

GO DEEPER

BOTTOM LINE

GOD IS

(POINT UP)

GOOD

(EXTEND BOTH ARMS ABOVE HEAD "TOUCHDOWN")

MEMORY VERSE

Know therefore that the Lord your God is God; he is the faithful God, keeping his covenant of love to a thousand generations of those who love him and keep his commandments.

Deuteronomy 7:9 (NIV)

DAILY DEVOTIONS

DAY 1: JOSEPH'S DREAMS

READ - Genesis 37:5-11

In Genesis there is a story about a man named Joseph who had eleven brothers - let's count to eleven together. (count together) Great job! God gave Joseph some amazing dreams about how he would become a leader! Hearing about Joseph's dreams made his brothers angry! Can you make an angry face? Even though his brothers were angry, Joseph could trust God had big plans for him! Let's say this together in our loud voice: **God is Good!**

DAY 2: JOSEPH SOLD

READ - Genesis 37:4, 12-28; 39:1-2

Joseph's brothers were jealous of how much their dad loved him. They were angry and wanted to hurt Joseph! But God protected Joseph. Instead of hurting him, they decided to sell him to some travelers. How would you feel if you had to live with strangers? Even though this was a sad and hard time for Joseph, God had a good plan. Joseph was living as a servant, but God gave him great success! Let's say this together in our quiet voice: **God is Good!**

DAY 3: JOSEPH THROWN INTO JAIL

READ - Genesis 39:6-23

Joseph worked for a man named Potiphar. One day Potiphar's wife told a big lie about Joseph - she blamed him for something he didn't do, and Joseph was put in prison! Show me with your face how you think Joseph was feeling? This was another hard time for Joseph! But remember God is good. God caused the guard to really like Joseph and the guard even put Joseph in charge of the other prisoners! Wow! Let's say it together in our squeaky voice: **God is Good!**

DAY 4: JOSEPH IN CHARGE

READ - Genesis 40:1-8, 20-23 ; 41:1-16, 25-33, 37-40

Two men that were in prison with Joseph had dreams that were confusing. God used Joseph to tell each man what his dream meant. One of the men was let out of prison and went back to work for the Pharaoh. One night the Pharaoh had a confusing dream and the man told the Pharaoh about Joseph. The Pharaoh let Joseph out of jail, and Joseph told the Pharaoh what his dream meant. Pharaoh was so impressed with Joseph that he made him 2nd in charge of all of Egypt! Let's say this together in our robot voice: **God is Good!**

DAY 5: JOSEPH SAVES HIS FAMILY

READ - Genesis 42:1-8, 45:1-11

As second in charge of Egypt, Joseph's job was to take care of the food they had so it would not run out. A time came when there was no food anywhere, except the food Joseph had stored. Joseph's brothers went to Egypt to ask for food. They were so surprised when they found Joseph in charge! By trusting God throughout the hard times in his life, Joseph became a leader in Egypt, and God used him to feed his starving family! Let's say this together: **God is Good!**



GOD IS THERE

Materials: Balloon

Blow up your balloon. As you added air what happened to the balloon? (*It grew*) Can you see the air that is inside the balloon? (*No*) Even though you do not see the air in the balloon, you know it is there. The same is true of God in our lives. We cannot see God, but we can trust that He is with us. God is good! Even though Joseph did not see God with his eyes, he knew it was God who was giving him strength to work hard and wisdom to tell the meanings of dreams.

Have some fun! Tie off the balloon and bop it around. See how long you can keep the balloon in the air without it hitting the ground. Play again with your family! As you play, say "God is good!"



FOR GOD'S GLORY

Materials: Paper, Airplane Directions (attached to PDF), Markers, Jim Elliot Story (attached to PDF)

Parents, please read the story of Jim Elliot before reading it to your child to ensure it is suitable for you child.

Jim Elliot was a pilot and missionary who lived not too long ago. Because he was a pilot he was able to travel to people who had never heard about Jesus before. His story is one that many would see as very bad but it is a situation that God used for His good and His glory. Read more about Jim Elliot and how God used his life to bring many to salvation at: <https://answersingenesis.org/kids/bible/world-missions/jim-elliott/>

Because of the kindness Jim Elliot's wife showed to those who had killed her husband, the villagers were willing to hear about Jesus' love. Many gave their lives to Jesus and even became missionaries to other villages around them! Without the hard situation the villagers would not have seen the extreme goodness of God's love! God is good and His plans are best!

Create your own airplane. After following the directions to fold your paper into an airplane use the markers to create a design on it. In the design write the bottom line for this week, "God is Good!" Remember that even when things seem hard, we can trust God's plans because God is good!



CUDDLE CLOSE

Materials: None

Before bed pull your child close beside you and say, "Today I am thankful for [let your child share what they are thankful for]. God you are so good" As you tuck them into bed, sing, "God is so Good" (www.tinyurl.com/sogoodyancy). Then pray together, pausing after each phrase to let your child repeat after you:

*Dear God,
You are so good!
Thank you for having plans for my life.
Help me to see your goodness everyday.
In Jesus' name, Amen.*

The Story of Jim Elliot

Jim Elliot's full name was Phillip James Elliot. He attended Wheaton College where he met his future wife, Elisabeth Howard. Jim and Elisabeth both wanted to serve the Lord in global missions. Jim traveled to South America and started learning Spanish, and later, Elisabeth followed. They married and had a baby girl, Valerie.

The Elliots really wanted to work among the Auca people. This remote tribe had never had any contact with civilization and had never heard the gospel. They were dangerous people, known for killing anyone outside of their tribe. Everyone was scared of them. But Jim and Elisabeth knew it was worth the risk to go tell the Auca's about Jesus. How else would they hear about Jesus and his sacrifice for them?

Knowing that the villagers could be dangerous, the missionaries made up their minds ahead of time that they would not hurt the tribesmen to save their own lives. They knew that if they ever hurt someone from the tribe, it would ruin any chance of sharing the gospel with the tribe. Jim and his friends also knew that if they died they would be with Jesus.

The missionary team, made up of Jim and four other men, started reaching out to the Auca people by flying a small airplane over their village. They would give the tribe presents such as buttons, salt, ribbons, or pots by placing them in a bucket. They attached the bucket to a rope and would dangle it from the plane for the villagers to take the gifts.

Jim and the men wanted the Aucas to know they were friendly. Soon the Aucas were accepting the gifts and even sending gifts back. One time the Aucas people placed a live parrot in the bucket as a gift! After three months of giving gifts via airplane, the five-man missionary team felt like God was ready for them to meet the people face to face.

They landed their airplane on a strip of sand by the river and built a small camp. Small groups of Aucas came to visit, and one man even took a ride in the plane with them. But then one day a group of Aucas arrived carrying spears and killed all five missionaries.

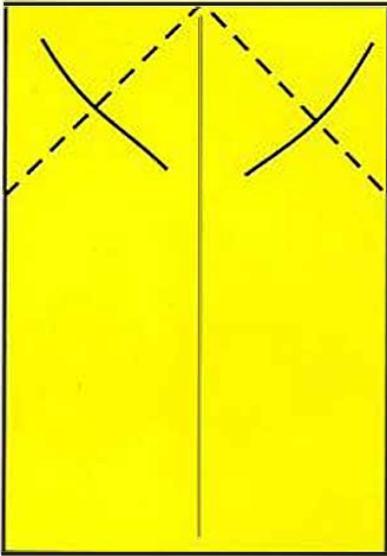
They gave their lives because they believed that sharing the message of Jesus was the most important thing anyone could do. But what happened to the Aucas who killed Jim and his friends?

About two years later Jim's wife Elisabeth and daughter, Valerie, along with Rachel Saint, the sister of one of the other men, went back to the Aucas so they could complete the mission of sharing Jesus with these lost people. The Aucas people could not believe that the wives of the men they had hurt would love and forgive them!

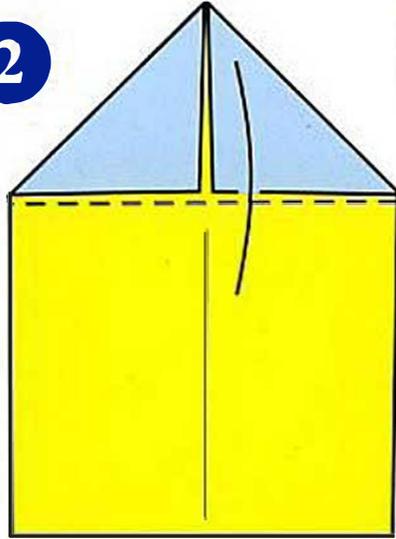
Because of the love that Elisabeth and Rachel showed, many of the Aucas believed in Jesus, including several of the people who had killed the missionaries. The Aucas have now sent missionaries to other villages sharing the good news of Jesus with other tribes. The tribe is no longer known for being dangerous killers. The Good News of Jesus completely changed them!

A real star that glides perfectly. Hold the plane midway under the wings and throw gently.

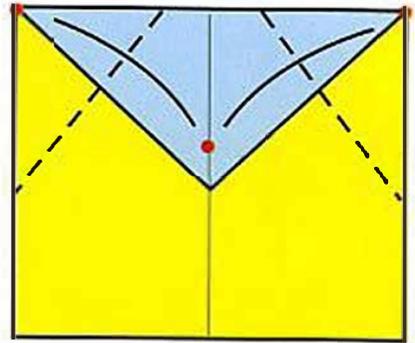
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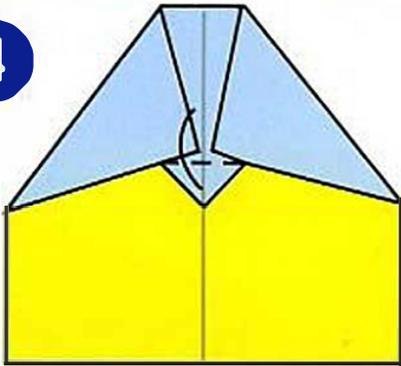
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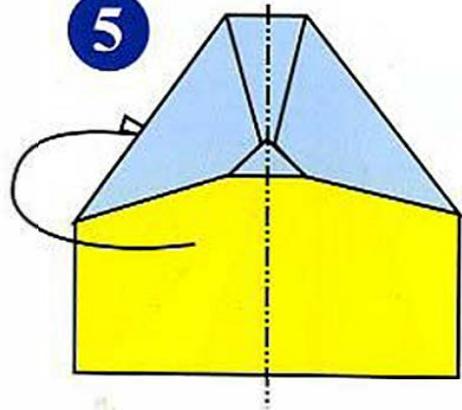
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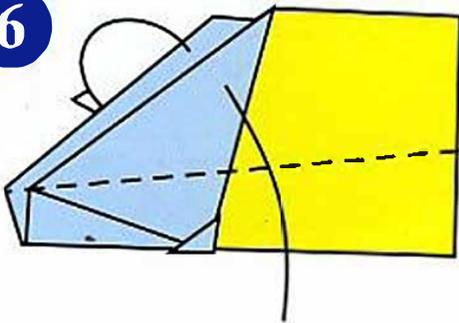
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