

DEVOTIONAL

for volunteers



Can you remember the last time you got lost in a really good book? The epic quests, daring escapes, and wild adventures make it hard to put down! While our lives might not include mythical creatures or fantastical lands, we're all part of an incredible adventure—following God and helping others do the same. Each week, kids will explore the amazing and true stories about Jesus that show us what it means to live for God. In this 5-week series, kids will discover the true story of how Jesus is always with us, God helps us be righteous, God hears us when we pray, the Holy Spirit gives us power, and God helps us share the good news.

To get ready for this teaching series, spend a few minutes each week **studying** the passages of Scripture we'll be teaching, **praying** about what God wants to do in and through us in the next few weeks, and **growing** by putting God's words into practice in your own life.

WEEK 1 True story—Jesus is always with us.

Acts 1:3–11; John 14:1–7

STUDY

Take a moment to read the passages we're covering this week.
What stands out to you in this passage and why?

PRAY

Pray and thank Jesus for always being with you, even when you can't see or feel it. Ask for trust in the promise that you are never alone.

GROW

So what's your next step? When have you felt alone, and how can you remind yourself that Jesus is always with you? How does knowing this change the way you face challenges? Are there ways you can help someone else see that they are not alone? Whatever your next step is right now, take it.

WEEK 2 True story—God helps us be righteous.

Acts 4:32–5:10; 1 Peter 3:13–22

STUDY

Take a moment to read the passages we're covering this week.
What stands out to you in this passage and why?

PRAY

Pray for the wisdom to make choices that honor God and the strength to stand firm in those choices when it's difficult.

GROW

So what's your next step? Are there areas of your life where you consistently struggle to do what is right? Is there a situation in your life right now where you need to rely on God's help to live with honesty and integrity? How might your righteousness encourage others to trust in God's goodness? Whatever your next step is right now, take it.

WEEK 3 True story—God hears us when we pray.

Acts 12:1–17; Ephesians 1:15–23

STUDY

Take a moment to read the passages we're covering this week.
What stands out to you in this passage and why?

PRAY

Pray for faith to trust that God hears you, even when answers don't come right away.

GROW

So what's your next step? How have you seen God respond to prayers in your life or in the lives of others? Is there something you've been praying for but feel discouraged about? How can you continue to trust that God is listening, even when you don't see immediate results? How can you encourage someone else in their prayer life this week? Whatever your next step is right now, take it.

WEEK 4 True story—The Holy Spirit gives us power.

Acts 2:1–12, 16:16–40

STUDY

Take a moment to read the passages we're covering this week.
What stands out to you in this passage and why?

PRAY

Pray for wisdom to recognize how the Spirit is working in and through you.

GROW

So what's your next step? How have you experienced the Holy Spirit's power in your life? How can you be more open to the Spirit's guidance each day? How can you use your gifts, words, or actions to share the Holy Spirit's work in your life with others? Whatever your next step is right now, take it.

WEEK 5 True story—God helps us share the good news.

Acts 27:13–44; Matthew 28:16–20

STUDY

Take a moment to read the passages we're covering this week.
What stands out to you in this passage and why?

PRAY

Pray to be able to walk in confidence, knowing that God is always with you.

GROW

So what's your next step? In what ways do you relate to the image of dry bones? How does the promise "The Lord is my helper; I will not be afraid" affect your approach to fear and uncertainty? How can you bring renewal and restoration to your community? Whatever your next step is right now, take it.