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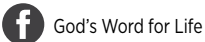


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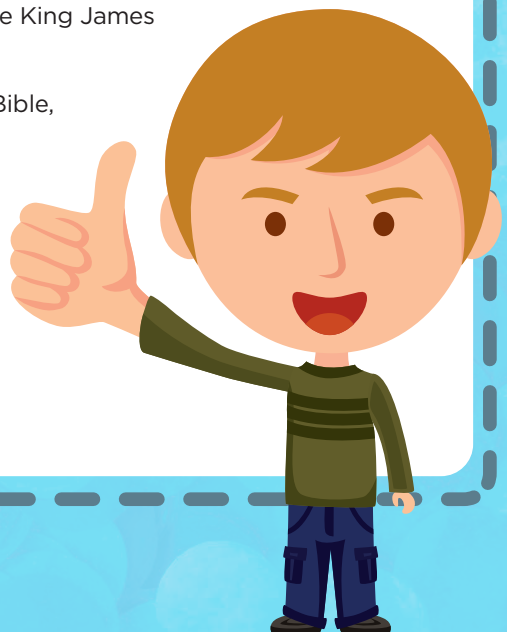
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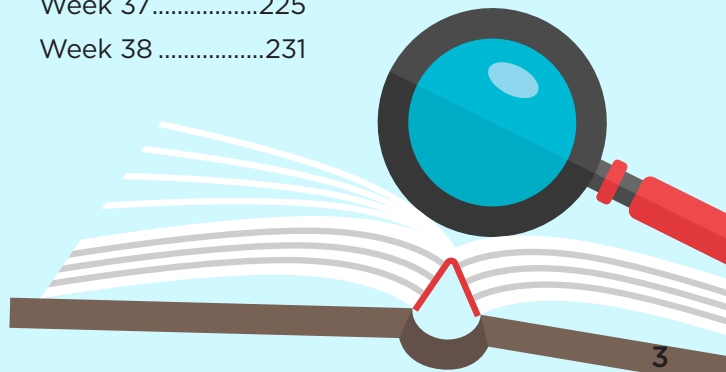
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# Family Covenant and Goals

This year, we the \_\_\_\_\_s (FAMILY NAME) faithfully commit to daily moments of prayer and devotion, connecting as a family through God’s Word. Our vow before God is to give our best to Him and believe God will meet with us, even on days or weeks where life’s adversity might make it difficult to reach our expectations. We know God is with us and for us, and to receive the full extent of His blessings, we will attempt to follow Him wholeheartedly. As a family, we make a commitment to grow together as disciples of Jesus Christ.



“Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God is one LORD: And thou shalt love the LORD thy God with all thine heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy might. And these words, which I command thee this day, shall be in thine heart: And thou shalt teach them diligently unto thy children, and shalt talk of them when thou sittest in thine house, and when thou walkest by the way, and when thou liest down, and when thou risest up.”

—Deuteronomy 6:4-7

Members of Family

Age

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# HOW TO USE THIS DEVOTIONAL

## Why do we need *God's Word for Families*?

The Bible teaches us to make disciples of our children. Proverbs 22:6 encourages parents, "Train up a child in the way he should go: and when he is old, he will not depart from it." This verse establishes the principle and the value of properly planting the seed of God's Word into the hearts of children and trusting God will help them continue to grow, grow, grow in Christ for the rest of their lives and into eternity.

Deuteronomy 6:7 states, "And thou shalt teach them (God's commandments) diligently unto thy children, and shalt talk of them when thou sittest in thine house, and when thou walkest by the way, and when thou liest down, and when thou risest up." God wants His children to have their mind on Him from the moment they wake up to the moment they go to sleep. The Sunday school teacher should not be a child's only connection to the Word of God. Clearly, God wants discipleship to penetrate the home.

The *God's Word for Families* devotional is a wholly Apostolic discipleship tool designed to help your entire family grow in relationship to God and each other. By exploring a biblical passage from Sunday to Saturday, daily ten-minute activities use a variety of teaching styles to engage family members to hear God's voice and be transformed by His Spirit. Done faithfully, *God's Word for Families* will bring your entire family closer to God.



## Scheduling Times of Family Devotion

For a family devotional to be effective, a family needs to be faithful and intentional. Prioritize God by greeting every day with prayer. Then as a family, determine a time or times during each day when everyone agrees to stop all other activity to come together for prayer and to discuss God's Word. It could be over breakfast, as part of home-schooling, after dinner, or as part of a bedtime ritual. Whatever time(s) your family agrees upon, attempt to be consistent, as faithfulness is a key to discipleship.

### How does *God's Word for Families* work?

Each Sunday introduces a biblical passage that is then explored throughout the week. Every person has a preferred method of learning. Each day of this devotional addresses a different type of learner. Some will prefer Thursdays over Mondays, or Tuesdays over Fridays. Because all learning styles will eventually be honored, encourage all family members to participate throughout the week, recognizing there will be something for everyone before the week is over.

#### **Sunday:** Introducing the Week's Lesson

Sunday provides an age-appropriate version of the week's Bible passage. Read through this story together, drawing special attention to the Truth about God (TAG) that is focused on by the biblical text. Consider writing this TAG in a prominent location such as a whiteboard in the kitchen. It will be the guiding principle to be explored throughout the week.

If your church is using *God's Word for Life* for Sunday school, this lesson will match what your family is learning at church. *God's Word for Life* is a whole-church curriculum, so the adult, youth, and children's classes all teach from the same biblical text, though with different age-appropriate applications. The *God's Word for Families* devotional can be used as a powerful supplement to magnify what is being taught on Sundays at church.





## ☐ Monday: Why do I need to know this?

Some people won't learn something until they recognize where to apply it. Monday's activities are designed to put purpose behind the week's lessons. On Mondays, the Truth about God (TAG) is placed front and center, as your family discusses how this TAG is personally relevant to your children. If your child(ren) prefer this learning style, let them talk until they find the contextual point of application.

## ☐ Tuesday: What do I need to know?

Tuesday's activities are designed for the analytic learner who enjoys discovering new things. In addition to the trivia provided by "Fun Facts!" and "Did You Know?," use this day to dig deeper into the text. If your child is willing, get out the concordance, or demonstrate how to use Bible apps like Bible Gateway to explore the passage in different translations. After reading the KJV text, the analytic learner will enjoy discovering how other versions (e.g., the *International Children's Bible* and the *New Living Translation*) translated the same passage.

## ☐ Wednesday: How can my worship reflect the lesson?

Because many families have a midweek service, Wednesday's activities are minimalized. A QR code sends you to a featured lyric video that applies to the week's lesson. In addition, a few more relevant songs are suggested. Note, all music suggestions are Apostolic artists. .

## ☐ Thursday: Where does this apply?

Monday showed why the TAG is important. Tuesday revealed what the Bible has to say about it. Thursday's activities are designed for application. How does this biblical truth impact our lives today? Starting with the Life Lesson statement, use the scenario provided to discuss and find common-sense applications.

## ☐ Friday and Saturday: What should I do with this?

As the weekend approaches, families should start looking for creative ways to apply what they have learned to real-life opportunities. Friday's devotion starts with Talk Time, providing discussion questions aimed at finding practical areas of application. Then Saturday suggests a Family Project that puts the Life Lesson into motion. To be transformational, God Word must be applied.

We encourage you to share your family's devotional activities with our Facebook community: **God's Word for Life Kids Community**.



# God Protected Moses

Read the summary of this week's Bible lesson below, or read Exodus 2:1-10 and Matthew 2:13-30 in your family Bible.

Week

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Sunday

## EXODUS 2:1-10

A man and woman from the tribe of Levi got married. The woman, Jochebed, gave birth to a son. She saw that he was a special baby and kept him hidden for three months. When she could no longer hide him, she got a basket made of papyrus reeds and waterproofed it with tar and pitch. Carefully she put him in the basket among the reeds of the bank of the Nile River. The gentle splashing water rocked him to sleep.

The baby's sister, Miriam, stood close to the river curiously waiting to see what would happen to her brother. Pharaoh's daughter came down to bathe in the Nile. When the princess saw the basket among the reeds, she sent her maid to get it for her. When the princess opened the basket, she saw the baby! The little boy was crying, and she felt sorry for him. The princess adopted him and let Jochebed care for him until he was old enough to live in the palace. Moses was protected!

## MATTHEW 2:13-30

After the wise men were gone, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream.

"Get up! Flee to Egypt with the child and his mother," the angel said. "Stay there until I tell you to return, because Herod is going to search for the child to kill him."

That night Joseph left for Egypt with Mary and baby Jesus, and they stayed there until Herod's death. This fulfilled what the Lord had spoken through the prophet: "I called my Son out of Egypt." Jesus was protected!

**TRUTH ABOUT GOD:** God sends deliverers to save His people.

*Discuss any questions about these Bible events. Pray together for God to help you this week in following Him.*

Read or review Exodus 2:1-10 and Matthew 2:13-20 as a family. This week we are learning that we can trust Jesus to save us from sin.

**OPENING DISCUSSION**

- Have you ever played “Would You Rather?” where someone gives you two horrible options?
- How did you decide which bad option to choose?

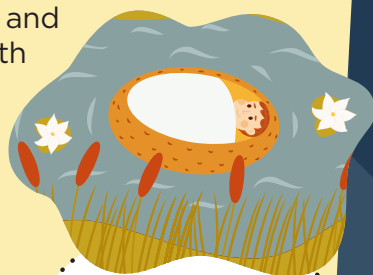
**TRUTH ABOUT GOD**

*God sends deliverers to save His people.*

Have you ever found yourself in a situation where all choices look like bad choices? As you think about your options, breathing becomes difficult as an invisible weight presses on your chest and shoulders. This is called anxiety, which occurs when we feel helpless and alone. How do you respond when you feel anxious?

Thankfully, when you know Jesus, you are never alone. He is always there for you. Just call on His name and pray. Let His Holy Spirit comfort and guide you. Just as the sun is our source of light, God is our source of strength. He will deliver you. Sometimes that deliverance comes suddenly and miraculously, and sometimes He will take your hand and walk with you through the valley.

Certainly Moses’ mom felt helpless. Which bad choice was her best option? Still she put her trust in God as she laid her baby into the basket. God repaid her trust by using that baby to deliver His people out of Egypt. God always delivers.



This Week's  
**Life Lesson**

I will trust Jesus to save me from sin.

**FINAL REFLECTIONS**

- What are some situations where you need to trust God more?
- Has God ever placed anyone in your life that helped you out of a bad situation?

**PRAYER:**

Pray that God would help us to trust Him through all the difficult situations we face.

☐ Tuesday

## Fun Facts!

Read or review Exodus 2:1-10 as a family. Find and highlight all the things Miriam did to be a good sister to protect Moses.

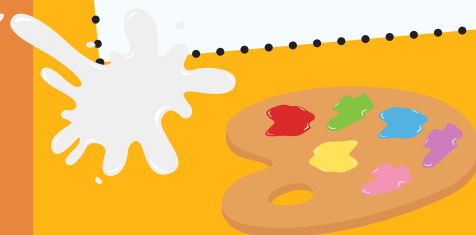


Did you know that Moses inspired the story of Superman? Just like baby Moses was put in a boat, baby Superman was put in a rocket. Pharaoh's daughter found Moses. Jonathan and Martha Kent found baby Superman and named him Clark. Moses delivered his people from Egypt, and Superman flew in and helped people in trouble. The creators of Superman were Jerry Siegel and Joe Shuster. Because they were Jewish, they knew the story of Moses.

## Did You Know?

The Nile River is the longest river in the world. Baby Moses' boat protected him from crocodiles in the river. Miriam's name may mean "drop of the sea" or "star of the sea." Miriam followed Moses like she was playing Hide and Seek. Being both the hider and the seeker is good because we learn how others feel. The Italian city of Bergamo holds an International Hide and Seek competition every summer. Not It!

- ★ If you have watercolors, use them to paint a picture of baby Moses. If you don't, use crayons or markers.
- ★ Make a boat for baby Moses. See if it will float. Be safe and ask a grownup for help.
- ★ During bath time, gather your water-safe action figures or dolls and retell the story of Moses.



## □ Wednesday



### Featured Song

“Who My Victory Is” by Angie Pearson

Reflect on how these additional songs relate to Exodus 2:1-10.

- “Unstoppable God” by David Jennings
- “How I Need You” by Indiana Bible College

### PRAYER:

Pray that God would help us to trust Him through all the difficult situations we face.

### BONUS ACTIVITY:

As you travel to church, look for rivers and streams as you discuss how Moses’ mom placed her baby in the Nile River.

## □ Thursday

Read the story below and discuss how the Truth for My Life applies to you.

**Truth for My Life:** *I will trust Jesus to save me from sin.*

“Mom, Ashton and I are riding bikes down to the park,” Sam said.

Sam strapped on his knee and elbow pads but lay aside his helmet. “I don’t think I’ll need this today.”

“Don’t forget your helmet,” Mom called. Ashton reluctantly put on his helmet.

Ashton was waiting out front. “Timmy and Levi want to fight us,” Ashton said.

“I don’t like to fight,” said Sam. “Let’s pray for Jesus to protect us.”

At the park, Timmy and Levi found the boys riding. “Are you two wimps ready to fight?”

“Fighting is wrong,” Sam replied, as he tried to ride off. Levi kicked his back tire, sending him skidding out of control. Sam flew over his handlebars, hitting the ground with a thud, his helmet hitting a big sharp rock protruding from the ground. Sam lay still for a few moments. As onlookers gathered, Timmy and Levi ran off.

“Are you OK?” Ashton gawked.

“I think so,” Sam replied. “I think my helmet saved me.”

“Praise the Lord!” exclaimed Ashton, helping his friend off the ground. “I’m glad you had your helmet on.”

### DISCUSSION TIME

☐ Friday

## Talk Time

**ASK YOUR PARENT:**  
Have you ever been protected by God?

**ASK YOUR CHILD:**  
What are some ways we protect you and keep you safe? How does God keep you safe?

**PRAYER:**  
As a family, give thanks to God for His salvation and protection. Pray together that God will help you trust Him more in all areas of life.



**TIP FOR TOMORROW**  
Tomorrow's project is a testimony service. Gather cardboard or paper and markers, and begin planning for it in the family schedule.

**BONUS ACTIVITY:**  
Kids, retell Exodus 2:1-10 in your own words. Discuss how it is like Matthew 2:13-30.



☐ Saturday

## Family Project

Hold your own testimony service. Consider cardboard testimonies where family members write a phrase describing a need on one side of the cardboard and a phrase explaining how God brought victory on the other side. Have a family discussion about a time God protected your family. Next, talk about His protection of extended family members and friends. Spend some time thanking Him for His protection.



## The Big Picture: Discipleship

While God was the one who ultimately protected baby Moses, his mother, Jochebed, had to be willing to take a huge step of faith and place her baby in a basket in the water. The outcome was miraculous. As a parent we must continually trust in God for our family's protection. This takes a lifestyle of daily surrendering our family into His loving and capable hands. Remember Jochebed and don't be afraid to take some big steps of faith.