

READ LUKE 4:2-4

DAY 1

Before Jesus started His "official" ministry on earth, he headed out to the wilderness to face 40 days of testing. This was WAY crazier than any episode of "Man vs. Wild" or "American Ninja Warrior." Jesus faced the devil himself. Every time the devil tried to tempt Him to do the WRONG thing, Jesus answered him with a verse from God's word so that He could keep doing the right thing! Jesus knew that discovering what God says helps you make the wise choice.

Can you imagine not eating ANYTHING for 40 days? That's what Jesus did in the wilderness! Tonight at dinner, set a timer for ten minutes. You cannot pick up your fork or take a bite until time is up. While everyone else is eating, use that time to LEARN something about someone in your family. Ten minutes is WAY shorter than 40 days. Can you do it?

THANK God for His word that helps you make the wise choice.

READ JOSHUA 1:8

DAY 2

Do you normally brush your teeth in the morning and at night? Probably. Do you know why? Because you don't want your teeth to fall out, right? Your dentist has told you to brush your teeth twice a day and since he knows all about teeth, you listen to his advice to keep them healthy.

Well, God knows all about making wise choices. And if you want to live the life God has for you, you have to read His word. That's why we have a challenge for you. Choose any verse from this week and read it in the morning and in the evening on the same day. To help you complete this challenge, put your Bible near your toothbrush and read it as you brush your teeth in the morning and at night before bedtime.

ASK God to help you READ His word and APPLY it by making wise choices this week.



READ PSALM 119:66

DAY 3

Learning new things can be fun! Think about the first time you read a chapter book cover to cover. What about the first time you tied your shoes or completed a jigsaw puzzle without help? Guess what? Learning new things isn't just a kid thing. Adults learn new things to help them grow and get better at whatever they do, too. Learning is a process that never ends.

God made you. He gave you special gifts that He wants you to use to make a difference in the world around you. One of the best ways for you to discover how to do that is by reading your Bible and following what it says! Discovering God's word will help you live a life that's pleasing to God.

Today's verse is this week's memory verse challenge! Write the words of the verse on cards and put them in a line on the floor or on the stairs if you have them. Hop (or jump) on each word as you say the verse. Repeat the verse in this way until you can say it without looking at the cards.

LISTEN to God's word to help you grow in knowledge and wisdom.

READ EPHESIANS 1:17

DAY 4

In this letter to the church in Ephesus, Paul was writing to encourage the new believers there. He prayed that those followers would know God better and better. Paul prayed that they would ask God for direction instead of trying to make decisions on their own. Isn't it cool that we can read the words Paul wrote so long ago and be encouraged to follow God, too?

God doesn't just want you to do the right thing. He wants you to do the WISE thing. And wisdom, the ability to see all the choices ahead of you and make the best one, comes from GOD. The Bible is like this big gift straight from God to show you the best decisions.

Think about a situation you're facing right now where you need some wisdom. As you read your Bible this week, ask God to show you what the wise choice is.

KNOW that all wisdom comes from God and He will give it to you as you learn His word.

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