

Basic Bible Truths

Level 3: Fall Devotionals

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NEHEMIAH KIDS: Basic Bible Truths Level 3: Fall Devotionals

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Incentive Page

Your Name:

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Number: Devotional Week B: Bible Study Completed M: Memory Verse Learned G: Good Behavior in Class P: Parent Talk Signed

N.K. Token Totals

Number of Memory Verses Learned: ______ Number of Bible Studies Completed: _____ Parent Talk Signed: _____ Good Behavior: _____ Total Tokens Awarded: _____ Congratulations!

You made it to the top!



The Life of Obedience



Welcome to Nehemiah Kids!

Nehemiah Kids (N.K.) will help you develop some very important steps to growing in your faith and to understanding who God is and what His plans are for your life. Did you know that the Creator of the universe, God, wants to spend time with you? It's true! He wants to spend time with YOU. Jeremiah 33:3 says, "Call to Me, and I will answer you, and show you great and mighty *things, which you do not know."* He is never too busy for you. He is always there, 24/7 (twenty-four hours a day, seven days a week). Part of walking with God is learning how to spend time with Him each day. This is called a "quiet time." You will want to spend time with Him in prayer and Bible study every day for strength and encouragement. Read the instructions on the following pages to learn how to get started. It will be best for you to use the New King James Version of the Bible as you work through this workbook. For the next eighteen weeks, you will discover how special you are to God. Remember, God gave His Son for you.

Starting Nehemiah Kids Level 3: Fall Devotionals

Start with Week One, and do all of the following steps every day. First, read the topic definition for the week, then work on learning your memory verse. Next, pray on the armor of God. This will prepare you for hearing God's voice as you do your Bible study each day. It will also help you live for Jesus throughout the day. The Bible study comes next. There is a study for six days of the week (you can write the day of the week on the blank line at the beginning of each day's lesson). Do one Bible study each day. If you get behind, use your extra day to catch up.

Remember, you are developing a daily quiet time with God. When you are ready to pray, turn to the **Prayer Journal** for ideas on how to pray each day. Use this daily guide to help you pray more effectively. Write down your requests and the date, then write the date when God answers your prayers. Day 6 is special. Read the next section to see what it is all about.

Parent Talk: Developing a Christian Worldview

"You shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, when you walk by the way, when you lie down, and when you rise up." (Deuteronomy 6:7)

There are many beliefs in our world. These beliefs can be considered a person's worldview. A worldview is how a person determines what they believe about who they are as a person, their purpose for being here on Earth, what they believe to be truth, what they believe about family, and how they view the needs of the world around them.

As Christians, we look at things differently because we have a tool that guides us—God's Word. On sunny days, some people wear sunglasses to filter out the sun's rays. They find it easier to see with sunglasses on bright days. As we live in the world, we need to have a filter to help us determine what is right and wrong. It is like putting on sunglasses to block out the sun. So the believer takes up the Bible to block out those views that do not line up with God's Word. In every situation we face, we should put on our "Bible glasses" to view our world in light of God's Word. Our decisions and our lives should be directly in line with the Bible.

Parents, take this time each week to sit down with your child and talk with them about what God's Word says about the topic of the week. Strive to develop a Christian worldview in your child. This will be a great time of teaching your child and seeing what they have already learned. Make sure you pray with your child as well.

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How to Have a Quiet Time

- 1. Each day you should find a time that is best for you to spend with God.
- 2. Find a quiet place. Make sure the radio and TV are off.
- 3. Approach God with the highest respect.
- 4. Ask God to help you understand what you are reading.
- 5. Remember, God loves you and cares about your every need.
- 6. Do not do all the talking. Let God speak to your heart.
- 7. If God shows you something in His Word, "Do it."
- 8. Write down your prayer requests and the date of your requests so you can see how God answers your prayers.
- 9. Journal: Because it is difficult to remember everything God does in our lives, it is good to keep a journal. Write down specific things that He does so you can look back during hard times and be encouraged. You can write out your prayers if you like and be able to express your desires and burdens in written form. Journaling also allows you to write down your fears, worries, and struggles. It gives you something more specific to pray about. It allows you to evaluate each day and know how to live better tomorrow. Your journal is also a place for notes. As you study, write down what you have learned in your journal. You can use the Prayer Journal at the back of this book beginning on **page 80**.
- 10. Pray on the armor of God each day. You have an enemy, and God has provided the armor for your protection. You put the armor on through prayer. It is simple. Just pray,

LORD JESUS, I take the <u>belt of</u> truth. Thank You for Your Word, which is truth. I put on the <u>breastplate of</u> righteousness because I have been made righteous only by faith in You. I put on the <u>sandals of peace</u>. Empower me today to share with others the Gospel of peace. I take up the <u>shield</u> of faith. Help me by faith to obey You

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in everything. I put on the helmet of salvation. Help me to take every thought captive to obedience to You. I take up the sword of the spirit, which is the Word of God. Bring to mind the promises of Your Word today and crush Satan's attempts to defeat me. Thank You for Your protection. In Jesus' name I pray, AMEN.

It is that simple and very effective against the devil's attacks. Do not forget to pray on your armor every day!

"Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord and in the power of His might. Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil." (Ephesians 6:10–11)

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Weekly Memory Verses

Read through your memory verse for the week you are on every day that week. Start to memorize the verse a few words at a time. Each day add a few more words to what you already know. By the end of the week, you will have the memory verse down, and you will be able to quote it easily.

Week One—"All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness." (2 Timothy 3:16)

Week TWO—"Your word I have hidden in my heart, That I might not sin against You." (Psalm 119:11)

Week Three—"But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us." (Romans 5:8)

Week FOUR— "For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God." (Ephesians 2:8)

Week Five—"You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind." (Matthew 22:37)

Week Six—"...that you may walk worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing Him, being fruitful in every good work and increasing in the knowledge of God." (Colossians 1:10)

Week Seven—"I am the vine, you are the branches. He who abides in Me, and I in him, bears much fruit; for without Me you can do nothing." (John 15:5)

Week Eight—"Ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you." (Matthew 7:7)

Week Nine—"Great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised; And His greatness is unsearchable." (Psalm 145:3)

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Week Ten—"But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be witnesses to Me." (Acts 1:8a)

Week Eleven—"For I delivered to you first of all that which I also received: that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures." (1 Corinthians 15:3)

Week Twelve—"For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also." (Matthew 6:21)

Week Thirteen—"For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand that we should walk in them." (Ephesians 2:10)

Week FOUrteen—"A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another; as I have loved you, that you also love one another." (John 13:34)

Week Fifteen—"And be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as God in Christ forgave you." (Ephesians 4:32)

Week Sixteen—"A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another." (John 13:34a)

Week Seventeen—"If you love Me, keep My commandments." (John 14:15)

Week Eighteen—"Keep His commandments and obey His voice; you shall serve Him and hold fast to Him." (Deuteronomy 13:4)

Week One

God's Word

The Bible, God's instructions and message of love and life for you

Memory Verse

"All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness." (2 Timothy 3:16)

Pray on the Armor of God (Ephesians 6:10-18)

"Lord Jesus, I take the <u>belt of truth</u>. Thank You for Your Word, which is truth. I put on the <u>breastplate of righteousness</u> because I have been made righteous only by faith in You. I put on the <u>sandals of peace</u>. Empower me today to share with others the Gospel of peace. I take up the <u>shield of faith</u>. Help me by faith to obey You in everything. I put on the <u>helmet of salvation</u>. Help me to take every thought captive to obedience to You. I take up the <u>sword of the Spirit</u>, which is the Word of God. Bring to mind the promises of Your Word today and crush Satan's attempts to defeat me. In Jesus' name I pray, amen."

DAY

directed.

Read Hebrews 1:1-3

Through whom did God speak to get His message to His people in the past? (v. 1)

If God spoke to the prophets in the past and they wrote down what He said, can God's Word be trusted? _____

God did something even greater; He spoke to us through His Son Jesus (v. 2). **God cares about you so much that He sent His Son**.

God speaks to us in different ways. What are some ways He speaks to you?

PRAY: Thank God for His inspired Word, the Bible. Thank Him for speaking to men who **listened and wrote** down His words. **Turn to your Prayer Journal (p. 80) and pray as**

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Read Hebrews 4:12-13

When we read the Word of God, it judges the _____ and _____ of the heart. (v. 12)

Nothing in your life is hidden from God's sight.

If God knows your thoughts and attitudes, how will you change your thoughts and attitudes today?

Remember, God is always present; you cannot hide anything from Him.

PRAY: Knowing that nothing in your life is hidden from God's sight, ask Him to forgive all your sins and help you live for Him fully today. **Turn to your Prayer Journal (p. 80) and pray as directed**.



Read Revelation 1:1-3

John writes in Revelation that we are ______ if we read what is written. (v. 3)

Why do you think we should read the Bible every day? _____

God loves you and wants you to know Him better by reading His Word.

What can you do today to get to know God better? _____

Choose a section in the Bible to read today and ask yourself, "What does this section tell me about God?"

PRAY: Thank the Lord for His Word. Ask Him to help you "take to heart" what it says. Turn to your Prayer Journal (p. 80) and pray as directed.

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Read Psalm 119:102-105

The psalmist said that the Word of God is sweeter than _____. (v. 103)

What can we gain from God's Word? _____ (v. 104)

God has given you His Word to guide your life. When you read the Bible, God gives you better understanding of who He is and what His plan is for your life.

Do you want to gain understanding by reading God's Word? _____

When you read the Bible, try to figure out what God is guiding you to do. What is He guiding you to do today?

PRAY: Pray for God to give you a desire to read His Word. Ask Him to help you understand what it says and how it applies to you. **Turn to your Prayer Journal (p. 80) and pray as directed.**



Read Joshua 1:6-9

Joshua was given leadership over the children of Israel, and it was a really big job. What did God tell Joshua when he was afraid? (vs. 6 & 9)

What did God promise Joshua if he obeyed God's commands? (v. 8b) ______

The Lord God is with you wherever you go. When you face a difficult task,

what do you think God wants you to do? "Be ______ and of

_____." (v. 6a)

What does God promise to do for you? _____

PRAY: Ask God to help you be strong and courageous as you try to live for Him today. Pray that He will help you obey His commands. **Turn to your Prayer Journal (p. 80) and**

pray as directed.

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PARENT TALK: CHRISTIAN WORLDVIEW

Read Revelation 1:1-3 with your child. There is an idea taught today in our society that there are no absolute truths or moral guidelines for life. Each person can find their own reality and truth, and no one should impose these truths on others. However, this is contrary to what we believe as Christians. We DO have absolute truth and moral guidelines to show us how to live our lives—in the Bible. God's Word is written to us to give us direction and help us avoid many of the pitfalls in life. Under the inspiration of the Holy Spirit, men who knew God and heard His voice wrote a love letter to mankind…from God Himself. God inspired and led these men to write down what He told them so that others might hear His truths and find salvation through His Son. His Word gives us instruction for life. It is our road map and compass that shows us how to find God and our way in life. It shows God's love to us and how He wants us to live our lives for Him. The Bible also tells us that God has a plan and purpose for our lives to follow.

Have your child quote this week's memory verse, then discuss the following questions with them:

- 1. Why is God's Word so important to us?
- 2. Is there any other guide for living that is equal to God's Word? (No)
- 3. What kinds of things does God's Word show us?

PRAY: Thank God for His Word. Thank Him for instructions on how to live a good life for Him. **Have your N.K. turn to their Prayer Journal (p. 80) and pray as directed.**

Parent Initials	Date





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