Guiding Kids in Faith: A 7-Day Parenthood Devotional



Encourage your elementary child's faith with daily devotions focused on God's love, guidance, and joy in parenthood.





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Introduction

Parenthood is a sacred journey filled with immense joy, challenges, and countless teachable moments. For those guiding elementary-aged children, daily devotions offer a powerful way to nurture their spiritual growth and create lasting bonds in faith. Each day holds an opportunity to embark on a heart-to-heart conversation with God and your child, planting seeds that will grow into a lifelong love for Him.

Children at this age are wonderfully curious and impressionable, making it a perfect time to introduce them to God's Word in simple, heartfelt ways. A daily devotional rhythm not only grounds your child in Biblical truths but also develops their habit of seeking God in every part of life.

Throughout this 7-day study, we'll explore scriptures that teach about God's love, obedience, kindness, courage, and wisdom. You'll find devotionals crafted to encourage easy discussions, reflection questions designed to ignite your child's thinking, and journaling prompts to express their unique journey with the Lord. Whether read at breakfast, before bed, or during a quiet moment, these devotions aim to foster trust in God and a loving connection between you and your child.

As a parent, you're both a guide and a living example of God's grace. May these devotions empower you to walk confidently alongside your child, helping them discover God's heart and encouraging them to grow strong in







faith every day. Let this time together be joyful, meaningful, and filled with hope! \triangle

















Day 1: Od's Love is the Foundation

Your Verse

1 John 4:19 "We love because he first loved us."

Supporting Scriptures

- John 3:16 "God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son."
- Psalm 136:26 "Give thanks to the God of heaven. His love endures forever."







Day 1: Odd's Love is the Foundation

Devotional: Understanding God's Unfailing Love

Today, we start by learning about the greatest love of all — God's love for us. Sometimes children wonder how much they are loved. The Bible tells us God loves us so much that He sent Jesus to show us how to live and to save us. This means love is not just a feeling but a gift from God.

You can explain to your child that since God's love is so big, our love for others comes from Him. When we love, we share a little bit of God's heart.

Encourage your child to think about ways they feel loved and how they can show love to others today. Loving others is a way to show God's love in action. Starting here sets a strong foundation for all the lessons to come!







Day 1: 🍑 God's Love is the Foundation

Reflect and Apply

1.	How does knowing God loves me first change the way I see myself?
2.	In what ways can I show God's love to my family and friends today?
3.	Why is it important to remember that God's love never ends?







Day 1: 🍑 God's Love is the Foundation

Journaling Prompts

	Draw a picture of something or someone you love and write why you love them.
2.	Write about a time you felt loved by someone.
3.	Describe one way you can show love to someone else today.







Day 1: 🍑 God's Love is the Foundation

Prayer for Today

Dear God, thank You for loving me first and always. Help me to feel Your love every day and to share it with the people around me. Teach me to love others like You do, even when it's hard. Help me to remember that Your love never ends and that I am special to You. *Amen.* \heartsuit \bigwedge

















Your Verse

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."

Supporting Scriptures

- Psalm 32:8 "I will instruct you and teach you in the way you should go; I will counsel you with my loving eye on you."
- Isaiah 41:10 "Do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God."







Devotional: Learning to Trust God Every Day

Guiding our children to trust God is one of the greatest gifts we can give them. When they do not understand what is happening, trusting God feels hard — but God promises He will help us and lead us on the right path.

Explain to your child that sometimes we don't know everything, but God does. Like a loving parent, He wants the best for us and wants to take care of us.

Encourage your child to talk to God when they feel worried or unsure and to trust that He hears them. Remind them that trusting God means believing He will guide their steps even in new or scary situations.







Reflect and Apply

1.	What does it mean to trust God with all my heart?
2.	When have I been scared or unsure, and how did trusting God help me?
3.	How can I remember God's promises when things feel difficult?







Journaling Prompts

1.	Write about a time you felt God helping you.
2.	Draw a path and write ways God can guide you on it.
3.	List some things you want to pray and trust God about this week.







Prayer for Today

Dear God, help me to trust You with my whole heart. When I am scared or confused, remind me You are with me always. Teach me to listen for Your guidance and to follow where You lead. Thank You for loving me and taking care of me. Amen. 💸 🙏 🔊

















Your Verse

Ephesians 4:32 "Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you."

Supporting Scriptures

- Colossians 3:12 "Clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience."
- Luke 6:31 "Do to others as you would have them do to you."







Devotional: Choosing Kindness Daily

Kindness is a way we can live God's love every day. Teaching children to be kind helps shape their hearts to reflect Jesus's character. It can be as simple as a smile, a helping hand, or saying something encouraging.

Share with your child how God's kindness to us sets a great example to follow. Forgiveness and patience go hand-in-hand with kindness.

Discuss ways they can show kindness at home, school, or with friends. Encourage your child to look for chances to bless others and remind them: even small acts matter to God!







Reflect and Apply

1.	Why is kindness important to God?
2.	How does it feel when someone is kind to me?
3.	Who can I be kind to today and how?







Journaling Prompts

1.	Write about a time someone was kind to you.
2.	Draw a picture of you doing something kind for someone.
3.	Make a list of kind actions you can do this week.







Prayer for Today

Dear Jesus, thank You for showing kindness to me every day. Help me to be kind to others even when it's hard. Teach me to forgive and be patient like You are. Show me opportunities to share Your love through kindness. *Amen.*



















Your Verse

Joshua 1:9 "Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged, for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go."

Supporting Scriptures

- Psalm 27:1 "The Lord is my light and my salvation—whom shall I fear?"
- 2 Timothy 1:7 "For the Spirit God gave us does not make us timid, but gives us power, love and self-discipline."







Devotional: God Gives Us Courage to Stand Strong

Sometimes, doing the right thing feels scary. But God promises to be with us and give us courage. Courage isn't about not being afraid — it's about trusting God even when we are.

Encourage your child by sharing stories of Bible heroes like Joshua who trusted God and were brave.

Remind them that God's Spirit lives in their hearts, helping them make good choices and stand strong. Help your child identify moments when they feel afraid and encourage them to pray and ask God for courage.







Reflect and Apply

1.	What does courage mean to me?
2.	How can I remember God is with me when I feel scared?
3.	Who is someone I know who shows courage in their faith?







Journaling Prompts

1.	Write about a time you were brave because of God's help.
2.	Draw a picture of a Bible hero who was courageous.
3.	List ways you can be brave for God this week.







Day 4: <a>A Courage to Do What's Right

Prayer for Today

Dear God, thank You for being with me and helping me be brave. When I am scared, remind me You are stronger than any fear. Fill me with Your courage and help me do what is right. Help me trust You every day. *Amen.* 6

















Your Verse

James 1:5 "If any of you lacks wisdom, you should ask God, who gives generously to all without finding fault."

Supporting Scriptures

- Proverbs 2:6 "For the Lord gives wisdom; from his mouth come knowledge and understanding."
- Psalm 111:10 "The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom."







Devotional: Asking God for Wise Choices

Wisdom is more than being smart — it means making good choices that please God. God wants to give us wisdom so we can live well and help others.

Guide your child to understand that asking God for wisdom is a sign of trust and humility. Encourage them to pray anytime they have questions or have to make choices.

Help your child see how learning from God's Word, listening to parents, and praying are ways to grow in wisdom every day.







Reflect and Apply

1.	Why do I need God's wisdom?
2.	How can I ask God for help when I'm unsure?
3.	What does it mean to fear the Lord in a good way?







Journaling Prompts

1.	Write down a question you want God's wisdom for.
2.	Draw a picture showing a wise choice you made.
3.	List someone who gives you good advice and why.







Prayer for Today

Dear Lord, please help me make wise choices. Teach me to listen and understand what You want me to do. Thank You for always listening when I ask for help. Help me grow in wisdom and follow Your ways. *Amen.* \square \lozenge









Day 6: Forgiveness Heals Hearts









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Your Verse

Matthew 6:14 "For if you forgive other people when they sin against you, your heavenly Father will also forgive you."

Supporting Scriptures

- Ephesians 4:31–32 "Get rid of all bitterness... Be kind and compassionate, forgiving one another, just as in Christ God forgave you."
- Colossians 3:13 "Bear with each other and forgive one another if any of you has a grievance against someone."







Day 6: Forgiveness Heals Hearts

Devotional: The Power of Forgiving Others

Forgiveness is a gift God gives us and asks us to give to others. Holding onto anger or hurt makes our hearts heavy. Forgiving helps us feel peace and shows God's love to others.

Talk with your child about times they felt hurt and how choosing to forgive can free their heart.

Remind your child that just like God forgives us, we are called to forgive too — even when it's difficult. Forgiveness doesn't mean forgetting but choosing love over hurt.







Day 6: SP Forgiveness Heals Hearts

Reflect and Apply

1.	Why is forgiveness important for my heart?
2.	Who do I need to forgive, and how can I pray about it?
3.	How does God forgive me when I make mistakes?







Day 6: SP Forgiveness Heals Hearts

Journaling Prompts

1.	Write about a time you forgave someone or were forgiven.
2.	Draw a heart being healed by God's forgiveness.
3.	List ways forgiving others can help you feel better.







Day 6: SP Forgiveness Heals Hearts

Prayer for Today

Dear Jesus, thank You for forgiving me when I mess up. Help me forgive others, even when it's hard. Heal my heart and teach me to love as You love. Fill me with peace and kindness that shows Your grace. *Amen.*









Day 7: 🥕 Joy in Following Jesus









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Your Verse

Psalm 16:11 "You make known to me the path of life; you will fill me with joy in your presence."

Supporting Scriptures

- Nehemiah 8:10 "The joy of the Lord is your strength."
- John 15:11 "I have told you this so that my joy may be in you and that your joy may be complete."







Day 7: 🦫 Joy in Following Jesus

Devotional: Finding Joy in God's Presence

The journey of following Jesus is full of joy and hope, no matter what happens. God wants us to feel happy in His presence and to share that joy with others.

Explain to your child that joy is a deep happiness that comes from knowing God loves them and walks with them every day.

Encourage your child to find joy in prayer, worship, and discovering God's world. This joy gives us strength to face challenges and share love with others. Celebrate the wonderful gift of being God's child!







Day 7: 🤌 Joy in Following Jesus

Reflect and Apply

1.	What makes me feel joyful about God?
2.	How can I share God's joy with my family and friends?
3.	Why is joy a source of strength for me?







Day 7: 🤌 Joy in Following Jesus

Journaling Prompts

1.	Write about a happy memory where you felt close to God.
2.	Draw a joyful scene that reminds you of God's love.
3.	Make a list of things that bring you joy and thank God for them.







Day 7: 🦫 Joy in Following Jesus

Prayer for Today

Thank You, God, for filling my heart with joy. Help me to remember Your love every day and to share that happiness with others. Please be with me in everything I do and keep me strong with Your joy. May my life show Your light and love. *Amen.*







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