

# DAILY DEVOTIONAL

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WHO IS JESUS? / WEEK 1

MIDDLE SCHOOL

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## DAY 1

**For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord.**

**Romans 8:38-39 NIV**

What's the farthest distance you've ever traveled? Whether it was just a few miles down the road or hundreds of miles away, the distance probably felt big. In the same way, sometimes we feel like the distance between God and us is just as big. The space between where we want to be and where we actually are when it comes to our faith can seem enormous. But the truth is, there is no distance between us and God. Because, as this verse reminds us, nothing can separate us from God's love.

**Get out for a walk today, keeping track of the distance you go as you do. With each step, remind yourself that no matter how far away you may feel, nothing can separate you from God's love.**

## DAY 2

**For through him we both have access to the Father by one Spirit.**

**Ephesians 2:18 NIV**

When Jesus came to the Earth, He was on a mission. That mission was to save us from our sins and make a way for us to be connected to God forever. And what do we celebrate at Easter every year? It's the celebration of Jesus accomplishing that mission through His death and resurrection. Now, there's nothing that can separate us from God. But when we believe in Jesus and choose to follow Him with our lives, we find a connection to God through His Spirit. That's something worth celebrating, both at Easter and every day!

**Identify a trusted adult in your life—someone you know loves and follows Jesus! Share this verse with them, asking them to talk about what it means for their lives. Then, share what it means to you, too!**

## DAY 3

**But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far away have been brought near by the blood of Christ.**

**Ephesians 2:13 NIV**

At first glance, this verse may seem difficult to understand. After all, there's a lot of history packed in just one sentence! When Adam and Eve sinned (Genesis 3), it meant that humans now had to be separated from God. But because God loves us so much, God didn't want us to remain separated. So, God sent Jesus to Earth to make a way for us to be near to God again. Jesus' death and resurrection—the very thing we remember at Easter—built a bridge that allows us all to have a personal relationship with God.

**Take time today to journal a few thoughts about this truth. What does it mean for your life to know that because of Jesus, you can be connected to God?**

## DAY 4

**Let us then approach God's throne of grace with confidence, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need.**

**Hebrews 4:16 NIV**

Have you ever seen someone famous in real life? Maybe a celebrity, or an athlete, or a YouTuber. If you have, then you know that most famous people don't leave home without security. They've got a bodyguard or a team to surround them! Why? To make getting close to them difficult. Here, the author of Hebrews tells us that we don't have to worry about any of that when we approach God. Because of Jesus, there is nothing and no one that can keep us from getting to God. So, we can approach God boldly and with confidence.

**Think of something you need to talk to God about in your life right now. Then, go to God in prayer confidently, knowing nothing will hold you back.**

# DAY 5

**“Don’t be afraid, for I am with you. Don’t be discouraged, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you. I will hold you up with my victorious right hand.”**

**Isaiah 41:10 NLT**

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Being connected to God can feel like a confusing thing to say. I mean, I’m not tied to God. I can’t even see God! So what does it actually mean to be connected to God? God promises to be with us. And since God is with us in everything we do, we are able to connect with God. When you’re connected to God, God promises to strengthen you and help you get through hard times in life. Like those times when you get a bad grade on a really important test, or when you are in a fight with a friend at school, or when you lose someone you really love. I remember when I was going through a rough time with friends, and I felt really alone. I forgot that I had God and that God hadn’t left me. It’s in times like these where you can know that God is close and can feel

connected to God. Not only that but like this verse says, God promises that we are held in the hands of a God that doesn’t fail. How amazing is that?! No matter what’s happening, God will always be there to hold you up.

**The next time you feel alone or discouraged, remember that you can always connect with God no matter what’s going on. To help you remember this, try to memorize this verse this week.**

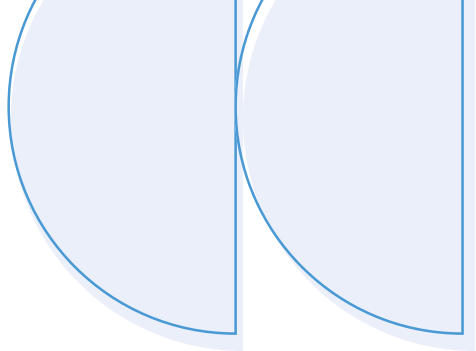
# DAY 6

**You will seek me and find me when you seek me with all your heart.**

**Jeremiah 29:13 NIV**

One of the most important things the Easter story can teach us is this: We can be close to God. Because of Jesus, we can be connected to God. That means, when we struggle through difficult seasons, or face major challenges, or have questions about our faith, we don't have to wonder if God is there to help us. Jesus' death and resurrection made certain that we'll always have a way to find and connect with God.

**When we seek God through things like prayer, worship, time reading the Bible, or even having a conversation with our small group about God, we can be sure that we'll find what we're looking for!**



# DAY 7

**I have told you all this so that you may have peace in me. Here on earth you will have many trials and sorrows. But take heart, because I have overcome the world.**

**John 16:33 NLT**

One thing Jesus didn't promise us is an easy life. As this verse reminds us, we will face troubles in this world. But the good news? Jesus has already overcome them all! And when we commit His words to memory—words like the ones in this verse—we'll be encouraged by the truth of them when we face troubles and sorrows in our lives.

**Start working on memorizing this verse by writing it down this week. Then, place it somewhere you'll see it often so that when you do, you'll not only have the chance to commit more of it to memory, you'll also be encouraged by its truth!**

