

GO DEEPER

BOTTOM LINE

**CALL UPON ME,
AND I WILL HEAR YOU**

MEMORY VERSE

Then you will call upon me and come and pray to me, and I will hear you. You will seek me and find me, when you seek me with all your heart.

Jeremiah 29:12-13 (ESV)

DAILY DEVOTIONS

DAY 1: CHOOSE TO CALL ON GOD

READ - 1 Kings 18:20-39

What can we learn from Elijah and the prophets of Baal? There is only One True God and He wants you to see Him as first in your life. He wants your heart. The Israelites had turned from God and were giving their hearts and attention to other things. We can do the same thing in our own lives. Where do you turn first when you need help? He wants us to call on Him. When we do He promises to hear us! **Remember: God says, "Call upon Me...and I will hear you!"**

DAY 2: CALLING ON GOD IS AS EASY AS TALKING

READ - Jeremiah 29:12-13

Our new memory verse tells us some ways we can connect with God. All we need to do to connect with God is call out to Him by talking to Him! Talking to God doesn't need a good WiFi connection or any type of device. He is available to us all day, every day, and anywhere! He loves when we talk to Him from our heart, and when we do He hears us. **Remember: God says, "Call upon Me...and I will hear you!"**

DAY 3: FOR GOD'S GLORY

READ - 1 Kings 18:36-40

Elijah had faith that God would answer him, and did God? Yes! Elijah prayed that as He called upon God, that God would hear him and answer him so that others would see God's glory! Fire fell from Heaven and burned not just the sacrifice, but the whole altar, and even the wet ground around it! Because of Elijah's faith to call on God, many saw God's glory and began following God again! When you pray, pray like Elijah, for people to see God's glory.

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DAY 4: CALL ON GOD ANYTIME & ALL THE TIME

READ - Romans 12:12, 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18

Do you think God gets tired of hearing from His children? No way! God loves when you come to talk with Him! He wants to hear about your day, the good stuff and the not-so-fun stuff. He wants you to ask Him for help, and He wants to tell you how much He loves you! Prayer is so important to God and He wants to hear from you anytime and all the time! What can you talk with God about right now? **Remember: God says, "Call upon Me...and I will hear you!"**

DAY 5: CALL TO PRAISE

READ - Psalm 66:17-20

It really is awesome to think about how big God is, and then to know that He wants a personal relationship with you. When we call on God, He wants us to come willing to ask Him for forgiveness and to praise Him for who He is. It is so amazing that God is never too busy to listen to you when you call to Him! Take time today to call on God and give Him the praise He deserves. **Remember: God says, "Call upon Me...and I will hear you!"**



FIRE FROM ABOVE

Materials: Paper Tube, Red/Orange/Yellow Tissue Paper Pieces, Glue, Scissors, String, Markers

In the contest between the prophets of Baal and Elijah, God showed Himself as the one and only true God by sending fire to burn up the wet altar. Create your own “fire” to remember that God hears you when you call on Him.

Create a “fire tube”. First, take a few moments to think about God’s power and what He can do because He’s the one and only God. Then use a marker to write a word about God on the tube. Next, use pieces of tissue paper and glue them onto the tube. You can crinkle the paper before gluing it or glue it down perfectly smooth.

When you have finished turning the outside of the tube into a colorful fire mosaic, thread a long string through the tube. Tape one end of the string onto the ground or a table. Then, hold the other end of the string as high as you can reach and bring the tube to the top. Release the tube and let it slide down the string toward the floor.

When you are finished playing with your fire tube, tie the two ends of the string together and hang your “fire” somewhere in the room where you can see it. Then you can remember how God sent fire down to show that He is the one true God who hears His children when they call on Him.



CREATIVE CRITTERS

Materials: Various Office/Art Supplies

It doesn't take a lot of time or effort to make something that amuses us. Use the various art supplies you can find around the house to make one-of-a-kind little critters.

It's fun to make little creatures, but it would be silly and more importantly sinful to worship them. Psalm 89:8 reminds us that our worship is for God alone. "O LORD God Almighty, who is like you? You are mighty, O LORD, and your faithfulness surrounds you."



The world we live in makes up its own gods—some of stone and wood, others in the form of TVs, DVDs, computer games and other cool stuff. Don't waste your time putting faith in any of these. You will not be heard. We can worship and call on the one true God because He alone hears and loves us.



MEMORY VERSE MIX UP

Materials: Paper Stones, Pen, Scissors

Draw or print out paper stones and write one word of the verse on each stone. Then cut out the stones. Practice putting the verse in the correct order. God wants us to memorize His Word. Use these stones to help you memorize Jeremiah 29:12-13! Here are a few games you can do with your stones:

- Time Challenge - Challenge someone in your family and see who can put the verse in order the fastest. Take turns and when you say, “go”, start a timer. As soon as the verse is in the correct order stop the time. Switch places giving the challenger a turn. The person with the fastest time is the winner.
- Flip it - Lay out the stones in order. Say the verse. Then flip 2 stones over so you no longer see the words. Say the verse again. Continue flipping stones over one or two at a time and see if you can say the verse with the words missing. Play until you can say the verse with all the words hidden upside down!