

GO DEEPER REWIND Vol. 3

Memory Verse: "Then he said to the crowd, "If any of you wants to be my follower, you must give up your own way, take up your cross daily, and follow me." Luke 9:23 (NLT)

DAILY DEVOTIONS

DAY 1: NOT ALONE

READ - Acts 1:6-11

The disciples learned from Jesus while He was still with them. But when the time came for Jesus to return to heaven, the disciples, and all other followers of Jesus, still had a lot to learn and needed to grow in their faith. Jesus explained that even though He was leaving the Earth, the Holy Spirit would come and continue to teach and guide them in really powerful ways! Then Jesus ascended, or rose up into the air, into Heaven and left them. **Remember: Being a Disciple Means Relying on the Holy Spirit**

DAY 2: STRONGER TOGETHER

READ - 1 Corinthians 12:21-26

Sometimes we may think we need to be able to be successful on our own, or that we may seem weak if we need someone to help us. But God designed us to do life together. God has given each follower of Jesus different gifts to use to serve the Body of Christ so that others are encouraged, cared for, and strengthened. Can you imagine what it would be like if you tried to do everything in life without anyone else's help? Create a poster about what makes you unique, then think about how God can use what makes you unique to encourage and help others. **Remember: Disciples Do Life Together**

DAY 3: FAITH OVER FEAR

READ - Isaiah 41:10, Psalm 118:6

Stephen was filled with the Spirit and the love for his Savior, so he just loved sharing about Jesus. When the people became angry, was Stephen afraid? We can't know for sure how Stephen was feeling, but if he was afraid then his faith in God was bigger than his fear. Stephen knew man has no power compared to God. People may try to hurt you, but if you are a child of God, no one can separate you from Him! That is a reason to trust Him, even when things are hard. **Remember: Disciples Trust God Even When Hard Things Happen**

DAY 4: SHARE THE GOOD NEWS

READ - Acts 8:30-35, Romans 10:15

The Ethiopian was reading from the book of Isaiah and didn't understand what he was reading. He asked Philip to explain it to him. Philip shared that the scripture was talking about Jesus and how He died for us. So the Ethiopian got to hear about Jesus and he chose to believe in and follow Jesus! When you share the truth from God's Word with someone, and they choose to believe in and follow Jesus with their life, God just used you to make a disciple! **Remember: Disciples Make Disciples**

DAY 5: GOD CAN USE YOU

READ - John 3:16, 1 John 1:9, Luke 9:23

God forgave Paul for sinning. But what about us? Sin keeps us from having a good relationship with God. Sometimes we try to fix or get rid of our own sin by doing more good things or trying to sin less, but we just don't have the power to clean the sin away. But God does! He sent Jesus to live a perfect life, die on the cross taking the punishment for our sins, and then come back to life defeating sin and death! God promises to forgive us when we tell Him we are truly sorry and ask for His forgiveness. It's God's forgiveness that cleans our hearts! **Remember: God Can Use Anyone as His Disciple!**



SOCK FUN

Materials: socks, various art supplies

Create your own sock puppets. Use your puppets to retell the real life moments we have been learning about from the book of Acts in the Bible.

- Stephen the Martyr
- Philip & the Ethiopian
- Saul's Conversion
- Peter & Tabitha



Get creative! What other true Bible stories can you use your puppets to tell?



GROW THE CHURCH

Materials: barrel of monkeys game

Use your barrel of monkeys to complete a 60 second challenge where you must link ALL the monkeys together in 60 seconds or less.

Variation: If you have two players give each player a Barrel of Monkeys game. The players will be given 60 seconds to try and link as many monkeys as they can. The player with the most monkeys joined together when time runs out is the winner.

What's the point? Jesus wants you to follow Him. When you are following Jesus you can share about Him with others. Then, when you share about Jesus with someone, and they choose to make Jesus the leader and forgiver of their life, God just used you to make a disciple! Just like the group of monkeys grew as you added on more and more monkeys, the church grows as more people choose to follow Jesus with their lives and become His disciples!



POP UP

Materials: toy popper

Turn your jumbo popper inside out and place it on the table. Hold down the sides, and then let go.

After being stopped by Jesus on the road to Damascus, Saul "popped up", obeyed, and followed Jesus' directions.

After hearing from the Angel of the Lord, Philip "popped up", obeyed, and followed Jesus' directions.

God will use us to do amazing things when we are willing to "pop up", obey, and follow His directions. God calls us to follow Him. Where in your life can you "pop up", obey, and follow Jesus?