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## DAY 1

# The Character of God the Father

### STORY

Luke 15:11-24 ICB (paraphrase)

Then Jesus said, "A man had two sons. The younger son said to his father, 'Give me my share of the property.' So the father divided the property between his two sons. Then the younger son gathered up all that was his and left. He traveled far away to another country. There he wasted his money in foolish living. He spent everything that he had.

Soon after that, the land became very dry, and there was no rain. There was not enough food to eat anywhere in the country. The son was hungry and needed money. So he got a job with one of the citizens there. The man sent the son into the fields to feed pigs. The son was so hungry that he was willing to eat the food the pigs were eating. But no one gave him anything. The son realized that he had been very foolish. He thought, 'All of my father's servants have plenty of food. But I am here, almost dying with hunger. I will leave and return to my father. I'll say to him: Father, I have sinned against God and against you. I am not good enough to be called your son. But let me be like one of your servants.'

So the son left and went to his father. While the son was still a long way off, his father saw him coming. He felt compassion for his son. So the father ran to him, and hugged and kissed him. The son said, 'Father, I have sinned against God and against you. I am not good enough to be called your son. But the father said to his servants, 'Hurry!

Bring the best clothes and put them on him. Also, put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. And get our fat calf and kill it. Then we can have a feast and celebrate! My son was dead, but now he is alive again! He was lost, but now he is found!' So they began to celebrate.

#### DEFINITIONS

<u>Compassion</u> = Longing to help people who are lost. Wanting to help people who are hurting.

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## DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- 1. What do you think of the part of the story where it says "While the son was still a long way off, his father saw him coming. He felt compassion for his son. So the father ran to him, and hugged and kissed him.?"
- Why does it seem strange that the father was not angry when the son came home?
- Jesus is telling us that God as the Heavenly Father is like the father in this story. How does this change your understanding of what the Heavenly Father is really like?

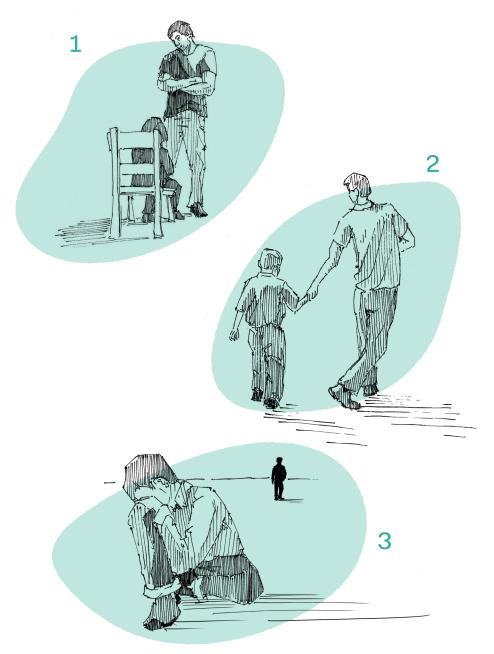
#### Optional Discussion Questions

- 1. Why do you think the father in the story did not chase after the son, but waited and let the son return to him?
- 2. What does it mean to live foolishly?
- 3. How have you lived foolishly?



# ACTIVITY

Which photo best represents God the Father to you?



#### JOURNAL QUESTION

What do you think God the Father is like?	

#### PRAYER

"Jesus, please help us to see God as the loving, good Father that He is. And help us understand that God wants us to be with Him and to make us His sons and daughters. Amen."

### DAY 2

# The Special Love of the Father to Certain Sons & Daughters

#### STORY

There once was a mother raising three children by herself. Her husband, the father of the children, had left the family several years before. The children were two boys (ages 9 and 10) and a girl (age 7). The mother was very tired from raising the children by herself and going to work everyday.

One night, the mother was at a women's bible study and someone told her about a Wednesday night youth group called AWANAS club. Her kids didn't really know any of the other kids who attended the group but they decided to give it a shot anyway.

When the children arrived at AWANAS club, they stood by themselves, just watching what was going on. Some men who were volunteering at the AWANAS club saw the children and asked each other if they knew who those three kids were and if anyone knew their father. When it was clear that no one knew whose kids they were, one of the men, DeShawn, went over to the kids, squatted down to talk to them and asked them who their dad was.

The oldest boy answered on behalf of his sister and brother. "We don't know where our dad is exactly...he had to leave us a long time ago when we were little." DeShawn closed his eyes and whispered, "I'm sorry" to the kids and then walked back to the other men leaders of AWANAS club.

As the AWANAS club activities started, DeShawn thought about a sermon he had heard at church not that long ago. The sermon was on the scripture, Psalm 68:5, which said "A father to the fatherless, a defender of widows, is God in His holy dwelling."

DeShawn remembered that the Pastor had talked about how the Church should give special care for kids when they are growing up without a father around. DeShawn felt that God's Holy Spirit was telling him to talk to those children and share that message.

A little later as the kids were having a snack break from the activities, Deshawn went over to them again, squatted down to their level and shared "Kids, I want you to know something special about God. Did you know that God the Father has a special place in His heart for kids when they are growing up without their earthly father around?" The kids weren't sure how to answer that question but Deshawn confirmed "It's true and it's in the Bible!"

Although DeShawn did not share the exact scriptures, the message he was prompted to share found a place in the hearts of those children. They pondered what DeShawn shared with them for a long time until they finally came to understand the many scriptures in the Bible that reveal God's loving and protective heart for kids growing up without an earthly dad around.



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#### DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- How does God feel about people who don't have fathers around?
- 2. How does it feel to think of God as your Heavenly Father?
- 3 How is our Heavenly Father different from an earthly father?

#### Optional Discussion Questions

- 1. How can we rely on God as our Father?
- 2. How do we know that we can be children of God, even if we don't have a father in our life?
- 3. How can we trust that God has a plan for our lives, even when it doesn't look like we thought it would?

# ACTIVITY

Check the box next to each statement you feel is true about you.
God loves me God protects me God is angry with me God takes care of me God has let me down God is my father I have a special place in God's hear- God doesn't know me
I don't think about God
JOURNAL QUESTION
How has God taken care of you when you needed help?



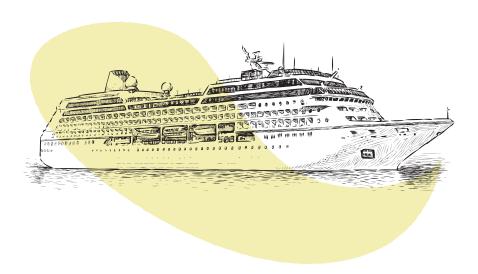
"Father God thank you for caring for us. Please help us to understand the way you see us and trust in you to be our Heavenly Father. Please help us become closer to you and be children of God. Amen"



## DAY 3

# God the Father Sends Jesus to Rescue Us

#### STORY



Think of a big cruise ship like this picture. Notice how some of the rooms have balconies and some of the lower rooms have smaller windows. The bigger and more expensive rooms are near the top and the less expensive rooms are closer to the water. In life, sometimes it seems like some people are born into families in the bigger upper rooms, some are born into families in the lower, smaller rooms, and some in the middle. Now, if this cruise ship were to "go astray," run into an iceberg and sink quickly to the bottom of the sea, who would need to be rescued? Would it be only the ones in the lower rooms, or middle rooms who would sink, or would it be everyone (ALL) on board?

 if they were rich or poor, good or bad, church kids or non-churched kids, camp pastor or mentors or campers
 would need to be saved
would be in need of a Savior

Then Jesus told them this parable: "Suppose one of you has a hundred sheep and loses one of them. Doesn't he leave the ninety-nine in the open country and go after the lost sheep until he finds it? And when he finds it, he joyfully puts it on his shoulders and goes home. Then he calls his friends and neighbors together and says, 'Rejoice with me; I have found my lost sheep.' I tell you that in the same way there will be more rejoicing in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who do not need to repent."

Luke 15:1-7 ICB

## DEFINITIONS

 $\underline{Repent}$  = To feel sorry and change your mind about doing bad things and begin doing good things.

 $\underline{\underline{Sin}}$  = Things we do, say, or think that God says is wrong.



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## ACTIVITY

Circle the number that shows how much you agree with each statement.

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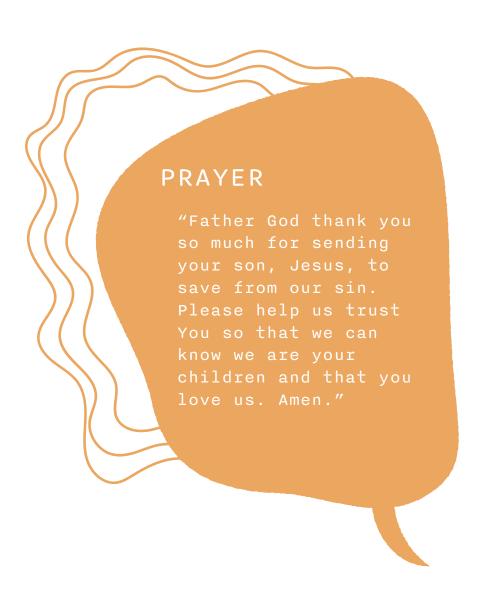
God loves me so much that he sent Jesus to save me.

Strongly Disagree - 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 - Strongly Agree

 I can become a child of God by accepting Jesus as my Savior.

Strongly Disagree - 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 - Strongly Agree





## DAY 4

# The Way to the Heavenly Father is through his Son, Jesus

## STORY

In a small corner of a very large kingdom there was a farm. One year there was a terrible drought and the farmer wasn't able to grow enough food for his family to survive the winter. So the farmer decided to go and ask the King for more food to feed his family. It was a long journey to reach the castle where the King lived but the farmer knew it was his only chance of getting enough food. The farmer hiked for 10 days before finally reaching the castle. But when he tried to enter, the guards blocked his path.

"Where do you think you're going?" they asked.

"I need to see the King," said the Farmer

The guards laughed at the farmer. "No one sees the King," they said.

The farmer tried to explain his situation to the guards but they simply told him again: "No one sees the King."

The farmer hung his head and walked away. He sat down on a bench in a nearby garden and tried to figure out what to do. He was about to begin his journey home when a boy walked over and sat next to him.

"What are you doing mister?" the boy asked.

The farmer explained what had happened to the boy. When he finished explaining, the boy hopped up and grabbed the farmer's hand.

"You need to come with me," the boy said.

The boy led the farmer up to the castle gates. The farmer was hesitant to approach because he didn't want to be laughed at again, but he let the boy lead him. To his surprise the guards didn't seem to notice them at all. The boy and the farmer walked right through the gates and into the castle. Once inside the castle, the boy led the farmer through a maze of different hallways and past several castle guards. None of the guards stopped them or said anything. Finally, the boy led the farmer into the largest room in the castle where the King sat behind a table eating his dinner.

"Hello son, who is your friend?" the King asked the boy

"Dad, this man needs to see you," the boy replied before letting go of the farmers hand.

The farmer was able to tell the King about his problem and the King sent him home with a wagon of food and a group of soldiers to defend his home from the thieves.



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## DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- 1. Why was the boy able to help the farmer see the King?
- Why is Jesus like the boy in the story?





#### Optional Discussion Question

What does it mean that Jesus came to save us?

#### ACTIVITY

Draw a picture of a child of God



# JOURNAL QUESTION

WI	hat do you think it means to be a child of God?



#### PRAYER

Write your name in the blanks below, cross out son or daughter (whichever does not apply) and then let's pray!

"Father God, we are learning about who you are. You love us so much that you want to rescue us from our bad behavior, from our sin, and from going astray, so that if we believe and receive Jesus Christ as our Savior, we can come into your forever Kingdom family as a son daughter. Please help to see how much you love and that you want for to be your son/daughter. When does believe, may your Holy Spirit draw close with spirit to give them confidence that they truly are your child. In Jesus Name. Amen."

### DAY 5

# Becoming a Son or Daughter of God

#### **DISCUSSION QUESTIONS**

- 1. What is God the Father like?
- 2. How does God feel about the fatherless?
- 3. Who needs to be saved from their sin?
- 4. How do we become children of God?

"But some people did accept him. They believed in him. To them he gave the right to become children of God. They did not become his children in the human way. They were not born because of the desire or wish of some man. They were born of God."

John 1:12-13

"The Spirit that we received is not a spirit that makes us slaves again to fear. The Spirit that we have makes us children of God. And with that Spirit we say, "Father, dear Father. And the Spirit himself joins with our spirits to say that we are God's children."

Romans 8:15-17 ICB

#### THE BIG QUESTION

Do you want to become a child of God?



## VERSE REFERENCE

#### Luke 15:20 ICB (paraphrase)

So the son left and went to his father. While the son was still a long way off, his father saw him coming. He felt compassion for his son. So the father ran to him, and hugged and kissed him.

#### Luke 15:7 ICB

In the same way, I tell you there is much joy in heaven when 1 sinner changes his heart. There is more joy for that 1 sinner than there is for 99 good people who don't need to change.

#### **Luke 19:10 ICB**

The Son of Man came to find lost people and save them."

#### Psalm 68:5 ESV

Father of the fatherless and protector of widows is God in his holy habitation.

#### 1 John 3:1 ICB

The Father has loved us so much! He loved us so much that we are called children of God. And we really are his children. But the people in the world do not understand that we are God's children, because they have not known him.

#### **Luke 18:16 ICB**

But Jesus called the little children to him and said to his followers, "Let the little children come to me. Don't stop them, because the kingdom of God belongs to people who are like these little children.

#### **Deuteronomy 10:18 NIV**

He defends the cause of the fatherless and the widow, and loves the foreigner residing among you, giving them food and clothing.

#### **Romans 3:23-24 ICB**

All people have sinned and are not good enough for God's glory. People are made right with God by his grace, which is a free gift. They are made right with God by being made free from sin through Jesus Christ.

#### Isaiah 53:6 ICB

We all have wandered away like sheep. Each of us has gone his own way. But the Lord has put on him the punishment for all the evil we have done.

#### Acts 4:12 ICB

Jesus is the only One who can save people. No one else in the world is able to save us."

#### Romans 3:10 ICB

As the Scriptures say: "There is no one without sin. None!

#### 1 John 4:14 ICB

We have seen that the Father sent his Son to be the Savior of the world. That is what we teach.

#### Romans 10:9 ICB

If you declare with your mouth, "Jesus is Lord," and if you believe in your heart that God raised Jesus from death, then you will be saved.

#### John 14:6 ICB

Jesus answered, "I am the way. And I am the truth and the life. The only way to the Father is through me.

#### John 3:16 ICB

For God loved the world so much that he gave his only Son. God gave his Son so that whoever believes in him may not be lost, but have eternal life.

#### John 3:17 ICB

God did not send his Son into the world to judge the world guilty, but to save the world through him.

#### John 1:12 ICB

But some people did accept him. They believed in him. To them he gave the right to become children of God.

# SOLO ACTIVITY A

# **Word Game**

What is an earthly father and the Heavenly Father like? Remember what the father in the Prodigal Son story is like?

Jesus uses that story to confirm what the Heavenly Father is like, His character. Even if we are in the pigsties of life because we have sinned against Him, He longs for us to return to Him so that He can pour out His love and compassion upon us and restore us to His family, as beloved sons and daughters. Sometimes how we view earthly fathers can cause us to think that the Heavenly Father might be the same as or similar to earthly fathers. Maybe we haven't lived with an earthly father around us for parts of our life. Maybe we have had a great earthly father. Whatever your life situation, we will think about how even though our earthly fathers let us down sometimes, when we accept Jesus Christ as savior, the Heavenly Father becomes our father.

Read through these words.

Circle in Red any words that you think describe an earthly Father.

Circle in Blue around any words you think describe our Heavenly Father.

If you don't have any colored markers or crayons you can draw a circle around the words that describe an earthly father and a box around the words that describe a heavenly father. It is ok to have both colors/shapes around the same word. It is ok to leave some words without a color/shape.

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Sad	Forgetful	Often there for me	Seldom there for me
Hurtful	Cheerful	Often embracing	Seldom embracing
Speaks words of love	Few words of love	Spends time with me	Spends little time with me
Calm	Embarrassing	Disappointed	Annoyed
Afraid	Bored	Silly	Relaxed
Uptight	Gloomy	Unhappy	Lonely
Shy	Worried	Content	Furious
Disgusted	Vibrant	Secure	Certain
Joyful	Tense	Upset	Critical
Inspiring	Delightful	Unsure	Depressed
Creative	Quiet	Nice	Kind
Scary	Patient	Present	Grumpy
Comforting	Reliable	Peaceful	Protective
Harsh	Insecure	Missing	Gone 29

# SOLO ACTIVITY B

# Tic Tac Toe



Complete three activities to make three in a row.

Think of 5
questions you
want to ask
God and write
them down.

Find a quiet spot to sit and talk to God for 5 minutes. Memorize Psalm 68:5 and tell 3 people what it says.

#### Rewrite Psalm 68:5 In your own words.

Write a short story that shows how God the Father feels toward the fatherless. The story can be true or made up.

Pick a scene from the story of the Prodigal Son and draw a picture of it.

Write down 3
things you
have learned
about God the
Father since
you arrived
at camp.

Make a
poster: write
down 3 of
your favorite
verses and
hang them up
near your bed

Practice acting out the story of the Prodigal Son with some friends. Then perform it for someone.

# SOLO ACTIVITY C

# **About You**

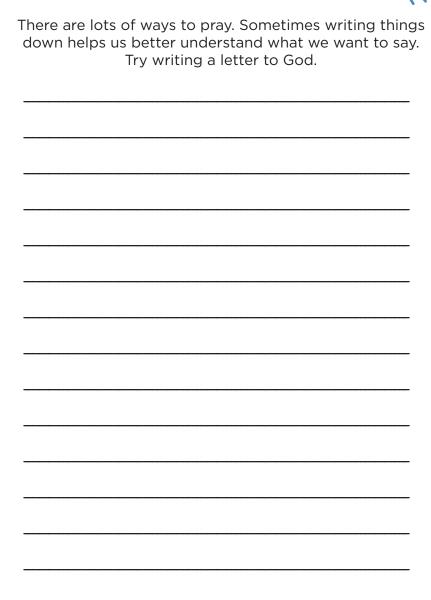
Answer the questions in the boxes below.

What is your birthday?
What is your earliest memory?
What is you happiest memory?
What is your saddest memory?
Who in your life is most like God?
What was the most difficult part of your life so far?
Who has helped you the most?
What are the names of some of the people you know care about you?

## SOLO ACTIVITY D

# Write a Prayer





## SOLO ACTIVITY E

# When My Earthly Father is not Around

Read through these verses.

Draw a star next to your favorite ones.

Draw an X next to any you think are confusing.

God gives to me the father's blessing and He becomes my father and defends my mother.

"A father of the fatherless and a judge and protector of the widows, is God in His holy habitation."

Psalm 68:5

Jesus Christ more fully completes this father blessing to me making me truly a child of God.

"But some people did accept him. They believed in him (Jesus). To them he gave the right to become children of God. They did not become his children in the human way. They were not born because of the desire or wish of some man. They were born of God."

John 1:12-13 ICB

"Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ is God's child. The person who loves the Father also loves the Father's children."

1 John 5:1 ICB

# God, my father, promises to me again and again in Scripture that I am His child and he is my father.

"The Spirit that we received is not a spirit that makes us slaves again to fear. The Spirit that we have makes us children of God. And with that Spirit we say, "Father, dear Father.""

Romans 8:15 ICB

"But Jesus called the little children to him and said to his followers, "Let the little children come to me. Don't stop them, because the kingdom of God belongs to people who are like these little children."

Luke 18:16 ICB

"The Father has loved us so much! He loved us so much that we are called children of God. And we really are his children..."

1 John 3:1

#### God, himself, defends and protects me and my mother.

"He defends the cause of the fatherless and the widow, and loves the foreigner residing among you, giving them food and clothing."

Deuteronomy 10:18 NIV

"But you, God, see the trouble of the afflicted; you consider their grief and take it in hand. The victims commit themselves to you; you are the helper of the fatherless... You, LORD, hear the desire of the afflicted; you encourage them, and you listen to their cry, defending the fatherless and the oppressed, so that mere earthly mortals will never again strike terror."

Psalm 10 NIV

"The Lord watches over the foreigner and sustains the fatherless and the widow, but he frustrates the ways of the wicked."

Psalm 146:9 NIV

"...in you (Lord) the fatherless find compassion."

Hosea 14:3 NIV

God, my father, directs other of his children and His Church to look out for me and my mother, to defend us and to help us with our physical needs.

"Religion that God the Father accepts is this: caring for the fatherless or widows who need help; and keeping yourself free from the world's evil influence. This is the kind of religion that God accepts as pure and good."

James 1:27

"Do not be unfair to a foreigner or the fatherless. Don't take a widow's coat in place of a loan. Remember that you were slaves in Egypt. And the Lord your God saved you from there. That is why I am commanding you to do this."

Deuteronomy 24:17-18

"... Give it to the Levites, foreigners, The fatherless and widows. Then they may eat in your towns and be full."

Deuteronomy 26:12

"... I rescued the poor who cried for help, and the fatherless who had none to assist them... I was a father to the needy; I took up the case of the stranger."

Job 29:12 NIV

"I have never refused anything the poor wanted. I have never let widows give up hope while looking for help. I have not kept my food to myself. I have also given it to the fatherless. Since I was young, I have been like a father to the fatherless. And from my birth I guided the widows."

Job 31:16-18

"This is what the Lord of heaven's armies says: 'Do what is right and fair. Be kind and merciful to each other. Don't hurt widows or the fatherless, foreigners or the poor. Don't even think of doing evil to somebody else."

Zechariah 7:9-10

#### God, my father, sternly warns others not to harm, cause to sin or take advantage of me and my mother... and He means it!

"Do not take advantage of the widow or the fatherless. If you do and they cry out to me, I will certainly hear their cry. My anger will be aroused, and I will kill you with the sword; your wives will become widows and your children fatherless."

Exodus 22:22-27 NIV

"Don't move an old stone that shows where somebody's land is. And don't take fields that belong to the fatherless. God, their defender, is strong. He will take their side against you."

Proverbs 23:10-11

"Woe to those who make unjust laws, to those who issue oppressive decrees, to deprive the poor of their rights and withhold justice from the oppressed of my people, making widows their prey and robbing the fatherless."

Isaiah 10:1-2 NIV

"The Lord of heaven's armies says, "Then I will come to you and judge you... I will testify against those who cheat workers of their pay and who cheat widows and the fatherless. And I will testify against those who are unfair to foreigners. These people do not respect me."

Malachi 3:5

"If one of these little children believes in me, and someone causes that child to sin, then it will be very bad for that person. It would be better for him to have a large stone tied around his neck and be drowned in the sea."

Mathew 18:10 ICB

Because my father is the King of King and Lord of Lords, and I am now part of that royal line; I am a son or daughter of the King.

"If we are God's children, then we will receive the blessings God has for us. We will receive these things from God together with Christ. But we must suffer as Christ suffered, and then we will have glory as Christ has glory."

Romans 8:17 ICB

"But you are chosen people. You are the King's priests. You are a holy nation. You are a nation that belongs to God alone. God chose you to tell about the wonderful things he has done. He called you out of darkness into his wonderful light."

1 Peter 2:9 ICB

"Honor and glory to the King that rules forever! He cannot be destroyed and cannot be seen. Honor and glory forever and ever to the only God. Amen."

1 Timothy 1:17 ICB

"God will make that happen at the right time. He is the blessed and only Ruler. He is the King of all kings and the Lord of all lords. God is the only One who never dies. He lives in light so bright that men cannot go near it. No one has ever seen God, or can see him. May honor and power belong to God forever. Amen."

1 Timothy 6:15-16 ICB

"On his robe and on his thigh he has a name written, King of kings and Lord of lords."

Revelation 19:16 NIV

As a child of the King, I will grow into the man or woman who pleases my father. He shows me what it means to be a true man or woman.

"But the Lord said to Samuel, "Don't look at how handsome Eliab is. Don't look at how tall he is. I have not chosen him. God does not see the same way people see. People look at the outside of a person, but the Lord looks at the heart.""

1 Samuel 16:7

"The Lord has told you what is good. He has told you what he wants from you: Do what is right to other people. Love being kind to others. And live humbly, trusting your God"

Micah 6:8 ICB

"I can do all things (That God tells me to do) through Christ because he gives me strength."

Philippians 4:13 ICB

"In all the work you are doing, work the best you can. Work as if you were working for the Lord, not for men."

Colossians 3:23 ICB

If I do go off the path that my father sets before me, I know that he will allow me to come back to him, with arms open wide and love in his eyes... because I love and want to please him, I will keep trying to obey and please him.

"But if we confess our sins, he will forgive our sins. We can trust God. He does what is right. He will make us clean from all the wrongs we have done."

1 John 1:9 ICB

"So now, those who are in Christ Jesus are not judged [a] guilty. I am not judged guilty because in Christ Jesus the law of the Spirit that brings life made me free. It made me free from the law that brings sin and death."

Romans 8:1-2 ICB

# God, my father, blesses those who bless me and my mother.

"At the end of every three years, bring all the tithes of that year's produce and store it in your towns, so that the Levites (who have no allotment or inheritance of their own) and the foreigners, the fatherless and the widows who live in your towns may come and eat and be satisfied, and so that the LORD your God may bless you in all the work of your hands."

Deuteronomy 14:28-29 NIV

"You might be gathering your harvest in the field. You might not see a bundle of grain. Don't go back and get it. Leave it there for foreigners, the fatherless and widows. Then the Lord your God can bless everything you do."

Deuteronomy 24:19

