

# Daily Devotionals

FOR AN  
**everyday faith.**

## HABITS / WEEK 1

## MIDDLE SCHOOL

So faith comes from hearing, that is, hearing  
the Good News about Christ.

ROMANS 10:17 NLT

### DAY 1

Does reading the Bible really matter? As you read this verse today, think about that question. This verse is giving you the answer! The phrase “Good News” here is talking about the message of the Bible. The more we read the Bible, the more our faith will grow. The more we hear God’s Word, the more our faith will grow. Getting into a habit—making reading the Bible a part of your everyday faith—will help you grow closer to and connect with God!

**What’s one step you can take to make connecting with God through the Bible a habit this week? Pick a time during the day that you can set aside time to read and focus on God.**

So let us come boldly to the throne of our  
gracious God. There we will receive his mercy,  
and we will find grace to help us when we need  
it most.

HEBREWS 4:16 NLT

### DAY 2

Who is one person that you think has real confidence? Think about the way LeBron James plays basketball or how Billie Eilish performs a song. They do those things with so much confidence, right? Well, this verse tells us that we can go to God with that same kind of bold confidence. Why? Because we know that when we do, He promises to connect with us. He promises to give us mercy, grace, and help—*that* we can be confident of!

**Today, ask God for more confidence to come to Him and connect with Him. Pray that He would help you make connecting with Him an everyday part of your faith.**

Come close to God, and God will come close  
to you. Wash your hands, you sinners; purify  
your hearts, for your loyalty is divided between  
God and the world.

JAMES 4:8 NLT

### DAY 3

Have you ever had a friend that didn’t really make a lot of time for you? Every time you wanted to hang out, they always had other plans. Maybe it made you feel like they were more committed to other things than your friendship. In the same way, sometimes it’s easy for us to be more committed—or more loyal—to things like Netflix, or sports, or friends than to our relationship with God. And while those things aren’t bad, we never want to put more into them than we do into our relationship with God. The good news is, as this verse reminds us, we can always come back to God. When we do, He promises to come close to us again.

**Write a letter to God and ask for forgiveness for placing your loyalty in other places. Remember that as you come close to God, He comes close to you.**

But you, O Lord, are a God of compassion and mercy, slow to get angry and filled with unfailing love and faithfulness.

PSALM 86:15 NLT

#### DAY 4

Nobody likes to fail. None of us want to be let down, or disappointed, or hurt by the failures of others. And we don't want to fail others by doing the same to them! This verse tells us that the only person who will never fail us is God. His love is unfailing. It doesn't disappoint, or let us down, or leave us. It's a perfect, A+ kind of love. No matter how much we screw up or how bad the decision is that we make, God's love is there waiting for us. That is something that will never fail!

**Today, talk to a friend, small group leader, or family member about how it makes you feel to know God's love never fails.**

Seek his will in all you do, and he will show you which path to take.

PROVERBS 3:6 NLT

#### DAY 5

Have you ever been in a maze? If you have, then you know you have to make a lot of decisions about which is the right path to take. In that situation, there is really no one there to guide or help you. But in life, things are different! The Bible promises that God will guide us. The more we spend time and connect with Him, the more we will be able to see His guidance in our lives. The more we'll know which path to take and what decisions to make.

**What's one way you can make connecting with God a habit? Maybe it's reading your Bible, praying, or focusing on worship. Whatever you do, make a choice to connect with God so that you can see Him guiding your life this week.**

I am the vine; you are the branches. If a man remains in me and I in him, he will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing.

JOHN 15:5 NIV

#### DAY 6

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These days, a lot of people have their own cell phone. We have access to tons of information, entertainment, and instant communication right at our fingertips. However, after we've used our phones for a little while, a notification pops up that tells us the battery is low. When that happens, we have two choices: Ignore the notification or plug the phone into the charger. Plenty of times I've ignored the notification, and my phone has died. I was forced to plug it in. Why? Because if my phone has no battery, it's useless.

This is a silly example, but I believe the same is true for our lives. Jesus tells us to remain in Him, and that apart from Him, we can do nothing. Because without God, we're like the dead cell phone. We need to connect to Him—the "power source"—to live the way that

	<p>He created us to live.</p> <p>What does this look like? It could be as simple as reading a short verse every morning before school. It could be saying a prayer each night before you go to sleep to tell God about your day. It doesn't have to be anything grand or extravagant. Most of the time, the biggest changes come from seemingly small actions. When we choose to remain in Him, His love for us does not change, but our awareness and understanding of it grows.</p> <p><b>So this week, what's one thing you can do connect with God?</b></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><b>DAY 7</b></p> <p>Sometimes it can be easy to wonder what our purpose is in life. What exactly are we here for? What are we supposed to do? The awesome news is that we can find so many answers for these questions in Scripture. Verses like this Psalm can help us see that our lives are meant to worship God and reflect the good things He's done to the world. And having verses like this memorized can help us keep our purpose in mind! So this week, try to memorize this verse in a creative way. Draw a picture of what comes to mind when you read this Psalm. Be sure to write the verse on the picture as well! Put it up somewhere you can see it to help you work on memorizing it this week.</p>
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