

DAY 6

You are the God of great wonders! You demonstrate your awesome power among the nations. Psalm 77:14 NLT

What's the most amazing thing you've ever seen? Maybe a really cool waterfall or image of the ocean. Maybe a great beach or mountain. Maybe a group of people doing something to serve others. Whatever that thing was for you, it probably made you respond with awe and wonder. But did you know that the things in this world that amaze you are things that come from God? As the Psalmist writes here, God is the God of great wonders. The more amazing things we see in this world, the more we're seeing God at work around us.

Go for a walk or just step out of your front door and look around. Take note of the amazing things you see and remember that those things are made by the God of wonders!

DAY 7

But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control. Against such things there is no law. Galatians 5:22-23

As Christians, we want to be more like Jesus. One of the ways that happens is by memorizing God's Word. The more we know Jesus' ways in Scripture, the more we'll be able to live them out in our lives.

So this week, keep working on memorizing this verse. To do that, think about a person you know who has each one of these qualities. Text or write that person a note including this verse to let them know how you see the Holy Spirit working in them.

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MIDDLE SCHOOL

DAY 1

For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. Romans 8:14 NLT

Have you ever felt like you don't belong? Maybe you've struggled to fit in at church, or at school, or on your team, or even at home. That feeling isn't a good one, is it? Well, the good news is that with God we all have a place to belong. We belong with God. And more than that, we belong with other Christians—people who believe in and follow Jesus. As Paul, the author of this verse, said, we are "children of God." And because of that, we'll always belong!

Who do you know that might need to be reminded of this truth? Reach out to that person this week to remind them that, because of Jesus, they always have a place to belong.

DAY 2

I pray that God, the source of hope, will fill you completely with joy and peace because you trust in him. Then you will overflow with confident hope through the power of the Holy Spirit. Romans 15:13 NLT

Have you ever left the bathroom sink running? If you have, then you know just how quickly the water can overflow! While that may not be a good thing in this case, the overflow we experience with the Holy Spirit is actually a really good thing. When we walk with Jesus, we're filled with the Holy Spirit and the good things the Spirit of God offers us. Things like joy, peace, patience, and more will not just be in us, but they'll overflow out of us. They'll impact everyone we interact with in our lives!

How can you show someone else the overflow of the Holy Spirit in you? Think of what you can do to show love, joy, peace, and more to someone around you this week.

DAY 3

Since God chose you to be the holy people he loves, you must clothe yourselves with tender-hearted mercy, kindness, humility, gentleness, and patience. Colossians 3:12 NLT

How much time do you spend thinking about what you're going to wear each day? For so many of us, there's at least a little bit of thought that goes into the clothes we put on every single day. In the same way we decide what to wear, we can decide to clothe ourselves with the qualities of Jesus. Each day, we can choose to live with things like kindness, patience, gentleness, and more. We can choose to make those things a part of our daily lives. Why? Because not only will they make our lives better, but they will make the lives of those around us better, too!

Pray as you get ready this week, asking Jesus to help you put on the important qualities that show God to others each day.

DAY 4

I am fully convinced, my dear brothers and sisters, that you are full of goodness. You know these things so well you can teach each other all about them. Romans 15:14 NLT

Have you ever known someone who was truly full of goodness? Maybe you have a parent or family member who always goes out of their way to tell you how much they love you. Or maybe you have an older sibling who listens and helps you when you need it. Maybe you have a best friend who always encourages you with kindness. Or maybe there's another student in your small group who includes others well each week. No matter who it is, you feel their goodness in the way they treat you and interact with you. And that's goodness that comes from the Spirit of God!

Today, think about how you can show goodness to someone else. How can you live in a way that shows God's goodness to the people around you each and every day?

DAY 5

Imitate God, therefore, in everything you do, because you are his dear children. Ephesians 5:1 NLT

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Have you ever seen God do something really cool in your life? Maybe God gave you a gift or a talent you use to help others, or God taught you something through reading Scripture, or you grew closer to God when you went through something hard. Chances are that as you've seen God do something in your life, you've grown to become more like Jesus, too.

You might have become more loving, or more patient, or more kind, because that's who God is!

In the same way God works in our lives, God works in others, too. God is always working for good in our lives and always working to help us become more like Jesus.

So today, think about someone in your life. Maybe it's a friend, a family member, someone you live with, a teacher, a coach, or a small group leader. Ask them about one thing God has done in their life that helped them learn more about who God is or taught them more about Jesus. Then remember this week to point it out when you see God at work in the lives of the people around you.