

BANANA NEWS



GO DEEPER

BOTTOM LINE

HAVE FAITH THAT GOD WILL PROVIDE

MEMORY VERSE

"Now faith is confidence in what we hope for and assurance about what we do not see."

Hebrews 11:1 (NIV)

DAILY DEVOTIONS

DAY 1: FAITH

READ - Hebrews 11:1

Having faith in God's plan means being confident that God is good and will do what He says He will do. It means trusting Him, even when we don't see what comes next. Here is a challenge for you – memorize this verse over the next few weeks so that you can always be reminded about what faith looks like. We can have faith in God and His plan because He always does what He says He will do. God's promises always come true. **Remember: Have Faith That God Will Provide**

DAY 2: DOMINO TRAIN

READ - Ieremiah 29:11-12, Proverbs 3:5-6

God's plans are kind of like a domino train. He knows where each piece goes and He has it all timed out perfectly. As Abraham learned, he could trust God's plan. In life, we may not know why God is asking us to do something, but we can trust God's plan just like Abraham! God knows exactly where each piece in our life should go so we have the amazing life He has planned for us. Each event in our life can be used by God for good and for His glory if we keep obeying Him. Remember: Have Faith That God Will Provide

DAY 3: ALL YOU NEED TO PLEASE HIM

READ - 2 Peter 1:3, Ephesians 3:14-21

Should you expect to get everything you want anytime you pray? No! God is not a genie – you know, those made up characters who go around granting peoples' wishes. Sometimes God does provide us with things we want because He is loving. But just because we want it, doesn't mean it is a part of God's plan for us. What God DOES promise to provide for His children is everything they need to live a life that pleases Him. **Remember: Have Faith That God Will Provide**

DAY 4: HOW DEEP IS YOUR LOVE

READ - Genesis 22:12, Matthew 22:37, Luke 9:23

Do you think Abraham loved Isaac? Yes! Isaac was Abraham and Sarah's only son. Abraham had prayed a very long time for God to provide a son for him and his wife Sarah. So do you think He wanted to give up Isaac? No way! God was testing Abraham to see if he loved Him more than anything or anyone on this earth. And Abraham did! What in your life do you love very much? Do you love God more? Remember: Have Faith That God Will Provide

DAY 5: GOD'S ULTIMATE PROVISION

READ - 1 Peter 3:18. Ephesian 2:8-9

Trusting God to provide can look like letting go of what you want, and having faith He will give you what is best for you. That means you don't need to be afraid when He asks you to follow Him or when you need something. And what we need most is a way to have a relationship with God. Our sin, the wrong things we do, separate us from God. There is nothing we can do on our own to fix our sin. But He has already provided a way for you to be with Him! He offers you freedom and forgiveness from your sin through Jesus Christ! Remember: Have Faith That God Will Provide



Materials: Toy Lamb or Lamb Printable

Play a version of "hot and cold." You will need at least two people to play. Select someone to be the seeker. The seeker should close their eyes while the other player hides the toy or paper lamb somewhere in the room. Once the lamb is hidden, tell the seeker to open their eyes, and you ask, "Where is the lamb?" As the seeker searches for the toy lamb, give them verbal clues. If they are not at all close to the lamb shouts out, "Cold!" As they get closer to the lamb, the group says, "Getting warmer!" When they are very close to the lamb, say "Hot!" Once the seeker finds the lamb, play again!

Isaac asked his father, "Where is the lamb to sacrifice to God?" Abraham told him that God would give them the lamb to sacrifice, and God did. Abraham had faith in God to provide, and God provided a lamb to offer instead of Isaac. Later on, God would provide another sacrifice, His Son, Jesus. We don't have to die for our sin because Jesus died instead.



Materials: Paper, Sand, Glue

There are things in our life that can make us feel like we are facing a mountain in front of us. The journey may not be easy, but we can have faith in God to provide!

Take your piece of paper and glue. Use the glue to draw a large mountain on your paper. Then sprinkle a small amount of sand over the glue creating your mountain! Write over the mountain, HAVE FAITH THAT GOD WILL PROVIDE! For added "details" on the mountain, grass clippings or small flowers could be glued to the Mountain picture to be taken home and reminded each day that GOD PROVIDES!!



Materials: Sidewalk Chalk, Ruler

Proverbs 3:5-6 "Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways submit to Him, and He will make your paths straight."

God wants us to trust Him with our whole heart and to follow His plans for us. But it can be hard. Sometimes what God is asking us to do might not make sense to us in this moment. Other times we feel like we know what to do on our own, and we don't even ask God what He wants us to do. God wants to guide us in His ways because His plans are best. When we are following Him, we can have faith that He will provide all we need along the way.

Using your chalk try to draw a long straight line. You can draw and draw and draw free hand, and you'll never make a line as straight as you do with a ruler. The ruler keeps your hand steady and keeps your chalk from going off course. With a ruler, you can draw straight and true every time. God has a path He wants us all to take, and like this line, it's straight and narrow. But on every side of this path are distractions and temptations designed to pull us off on a different path. God wants us to lean on Him – just as we leaned on the ruler with the chalk – so He can make our path straight.