

Daily Devotionals

FOR AN
everyday faith.

HABITS / WEEK 4

MIDDLE SCHOOL

I tell you, whoever publicly acknowledges me before others, the Son of Man will also acknowledge before the angels of God.

LUKE 12:8 NIV

DAY 1

It can be hard to talk about Jesus, no matter how old you are! Maybe we worry we won't have the right words, or we'll get made fun of, or nobody will understand what we're trying to share. No matter what might be holding you back from talking about God, remember that it's an important part of your everyday faith. It can help you know and connect with God, and it can do the same for others! Do you have to do it perfectly? Say all the right words? Know all the best answers? No! All you have to do is speak from your heart about what God has done in your life.

Today, pray that God would give you the courage to share a little bit about Him with just one person in your life this week.

He said to them, "Go into all the world and preach the gospel to all creation.

MARK 16:15 NIV

DAY 2

Whether you realize it or not, you have the potential to do a lot of big things right where you are. Right now as a middle schooler, you can help other people in big ways by simply sharing what God has done in your life. By talking about the good things you've seen God do for you, you just might be helping open up someone else's eyes to the good things God is doing for them. And that's a pretty big deal!

Reach out to a friend today to tell them one good thing you've seen God do in your life. Encourage them to look for the good things He might be doing for them, too.

Sing to the Lord; praise His name. Each day proclaim the good news that He saves.

PSALM 96:2 NLT

DAY 3

Those of us who know and follow Jesus have something great to share. We know just how awesome He is and how much better our lives are because He's in them. So why wouldn't we want to share that good news with other people? When you have good news, you don't want to keep it to yourself, right? Well, the good news of Jesus is the same! It's something we can talk about and share with others.

To help you get started, ask your parents or small group leader

how they talk about Jesus with other people in their lives. Then, give some of their suggestions a try. **Practice sharing about what God's doing in your life with others.**

In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven.

MATTHEW 5:16 NIV

DAY 4

One of the greatest ways you can let your light shine for God is by being exactly who He created you to be. While others are trying to change, or fit in, or get noticed, you can be different simply by being who you are. You can be confident in the person God uniquely created you to be. Be creative. Be smart. Be strong. Be a leader. Be who you are! Simply being who you are is a way to reflect and share God with others.

When you live as the person He's created you to be, you're showing other people a little glimpse of who God is in you. And that's a cool way to share about Him with others!

If you openly declare that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you will be saved.

ROMANS 10:9 NLT

DAY 5

Talking about your love for God is an important part of your everyday faith. Learning to talk about God in a real way can be a really big deal not just for your own faith, but for the faith of others. Openly sharing your doubts, joys, questions, love, and experiences of God with other people will help you as you work out your own relationship with Him, and it will invite others to do the same.

So this week, start with your small group! Share some of your real feelings and experiences with God with the people in your group. Ask them to do the same. As you share with and listen to each other, pay attention to how you learn more about both God and the people in your group.

And we are confident that he hears us whenever we ask for anything that pleases him. And since we know he hears us when we make our requests, we also know that he will give us what we ask for.

1 JOHN 5:14-15 NLT

DAY 6

Written by Justin, age 14 from Perth, Western Australia

I recently went to a revival session (or maybe you call it a worship gathering) that included around 14 teens and 5 youth leaders. Together, we worshiped and read passages about how to pray. While reading, I realized that the best way to pray was to be straightforward with what you want to ask or say. But as I listened to the others speak, it made me think about how sometimes I forget to pray because I'm so worn out from all the schoolwork I am loaded with (not to mention the other extracurricular activities I still have to do!). Maybe you can relate. Every time I feel like I'm disconnected from God, the people around me seem to light up with the Holy Spirit, meaning I can see God in them. I don't know about you, but when I see God in somebody else, it makes me want to talk to God even when I am busy. It makes me understand that even though sometimes we move further and further away from God, there are

	<p>always other ways for us to get closer to Him. One of those ways is through prayer!</p> <p>Today, spend time in prayer, thanking God for wanting to be close with you.</p>
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<p><i>Go to the Lord for help; and worship him continually.</i></p> <p>PSALM 105:4 GNT</p>	<p>DAY 7</p> <p>Talking about God to others can be scary. Sometimes we don't want to do it because we're afraid we won't have the right words or know what to say. Having verses like this one memorized can help with that! They'll give us the words to say when we want to share about God with the people in our lives. To work on memorizing this verse this week, text it to a different friend or family member each day. Not only will you be sharing the verse with other people to talk about your experience with God, you'll also be working on getting it memorized!</p>
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