

WELCOME TO THIS LITTLE BOOK OF GOD'S FRIENDSHIP.

Having a good friend is wonderful, isn't it? It's fun to have someone to share jokes with and play games. Sometimes we tell our friends things that we are thinking about or even worried about. Many times, our friends help us feel better and make us laugh.

This book is all about how we can grow our friendship with God. More than anything, God wants to be in our lives and be with us.

The best way to grow with God is to take time every day to think and pray about God's presence in your life, what you have learned, and how you will prepare for tomorrow. Some days, you'll have good things to think about, and some days will be hard.

How to use this book

Each page of this book is about something that might have happened in your day. Maybe you were picked last for a game or maybe you made a new friend. Maybe you are celebrating someone you love or maybe something scary happened.

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Choose a page that matches your day and use the prayers and questions to think about how God was in your day. You can do this on your own, or you can ask a friend or trusted adult to join you. Each page follows this pattern:

God is with you: Each day you can read a short prayer that will help you relax and think about God.

Review: This will help you think through your day and spark your imagination.

Observe: Quietly focus the lesson of the day and how you are feeling.

What did I learn? What did you learn today that you can take into your day tomorrow? This is really important. When we understand what we learn, we grow closer to God!

Prayer for tomorrow: Each page will end with a prayer that helps you think about what you will do tomorrow to continue to grow your friendship with God.

Every day is filled with experiences, and when we take the time to think and pray about them, we learn to see how God was part of every experience. May this book help you grow your friendship with God!

LEARNING SOMETHING NEW



Dear God of curiosity, today was exciting because I learned something I didn't know, and I thought it was really cool. I am excited to learn more, ask more questions, and explore. Thank you for sparking my imagination and curiosity today!

What did you learn today that was new to you? There are so many different places we can learn things—at school, from our friends, from our parents, from the internet. Who was your teacher? What will you do with what you learned today?

Tomorrow is another day to learn and explore, full of possibilities. One of the best things about learning something new is sharing with someone else and sparking their imagination!

Dear God, thank you for the joy and excitement of learning. I look forward to what tomorrow will bring and the new knowledge I will gain. Help me to share my excitement with others and to be a good listener when someone wants to share with me!

FEELING LEFT OUT



*Dear God, please come and sit with me.
Sometimes I feel alone, and today was one of those days.
It makes me happy to remember that you will always be
my friend and will listen to my prayers.*

It's never fun to feel left out. Everyone, even grown-ups and parents, feels left out sometimes. What happened today that made you feel left out?

God is always with us, even when it feels like everyone else has left. God also asks us to be a good friend to others who might feel left out. What can you do tomorrow to help others feel included?

*Dear God, my friend, you are always with me,
even on days where I feel left out. Thank you for hearing
my prayers and helping me see that my life
is full of friends and people who care about me.
Help me be caring and a good friend to others
who may feel left out tomorrow.*

HELPING SOMEONE



Dear helping God, today I shared myself with another person, giving them my time and helping hand to make their day better. I learned to do this from you and your words, "Love One Another."

Everyone, no matter how big or small, can be helpful. When we help others, we share God's love.

How did you know the person you helped needed you? How did you feel before you helped them? How did you feel after you helped them?

God asks us to help one another. What is one thing you can do tomorrow to be helpful?

Dear helping God, thank you for my helping hands and caring heart. Today I was able to use both of these gifts to help someone who needed me. I will look for new ways to share my gifts tomorrow.

LISTENING CAREFULLY



Dear listening God, you hear my prayers every day and I feel special knowing that you are always listening. Today, I followed your example and listened carefully. I gave my full attention and showed that I care.

It feels good when someone listens carefully when we share our stories and ideas. We make others feel special when we listen. When did you listen carefully today? What did you hear?

Everyone wants to be heard when they speak. But we can't all be speaking at the same time! Listening carefully to someone shows that we care about what they say and we respect them. Who will you listen carefully to tomorrow?

Dear God, sometimes it can be hard to listen, especially when I'm tired or bored. Tomorrow, please help me to show others that I respect and care about them by listening carefully, especially when it's hard to do.