

**GO DEEPER**

**BOTTOM LINE**

**GOD CAN DO AMAZING THINGS THROUGH HIS DISCIPLES**

**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: SO MANY MIRACLES**

*READ - Job 5:8-9, Ephesians 3:20-21, Mark 16:17-20*

Did you know there are more than 160 miracles recorded in the Bible? There are over 80 miracles recorded in the Old Testament (*the first half of the Bible that took place before Jesus*) and over 80 miracles recorded in the New Testament (*the second half of the Bible that took place during and after Jesus.*) Often, God uses people to display His power. What miracles can you think of? Who did God use as a part of those miracles? **Remember: God Can Use Anyone as His Disciple!**

**DAY 2: GOD USED TABITHA**

*READ - Acts 9:36, Matthew 25:34-40*

God used Tabitha in amazing ways! Now, you may be thinking, "She just gave people clothes. How is that amazing?" But who does Jesus say you are helping when you help the needy? When we serve those in need it is like we are serving God Himself! If God calls you to serve, don't believe the lie that what you are doing doesn't matter. God can take what you do and use it to impact the Kingdom of Heaven – and that is amazing! **Remember: God Can Use Anyone as His Disciple!**

**DAY 3: GOD USED PETER**

*READ - Acts 9:37-42*

God displayed His amazing power, through Peter, by bringing Tabitha back to life. Isn't that incredible?! The Bible tells us that many people became followers of Jesus after this miracle. The same God that showed His power through Peter way back then, is the same God we serve here, right now, today! God's power has not changed, and He is still able to do amazing things through us when we follow Him! **Remember: God Can Use Anyone as His Disciple!**

**DAY 4: CALL ON GOD**

*READ - Acts 9:40, Acts 4:29-31, Matthew 17:20, Mark 9:21-24*

When Peter was with Tabitha, he prayed, and she was healed. When the disciples were being threatened, they prayed, and they were filled with boldness. Jesus taught that if we have faith nothing will be impossible. Sometimes we want to have faith but it feels out of reach. When you feel this way, God wants you to tell Him how you are feeling and ask Him to help you believe. **Remember: God Can Use Anyone as His Disciple!**

**DAY 5: PRAISE GOD**

*READ - Acts 9:40-42, Deuteronomy 10:21*

When we see God do amazing things we should praise Him! It could be something like you forgot your lunch and God used a friend to provide food for you. It is great to thank that friend, but don't forget to praise God who is the One who provided through that friend. God uses disciples to do amazing things that can point others to knowing Him. You can praise God when amazing things happen and share what He has done with others so they can know Him better! **Remember: God Can Use Anyone as His Disciple!**



## WHAT CAN YOU SHARE

*Materials: none*

The early church shared what they had to help each other. This is something we can still do today. With permission of a parent or guardian, look into your closet to see the clothes that you have that are in good condition, but you don't really need or maybe they don't fit anymore. You can gather up these items and give them to a local shelter or clothing ministry.

Here in Lynchburg, Va, we have the Agape Center. God uses His disciples at the Agape Center in amazing ways! Not only do they help provide physical needs for people, like food and clothing, but they also build relationships with people and share about Jesus with them! God can use you to be a part of doing something amazing by sharing what you have with those in need.

To learn more about the Agape Center and what you can donate or how you can serve check out: <https://www.agapelyh.org/>



## STAY UP

*Materials: ping pong ball, hair dryer*

Get a ping pong ball, hold it up high, and then let go. The goal is to get your ping pong ball to stay in the air. Were you successful?

The ping pong ball is not able to stay in the air in its own strength. Now, get a hair dryer and turn it on. Place the hair dryer so that it is blowing warm air up at the ping pong ball. What happens? As long as the ball stays over the hair dryer it is able to stay in the air!

We are like the ping pong ball. On our own we can't "stay in the air", we can't do amazing things. But God has the power and strength to use us to do amazing things! When we trust in God and stay in line with His will, He can use us to do amazing things!



## GOD CAN

*Materials: plastic jar, paper strips, Bible, stickers, art supplies*

The Bible is full of reminders that God can do amazing things! Create a "God Can" jar. Use an empty plastic jar and write "God Can" on the top. Use stickers, paint, or other art supplies to decorate your jar. Then fill your jar with scripture verses that remind you God can do anything. Here are some verses to get you started:

Philippians 4:13

Psalms 18:29

2 Timothy 1:7

Isaiah 41:10

Ephesians 6:10

Isaiah 40:31

Exodus 15:2

Psalms 73:26

Isaiah 40:29

Deuteronomy 31:6

Isaiah 12:2

Psalms 28:7

Matthew 19:26

Luke 1:37

2 Corinthians 12:9

Whenever you feel like you can't do something, or that you need God's help to do something, pull out a verse and read it to remind you that God can do amazing things through you – and He wants too!