

S.A.F.E. Homes



*“In all thy ways acknowledge him,
and he shall direct thy paths.”
Proverbs 3:6*

Follow the Leader

God’s guidance will never operate outside of the principles and commandments of His Word. He will never speak to anyone, or ask someone to do something that contradicts His Word.

In life, we are often confronted with difficult situations that do not offer an immediate and clear answer; that is until the Word of God enlightens us to know what His perfect will is. By staying close to the Word of God, we can make the right connections for our day-to-day decisions.

In 2 Chronicles chapter 20, Jehoshaphat gathered God’s people together to seek guidance from the Lord. Verses 12-13 record, “...neither know we what to do: but our eyes are upon thee. And all Judah stood before the Lord, with their little ones, their wives, and their children.”


Sure enough, the Spirit of the Lord moved in the midst of them. He told them, “...Be not afraid nor dismayed...for the battle is not yours, but God’s.” If we seek His will for our lives, He will guide us through any situation.

“Thy word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path.” Psalm 119:105

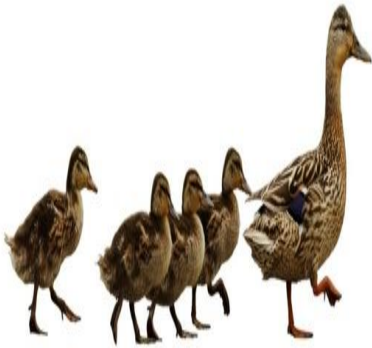
Family Prayer: Dear Lord, keep your Word in my life every day. Let it be the center of every decision I have to make. I know I can never go wrong following Your Word. In Jesus’ Name, Amen.



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Follow the leader

Choose 1 family member to be the "leader." Allow the leader to instruct the family to do various activities. The directives are only followed when the leader prefaces with "the leader says," (similar to "Simon says"). Continue playing until each family member has a chance to be the leader. Was it always easy to follow each leader? Were there times when you were unsure of following the leader?

Looking



Inward

Let's Talk!

What are some specific instructions in the Word that clearly guide us? Tell of times when you followed God's directions and other times when you did not. What were the outcomes in both?

Lead Me

And

I Will

Follow

This Month's S.A.F.E. Homes Strategy

In your S.A.F.E Homes Scrapbook:

1. List immediate needs and prayer requests of your family and friends.
2. As you consistently petition the Lord for these needs, take the time to update the scrapbook as these requests are answered.

This will be a source of encouragement to look back on and see how God has continually guided you to victory.



Additional Challenges

- Read 2 Chronicles chapter 20 to familiarize yourself with the story of Jehoshaphat as referenced in the devotion.
- What are some things that Jehoshaphat did when he faced this difficult situation?

- In Mark chapter 9, a man brought his possessed son to the Master and asked for help. The disciples had tried before, but were unsuccessful. They asked Jesus, "...why could we not cast him out?" He replied in verse 29, "...this kind can come forth by nothing, but by prayer and fasting."

There are times in our lives today when a simple prayer is not enough. Perhaps your family would consider a time of fasting together. There are different types of fasts. Some examples are as follows:

Full Fast

Drink only water

Daniel Fast

No bread, no meat, no sweets, no caffeine, no processed foods

Partial Fast

Fasting from sunup until sundown (or a specific time such as 6:00am to 3:00pm)

Specific fast – from caffeine, meat, sweets, computer games...etc.

In addition to your fast, be sure to spend time in specific prayer.



Word search with
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...AND FOLLOW JESUS

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PRINCIPLES
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Use the remaining letters to solve the hidden message which will complete the puzzle title

Guide us to victory!

