

DAILY DEVOTIONAL

Worth Repeating

WEEK 1

GOD LOVES YOU EVEN WHEN YOU'RE LOST.

“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?”

LUKE 15:4 NIV

DAY 1

Have you ever lost something that was important to you? At first, you probably searched everywhere for it, but eventually, you may have just given up, believing it would never be found. Well, the good news is that God doesn't do the same with us. When we feel lost or far from Him, He goes out of His way to find us and bring us back. To God, we are irreplaceable. He never loses sight of us. He loves us so much that He will do everything in His power to make sure we know that He loves us enough to stick with us, even when we feel lost. Remind yourself today that you are valuable to God—so valuable that He will never leave you!

“Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you.”

MATTHEW 7:7 NIV

DAY 2

Can you think of a dream or goal that you would love to accomplish? Whatever it may be, accomplishing goals takes hard work. But remember, you don't have to do it alone. You have a God who loves and cares for you deeply. And He knows you better than you even know yourself! That means that whatever dreams or goals you have, God has bigger ones. And He wants to see all that and more happen in your life. Why? Because He wants what's best for you! So today, share your dreams or goals with God. Ask Him to help you see it happen and trust that He wants what's best for your life.

“The Lord appeared to us in the past, saying, “I have loved you with an everlasting love; I have drawn you with unfailing kindness.”

JEREMIAH 31:3 NIV

DAY 3

Think about a person in your life who has shown you kindness. Maybe it's an encouraging teacher, a helpful friend, or a parent or family member. That person's acts of kindness likely made you feel loved, and that's a pretty great feeling. Now, multiply that feeling times a million because that's how much more God loves you. Every second of every day, God loves you. No matter what, He loves you. And He shows that love through kindness. He is kind and compassionate toward us, even when we mess up. That is a love that will never fail us. Is there someone you know who may need to experience that kind of love? Do something to show them God's love through your own kindness this week.

“The Lord is compassionate and gracious, slow to anger, abounding in love.”

PSALM 103:8 NIV

DAY 4

Sometimes, we make positive choices, like helping out with extra chores or offering a seat at lunch to a new kid. Other times, we may make less positive choices, like ignoring a sibling or saying something unkind to a friend. While our positive choices make us feel great, those more negative choices make us feel things like embarrassment or guilt. But with God, you don't have to stay stuck in those feelings. He has given us grace and compassion, choosing to love us in spite of what we do or don't do. In His eyes, our mistakes don't define us; His love does. If there's a negative choice or mistake you've made recently, share it with God. Thank Him for His love that will help you move forward.

“Come near to God and he will come near to you.”

JAMES 4:8A NIV

DAY 5

We've all been through painful situations. Maybe you felt down because you didn't make the team, or maybe your friends started gossiping about you at school, or maybe you lost someone you loved. Whatever the situation, when we're in it, we wish we had help, don't we? Sometimes we think we have to wait for help to come to us, but this verse reminds us that there's a step we can take to help ourselves. We can go to God. And when we do, He promises to be near to us—to help us through whatever we're facing. This week, talk to your Small Group Leader, parent, or a trusted friend about what it looks like to draw near to God.
