big questions (like "Why is the kid at school so mean?") or small ones ("Why do I have to eat vegetables?"), God cares about all of them. God hears you and He will answer according to His will.

So, here's a little challenge for this week. Grab a sticky note and write down one question you have for God. Underneath the question, write down a time of day and a place where you will talk to God about it this week. Stick the note in the spot that you've chosen so you can talk to God. Remember, if you don't understand something about God, all you have to do is ask.

Look at your sticky note and ask God your question aloud. Pray that God would remind you that He is with you even when you have questions.

Read Matthew 7:8

DAY 2

Knock, knock.

Who's there?

Mustache.

Mustache who?

I mustache you a question, but I'll shave it for later.

When you have questions about God, there are a few places you can go to knock and find an answer.

You can . . .

1. Talk to God – He is always ready to listen and help when you have questions.
2. Talk to your Small Group – Asking questions during Small Group at church is a great way to grow in your faith.
3. Talk to friends or family members that follow God – Look for people around you (like parents or other family members) who follow God too.

Of the three choices above, whom do you usually choose when it comes to talking about God? Ask God to help you talk to Him, to your Small Group, or to other people that follow Him when you have questions about faith.

Read Hebrews 4:16

DAY 3

When we have questions that need answers, today's verse reminds us that we can boldly ask and know that we will find mercy and grace.

What is mercy?

Mercy is showing compassion, kindness or forgiveness. God will always listen with love and kindness.

What is grace?

Grace is something we cannot earn. God freely forgives us and loves us. He proved His love by sending Jesus, His only Son so that we could have a relationship with Him forever.

When you are worried about something, when you have BIG questions that don't have easy answers, one thing you can know for sure is that God is with you. He may not answer you right away or the answer might not be the one you were hoping for but you can still boldly ask and know with confidence that He will answer according to His will. His ways are always best for you because He loves you.

Grab a piece of paper. Write the word MERCY on one side and GRACE on the other. You can add the definitions as well. As you pray this week, thank God for offering mercy and grace, no matter what the question may be.

Read 1 Corinthians 13:12

DAY 4

Have you ever tried to look into a foggy mirror? Would you trust that foggy mirror on picture day? No way! You'd grab a towel and wipe off that fog so you could clearly see your reflection.

Our faith can be like looking into a foggy mirror. Sometimes we have questions, big questions, that we just can't find the answers to. But one day, for those who put their trust in Jesus, all the questions about all the things we're worried or unsure about will be answered. One day, our knowledge will be complete and all that fog will be cleared away and we will see Him face to face.

The next time you take a shower, look into the foggy mirror in your bathroom and thank God for holding all the answers to all the questions. Ask Him to help you trust Him as you grow in knowledge and understanding.

If you don't understand something about God, ask.