

TREK: Don't Stop, Don't Give Up—God's With You.

DAY 1

Question Climb

Read Romans 8:28 (NIRV): "If any of you needs wisdom, you should ask God for it. He will give it to you. God gives freely to everyone and doesn't find fault."

God sent Philip to help the man from Ethiopia who had big questions about God. Sometimes you might have questions about God too. Questions aren't bad; they can help you grow. God doesn't want you to stay confused. God can send people into your life who can help. He might send a parent, a teacher, a small group leader, or a friend who knows God. He can also help you find the answer in the Bible.

When you have questions, keep following God. Don't stop. Don't give up. Ask God for help. He loves teaching you.

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At-Home Activity: Draw a compass with four directions: N, E, S, W. Write one question you have about God by each direction. Then circle one question to ask a trusted adult this week.

## DAY 2

### The Bible Helps Us

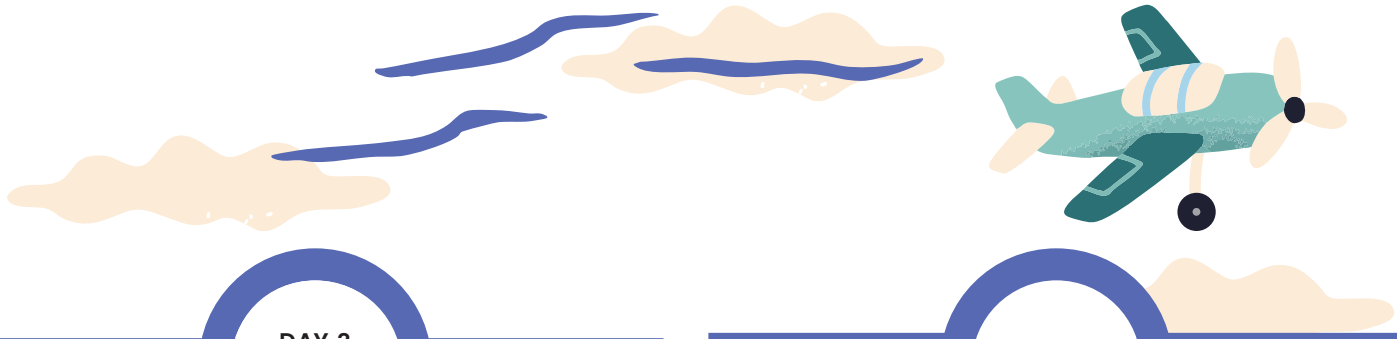
*Read Joshua 1:8 (NIRV): "Never stop reading this Book of the Law. Day and night you must think about what it says. Make sure you do everything written in it. Then things will go well with you. And you will have great success."*

God wants to have a relationship with us. And a relationship with God is the best relationship we will ever have! We can read the Bible to get to know who God is and how to live!

If you want to know how to stay connected to God and how God wants you to live, make a plan to read the Bible. Make a plan and don't quit!

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Personal Reflection: Since this month is all about perseverance—don't stop! Let's start with these devotionals! With an adult, come up with a plan for completing these devotionals. Select a time of day and a place in your home as your "devo" spot. Then gather all the things you need (like your Bible, a pen and paper, etc.) so that you're ready to spend time with God.



DAY 3

Ask, Don't Quit

Read 1 Kings 8:61 (NIRV): "And may you commit your lives completely to the Lord our God. May you live by his rules. May you obey his commands. May you always do as you are doing now."

Practicing piano can lead to an awesome performance at your next recital. Studying hard can lead to learning something new. Running drills over and over at practice might lead to a touchdown or a goal in your next game. The same is true when it comes to following God. It's not easy to let others go first, to walk away when someone hurts you, or to tell the truth when you might get in trouble. But if we want to show others who God is and how much God loves us, then we have to practice living for God. Sometimes you'll do that well, and sometimes you'll learn how to do it differently next time.

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Activity: Blow up a balloon. Set a timer for two minutes. Can you tap the balloon and keep it up in the air for two minutes? Now set the timer for three minutes. Can you keep the balloon up in the air for three minutes? You did it! You persevered and kept going. The more we stick with something, the better we get at it, and the better we will get at perseverance!

DAY 4

### Pray for Answers

*Read Proverbs 2:6 (NIRV): "The LORD gives wisdom. Knowledge and understanding come from his mouth."*

When you have questions about God or the Bible, who do you ask? Take time to pray and talk to God! He loves our questions!

Sometimes you may have to wait for an answer. And sometimes you won't get the answer you wanted. But you can trust that God loves you more than you can imagine, that God hears you every time you ask a question, and that God will give you everything you need to know for right now.

Don't stop praying. Don't give up. Ask for understanding. God loves to guide you. He is with you on every step of your trek.

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Pray this: "God, thank You for loving me. Please give me wisdom and understanding. Help me ask good questions. Help me listen and learn. Thank You for being with me on my trek. In Jesus' Name. Amen."

Keep following God, even when you have questions.