

GO DEEPER

BOTTOM LINE

JESUS IS THE PROMISED SAVIOR

MEMORY VERSE

Waiting for our blessed hope, the appearing of the glory of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ. ***Titus 2:13 (ESV)***

DAILY DEVOTIONS

DAY 1: OLD TESTAMENT, NEW TESTAMENT

READ - Psalm 19:7, Proverbs 30:5, John 17:17

The Bible is God's message to us, full of truth, that we might know His truth. The Bible is split into the Old and New Testament. The Old Testament was written long before Christ came to the earth. It tells how sin and death came into the world, but it also shares how God promised to send a Savior to save us from our sins. Did God keep His promise? Yes, He did! The New Testament, written after Jesus' birth, tells us that the promised Savior has come and teaches us how we can find salvation in Him. **Remember: Jesus is the Promised Savior**

DAY 2: THE WAITING IS OVER

READ - Psalm 27:14, 2 Peter 3:9

Do you like to wait? God's people, the Israelites, were excited about the promised Savior. But for hundreds of years, the Israelites were ruled by cruel kings. They tried hard to remember God's promise. How do you think it would feel to wait hundreds of years for a promise to be kept? The Israelites knew God keeps His promises. Since they didn't know exactly when the Savior would come, they had to wait patiently and pray. For us, the waiting for a Savior is over, the Savior has come! **Remember: Jesus is the Promised Savior**

DAY 3: PROMISE COMPLETE

READ - Isaiah 7:14, Luke 1:30-31-35

What does it mean to keep a promise? Keeping a promise means you do what you say you will do. God always keeps His promises. God made the most special promise of all when He promised to give the world His Son who would love us and bring peace and forgiveness. God said, "...The virgin will conceive a child! She will give birth to a son and will call him Immanuel (which means 'God is with us')." (NLT) That baby was Jesus. **Remember: Jesus is the Promised Savior**

DAY 4: A PART OF THE STORY

READ - Luke 1:38, 46-48

If an angel suddenly appeared to you, how do you think you would react? Maybe you would run, or hide, or say, "hello!" Mary was afraid, but that didn't stop her from listening, and then responding. Her response was incredible. She said "yes" to being a part of God's story. She remembered God had promised a Savior and praised Him. We are all invited to be a part of God's story, but we must believe in the Savior. **Remember: Jesus is the Promised Savior**

DAY 5: YESHUA

READ - 1 John 4:14-16

Did you know names have meanings? What does your name mean? If you are not sure, ask a trusted adult to help you look it up. Did you know the correct way to say Jesus' name is Yeshua? Yeshua means Deliverer or Savior. Jesus is our Deliverer, who out of love for us, took the punishment for our sin, and then He came back to life. Now, we all can make a choice to ask forgiveness for our sins and choose to follow God with our lives. Our Savior, Jesus, is forever to be praised and glorified **Remember: Jesus is the Promised Savior**



PROMISES COMPLETE IN JESUS

Materials: Bible verse cards, scissors

Take a look at God's Word and see how Jesus has completed the prophecies about the promised Savior. These prophecies were written many hundreds of years before Christ was born.

Print off and cut out the verse cards. Can you match up the prophecy card with the fulfillment card? God's Word is proof that Jesus is the Promised Savior!

There are many other prophecies in the Bible about Jesus. Some of them have to do with His return, or coming back to the earth. These have not been fulfilled yet, but remember God always keeps His promises. So we can trust that they will be complete when Jesus comes again.



ORDINARY PEOPLE

Materials: paper person cut out, markers

God used Mary, an ordinary young woman who was following God, to bring Jesus into this world. God uses ordinary people, even kids, who trust in Him to do great things for Him. Look at your person. This ordinary paper person represents you, an ordinary person.

From the minute God created you, you were anything but ordinary. God had plans for the way you would look, act, feel, think, talk, and interact with others. He knows the hairs on your head—in fact, each one has a number! God made every aspect of you unique. Now, add some features to make this ordinary person look more like you. Using the craft supplies, add lips, nose, hair, clothes, and anything else that would make this ordinary person look more like you.

God has even bigger plans for you than just for your looks, thoughts, and feelings. God wants to use you to do amazing things for Him, to encourage others, to help other Christ followers grow closer to Jesus, and to tell people who don't know Jesus what He has done in your life.



ANGEL ORNAMENT

Materials: feathers, white pipe cleaner, gold pipe cleaner, round bead, sharpie

Gabriel shared the good news that Mary would be the mother of Jesus. She was a young woman who was following God. Because Mary trusted God she was able to say "yes" when Gabriel shared God's plan with her.

Make an angel ornament to remind you that you can say "yes" to God's plans for you! See attached directions for making your angel ornament.



PROPHECY CARD	PROPHECY CARD	PROPHECY CARD
<p>Micah 5:2 "But you, O Bethlehem Ephrathah, are only a small village among all the people of Judah. Yet a ruler of Israel, whose origins are in the distant past, will come from you on my behalf."</p>	<p>Isaiah 7:14 "All right then, the Lord himself will give you the sign. Look! The virgin will conceive a child! She will give birth to a son and will call him Immanuel (which means 'God is with us')."</p>	<p>Psalm 22:16b "...They have pierced my hands and feet."</p>
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<p>Isaiah 53:6 "All of us, like sheep, have strayed away. We have left God's paths to follow our own. Yet the Lord laid on him the sins of us all."</p>	<p>Psalm 22:1 "My God, my God, why have you abandoned me? Why are you so far away when I groan for help?"</p>	<p>Psalm 22:18 "They divide my garments among themselves and throw dice for my clothing."</p>
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<p>Psalm 34:20 "For the Lord protects the bones of the righteous; not one of them is broken!"</p>	<p>Isaiah 53:3a "He was despised and rejected - a man of sorrows, acquainted with deepest grief..."</p>	<p>Psalm 41:9 "Even my best friend, the one I trusted completely, the one who shared my food, has turned against me."</p>
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<p>Zechariah 11:12b "...So they counted out for my wages thirty pieces of silver."</p>	<p>Isaiah 53:12b "...He was counted among the rebels. He bore the sins of many and interceded for rebels."</p>	<p>Psalm 16:10 "For you will not leave my soul among the dead or allow your holy one to rot in the grave."</p>

FULFILLMENT CARD	FULFILLMENT CARD	FULFILLMENT CARD
<p>Matthew 28:5-6 "Then the angel spoke to the women. "Don't be afraid!" he said. "I know you are looking for Jesus, who was crucified. He isn't here! He is risen from the dead, just as he said would happen. Come, see where his body was lying."</p>	<p>Mark 15:24 "Then the soldiers nailed him to the cross. They divided his clothes and threw dice to decide who would get each piece."</p>	<p>Matthew 27:38 "Two revolutionaries [criminals] were crucified with him, one on his right and one on his left."</p>
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<p>Matthew 27:46 "At about three o'clock, Jesus called out with a loud voice, 'Eli, Eli, lema sabachthani?' which means 'My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?'"</p>	<p>1 Peter 2:24 "He personally carried our sins in his body on the cross so that we can be dead to sin and live for what is right. By his wounds you are healed."</p>	<p>Matthew 26:14-15 " Then Judas Iscariot, one of the twelve disciples, went to the leading priests and asked, "How much will you pay me to betray Jesus to you?" And they gave him thirty pieces of silver."</p>
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<p>Luke 23:33a "When they came to a place called The Skull, they nailed him to the cross..."</p>	<p>Mark 14:10 "Then Judas Iscariot, one of the twelve disciples, went to the leading priests to arrange to betray Jesus to them." (See also John 13:21-26)</p>	<p>John 1:11 "He came to his own people, and even they rejected him."</p>
FULFILLMENT CARD	FULFILLMENT CARD	FULFILLMENT CARD
<p>Matthew 1:18 "This is how Jesus the Messiah was born. His mother, Mary, was engaged to be married to Joseph. But before the marriage took place, while she was still a virgin, she became pregnant through the power of the Holy Spirit."</p>	<p>John 19:33 "But when they came to Jesus, they saw that he was already dead, so they didn't break his legs."</p>	<p>Matthew 2:1a "Jesus was born in Bethlehem in Judea, during the reign of King Herod..."</p>

Angel Ornament

Supplies Needed:

- Feathers
- 1 White pipe cleaner for the body
- 1 & ½ Gold pipe cleaners (1 wings, half for a halo)
- A large round bead
- Sharpie for drawing a face
- String to hang

Directions:

1. Fold your first pipe cleaner in half and slide on the bead for the head. Twist the lower end to resemble arms.
2. Use another pipe cleaner, fold in half and loop to shape wings. Cut the last pipe cleaner in half and make a halo by twisting on your finger and folding the ends over the main halo to secure. Attach a hanging string in the loop of the pipe cleaner above the head.
3. Slide the halo over the hanging string to rest upon the bead head. Attach the wings to the body.
4. Now take 2 or 3 feathers (or as many as you can fit!) and stick them in between the bead hole and pipe cleaner. Trim any long ends that stick out the top if needed.
5. Draw a little face on the bead.



PROPHECY/FULFILLMENT CARDS ANSWER KEY:

PROPHECY	FULFILLMENT
Micah 5:2	Matthew 2:1a
Isaiah 7:14	Matthew 1:18
Psalms 22:16b	Luke 23:33a
Isaiah 53:6	1 Peter 2:24
Psalms 22:1	Matthew 27:46
Psalms 22:18	Mark 15:24
Psalms 34:20	John 19:33
Isaiah 53:3a	John 1:11
Zechariah 11:12b	Matthew 26:14-15
Isaiah 53:12b	Matthew 27:38
Psalms 16:10	Matthew 28:5-6
Psalms 41:9	Mark 14:10