



GROW



East 91ST Street
CHRISTIAN CHURCH

This Journal Belongs To...

Kid's Promise

I promise to Grow daily for the next 40 days. I will spend time every day doing my devotion, reading Scripture, and writing down my prayers.

Parent's Promise

I promise to hold my child accountable to Grow by encouraging them to do their daily devotion, journal and Scripture reading. I will model Christ in my life and I will set an example through my words and through my actions so that my child may grow to know Jesus more.

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Schedule

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
1 Peter				
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2 Peter				
1:1-4	1:5-11	1:12-15	1:16-18	1:19-21
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HOW IT WORKS

Daily Schedule

Pick a time each day to sit with your Bible and your Grow Journal to spend time with God. Having a regular time helps you build a routine and makes it easier to remember to set aside special time just for Him.

Quiet Place

You live in a noisy, busy world. But God wants time with you without noise or distractions. Find a quiet place where you can get away from screens, music, and even other people. Having a calm spot will help you focus on what God wants to teach you each day.

Bible

God speaks to you through the Bible. He gave you the Bible to guide you, encourage you, and help you learn and grow. When you see a verse in your Grow Journal, look it up in your Bible or the Scripture pages at the start of each week. Don't be afraid to highlight, underline, or write notes in your Bible about what you learned from that verse.

Prayer Journal

Each day has a "God's Time" spot. This is where you can write your prayers to God. Writing in your journal helps you slow down, think clearly, and pay attention to what's on your mind. Because writing takes more time than just thinking, it helps you focus on what God is teaching you each day.

Family and Friends

The Bible says that two people are better than one, and that a rope made of three strands is not easily broken. This means we are stronger when we work together! Ask your parents to be part of what you're learning. Do the activities with them, and let them help remind you to spend time in your Grow Journal each day. Friends can encourage you too. Talk with a friend who is also doing Grow. Share your favorite stories, verses, or activities, and remind each other to do your Grow devotion every day.

Grace Days

Sometimes your week can get a little busy, and you might miss a day. That's okay! The weekend gives you a chance to catch up. Saturday and Sunday can be used as time to catch up on a devo that was missed or to read the chapter for the upcoming week.

MANY PEOPLE HAVE PRAYED FOR YOU AS YOU STUDY 1ST & 2ND PETER. STAY FAITHFUL—IT WILL BE WORTH IT! GOD WILL BLESS YOU AND REWARD YOUR HARD WORK. REMEMBER HIS PROMISE: IF YOU COME CLOSE TO HIM, HE WILL COME CLOSE TO YOU.



... in the grace and
knowledge of our Lord
and Savior Jesus Christ.

2 Peter 3:18



1 Peter 1-2:3

I, Peter, am writing this letter. I am an apostle of Jesus Christ.

I am sending this letter to you, God's chosen people. You are people who have had to wander in the world. You are scattered all over the areas of Pontus, Galatia, Cappadocia, Asia and Bithynia. 2 You have been chosen in keeping with what God the Father had planned. That happened through the Spirit's work to make you pure and holy. God chose you so that you might obey Jesus Christ. God wanted you to be in a covenant relationship with him. He established this relationship by the blood of Christ.

May more and more grace and peace be given to you.

3 Give praise to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. In his great mercy he has given us a new birth and a living hope. This hope is living because Jesus Christ rose from the dead. 4 He has given us new birth so that we might share in what belongs to him. This is a gift that can never be destroyed. It can never spoil or even fade away. It is kept in heaven for you.

5 Through faith you are kept safe by God's power. Your salvation is going to be completed. It is ready to be shown to you in the last days. 6 Because you know all this, you have great joy. You have joy even though you may have had to suffer for a little while.

You may have had to suffer sadness in all kinds of trouble. 7 Your troubles have come in order to prove that your faith is real. Your faith is worth more than gold. That's because gold can pass away even when fire has made it pure. Your faith is meant to bring praise, honor and glory to God. This will happen when Jesus Christ returns. 8 Even though you have not seen him, you love him. Though you do not see him now, you believe in him. You are filled with a glorious joy that can't be put into words. 9 You are receiving the salvation of your souls. This salvation is the final result of your faith.

10 The prophets searched very hard and with great care to find out about this salvation. They spoke about the grace that was going to come to you.

11 They wanted to find out when and how this salvation would come. The Spirit of Christ in them was telling them about the sufferings of the Messiah. These were his sufferings that were going to come. The Spirit of Christ was also telling them about the glory that would follow. 12 It was made known to the prophets that they were not serving themselves. Instead, they were serving you when they spoke about the things that you have now heard.

Those who have preached the good news to you have told you these things

1 Peter 1-2:3



. They have done it with the help of the Holy Spirit sent from heaven. Even angels long to look into these things.

13 So be watchful, and control yourselves completely. In this way, put your hope in the grace that lies ahead. This grace will be brought to you when Jesus Christ returns. 14 You should obey your Father. You shouldn't give in to evil desires. They controlled your life when you didn't know any better. 15 The God who chose you is holy. So you should be holy in all that you do. 16 It is written, "Be holy, because I am holy."

(Leviticus 11:44,45; 19:2)

17 You call on a Father who judges each person's work without favoring one over another. So live as outsiders during your time here. Live with the highest respect for God. 18 You were set free from an empty way of life. This way of life was handed down to you by your own people of long ago. You know that you were not bought with things that can pass away, like silver or gold. 19 Instead, you were bought with the priceless blood of Christ. He is a perfect lamb. He doesn't have any flaws at all. 20 He was chosen before God created the world. But he came into the world for your sake in these last days. 21 Because of what Christ has done, you believe in God. It was God who raised him from the dead. And it was God who gave him glory. So your faith and hope are in God.

22 You have made yourselves pure by obeying the truth. So you have an honest and true love for each other. So love one another deeply, from your hearts. 23 You have been born again by means of the living word of God. His word lasts forever. You were not born again from a seed that will die. You were born from a seed that can't die.

24 It is written,

"All people are like grass.

All their glory is like the flowers in the field.

The grass dries up. The flowers fall to the ground.

25 But the word of the Lord lasts forever." (Isaiah 40:6-8)

And this is the word that was preached to you.

2: So get rid of every kind of evil, and stop telling lies. Don't pretend to be something you are not. Stop wanting what others have, and don't speak against one another. 2 Like newborn babies, you should long for the pure milk of God's word. It will help you grow up as believers. 3 You can do this now that you have tasted how good the Lord is.

1 Peter 1:1-2

Grab your Bible
and find the
books of 1 Peter
and 2 Peter.



How many **chapters**
are in each?

1 Peter: _____

2 Peter: _____



How many **pages**
are each?

1 Peter: _____

2 Peter: _____

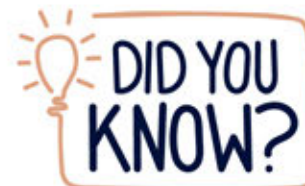
PETER :

a first-century fisherman from Galilee who became one of Jesus' closest disciples and a primary leader of the early Church.

Read
1 Peter
1:1-2.

The books of 1 and 2 Peter are letters that Peter wrote to churches in Asia Minor. This is the area of the world known as Turkey today. These letters were written after the death and resurrection of Jesus.

So, who are God's chosen people? Everyone who chooses to follow Jesus! During this time, believers were disliked, treated unfairly and persecuted by those in power. Because of this, the followers of Jesus traveled far and wide to share about Him with people who didn't know Him.



PETER = PETROS

The Greek word for Peter is Petros which means "the rock".

In Matthew 16:18, Jesus says, "You are Peter. On this rock I will build my church. The gates of hell will not be strong enough to destroy it." Peter spent a lot of time with Jesus, and Jesus sent him out to preach about who He was to people everywhere.

A main theme in these books is that you are one of God's **chosen people**. You are chosen because God loves everyone and wants you in His big family! Not only are you part of His family, but God wants you to tell EVERYONE that they can be in His family too. To do this, you just need to listen to what Jesus taught and tell the people around you.

YOU were chosen by God to be in His family, and He wants you to choose Him too!

1 PETER 1:8

Even though you have not seen him, you love him. Though you do not see him now, you believe in him. You are filled with a glorious joy that can't be put into words.

Copy this verse on the lines below.

GOD'S TIME...

Where do you think you are in your journey with God? On the scale below, circle the number where you think you might be. No matter what number you circle, it's time to make that number higher. Over the next weeks, you will learn from 1 & 2 Peter how you should follow Jesus more and more.

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
You know that God is real.				You know that God is real and a little about how He wants you to live.					You believe that God is real and that Jesus is His Son. You know He died on the cross, rose again, and forgave your sins—and you are learning what it means to live for Him every day!

Now that you've circled a number, talk to God and ask Him to help you keep growing! No matter where you are on your relationship with Jesus, there is always room to grow deeper.



1 Peter 1:3-9

Read

1 Peter 1:3-5.

Highlight the first sentence of **verse 3**. Underline the word "*living*" in these verses. Circle the word "gift" in **verse 4**.



Peter starts his letter by praising God. He knows that God is most important, and Jesus' death and resurrection are why everything he writes about matters. Peter wants to keep Jesus right at the center of his words.

In verses 3 and 4, Peter talks about a *living hope*. As a follower of Jesus, you have a hope that is deeper than how you typically hear the word used. You may *hope* to go to Disney World or *hope* to get a new tablet, but that is not the *living hope* Peter is talking about. Peter says that followers of Jesus have a *living hope*—a hope that is alive because Jesus is alive. Because Jesus rose from the dead, you can know that God's love, forgiveness, and eternal home in heaven are yours forever and will never break or fade away.

JOY

is a fruit of the Spirit. It is a deep, lasting gladness inside you that comes from loving and knowing God.

Where does joy come from? Joy comes directly from God, given to you through the Holy Spirit.
Are joy and happiness the same? NO! Joy comes from God and stays with you even when bad things happen. Happiness depends on temporary things, so it comes and goes.

Read

1 Peter 1:6-7.

Highlight the word "*joy*" in this section.

Does Jesus say you will have a super-duper easy life once you choose to follow Him? No! Even the followers in 1 Peter were being treated badly by people who didn't believe in Jesus. Peter wrote this letter to comfort his friends, and he told them something amazing: they could have joy even during hard or sad times because they had faith in a better life waiting with God. Joy lives in your hearts through the Holy Spirit. Even when times are tough, you can still have joy because of your faith in Jesus!

Read

1 Peter 1:8-9.

How can you love and trust someone you've never seen with your own eyes? That sounds almost impossible! But that is what faith is all about. Peter says here, "*You have not seen him, but you love him. You do not see him now, but you believe in him.*" Even though you can't see Jesus right now, your faith in Him is real!

Peter explains that this kind of faith is worth way more than gold because gold wears away, but your faith in Jesus will last forever. Best of all, when you put your trust in Jesus, God fills your heart with a glorious, super-special joy—a joy so big and amazing that you can't even find enough words to describe it!

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BE PUT INTO WORDS.

1 PETER 1:8



GOD'S TIME...

Yesterday, you learned that you are chosen as one of God's people. Today, you learned about having faith in Jesus even though you can't see Him. Peter goes on to say that you can love Him and follow Him even without seeing Him, and He will give you joy. These promises are for anyone who believes in Jesus and chooses to follow Him. Have you decided to follow Jesus? Talk to Him today about your thoughts and your desire to follow Him.



1 Peter 1:10-12

Prophet : /'pra:fit/

People that God chose to tell His message to the rest of His people. These messages were called prophecies. Sometimes they were warnings about punishments, but other times they were good news about a Savior coming to save everyone. Back then, they didn't know who the Savior would be—but you know who He is today. The Savior is Jesus!

Read
1 Peter
1:10-12.

How could these prophets know about Jesus, the Messiah, before He was even born? The Bible says that this Good News was revealed by the Spirit of Christ—who is also known as the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit was already speaking about the coming of Jesus Christ!

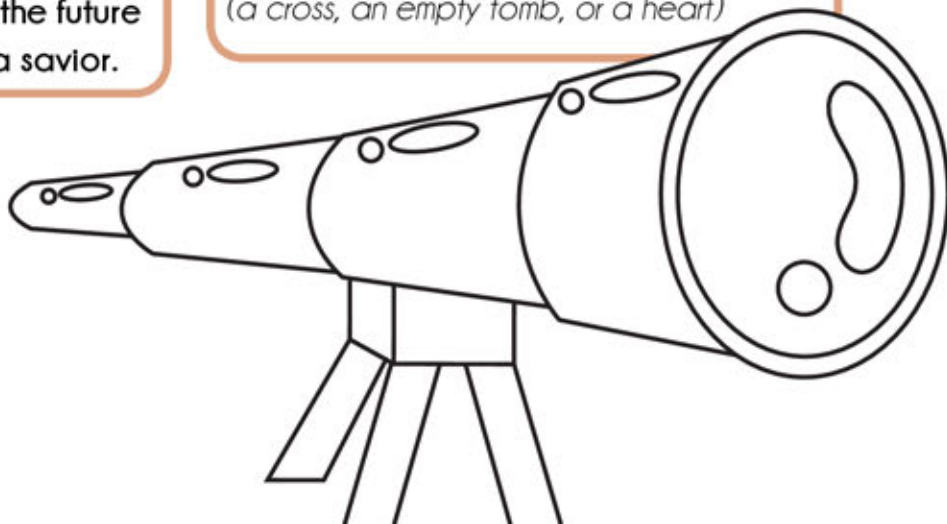
Want to know something else that was really hard? Even though the prophets were so excited about this Good News, they knew it wouldn't happen until a long, long, long time later—after they were gone. How hard would it be to hear about great and exciting news, but not be able to see it, touch it, or experience it yourself? Yet, with the encouragement of the Holy Spirit, they still chose to share this Good News with everyone.

Even though you weren't there when Jesus was first on the earth, you can still have a relationship with Him! Jesus sent the Holy Spirit to be with you. When you believe in Jesus and accept Him as your Savior, the Holy Spirit comes to live inside you—no matter what.

Jesus says to stay strong and spread the same Good News that the prophets shared long ago: the amazing news that you are saved, forgiven, and have a new life with God! The Holy Spirit is always here to help you. If you feel alone, the Holy Spirit is right beside you. If you feel afraid, He will give you courage. Whenever you ask for help or want to celebrate, the Holy Spirit is there with you!

Next to the telescope, draw a prophet looking to the future in expectation of a savior.

In the lens, draw what you know today.
(a cross, an empty tomb, or a heart)



Fill in the missing words in the verse below.

Even though you have not _____ him, you _____ him. Though you do not _____ him now, you _____ in him. You are _____ with a glorious _____ that can't be put into _____.

1 PETER 1:8

GOD'S TIME...

The prophets and angels were so excited to know about Jesus. Thank God that you get to know Jesus today! Talk to God about what you know of Jesus and thank Him for being the Savior that you need and forgiving you of the wrong things you do.



1 Peter 1:13-20

Simon Says "Stand up"

Simon Says "Touch your toes"

Simon Says "Clap once"

Simon Says "Sit down"



You're probably familiar with this game: follow every command perfectly, or you're out! It's a great picture of what it means to follow directions. Sometimes doing what you're told is simple, but other times it can be surprisingly tough!

Read

1 Peter 1:13-16.

Underline the words or phrases that are a command. (example: *be watchful...be holy...*)

This passage is a lot like playing Simon Says. Peter tells you that you are called to obey God. Even though the word obey might sound frustrating, obeying God is a wonderful thing because it has a special purpose. God wants to protect you from falling into traps set by the devil, so He shows you what is good and how to live. When you stop listening and wander off on your own, that's when you fall into those traps. But don't worry; God has unlimited grace and forgiveness for you. Because of His love for you, God asks you to listen to Him and follow His lead. He wants you to live with Him and be HOLY, just as He is holy!

HOLY : /'houli/



being set apart, pure

Being holy means being set apart and pure. But let's be honest—that sounds really hard! It means no lying, no mean words, and so much more. Why does God ask you to be holy? Because God is holy and pure, and sin is like a dirty stain that pulls you away from Him. God didn't abandon you in your mess. He paid a high price to buy you back! It wasn't paid with gold, silver, or shiny rubies. Verse 19 says He paid for you with the "precious blood of Christ." Jesus was completely clean and free from sin, making Him the perfect bridge between a stained world and a holy God!

Read

1 Peter 1:17-20.

Circle the word "before" in verse 20.

Did you catch something crazy in verse 20? Jesus was chosen *before* God created the world! That means God knew you would make mistakes and wander away before you were even born, yet He still chose you. Instead of giving up on you, He created a rescue plan!

The Good News is that Jesus gave His pure, holy life to wash you clean of your sins so you can have a relationship with God. God wants to be close to you! But remember, having that relationship means choosing to trust and obey Him. God has loved you since before the creation of the world, so trust Him, follow His leads, and obey Him.

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WORDS THAT PUT CAN'T BE
INTO.**

Put the words back in the correct order below.

GOD'S TIME...

Talk to God about the areas where it is hard for you to obey Him or say "no" to bad choices. Ask the Holy Spirit to help you make wise decisions, step away from old habits, and be holy, just like God is holy.

Thank God for loving you so much that He rescued you—not with gold, silver, or money, but with the priceless, pure blood of Jesus. Tell Him how grateful you are that Jesus took away your sins to make you clean.



1 Peter 1:21–2:3

Read
1 Peter
1:21–25.

Because God raised Jesus from the dead, your trust and hope rest firmly in Him, giving you a powerful foundation that completely transforms how you live. When you obey God's truth, He purifies your heart so you can love others deeply and sincerely. Through His living and enduring Word, God has given you a brand-new, eternal life—and while human life fades away like grass and wild flowers, God's Word stands forever. Because His Word is eternal and gives you new life through Jesus, you are called to love others genuinely and stand firm in truth that will never fade!

Read
1 Peter 2:1–3.

Underline the things
Peter lists that you
should rid yourself of.



Yesterday you learned about the word Holy. Write down what Holy means.

God has called you to be set apart and pure—or, in other words, holy. But how do you become holy?

It begins with the work Jesus did for you on the cross. Because Jesus died and rose again, your faith and hope are in Him. Through Him, you are made pure as you obey Him and follow His example.

Peter highlights specific behaviors you must avoid to become more like Christ: evil, lying, pretending to be something you're not, envy, and gossip. Instead of being jealous, you can choose to be thankful for what God has given you. It's easy to think, "I would never do those things,"

but pause. Do you ever gossip about a classmate, change how you act to fit in, or wish you had what others have? Falling into sin is easier than you realize, which is why you need Jesus and the Holy Spirit guiding you every day toward what is right.

Read Galations 5:22–23.

List the fruits of the Spirit:

So, how do you know if you are becoming more like Christ? Think about a baby—they crave milk because they need it to live and grow. In the same way, you need what 1 Peter 2 calls "spiritual milk." That isn't actual milk; it's the truth found in God's Word. As you read the Bible and learn who God is, your thoughts, attitudes, and behaviors begin to change. When you grow spiritually, your life shows it—you reflect Jesus more clearly, and the fruit of the Spirit shines in how you treat others. Becoming like Christ is a daily process, but as you crave His Word, God shapes you into who He called you to be.



Write this week's verse on the lines below.

1 PETER 1:8

GOD'S TIME...

What would happen if a baby never ate or drank anything? The baby's health would suffer. It's the same for you spiritually: if you're not spending time with God, your relationship with Him, and your spiritual life, will suffer.

Think about or look through the Scripture you've read this week. Then, ask yourself the following questions:

- What did I learn about God?
- Is there something God wants me to do?
- Is there something I need to change?





1 Peter 2:4-25

4 Christ is the living Stone. People did not accept him, but God chose him.

God places the highest value on him.

5 You also are like living stones. As you come to Christ, you are being built into a house for worship. There you will be

holy priests. You will offer spiritual sacrifices. God will accept them because of what Jesus Christ has

done. 6 In Scripture it says,

"Look! I am placing a stone in Zion.

It is a chosen and very valuable stone.

It is the most important stone in the building.

The one who trusts in him will never be put to shame."

(Isaiah 28:16)

7 This stone is very valuable to you who believe. But to people who do not believe,

"The stone the builders did not accept has become the most important stone of all." (Psalm 118:22)

8 And,

"It is a stone that causes people to trip.

It is a rock that makes them fall."

(Isaiah 8:14)

They trip and fall because they do not obey the message. That is also what God planned for them.

9 But God chose you to be his people. You are royal priests. You are a

holy nation. You are God's special treasure. You are all these things so

that you can give him praise. God brought you out of darkness into his wonderful light. 10 Once you were not

a people. But now you are the people of God. Once you had not received mercy. But now you have

received mercy.

11 Dear friends, you are outsiders and those who wander in this world. So I'm asking you not to give in to your sinful desires. They fight against your soul.

12 People who don't believe might say you are doing wrong. But lead good lives among them. Then they will see your good deeds. And they will give glory to God on the day he comes to judge.

13 Follow the lead of every human authority. Do this for the Lord's sake. Obey the emperor. He is the highest authority. 14 Obey the governors. The emperor sends them to punish those who do wrong. He also sends them to praise those who do right. 15 By doing good you will put a stop to the talk of foolish people. They don't know what they are saying.

1 Peter 2:4-25



16 Live as free people. But don't use your freedom to cover up evil. Live as people who are God's slaves. 17 Show proper respect to everyone. Love the family of believers. Have respect for God. Honor the emperor.

18 Slaves, obey your masters out of deep respect for God. Obey not only those who are good and kind. Obey also those who are not kind. 19 Suppose a person suffers pain unfairly because they want to obey God. This is worthy of praise.

20 But suppose you receive a beating for doing wrong, and you put up with it.

Will anyone honor you for this? Of course not. But suppose you suffer for doing good, and you put up with it.

God will praise you for this. 21 You were chosen to do good even if you suffer.

That's because Christ suffered for you.

He left you an example that he expects you to follow. 22 Scripture says,

"He didn't commit any sin.

No lies ever came out of his mouth."

(Isaiah 53:9)

23 People shouted at him and made fun of him. But he didn't do the same thing back to them. When he suffered, he didn't say he would make them suffer. Instead, he trusted in the God who judges fairly.

24 "He himself carried our sins" in his body on the cross. (Isaiah 53:5) He did it so that we would die as far as sins are concerned. Then we would lead godly lives. "His wounds have healed you." (Isaiah 53:5) 25 "You were like sheep wandering away." (Isaiah 53:6)

But now you have returned to the Shepherd. He is the one who watches over your souls.

1 Peter 2:4-10

Read 1 Peter 2:4.

Circle what this verse says Christ is.

Read 1 Peter 2:5. What does this verse say that you are like? _____

Highlight what the verse says you are being built into.

In these verses, Peter describes you—the church—as God's spiritual house, with Jesus as the foundation that everything is built on.

Imagine building a house. If the first corner isn't set perfectly straight, the rest of the house will end up crooked and unsafe. That's what these verses are saying: if the church isn't built completely on Jesus, it won't be strong and stable.

When Peter calls Jesus' followers "living stones," he means that every single believer is a special piece of the church Jesus is building. Each follower is one stone in the structure, which means no one can be the church all by themselves. One stone doesn't make a whole building—it takes many stones fitted together with a foundation on Jesus!



Read 1 Peter 2:6-8.

These verses are referencing the Old Testament to connect the readers to what they had learned growing up.

Read 1 Peter 2:9-10.

Circle the words "God chose you". Underline what these verses say that you are.

According to the end of **verse 9**, why has God chosen you to be these things? Put a **box** around it. (hint, it starts with "so that...")

In **verse 10**, underline what it says you are now. Write it below.

When you decide to follow God with your whole heart, you belong to Him! He makes you royal, holy, and His special treasure.

Because Jesus died on the cross for you, you can talk to God anytime you want. You can ask Him to forgive you and make your heart clean—and you don't have to earn it!

He forgives you simply because of how much He loves you. God gives you these wonderful gifts so you can praise Him, because He is worthy of all your praise.

Jesus rescued you from sin and brought you into His wonderful light so you can be with God forever. You are chosen and loved—not because of anything you did, but because of what God has done for you!

1 PETER 2:9

But God chose you to be his people. You are royal priests. You are a holy nation. You are God's special treasure. You are all these things so that you can give him praise. God brought you out of darkness into his wonderful light.

Copy this verse on the lines below.

GOD'S TIME...

Take another look at **1 Peter 2:9**, this is your memory verse for the week. Think about how God chose you and who you are because of Him. You are royal, holy, and His very own special treasure. That is all because of His amazing love, **not** because of anything you had to earn! Talk to God today about how you can live like the special person He made you to be.



1 Peter 2:11-12

Read 1 Peter 2:11-12.

What do you think it means in **verse 11** when it says that you are “outsiders” and you “wander in this world”?

Peter is calling the readers “outsiders” because as followers of Jesus, your real home is in heaven. When you choose to follow Jesus, the way you live, act, and think will be different than others who do not follow Him. Peter is saying that you will need to work hard not to give into those desires that are selfish and not from God.

Read verse 12 again.

Now read this verse from Matthew 5:16.



“In the same way, let your light shine so others can see it. Then they will see the good things you do. And they will bring glory to your Father who is in heaven.” Matthew 5:16

Write down some similarities between these two verses.

Here, Peter is repeating what Jesus taught in the Sermon on the Mount (Matthew 5:16): you are called to live good lives so that when people see your good choices, they will praise God. In 1 Peter 2:12, Peter reminds you that even if people around you don't understand your faith, watching your kind and honorable actions will show them who God truly is. Every single choice you make is a chance to let your light shine and show God's love.

Shine Jesus

- The **words** you use and how kindly you speak
- How you **treat** people every day—like the server at a restaurant, your teachers, your family, and your friends
- Your **attitude** toward the opposing team at a sports game, whether you win or lose



Your choices show whether you are following Jesus or just doing what everyone else is doing. When you live a godly life, you shine like a bright light in the dark. People will notice the love and goodness in you, learn who God is, and give Him all the praise!

BUT GOD CHOSE YOU TO BE HIS PEOPLE. YOU ARE ROYAL PRIESTS. YOU ARE A HOLY NATION. YOU ARE GOD'S SPECIAL TREASURE. YOU ARE ALL THESE THINGS SO THAT YOU CAN GIVE HIM PRAISE. GOD BROUGHT YOU OUT OF DARKNESS INTO HIS WONDERFUL LIGHT. **1 PETER 2:9**

GOD'S TIME...

How are you living your life to show others that you follow Jesus? Is there something you can work on to show His love even better?

Talk to Jesus about how you can speak, act, and live in a way that points people to Him—and ask for His help whenever it gets hard!



1 Peter 2:13-17

Read

1 Peter 2:13-14.

Who are the people that this passage tells you to obey?

Peter is saying that it is important to respect and obey those who are in authority in your life. During the time that Peter was writing, those people were emperors, kings, governors and even masters. Today, those in authority are teachers, coaches, principals, police and presidents. As a follower of Jesus, you are to show kindness and respect to everyone you interact with. That can be hard at times when you don't agree with those in authority. Followers are called to respect and submit to authorities as long as it is in line with what God commands His people to do.

Examples of this could look like:

- **At School:** listening when the teacher is speaking, following the school rules, obeying when other kids are not
- **On the Playground or Sports:** following the rules to games, being respectful of refs and coaches
- **At Home:** obeying parents, guardians and those who are caring for you

Read 1 Peter 2:15.

What will you put a stop to by doing good?

When others see you doing the right thing—like being kind, obeying your parents and teachers, and helping others—your good actions show them the truth. Your kindness is so powerful that it will "put a stop to" the bad things people say and shows everyone how wonderful God really is!

Read 1 Peter 2:16-17.

Fill in the blanks from verse 17.

"_____ proper respect to everyone. _____ the family of believers. Have _____ for God. _____ the emperor." 1 Peter 2:17

Draw a line connecting the words from 1 Peter 2:17 on the left to what they mean on the right:

1. Show proper respect to everyone
2. Love the family of believers
3. Have respect for God
4. Honor the emperor

- A. Love and encourage other followers of Jesus.
- B. Obey and honor leaders, coaches, teachers, and
- C. Treat every single person kindly because God made them.
- D. Love, trust, and hold God in high awe and worship.

Fill in the missing words in the verse below.

But God _____ you to be _____ people. You are _____ priests.
You are a _____ nation. You are God's _____ treasure. _____ are
all these things _____ you can give him _____. God brought
you _____ of darkness into _____ wonderful _____. **1 PETER 2:9**

GOD'S TIME...

Think about a leader in your life who can be tough to listen to or obey sometimes. Talk to God about them—thank Him for putting leaders in your life to protect you, and ask Jesus to help you show respect and kindness to everyone you meet this week, even when it isn't easy.



1 Peter 2:18-20

??? Have you ever had to do something nice for someone who wasn't very nice to you? How did that make you feel? Write about it in the box to the side.



Now try this: Cross your arms, squeeze your fists tight, and try to smile big at the same time.

It feels a little awkward and tough, right? Doing the right thing when someone is unkind or unfair can feel the exact same way—it's not easy, and everything in you wants to complain or act mean back!

Read 1 Peter 2:18-20.

Underline the word "obey".

Circle the words "good", "kind". Draw a box around "not kind" and "wrong".



In this verse, Peter is talking about obeying bosses and leaders, even when they are bossy, unfair, or "hard to deal with."

In real life, you might have a teacher who gives tough rules, a coach who is strict, or a friend or sibling who treats you unfairly. It's easy to be kind to people who are nice to you. But Peter writes that God notices when you choose to be patient, respectful, and kind even when someone else is being unfair.

When you choose not to fight back or throw a fit, you are showing everyone how loving and strong Jesus is in your heart.

Read each scenario below and circle either "Easy" or "Hard but Holy".

- A group of kids at lunch start making fun of someone who isn't sitting at the table. Even though it would be easier to laugh along so you don't get left out, you choose not to join in and instead change the subject or go sit with the person who was left out.

EASY

HARD but HOLY

- You're in the middle of a big game, and the referee makes a terrible call against your team that costs you a point. Even though you feel like yelling or arguing, you take a breath, jog back into position, and encourage your teammates to keep playing hard.

EASY

HARD but HOLY

- A teammate misses a pass and blames you, but you choose to cheer them on and encourage them anyway.

EASY

HARD but HOLY

- Your teacher makes the class sit quietly because other kids were talking, even though you were being quiet. You choose not to roll your eyes or complain.

EASY

HARD but HOLY

Unscramble the letters to see the verse.

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GOD'S TIME...

Think of a time this week when a leader, teacher, coach, or friend was strict, unfair, or hard to get along with. Tell Jesus how that made you feel, and ask Him to give you the strength and patience to respond with kindness the next time it happens.



1 Peter 2:21-25

Yesterday you read about doing good even when others are not kind to you. As a follower of Jesus, God calls you to do good no matter how others treat you. As you read today's Scripture, it continues with that idea. Even if it is hard or seems unfair, you are called to do good because of what Jesus has done for you.

Read 1 Peter 2:21-25.

Highlight **verse 21**.

Underline the references to other Scriptures in this passage.

Now read the passage from Isaiah to the side. Underline each time it says "we" and "us".



*"5 But the servant was pierced because we had sinned.
He was crushed because we had done what was evil.
He was punished to make us whole again.
His wounds have healed us.*

*6 All of us are like sheep. We have wandered away from God.
All of us have turned to our own way.
And the Lord has placed on his servant
the sins of all of us." Isaiah 53:5-6*

What does this passage explain about what we have done?

Who is this passage talking about when it says the "servant"?

Isaiah 53:9b says, "He was killed even though he hadn't harmed anyone. And he had never lied to anyone." Now read **1 Peter 2:21** again. If Jesus suffered through the crucifixion, but did nothing wrong, why did He do it?



Together, 1 Peter 2:21-25 and Isaiah 53 show that everyone has made wrong choices and wandered away from God like lost sheep. Both passages point directly to Jesus as the "Servant" who never sinned, lied, or harmed anyone. Even though He was completely innocent and perfect, Jesus willingly suffered the pain of the cross to take the punishment for your sins, heal your broken relationship with God, and give you a perfect example of how to live and love.



Write this week's verse on the lines below.

1 PETER 2:9

GOD'S TIME...

Think about the sins, the wrong things you have done. Think about the times you've been mean to someone, the times you've lied or cheated, the times you've ignored Jesus for other things.

Talk to Jesus about how you're sorry for those things. Ask Him to forgive you.

Thank Him for taking *your* punishment for those sins.





1 Peter 3

Wives, follow the lead of your own husbands. Suppose some of them don't believe God's word. Then let them be won to Christ without words by seeing how their wives behave. 2 Let them see how pure you are. Let them see that your lives are full of respect for God. 3 Fancy hairstyles don't make you beautiful. Wearing gold jewelry or fine clothes doesn't make you beautiful. 4 Instead, your beauty comes from inside you. It is the beauty of a gentle and quiet spirit. Beauty like this doesn't fade away. God places great value on it. 5 This is how the holy women of the past used to make themselves beautiful. They put their hope in God. And they followed the lead of their own husbands. 6 Sarah was like that. She obeyed Abraham. She called him her master. Do you want to be like her? Then do what is right. And don't give in to fear. 7 Husbands, consider the needs of your wives. They are weaker than you. So treat them with respect. Honor them as those who will share with you the gracious gift of life. Then nothing will stand in the way of your prayers.

8 Finally, I want all of you to agree with one another. Be understanding. Love one another. Be kind and tender. Be humble. 9 Don't pay back evil with evil. Don't pay back unkind words with unkind words. Instead, pay back evil with kind words. This is what you have been chosen to do. You will receive a blessing by doing this.

10 Scripture says, "Suppose someone wants to love life and see good days.

Then they must keep their tongues from speaking evil.

They must keep their lips from telling lies.

11 They must turn away from evil and do good. They must look for peace and go after it.

12 The Lord's eyes look on godly people, and he blesses them. His ears are open to their prayers. But the Lord doesn't bless those who do evil." (Psalm 34:12-16)

13 Who is going to hurt you if you really want to do good? 14 But suppose you do suffer for doing what is right. Even then you will be blessed. Scripture says, "Don't fear what others say they will do to hurt you. Don't be afraid." (Isaiah 8:12)

1 Peter 3



15 But make sure that in your hearts you honor Christ as Lord. Always be ready to give an answer to anyone who asks you about the hope you have. Be ready to give the reason for it. But do it gently and with respect. 16 Live so that you don't have to feel you've done anything wrong. Some people may say evil things about your good conduct as believers in Christ. If they do, they will be put to shame for speaking like this about you. 17 God may want you to suffer for doing good. That's better than suffering for doing evil.

18 Christ also suffered once for sins. The one who did what is right suffered for those who don't do right. He suffered to bring you to God. His body was put to death. But the Holy Spirit brought him back to life.

19 After that, Christ went and made an announcement to the spirits in prison. 20 Long ago these spirits did not obey. That was when God was patient while Noah was building the ark. And only a few people went into the ark. In fact, there were only eight. Those eight people were saved through water.

21 The water of the flood is a picture. It is a picture of the baptism that now saves you too. This baptism has nothing to do with removing dirt from your body. Instead, it promises God that you will keep a clear sense of right and wrong. This baptism saves you by the same power that raised Jesus Christ from the dead. 22 He has gone into heaven. He is at God's right hand. Angels, authorities and powers are under his control.

1 Peter 3:1-6

The world has a lot to say about how you should look, act, and dress. But the things the world cares about don't always match what God wants for His followers. It can be really easy to listen to the world instead of listening to God! Today's Scripture is a reminder of how God wants wives to follow Him and be a wonderful example of His love.

Read 1 Peter 3:1-6.

Write down a few things that stand out to you from this passage.

Break this down verse by verse...

- 3:1** Peter tells wives to love and respect their husbands so that their kind, godly actions show them who Jesus is without even needing words.
- 3:2** They should see that your lives are pure and that you have respect for God.
- 3:3** Your beauty shouldn't come from fancy hair, bright jewelry, or pretty clothes on the outside.
- 3:4** Instead, your beauty should come from a gentle and quiet spirit inside your heart, which is worth so much to God.
- 3:5** This is how holy women who trusted God in the past made themselves beautiful—by respecting their husbands.
- 3:6** Sarah is a great example because she obeyed Abraham and called him her master, and you are her daughters when you do what is right without letting pride stop you.

Peter reminds wives that they are called to live differently than the rest of the world. They shouldn't be obsessed with fashion, their hair, or what they look like on the outside—their true beauty is what is in their hearts.

When a wife shows love and kindness, her husband will be far more impressed by her heart than by her looks!

This is true not just for wives, but for every follower of Jesus. The things that make you truly wonderful aren't on the outside; they come straight from your heart. So ask yourself: Do I have a heart like Jesus? When you live like Him, people around you will instantly know that you follow Jesus!



1 PETER 3:8

Finally, I want all of you to agree with one another. Be understanding. Love one another. Be kind and tender. Be humble.

Copy this verse on the lines below.

GOD'S TIME...

It can be so easy to focus on what the world says you should wear or look like. Take a moment to talk to Jesus, and ask Him to help you let go of the world's standards and focus on having a heart that follows Him. If you're not sure what a truly beautiful heart looks like, think about Galatians 5:22-23: "But the fruit the Holy Spirit produces is love, joy, and peace. It is being patient, kind, and good. It is being faithful, gentle, and having control of oneself." When these traits shine through your life, everyone can see that Jesus is at the center of your heart.



1 Peter 3:7

Just like God calls wives to live differently than the world, He calls husbands to live differently, too. God tells husbands to treat their wives with kindness, understanding, and deep respect. They are team members working together to follow God.



Think of a married couple that you see showing each other love and respect. What qualities stand out to you about that couple?

Read
1 Peter 3:7.

Fill in the blanks of this verse in the box to the side.

Husbands, consider the _____ of your wives. They are weaker than you. So _____ them with _____. Honor them as those who will _____ with you the gracious _____ of life. Then nothing will _____ in the way of your _____. 1 Peter 3:7

This is a powerful lesson for everyone, no matter how old you are. God wants you to honor, care for, and be understanding toward the people in your lives—especially your family members. When you treat others as valuable gifts from God, you reflect Jesus' love to everyone around you.

If a husband isn't kind and respectful to his wife, his prayers could be hindered—because having a healthy relationship with God goes hand-in-hand with how you treat others. Jesus even said that if you have a problem with someone, you should go make peace with them before you come to worship God (Matthew 5:23-24). The same rule applies inside your family. If a man treats his wife poorly, his relationship with God will suffer.

On the trophy base, write: "Honor & Kindness"
Write the name of a family member above the trophy. On the trophy, write or draw three kind things you can do this week to show them respect and honor.



Finally, I want all of you to agree with one another. Be understanding. Love one another. Be kind and tender.



Be humble. **1 PETER 3:8**

GOD'S TIME...

Talk to Jesus about the people in your family or your friends at school. Ask Him to give you a patient, understanding heart so you can treat them with honor and love, just like Jesus treats you.



1 Peter 3:8-12

Sometimes Scripture is so clear that it doesn't need much explanation.
Today you will mostly look at Scripture and take it in on your own.

Fill in the blanks from these few sentences. Underline or **highlight** the things that stand out to you on the Scripture page at the front of the week.

Read 1 Peter
3:10-12.

Underline some of the things that Peter tells you to do in these verses.

Finally, I want all of you to _____ with one another. Be _____ one another.

Be _____ and tender. Be _____.

Don't pay back _____ with evil. Don't pay back _____ words with unkind _____. Instead, pay back _____ with _____ words. This is what you have been _____ to do. You will receive a _____ by doing this.

1 Peter 3:8-9

Read through both these Scriptures. Connect the parts that are similar.

Psalm 34:12-16

Do you love life

and want to see many good days?

13 *Then keep your tongues from speaking evil.*

Keep your lips from telling lies.

14 *Turn away from evil, and do good.*

Look for peace, and go after it.

15 *The Lord looks with favor on those who are godly.*

His ears are open to their cry.

16 *But the Lord doesn't look with favor on those who do evil.*

He removes all memory of them from the earth.

1 Peter 3:10-12

Scripture says,

"Suppose someone wants to love life and see good days.

Then they must keep their tongues from speaking evil.

They must keep their lips from telling lies.

11 *They must turn away from evil and do good.*

They must look for peace and go after it.

12 *The Lord's eyes look on godly people, and he blesses them.*

His ears are open to their prayers.

But the Lord doesn't bless those who do evil."
(Psalm 34:12-16)

Write down some thoughts that stood out to you from these verses.

Fill in the missing words in the verse below.

Finally, I want _____ of you to _____ with one another. Be _____ one another.

Be _____ and _____. Be _____.

1 PETER 3:8

GOD'S TIME...

Talk to Jesus about verses 8 and 9 today. Make them your prayer, asking Him to help you do what these verses say.

Jesus help me to get along with others ...

Jesus help me to love others ...

Jesus help me to be humble ...

Jesus help me to be kind to those who are not kind to me ...

Jesus help my words to be kind ...



1 Peter 3:13-17

Read
1 Peter
3:13-14.

Write down some thoughts about these verses.

Peter explained some of the ways that followers of Jesus should live in the Scripture you read yesterday. He said that you should agree with each other, love each other, and always say kind things. You learned in the beginning of this study that followers of Jesus were often treated unfairly and persecuted. That meant that sometimes followers would be kind to others, but were met with an unkind response or even hurt for their good words or actions. Peter reminds the readers that even in these hard moments, God loves them and sees them.

Read 1 Peter 3:15.

Underline how it says you should respond to people who ask about the way you live.

Instead of giving into fear when people question your faith, Peter says to keep Christ first in your hearts as Lord. Think of your heart as a control room: when Jesus is in charge of your decisions, you'll feel confident instead of afraid. When people see that you live differently, they might get curious and ask why you have so much hope and joy—even when life gets tough. God wants you to be ready to share the Good News about Jesus with anyone who asks, but remember to always do it with gentleness and respect, never with pride or arguments.

Read
1 Peter 3:16-17.

Use the verses to answer
the questions.

Word Bank

Christ	Good	Shame
Suffer	Evil	Live

1. Who are believers in? _____
2. What does Peter say might happen for doing good by following Jesus? _____
3. What kind of conduct should believers have? _____
4. _____ so that you don't have to feel you've done anything wrong. _____
5. What will people be put to for speaking evil about good conduct? _____
6. The opposite of good. _____

Complete the maze below to put together this week's Bible verse.

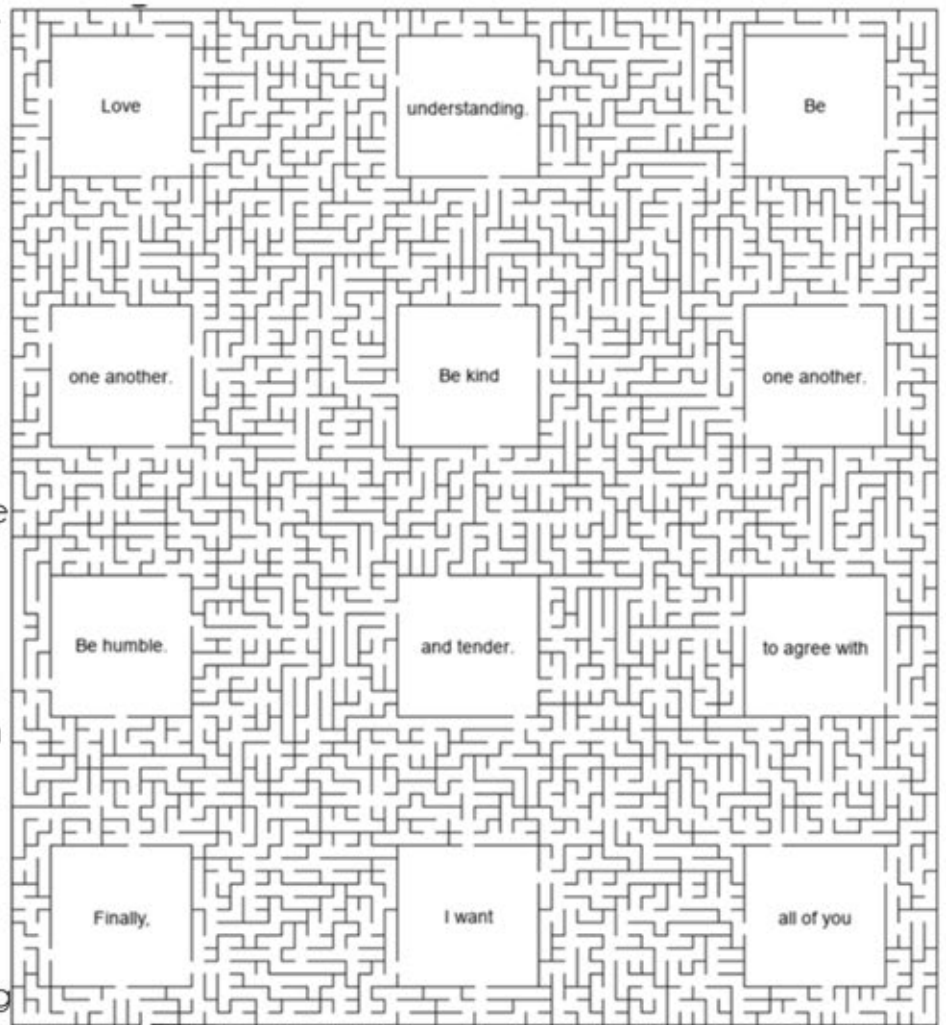
1 PETER 3:8

GOD'S TIME...

Think about a time when doing the right thing felt tough, or when someone wasn't very nice to you just because you chose to follow Jesus.

As you talk to God today, tell Him how that made you feel—whether you felt scared, upset, or lonely.

Ask Him to help you choose kindness and keep a clear conscience, even when it's hard. Ask Him to help you trust that doing good with Jesus is always worth it!



1 Peter 3:18-22



Imagine you accidentally broke a super valuable and meaningful vase. There's no way you could fix or pay for the vase - it is ruined forever. You did it because you were being reckless and not following what you were asked to do. Then, someone who did nothing wrong stepped in, took the blame, and fixed everything for you!



Read
1 Peter 3:18-19.
Underline every
time these verses
mention "Christ" or
refer to Him.

That is what Jesus did on the cross. Verse 18 says that Jesus—who was completely perfect and never sinned—died for you, even though you make mistakes and sin. He did it to take away your wrong choices and bring you into a relationship with God. Even though His body died, God's Spirit brought Him back to life.

Verse 19 shows how powerful Jesus' victory was. After He came back to life, He proclaimed His victory over darkness and evil. Because Jesus won the ultimate victory over sin and death, you never have to be afraid. You can be in relationship with God forever!

Read
1 Peter 3:20-22.

Who does this
passage talk about?

Do you remember the story of Noah's Ark? Long ago, God was patient and waited while Noah built a big wooden boat. When the great flood came, the water carried the ark and kept Noah and his family safe.



Peter says that the water in Noah's story is like a picture of baptism. Baptism isn't just taking a bath to wash dirt off your body. It is a special sign showing that you trust Jesus with your whole heart and want to follow Him for your whole life. When you follow Jesus, His death and resurrection saves you and cleanses your heart so you can be holy before God. And guess where Jesus is right now? Verse 22 says Jesus went up to heaven and sits at the very right hand of God. Every angel, ruler, and power in the universe obeys Him. That means your Savior is the ultimate King, and He is in total control!

Write this week's verse on the lines below.

1 PETER 3:8

GOD'S TIME...

Talk to God today about your relationship with Him. Have you decided to follow Him with your whole heart for your whole life? Talk to Him about why you have or have not made that decision yet.





1 Peter 4

Christ suffered in his body. So prepare yourselves to think in the same way Christ did. Do this because whoever suffers in their body is finished with sin.

2 As a result, they don't live the rest of their earthly life for evil human desires.

Instead, they live to do what God wants. 3 You have spent enough time in the past doing what ungodly people choose to do. You lived a wild life. You longed for evil things. You got drunk. You went to wild parties. You worshiped statues of gods, which the Lord hates.

4 Ungodly people are surprised that you no longer join them in what they do. They want you to join them in their wild and wasteful living. So they say bad things about you. 5 But they will have to explain their actions to God. He is ready to judge those who are alive and those who are dead. 6 That's why the good news was preached even to people who are now dead.

It was preached to them for two reasons. It was preached so that their bodies might be judged. This judgment is made by human standards. But the good news was also preached so that their spirits might live. This life comes by means of God's power.

7 The end of all things is near. So be watchful and control yourselves. Then you may pray. 8 Most of all, love one another deeply. Love erases many sins by forgiving them. 9 Welcome others into your homes without complaining. 10 God's gifts of grace come in many forms. Each of you has received a gift in order to serve others. You should use it faithfully. 11 If anyone speaks, they should do it as one speaking God's words. If anyone serves, they should do it with the strength God provides. Then in all things God will be praised through Jesus Christ.

Glory and power belong to him for ever and ever. Amen.

12 Dear friends, don't be surprised by the terrible things happening to you. The trouble you are having has come to test you. So don't feel as if something strange were happening to you.

13 Instead, be joyful that you are taking part in Christ's sufferings. Then you will have even more joy when Christ returns in glory. 14 Suppose people say bad things about you because you believe in Christ. Then you are blessed, because God's Spirit rests on you. He is the Spirit of glory.

1 Peter 4



15 If you suffer, it shouldn't be because you are a murderer. It shouldn't be because you are a thief or someone who does evil things. It shouldn't be because you interfere with other people's business. 16 But suppose you suffer for being a Christian. Then don't be ashamed. Instead, praise God because you are known by the name of Christ.

17 It is time for judgment to begin with the household of God. And since it begins with us, what will happen to people who don't obey God's good news?

18 Scripture says,
"Suppose it is hard for godly people to be saved.

Then what will happen to ungodly people and sinners?" (Proverbs 11:31)

19 Here is what people who suffer because of God's plan should do. They should commit themselves to their faithful Creator. And they should continue to do good.

1 Peter 4:1-6

Read
1 Peter 4:1-2.

Highlight the
second sentence
of verse 1.

According to **verse 2**, what should you
live your life doing if you follow God?

Because you follow Jesus, you
might face hard times for making
right choices. Peter says to be
ready for those moments and to
act just like Jesus, who willingly
went through tough times for you
so you can live for God!

Read 1 Peter 4:3. List out some of the things
that Peter says ungodly people do.

Read
1 Peter 4:4-6.



**Peter's message in 1 Peter 4:4-6 teaches
that living for Jesus makes you stand out:**

**A new way
to live:**

Learning about Jesus changes your choices. He calls
you to speak kindly, tell the truth, and respect everyone.

**The world
might not get it:**

People who don't follow Jesus might tease you or think
you're strange for doing good.

**A real-life
example:**

If your friends tease someone's clothes, but you choose to
compliment them instead, your friends might make fun of you for
being nice.

**Stand
firm:**

Peter reminds you that living like Jesus means looking different from
those around you. When others tease you for doing good, stay
strong and keep following God!

1 PETER 4:8

*Most of all, love
one another
deeply. Love erases
many sins by
forgiving them.*

Copy this verse on the lines below.

GOD'S TIME...

Ask God to give you His strength to stand up and do the right thing when it's hard. Talk to Him about the areas in your life where it's tough to resist wrong choices, and ask Him to help you live for Him instead.



1 Peter 4:7-9

James and Peter say very similar things in these passages. What do you notice about both verses that say the same thing? What is different?

*"You too must be patient.
You must remain strong. The
Lord will soon come back."
James 5:8*

*"The end of all things is near.
So be watchful and control
yourselves.
Then you may pray."
1 Peter 4:7*

Read
1 Peter 4:7.

Underline what you
are told to do in
this verse.

Stay Alert and Ready to Pray:

Peter starts by reminding his readers that time is precious and Jesus could return at any moment. Because of that, he says to "be watchful and control yourselves." That means keeping a clear, focused head. When your mind isn't distracted by foolish things or bad choices, you can pray clearly and stay connected to God.

Read
1 Peter 4:8.

Put a box around
what you are told
to do in this verse.

Love Each Other Deeply:

Peter says the most important thing you can do is love each other deeply. The word used here is like a runner stretching out as far as they can to reach the finish line—your love should stretch out to forgive others. When Peter says "love covers over a multitude of sins," he means that when you truly love people, you don't hold grudges or stay mad when they make a mistake. Love chooses forgiveness and kindness instead!

Read
1 Peter 4:9.

Highlight what you
are told to do in
this verse.

Welcome Others Without Complaining:

Welcoming others into your home is also called hospitality. "Hospitality" means making people feel welcome, safe, and cared for. Whether it's sharing your favorite things, letting someone join your lunch table, or welcoming a friend into your home, God wants you to share what you have. And the most important part? Do it without grumbling or complaining! God loves a happy heart that delights in being kind to others.

MOST OF ALL, LOVE ONE ANOTHER
DEEPLY. LOVE ERASES MANY SINS
BY FORGIVING THEM. **1 PETER 4:8**



GOD'S TIME...

Today's Scripture gives a lot of commands on how to live your life following Jesus. Which ones are hard for you to follow? Talk to God about them and ask Him to help you follow Jesus and be more like Him!



1 Peter 4:10-11

Read

1 Peter 4:10-11.

Underline what God has given you in verse 10.

Circle the options mentioned in verse 11.



Read the Scripture below, underline the gifts mentioned in these verse.

"We all have gifts. They differ according to the grace God has given to each of us. Do you have the gift of prophecy? Then use it according to the faith you have. 7 If your gift is serving, then serve. If it is teaching, then teach. 8 Is it encouraging others? Then encourage them. Is it giving to others? Then give freely. Is it being a leader? Then work hard at it. Is it showing mercy? Then do it cheerfully." Romans 12:6-8

Peter explains that God has given a special gift to every follower of Jesus. These aren't presents wrapped in shiny paper with a bow on top. Instead, spiritual gifts are special abilities, talents, and strengths given to you by the Holy Spirit.

List out the gifts you see in these two passages. Look a little deeper, look up

1 Corinthians 12:8-11 and **Ephesians 4:11**. Write down the gifts mentioned in those verses also.

Why does God give us these gifts?

To serve others: They aren't meant for showing off or making yourself look good. God gives you gifts so you can help, encourage, and care for the people around you.

To glorify God: These gifts are from God. They come from the Holy Spirit living in you. When you use your gifts out of love, it acts like a spotlight that shows the world how wonderful, powerful, and loving God is!

"Then in all things God will be praised through Jesus Christ. Glory and power belong to him forever and ever." 1 Peter 4:11b

Fill in the missing words in the verse below.

Most of all, _____ one another _____.
_____ erases many _____ by _____.
them. **1 PETER 4:8**

GOD'S TIME...

Look back at the list of gifts mentioned in the verses you read today. Talk to God about the gifts He has given you. Ask Him to help you see the gifts He has equipped you with and to show you how to use them.



1 Peter 4:12-13

Read
1 Peter 4:12-13.



Imagine you're playing a game of soccer, and someone on the other team tries to steal the ball. You wouldn't throw your hands up and say, "Wait! Why are they trying to take the ball from me?!" Of course not! That's just part of the game.

Peter says that living for Jesus can be a bit like that. When you choose kindness, honesty, and love, some people might not understand. You might get teased, left out, or face hard times. Peter says: Don't be surprised! Facing tough times for following Jesus isn't weird or strange—it means you are standing out for Him.

In the original language that Peter wrote in, the first sentence more closely translated says, *"Do not be surprised at the fiery ordeal among you."* (NIV) Peter uses the words *"fiery ordeal."* In Bible times, goldsmiths would put raw gold into a hot fire. Why? The heat melted away all the dirt and left behind pure, shiny, beautiful gold!

When you go through hard times and choose to stick with Jesus anyway, it acts like that fire. It burns away bad habits and builds strong faith, making your love for God shine even brighter.



Read each scenario and write or draw what you should do:

At School: Your friends are making fun of a new student. You decide to sit with the new student, but your old friends start teasing you. How can you stand firm like 1 Peter 4:12-13 teaches?

At Home: Your brother takes your favorite toy without asking. You feel angry, but you decide to respond with kindness instead of yelling. Why does choosing kindness glorify Jesus?

**DEEPLY LOVE MOST
ONE OF ALL, ANOTHER.
1 PETER FORGIVING
SINS MANY LOVE
ERASES BY 4:8 THEM.**

Put the words back in the correct order below.

GOD'S TIME...

Spend a moment talking with God:

Tell Him about a time it was tough to choose kindness or honesty.

Ask Him to give you strength when people tease you for doing good.

Thank Him for sending Jesus to show you how to stand strong.



1 Peter 4:14-19

Read
1 Peter
4:14.

Yesterday, you learned that you shouldn't be surprised when hard times come your way for following Jesus. In today's passage, Peter takes that a step further and says something amazing: If people insult you because you follow Christ, you are blessed!

When someone picks on you for doing what's right—like refusing to gossip or standing up for a friend—it's like wearing a special badge that shows you belong to God's team. Peter says God's Holy Spirit rests on you in those moments to give you peace and courage!

Read
1 Peter
4:15-16.

Peter gives an important warning in verses 15-16. He says there is a big difference between suffering for doing good versus suffering for doing wrong.

If you get in trouble for being bossy, breaking rules, or lying, that's not suffering for Jesus—that's just facing the consequences of a bad choice. But if you face trouble simply because you are a Christian, don't be ashamed. Give praise to God that you carry the name of Christ!

Read
1 Peter
4:17-19.
Highlight
verse 19.

Imagine you are building a tricky Lego set, and suddenly some pieces break or the instructions stop making sense. You might feel like throwing your hands up and quitting! But then the master builder who designed the toy steps in and says, "I know how to fix this—hand the pieces to me." That is what it means to *commit yourself to your faithful Creator*. When life feels hard or unfair—maybe a friend leaves you out or doing the right thing gets you in trouble—you don't have to carry the frustration by yourself. You can hand your life back to the God who made you, knowing He never breaks a promise. And even when things are confusing, Peter gives you your mission: **keep doing good!** Keep choosing kindness, telling the truth, and loving others, trusting that your Creator is holding every piece of your life together.

Good Troubles vs. Bad Troubles

Read each scenario below. Put a Checkmark (✓) next to the ones where someone is standing strong for Jesus, and an (X) next to ones where someone is just making a bad choice.

- [] Sarah gets sent to time-out for pushing her brother when she got mad.
- [] Micah sits out of a game because his friends started cheating and making up fake rules.
- [] Theo gets teased by his soccer team because he prays over his snack before practice.
- [] Chloe gets her tablet taken away because she lied about finishing her homework.

Write this week's verse on the lines below.

1 PETER 4:8

GOD'S TIME...

Talk to God about a time when it was hard to stand out or do the right thing.

Tell Him about any fear or sadness you felt when others treated you unfairly.

Ask Him to fill you with the Holy Spirit's courage so you can keep on doing good, no matter what. Thank Him for being your Faithful Creator who always protects and loves you.





1 Peter 5

I'm speaking to the elders among you. I was a witness of Christ's sufferings. And I will also share in the glory that is going to come. I'm making my appeal to you as one who is an elder together with you. 2 Be shepherds of God's flock, the believers under your care. Watch over them, though not because you have to. Instead, do it because you want to. That's what God wants you to do. Don't do it because you want to get money in dishonest ways. Do it because you really want to serve. 3 Don't act as if you were a ruler over those under your care. Instead, be examples to the flock. 4 The Chief Shepherd will come again. Then you will receive the crown of glory. It is a crown that will never fade away. 5 In the same way, I'm speaking to you who are younger. Follow the lead of those who are older.

*All of you, put on a spirit free of pride toward one another. Put it on as if it were your clothes. Do this because Scripture says,
"God opposes those who are proud. But he gives grace to those who are humble." (Proverbs 3:34)*

6 So make yourselves humble. Put yourselves under God's mighty hand. Then he will honor you at the right time. 7 Turn all your worries over to him. He cares about you. 8 Be watchful and control yourselves. Your enemy the devil is like a roaring lion. He prowls around looking for someone to swallow up. 9 Stand up to him. Remain strong in what you believe. You know that you are not alone in your suffering. The family of believers throughout the world is going through the same thing. 10 God always gives you all the grace you need. So you will only have to suffer for a little while. Then God himself will build you up again. He will make you strong and steady. And he has chosen you to share in his eternal glory because you belong to Christ. 11 Give him the power for ever and ever.

Amen.

Final Greetings

1 Peter 5



12 I consider Silas to be a faithful brother. With his help I have written you this short letter. I have written it to encourage you. And I have written to speak the truth about the true grace of God. Remain strong in it.

13 The members of the church in Babylon send you their greetings. They were chosen together with you. Mark, my son in the faith, also sends you his greetings.

*14 Greet each other with a kiss of friendship.
May God give peace to all of you who believe in Christ.*

1 Peter 5:1-4

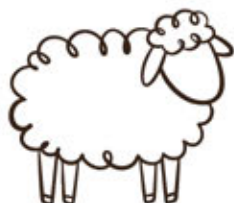
Read
1 Peter
5:1-4.



As Peter starts off chapter 5, who is he speaking to?

What does he say they should be like?

Have you ever held a younger child's hand while crossing the street, taught a friend a new game, or read them a book? How did it feel to help guide them? When you care for others, you act like the shepherd Peter describes in 1 Peter 5:1-4. Peter tells leaders to care for God's people just like a loving shepherd cares for sheep—by feeding them, protecting them from danger, helping them when they are hurt, and leading them safely. Because sheep cannot take care of themselves very well, they rely on their shepherd for everything.



Re-read **1 Peter 5:2-3**.
Why does Peter say that you should watch over and lead others?

Think about the leaders in your life.
What qualities made the good leaders stand out?

Good:

What qualities made the bad leaders stand out?

Bad:

The Bible calls Jesus your Good Shepherd. In John 10:11, Jesus says, *"I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep."* He loves you so much that He gave His life to save you. He knows you by name, watches over you, and never stops caring for you.

Because Jesus cares for you, He calls you to care for others too. Choosing kindness, patience, and helpfulness shows people what Jesus is like and leads them closer to Him.

You don't have to wait until you are grown up for God to use you. Right now, you can encourage a friend, help someone in need, invite someone who feels lonely, or stand up for what is right.

As 1 Timothy 4:12 says, *"Don't let anyone look down on you because you are young, but set an example for the believers in speech, in conduct, in love, in faith and in purity."* No matter your age, God can use you to shine His love today.

1 PETER 5:6A-7

*So make yourselves
humble. Put yourselves
under God's mighty
hand...Turn all your
worries over to Him. He
cares about you.*

Copy this verse on the lines below.

GOD'S TIME...

Will it always be easy to follow Jesus's example and lead others well? No. Sometimes it's hard to be patient. Sometimes it's difficult to forgive or to choose kindness when others aren't kind to you. But you are never expected to do it alone. God has given you the Holy Spirit—His wise, powerful, and loving presence—to help you. The Holy Spirit gives you strength to do what is right, even when it's difficult (*Read Galatians 5:22-23; Acts 1:8 for reference*).

Take a moment to answer these three things.

Who can I encourage
today?

How can I show someone the
love of Jesus?

Is there someone who needs
my help or kindness?

Then spend some time talking to God and ask Him to help you. As you follow Jesus, your Shepherd, you will become someone who helps others know Him better. Every act of kindness, every encouraging word, and every choice to care for someone else points people to Him.



1 Peter 5:5-7

Read 1 Peter 5:5-7.

What does Peter tell you to do in these verses? Highlight each instruction.

What does it look like to be humble and to “put yourselves under God’s mighty hand”? Why is that important?

Have you ever worried about something? Maybe you were nervous about the first day of school, sleeping somewhere new, taking a big test, making a new friend, speaking in front of your class, or trying something that seemed really difficult. Everyone worries sometimes. Even grown-ups have things they worry about. Read **1 Peter 5:6-7** again. Peter gives the following instructions. These words remind you that you never have to carry your worries by yourself.

Have you ever tried to do something by yourself, only to realize you needed help?
How did it feel when someone came alongside you and helped?

HUMBLE :

/ˈhʌmbəl/



not proud, and not thinking you are better than other people

What does it mean to be humble? To be humble is to not be proud, not thinking you are better than other people, and remembering that God is greater, wiser, and stronger than you. Being humble doesn't mean you aren't important—it is knowing you don't have all the answers and choosing to trust God every day.

God wants you to come to Him for help.
He never gets tired of caring for His people.
Imagine carrying a backpack filled with heavy books. At first, you might think you can handle it. But after walking for a while, your shoulders begin to hurt, and every step becomes harder. Now imagine someone much stronger comes along and says, “Let me carry that for you.” Wouldn't you feel relieved?
Worry is a lot like carrying that heavy backpack. Every fear, every anxious thought, and every problem can feel like another heavy thing in your backpack. But God doesn't want you to keep carrying those heavy burdens by yourselves. He invites you to give them to Him because He loves you so much.

When you start to worry, what do you usually do? Do you keep your feelings inside? Do you talk to someone you trust? Or do you pray?

Color The verse below. Memorize it while you color.

So make yourselves humble. Put yourselves under God's mighty hand... Turn all your worries over to Him. He cares about you.



1 Peter 5:6a, 7

GOD'S TIME...

Matthew 11:28, *"Come to me, all you who are tired and are carrying heavy loads. I will give you rest."*

Jesus wants to replace your worry with His peace. Does that mean your problems disappear right away? Not always. Sometimes the situation stays the same, but God changes your heart. He gives you peace, courage, wisdom, and strength to face whatever comes your way. When you bring your worries to God, His peace guards your heart and mind.

Take some time to talk to God about the things that are troubling you right now. Nothing is too big or too small to bring to God. He loves you and He cares about you more than you can even imagine.



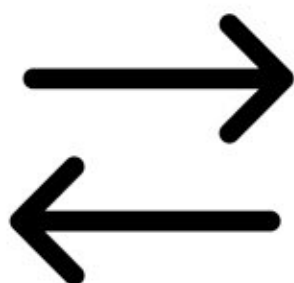
1 Peter 5:8-9

Read 1 Peter
5:8-9.



1 Peter 5:8-9 has a very similar message to James 4:7-8. Whenever different authors repeat the same things in Scripture, it's important that you take note of that and pay attention. Compare the two passages and look for similarities. Highlight things that are the same or have similar meaning.

"Be watchful and control yourselves. Your enemy the devil is like a roaring lion, He prowls around looking for someone to swallow up. Stand up to him. Remain strong in what you believe..."
1 Peter 5:8-9



"So obey God. Stand up to the devil. He will run away from you. Come near to God and He will come near to you. Wash your hands, you sinners. Make pure your hearts, you who can't make up your minds."
James 4:7-8



Have you ever played "Red Light, Green Light" or another game where you had to pay close attention? If you weren't watching carefully, you could make the wrong move and be out of the game. Being alert means paying attention so you're ready to respond.

Peter says to be spiritually alert too. In **1 Peter 5:8-9**, he warns you that the devil wants to tempt you to sin and pull you away from God. He may try to make wrong choices look fun or convince you that disobeying isn't a big deal. But God doesn't want you to be afraid—He wants you to be prepared.

So how can you stay alert? You grow closer to Jesus by reading the Bible, praying, and obeying what God says. The more you know God's truth, the easier it is to recognize lies and make wise choices. Psalm 119:105 says, "Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path." God's Word helps you know which way to go.

Sometimes doing the right thing is hard, but it is always worth it.

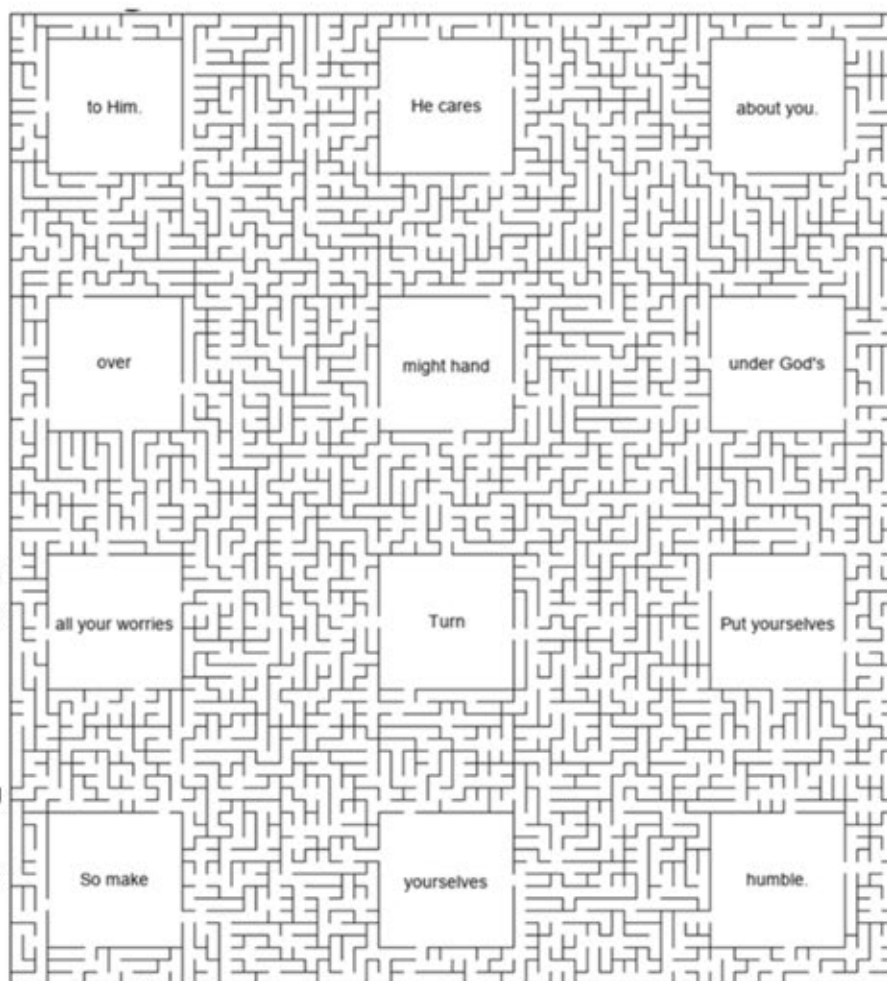
The good thing is that you never have to stand strong by yourself. Jesus is always with you, and the Holy Spirit gives you wisdom, courage, and strength to obey Him. Read **James 4:7** again. Every time you choose God's way, your faith grows stronger, and your life points others to Him.

Complete the maze below to put together this week's Bible verse.

1 PETER 5:6-7

GOD'S TIME...

You grow stronger and stay alert by staying close to Jesus and knowing Him more. Today, spend some one-on-one time with Him. That could be praying, listening to worship, writing down your thoughts and prayers to Him in your journal, or spending some time reading His Word. The closer you are to God, the easier it will be to decipher what is true and what is not true so that you can stand firm against the enemy.



1 Peter 5:10-11

What are the top 3 hardest things you have ever done?

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

Read
1 Peter 5:10-11.
Underline what God
will do for you
according to
this verse.



Have you ever learned something that seemed impossible at first? Maybe it was tying your shoes, riding a bike, swimming, playing an instrument, or solving a difficult math problem. At the beginning, you probably made mistakes and wanted to give up. But with practice, patience, and help from someone who cared about you, you became stronger and more confident.

Growing in your faith is a lot like that. In 1 Peter 5:10, Peter says that even when life is difficult, God is still at work. Hard times are never easy, but God can use them to help you grow. As you trust Him through challenges, He teaches you to depend on Him, strengthens your faith, and helps you become more like Jesus.

Think about a challenge you're facing right now. Is there something that feels difficult or discouraging? Instead of asking, "Why is this happening?" try asking, "What might God be teaching me through this?" Sometimes God uses hard moments to build patience, courage, kindness, or perseverance—qualities that help you reflect His character.

The best part is that God never expects you to face life's challenges alone. He promises to be with His children every step of the way. Isaiah 41:10 says, "*Do not fear, for I am with you... I will strengthen you and help you.*" Whatever you are facing today, remember that God is working in your life. He is strong. He is faithful. He will give you the strength you need to honor Him each day.

Remembering God's past faithfulness helps during hard times. Today, list how you've seen His goodness in your life—whether simple daily blessings like food or big moments where He helped you through an impossible situation.

**HUMBLE HAND SO ALL
UNDER MAKE PUT
YOURSELVES . GOD'S
YOURSELVES OVER 1 PETER
HE MIGHTY ... TURN 5:6-7
CARES YOUR WORRIES
ABOUT TO. HIM YOU.**

Put the words back in the correct order below.

GOD'S TIME...

No matter what is going on in your life, God wants to be a part of it. He loves you and He is a faithful friend. He walks with you through the good and the difficult times. Take a moment now to stop and talk to Him. Tell Him about what you're going through.



1 Peter 5:12-14

Read 1 Peter
5:12-14.



Peter mentions 2 reasons why he wrote the letter of 1 Peter. Re-read today's passage and write down those reasons below.

1. _____
2. _____

Have you ever noticed how one kind person can brighten someone's entire day? The opposite is also true - one unkind interaction can set your whole day off.



As Peter ends his letter, he urges you to stand firm in God's grace, love your fellow believers deeply, and rest in the peace that comes from belonging to Jesus. God's grace isn't just a free gift that saved you in the past; it is the solid ground you stand on right now. God has shown you such deep, unshakeable grace, so He calls you to share that same transformational love with others.

When Peter tells believers to greet one another with a "kiss of friendship" (the ancient way of giving a holy, family hug), he is calling you to a true spiritual family—not just polite words. Following Jesus can feel tough and lonely, but your encouragement can keep a fellow believer going! Sending a kind note, including someone, or praying for a friend reminds them they belong to God's family and aren't alone.

Read
1 Peter 5:14.
Underline the last
sentence of the
verse.

Notice that true peace doesn't come from having a perfect, stress-free day—it comes from being in Christ. When you choose kindness and stand firm in grace, you aren't just doing a good deed; you are reflecting the light, love, and supernatural peace of Jesus to a world that desperately needs Him.

Take a moment to write down specific individuals you can encourage in each of the following areas.

At Home
(Family/Neighbors)



At School
(Teachers/Friends)



At Church or In Your
Community



Write this week's verse on the lines below.

1 PETER 5:6-7

GOD'S TIME...

Who in your life needs encouragement today? Galatians 6:10 reminds you to "*do good to all people*" whenever you get the chance. Pray that God gives you eyes to notice the people around you and the courage to bless them through simple acts of kindness.





2 Peter 1

1, Simon Peter, am writing this letter. I serve Jesus Christ. I am his apostle. I am sending this letter to you. You are those who have received a faith as valuable as ours. You received it because our God and Savior Jesus Christ does what is right.

2 May more and more grace and peace be given to you. May they come to you as you learn more about God and about Jesus our Lord.

3 God's power has given us everything we need to lead a godly life. All of this has come to us because we know the God who chose us. He chose us because of his own glory and goodness. 4 He has also given us his very great and valuable promises. He did it so you could share in his nature. You can share in it because you've escaped from the evil in the world. This evil is caused by sinful desires.

5 So you should try very hard to add goodness to your faith. To goodness, add knowledge.

6 To knowledge, add the ability to control yourselves. To the ability to control yourselves, add the strength to keep going. To the strength to keep going, add godliness.

7 To godliness, add kindness for one another. And to kindness for one another, add love. 8 All these things should describe you more and more. They will make you useful and fruitful as you know our Lord Jesus Christ better. 9 But what if these things don't describe someone at all? Then that person can't see very well. In fact, they are blind. They have forgotten that their past sins have been washed away.

10 My brothers and sisters, try very hard to show that God has appointed you to be saved. Try hard to show that he has chosen you. If you do everything I have just said, you will never trip and fall. 11 You will receive a rich welcome into the kingdom that lasts forever. It is the kingdom of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

12 So I will always remind you of these things. I'll do it even though you know them. I'll do it even though you now have deep roots in the truth.

13 I think it is right for me to remind you. It is right as long as I live in this tent. I'm talking about my body.

2 Peter 1



14 I know my tent will soon be removed. Our Lord Jesus Christ has made that clear to me. 15 I hope that you will always be able to remember these things after I'm gone. I will try very hard to see that you do.

16 We told you about the time our Lord Jesus Christ came with power. But we didn't make up clever stories when we told you about it. With our own eyes we saw him in all his majesty. 17 God the Father gave him honor and glory. The voice of the Majestic Glory came to him. It said, "This is my Son, and I love him. I am very pleased with him."

(Matthew 17:5; Mark 9:7; Luke 9:35)

18 We ourselves heard this voice that came from heaven. We were with him on the sacred mountain.

19 We also have the message of the prophets. This message can be trusted completely.

You must pay attention to it. The message is like a light shining in a dark place. It will shine until the day Jesus comes. Then the Morning Star will rise in your hearts.

20 Above all, here is what you must understand. No prophecy in Scripture ever came from a prophet's own understanding of things. 21 Prophecy never came simply because a prophet wanted it to. Instead, the Holy Spirit guided the prophets as they spoke. So, although prophets are human, prophecy comes from God.

2 Peter 1:1-4

Read
2 Peter 1:1-2.

Underline what Peter wants the readers to have more of.



Read
2 Peter 1:3.

Circle "God's power" and "chose".

This starts the book of 2 Peter, which is another letter that Peter wrote. What similarities do you see to how 1 Peter was started?

What does this verse say that God's power has given you?

Have you ever been given a task at school but didn't have the tools or know where to start? That can be really frustrating.

Having what you need makes a big difference.

Peter begins his letter by reminding believers that God's power has given you everything you need to live a godly life by helping you know Him better. God doesn't ask you to follow Him and then leave you to figure it out alone—He gives you everything you need to grow in your relationship with Him.

List 3 ways that you can get to know God better.

Read
2 Peter 1:4.

Underline what has God also given you? Draw a box around why it says He gave this to you.

God has also given you "very great and valuable promises." His promises remind you that He is faithful and trustworthy, even when life is confusing or difficult. Knowing God's promises gives you something solid to hold on to when your feelings change.

The end of verse 4 talks about how you have escaped from evil in the world. What does it say causes this evil?

Think about your life right now. What is something facing you that makes you wonder if you can handle it? Instead of thinking, "I have to do this all by myself," remember that God is with you. His strength, wisdom, and promises are greater than your own. Getting to know God isn't just about learning facts—the more you know Him, the more you learn to trust, follow, and become like Him. God has already given you what you need to grow closer to Him. What will you do with it today?

2 PETER 1:3

God's power has given us everything we need to lead a godly life. All of this has come to us because we know God chose us. He chose us because of His own glory and goodness.

Copy this verse on the lines below.

GOD'S TIME...

Take another look at **2 Peter 1:3**—this is your memory verse for the week. God loves you, He's chosen you, and He's empowered you to be able to live a life that glorifies Him. Take some time to thank God for His goodness and kindness towards you. Write out a prayer, draw a picture, or even sing a song of worship to God to express your gratitude.



2 Peter 1:5-11

Read
2 Peter 1:5-7.

What does this
verse say that
you should try to
add to your
faith?



1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____
7. _____

Have you ever planted a seed or watched something grow? Significant growth doesn't generally happen overnight. It takes time, attention, and care.

Peter explains that your faith works in a similar way. Because God has given you what you need, you should make every effort to keep growing. He lists qualities you should add to your faith: goodness, knowledge, self-control, strength to keep going, godliness, kindness toward other believers, and love.

Notice that Peter doesn't say you become perfect all at once. These qualities are supposed to increase in your life. That means following Jesus is a lifelong process of becoming more like Him.

Read
2 Peter 1:8-9.

Underline what
these attributes will
make you.

Peter says that these things should describe you more and more as you follow Jesus. But, what does he say about those that these things don't describe?

Think about your own choices. Are you becoming more patient? Are you learning to control your words and actions? Do you show kindness when someone annoys you? Are you willing to keep doing what is right even when it is difficult?

Peter says that when these qualities are growing in you, they help you become useful and productive in your faith.

Your faith isn't meant to stay the same. God wants it to grow.

Look at Galatians 5:22-23, also referenced on page 16. How do these verses align with the fruit of the Spirit?

Fill in the missing words in the verse below.

God's _____ has given us _____ we need to lead
a _____ life. All of this has come to us because we know
God _____ us. He chose us because of His own
_____ and _____. **2 PETER 1:3**

GOD'S TIME...

Following Jesus is something that you will continually need to work on your whole life. But you can take one step to be more like Jesus each day. What is one Christlike quality you could practice this week? Ask God to help you grow in that area. Small choices made again and again can shape who you are becoming.



2 Peter 1:12-15

Read

2 Peter 1:12.

Underline "deep roots". Circle "truth".



Imagine you have a big test coming up. You study and study and are confident that you know the material. But, when the day of the test comes and suddenly your mind goes blank. You know the truth. You know the answers but somehow in the moment you have forgotten. Sometimes you know what is true but you still need reminders.

Read

2 Peter 1:13-14.

Peter uses a word to describe his body. Draw it.



Peter tells his readers that he will always remind them of the truth they already know. Why? Because remembering matters. He knows his time on earth is coming to an end, so he wants to make sure they continue remembering what is true about Jesus even after he is gone.

This is an important lesson for you too. You live in a world filled with voices telling you what to believe, how to act, and what is important. Some of those messages are true, and some are not. The only way you will be able to decipher what is not true is by knowing what is true - God's Word. That is why you need to keep coming back to God's Word and reminding yourself of what it says.

On the Bible, write or draw something you have learned from Scripture. Maybe your favorite story, a verse that comforts you or something you've learned in this study.



What happens when you hear something over and over again? You usually remember it more easily.

That is one reason you read the Bible, hear Scripture at church, pray, sing songs of worship, and talk with other Christians. You are reminding yourself of what is true.

Don't think, "I've heard that Bible story before, so I don't need to hear it again." God's truth is worth remembering again and again. Each time you return to it, God may help you notice something you didn't understand before.

Color The verse below. Memorize it while you color.

God's power has given us
everything we need to lead a
godly life. He chose us because
of His own glory and goodness.

2 Peter 1:3

GOD'S TIME...

Read **2 Peter 1:15**. Peter's hope is that you will always remember what you have learned about God. What is one truth about God that you never want to forget? Write it down, say it out loud, or share it with someone today. Remembering God's truth can help you stand strong when you need it most.



2 Peter 1:16-18

Read
2 Peter
1:16-18.

Peter is referencing a time when he witnessed God's power on a mountainside.

Read the following accounts of the same incident witnessed by others.

Underline, circle or connect similarities.

Matthew 17:5

While Peter was still speaking, a bright cloud covered them. A voice from the cloud said, "This is my Son, and I love him. I am very pleased with him. Listen to him!"

Mark 9:7

Then a cloud appeared and covered them. A voice came from the cloud. It said, "This is my Son, and I love him. Listen to him!"

Luke 9:35

A voice came from the cloud. It said, "This is my Son, and I have chosen him. Listen to him."

Think about a time when you've witnessed something amazing. Maybe it was a sporting event. Maybe you saw something really unusual. When you experience things and actually see them for yourself, it allows you to be able to tell others with confidence what you have seen or witnessed.

Peter says that when he and the other disciples told people about Jesus and His power, they weren't repeating a made-up story. They had seen His majesty with their own eyes.

Peter was talking about a moment when he was with Jesus on a mountain. Jesus' appearance became glorious, and the disciples heard a voice from heaven. God the Father said that Jesus was His Son and that He loved Him and was very pleased with Him.

Why do you think Peter tells them this?

He wants them to know that Jesus isn't just a character in a story. Jesus is **God's Son**, and His power and glory are **real**.

It's easy to trust something when you can see it with your own eyes. But following Jesus also means learning to trust Him when you can't see everything clearly. That is true faith.

Write or draw about a time when you felt God's presence, saw Him work in a difficult situation, or witnessed Him do something amazing for someone else - like healing a friend or family member.

Peter reminds you that your faith is based on truth—not on a clever story someone invented. When you feel uncertain, go back to what you know.

Jesus is God's Son.

He loves you.

He has power.

He is worthy of your trust.

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BECAUSE GLORY GOODNESS
OF HIS OWN AND.**

Put the words back in the correct order below.

GOD'S TIME...

What questions do you have about Jesus? What helps you to remember that He is real and trustworthy? Talk to God about it.



2 Peter 1:19-21

Read

2 Peter 1:19.

Underline what Peter compares the message to.

Have you ever been somewhere that was completely dark? When you can't see where you're going, even the smallest bit of light can make a huge difference. You may not be able to see the entire path in front of you, but you at least know where to step next.

Peter compares God's message to a light shining in a dark place. God's Word helps you see clearly when life feels confusing. It shows you what is true and helps you know how God wants you to live. But where did the words of Scripture come from?

Read

2 Peter 1:20-21.

Put a box around who guided the prophets words.

Peter explains that the Scriptures (the Bible - or God's Word) was written by the prophets. *Look back to page 12 to remember what a prophet was.* The people God used to write Scripture were human, but God was at work through them. The prophets didn't simply make up their own messages. They were guided by the Holy Spirit as they spoke from God.

The Holy Spirit is God's wise, powerful and loving presence. How does the Holy Spirit work in your life today?



You can take God's Word seriously. When the world says one thing and the Bible says another, you don't have to guess which voice to follow. You can look to God's truth.

Think about a flashlight. A flashlight doesn't remove every obstacle from the path—it helps you see how to walk through them. God's Word does something similar. It doesn't promise that life will always be easy, but it gives you truth and direction as you walk through life with God.

**"Your word is like a lamp that shows me the way. It is like a light that guides me."
Psalm 119:105**

When you're confused, tempted, afraid, or unsure what to do, look at God's Word. How can you spend time learning from God's Word? How can you let His truth shine into your life and guide your steps?

Write this week's verse on the lines below.

2 PETER 1:3

GOD'S TIME...

Thank God for giving you the Bible to shine His light on your path every single day. Talk to Him about a choice or situation in your life right now where you feel confused, worried, or in the dark. Ask the Holy Spirit to help you read and understand God's Word so you can make wise choices and follow Jesus with confidence!





2 Peter 2

But there were also false prophets among the people. In the same way there will be false teachers among you.

In secret they will bring in teachings that will destroy you. They will even turn against the Lord and Master who died to pay for their sins. So they will quickly destroy themselves. 2 Many people will follow their lead. These people will do the same evil things the false teachers do. They will cause people to think badly about the way of truth. 3 These teachers are never satisfied. They want to get something out of you. So they make up stories to take advantage of you. They have been under a sentence of death for a long time. The God who will destroy them has not been sleeping.

4 God did not spare angels when they sinned. Instead, he sent them to hell. He chained them up in dark prisons. He will keep them there until he judges them.

5 God did not spare the world's ungodly people long ago. He brought the flood on them. But Noah preached about the right way to live. God kept him safe. He also saved seven others.

6 God judged the cities of Sodom and Gomorrah.

He burned them to ashes. He made them an example of what is going to happen to ungodly people. 7 God saved Lot, a man who did what was right. Lot was shocked by the evil conduct of people who didn't obey God's laws. 8 That good man lived among them day after day. He saw and heard the evil things they were doing. They were breaking God's laws. And the godly spirit of Lot was deeply troubled. 9 Since all this is true, then the Lord knows how to save godly people. He knows how to keep them safe in times of testing. The Lord also knows how to keep ungodly people under guard. He will do so until the day they will be judged and punished. 10 Most of all, this is true of people who follow desires that come from sin's power. These people hate to be under authority.

They are bold and proud. So they aren't even afraid to speak evil things against heavenly beings. 11 Now angels are stronger and more powerful than these people. But even angels don't speak evil things against heavenly beings. They don't do this when they bring judgment on them from the Lord.

2 Peter 2



12 *These people speak evil about things they don't understand. They are like wild animals who can't think. Instead, they do what comes naturally to them. They are born only to be caught and destroyed. Just like animals, these people too will die.*

13 *They will be paid back with harm for the harm they have done. Their idea of pleasure is to have wild parties in the middle of the day. They are like dirty spots and stains. They enjoy their sinful pleasures while they eat with you. 14 They stare at women who are not their wives. They want to sleep with them. They never stop sinning. They trap those who are not firm in their faith. They have mastered the art of getting what they want. God has placed them under his judgment. 15 They have left God's way. They have wandered off. They follow the way of Balaam, son of Beor. He loved to get paid for doing his evil work. 16 But a donkey corrected him for the wrong he did. Animals don't speak. But the donkey spoke with a human voice. It tried to stop the prophet from doing a very dumb thing. 17 These people are like springs without water. They are like mists driven by a storm. The blackest darkness is reserved for them.*

18 *They speak empty, bragging words. They make their appeal to the evil desires that come from sin's power. They tempt new believers who are just escaping from the company of sinful people. 19 They promise to give freedom to these new believers. But they themselves are slaves to sinful living. That's because "people are slaves to anything that controls them." 20 They may have escaped the sin of the world. They may have come to know our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. But what if they are once again caught up in sin? And what if it has become their master? Then they are worse off at the end than they were at the beginning. 21 Suppose they had not known the way of godliness. This would have been better than to know godliness and then turn away from it. The way of godliness is the sacred command passed on to them. 22 What the proverbs say about them is true. "A dog returns to where it has thrown up." (Proverbs 26:11) And, "A pig that is washed goes back to rolling in the mud."*

2 Peter 2:1-3

Read 2 Peter 2:1-2.

Circle the words "false teachers." Underline how they bring in wrong teaching.

Peter gives the church a serious warning: some people will say they teach God's truth, but secretly mix in ideas that are not true. A false teacher does not simply make a mistake. Peter is describing someone who chooses to twist the truth, turns people away from Jesus, and uses people for selfish reasons.

True

Made Up

Read verse 2 again. Underline what many people will follow.

Circle what their choices will do to "the way of truth."

Wrong teaching never stays only in someone's head. It changes how people live. When someone claims to follow Jesus but chooses harmful or shameful ways, other people may think those choices show what Jesus is like. That is why knowing the truth—and living it—is so important.

Read 2 Peter 2:3.

Circle why the false teachers take advantage of people. Put a box around what they make up.

GREED
/gri:d/



wanting more for yourself so much that you are willing to use or hurt someone else to get it.

What three warning signs do you see in these verses?

They twist the truth: _____

They lead people toward: _____

They use people because of: _____

Peter does not give this warning so you will be afraid of every teacher or feel like you have to figure everything out alone. God has given you His Word, His Spirit, and trustworthy people who can help you recognize what is true.

**CHECK
THE BIBLE**



Does the teaching agree with what God's Word says?

**LOOK AT
JESUS**



Does it honor Jesus and lead people toward His ways?

**ASK FOR
HELP**



Talk with a parent, pastor, or trusted Christian leader.

Think about a message you heard about God recently. Who is one trustworthy person you could ask to help you check it?

2 PETER 2:9

*Since all this is true, then
the Lord knows how to
save godly people. He
knows how to keep them
safe in times of testing.*

Copy this verse on the lines below.

GOD'S TIME...

Talk to God. Thank Him for giving you the Bible. Ask Him to help you love what is true, notice what is false, and follow Jesus even when other voices sound convincing.

"God, help me know Your truth and follow Jesus."

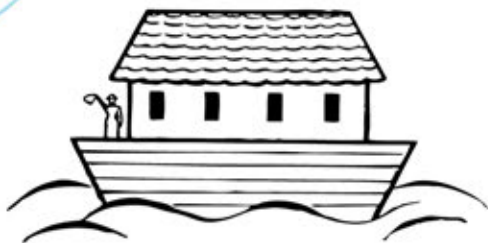


2 Peter 2:4-9

Read 2 Peter 2:4-9.

Circle the two people Peter says God rescued. Underline what **verse 9** says the Lord knows how to do.

Peter looks back at several true Bible stories. Each one shows the same thing: God sees evil and does not pretend it is okay. God judges with perfect justice. At the same time, He knows exactly how to rescue people who trust Him.



Noah lived among people who ignored God, but he kept trusting and obeying Him. **Lot** was surrounded by terrible choices, and those choices deeply troubled him. Neither man was perfect. Their rescue came from God's mercy, not because they had earned it.

Look closely at verses 5-8. Under **NOAH**, write what he did. Under **LOT**, write how he felt about the evil around him.

NOAH

LOT

Read **verse 9** again.

Draw a box around the words "knows how."

Highlight whom the Lord rescues.

This verse does not promise that following God will always be easy. It promises that God never loses sight of His people. He knows what they face, stays with them, and will make everything right.

What do these verses teach you about God?

God sees:

God judges:

God knows how to:

Sometimes it looks as if people who choose wrong are getting away with it. Peter reminds you that God sees the whole story. You can trust Him to judge fairly, and you can keep doing what is right because He knows how to care for His people.

SINCE ALL THIS IS TRUE, THEN THE LORD
KNOWS HOW TO SAVE GODLY PEOPLE. HE



KNOWS HOW TO KEEP THEM
SAFE IN TIMES OF TESTING.

2 PETER 2:9

GOD'S TIME...

Where do you need to trust God today? Write one hard or unfair situation you can place in His hands. Tell Him what feels hard, scary, or unfair. Ask Him to help you obey like Noah, care about what is right like Lot, and trust that He sees you and knows how to help.

"God, I trust You to see, judge rightly, and rescue."



2 Peter 2:10-11

Read 2 Peter 2:10.

Circle the two words that describe these people. Underline what they are not afraid to do.

Peter describes false teachers as bold and arrogant. **BOLD** can sometimes mean brave, but here it means they push ahead without caring what God says. **ARROGANT** means they think they are more important or wiser than they really are.

Being brave is not the same as being arrogant.

BRAVE



I obey God even when it is hard.

ARROGANT



I act as if I do not need God or anyone else's correction.

Write **B** beside the brave choice and **A** beside the arrogant choice.

- ☐ I admit when I am wrong.
- ☐ I make fun of someone I disagree with.
- ☐ I speak truth with kindness.
- ☐ I refuse to listen to correction.

Read 2 Peter 2:11.

Underline how the angels are described. Circle what the angels do NOT do.

Even though angels are stronger and more powerful, they do not use insulting words when they bring judgment before the Lord.

Peter's point is not that you should ignore wrong. It is that God's people do not need rude, proud, or insulting words. You can tell the truth and still remember that God is the Judge. Strength under God's control sounds humble, truthful, and respectful.

What can you do when you disagree with someone?

Fill in the missing words from Proverbs 15:1.

A _____ answer turns
anger away. But a _____
word stirs up anger.

Words can be powerful. You can use them to show off, tear down, and win an argument - or you can use them to tell the truth, make peace, and point people toward Jesus. Humility does not mean staying silent about wrong. It means speaking without acting as if you are better than everyone else.

Fill in the missing words in the verse below.

Since all this is _____, then the Lord _____ how
to _____ godly people. He _____ how to keep
 them _____ in times of _____.

2 PETER 2:9

GOD'S TIME...

Talk to God. Ask Him to forgive proud or hurtful words. Ask Him for courage to speak truth, humility to listen, and self-control to answer gently.

STOP

Am I speaking from anger or pride?

THINK

Is what I am about to say true and kind?

SPEAK

Can I say it in a way that honors Jesus?

Think of one conversation that may be difficult.
What truthful and respectful words could you use?



2 Peter 2:12-16

Read 2 Peter 2:12-16.

In **verse 15**, underline what they left. Circle what Balaam loved.

Peter uses very strong words because these false teachers keep choosing sin and hurting people. They act without understanding, enjoy doing wrong, and trick others. Their problem is not one accidental mistake. They have allowed wrong desires to lead their hearts.

GOD'S WAY



MY WAY

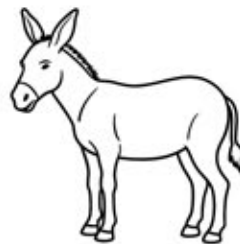
A wrong desire becomes dangerous when it leads the way. Wanting money, attention, or your own way is not automatically sin. But when you want something so much that you disobey God, deceive someone, or cause harm, that desire has become your leader.

Look again at **verses 13-15**. Put a box around one way these teachers hurt others. Write the word **GREED** beside a phrase that shows selfish desire.

Verse 14 includes a grown-up example of unfaithfulness. Peter's main point is clear: instead of turning away from sin, these people keep looking for another chance to do wrong. They even lure other people into joining them.

Balaam's Warning:

Balaam knew God's way, but he was tempted by money earned from wrongdoing. God used a donkey to stop him and show that his path was foolish.



Read **verse 16** again. Circle what stopped Balaam's madness.

What warnings can help keep you on God's path? Write how each way is helpful.

God's Word:

A trusted adult:

A consequence:

God's correction is a gift. A warning may come through the Bible, a parent, a teacher, a friend, or the results of a poor choice. A humble person stops, listens, and turns back. You do not have to keep wandering just because you started down the wrong path.

1. Stop

Notice when a desire is pulling you toward wrong.

2. Listen

Receive correction instead of making excuses.

3. Turn

Ask forgiveness and choose God's good way.

**TRUE, THIS SINCE LORD
ALL IS KNOWS THEN THE
SAVE HOW TO PEOPLE
GODLY. KNOWS HE HOW
TO SAFE KEEP TESTING
THEM TIMES IN OF.**

Put the words back in the correct order below.

GOD'S TIME...

Is there a warning you need to listen to? Write one step that would move you back toward God's way.

Talk to God. Ask Him to show you any desire that is leading you. Thank Him for correction.
Ask for a humble heart that listens quickly and chooses what is right.



2 Peter 2:17-22

Read 2 Peter 2:17-19.

In **verse 17**, circle the two pictures Peter uses. Underline what these teachers promise in **verse 19**.

Read **verse 19** again.

Draw a box around what controls these teachers. Circle the word "slaves."

A spring should give water, but a spring without water cannot satisfy anyone's thirst. Peter says false teachers are like that. Their words may sound exciting, but their teaching cannot give the life, truth, or freedom they promise.

A promise is only good if it leads to what is true. False teachers promise freedom, but they are controlled by sin themselves. They invite people to do whatever feels good, even when it pulls them away from Jesus and hurts them.

A slave is not free to choose his own path. Peter is explaining that sin can take control. It may begin with "I can do whatever I want," but repeated sin starts giving the orders. Jesus gives a different kind of freedom: freedom to love God, choose what is right, and become who He made you to be.

EMPTY PROMISE OR REAL FREEDOM?

"Nobody can tell me what to do."

Empty Promise

"Jesus helps me say no to sin."

Real Freedom

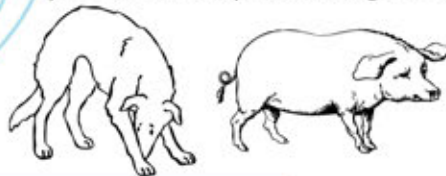
"If it feels good, it must be right."

Empty Promise

Read
2 Peter 2:20-22.

Underline words that show someone turning back to the sin they had escaped.

Peter uses two gross pictures at the end so you will remember his warning: do not return to what Jesus rescued you from. Keep following Him.



What helps you keep moving forward with Jesus?

Fill in the missing words from 2 Peter 2:19.

They promise them _____, while they themselves are slaves of _____ - for people are slaves to whatever has mastered them.

Following Jesus does not mean you will never struggle or make a wrong choice. When you sin, you can confess it and receive His forgiveness. Then get up and keep walking with Him. Do not make peace with sin or believe the lie that you must stay stuck.

Write this week's verse on the lines below.

2 PETER 2:9

GOD'S TIME...

Check: Does this message agree with God's Word?

Notice: Is this choice controlling me or helping me obey?

Follow: Will this lead me towards Jesus or away from Him?

Where do you need Jesus' help to keep moving forward? Write one sin, habit, or false promise you want to leave behind.

Talk to God. Thank Jesus for rescuing you. Confess anything that has started to control you.

Ask Him to help you love truth, reject empty promises, and keep walking in real freedom.





2 Peter 3

Dear friends, this is now my second letter to you. I have written both of them as reminders. I want to encourage you to think in a way that is pure. 2 I want you to remember the words the holy prophets spoke in the past. Remember the command our Lord and Savior gave through your apostles.

3 Most of all, here is what you must understand. In the last days people will make fun of the truth. They will laugh at it. They will follow their own evil desires. 4 They will say, "Where is this 'return' he promised? Everything goes on in the same way it has since our people of long ago died. In fact, it has continued this way since God first created everything." 5 Long ago, God's word brought the heavens into being. His word separated the earth from the waters. And the waters surrounded it. But these people forget things like that on purpose. 6 The waters also flooded the world of that time. And so they destroyed the world. 7 By God's word the heavens and earth of today are being reserved for fire. They are being kept for the day when God will judge. Then ungodly people will be destroyed.

8 Dear friends, here is one thing you must not forget. With the Lord a day is like a thousand years. And a thousand years are like a day. 9 The Lord is not slow to keep his promise. He is not slow in the way some people understand it. Instead, he is patient with you. He doesn't want anyone to be destroyed. Instead, he wants all people to turn away from their sins. 10 But the day of the Lord will come like a thief. The heavens will disappear with a roar. Fire will destroy everything in them. God will judge the earth and everything done in it.

11 So everything will be destroyed in this way. And what kind of people should you be? You should lead holy and godly lives. 12 Live like this as you look forward to the day of God. Living like this will make the day come more quickly. On that day fire will destroy the heavens. Its heat will melt everything in them. 13 But we are looking forward to a new heaven and a new earth. Godliness will live there.

All this is in keeping with God's promise.

2 Peter 3



14 Dear friends, I know you are looking forward to this. So try your best to be found pure and without blame. Be at peace with God. 15 Remember that while our Lord is waiting patiently to return, people are being saved. Our dear brother Paul also wrote to you about this. God made him wise to write as he did.

16 Paul writes the same way in all his letters. He speaks about what I have just told you. His letters include some things that are hard to understand. People who don't know better and aren't firm in the faith twist what he says. They twist the other Scriptures too. So they will be destroyed.

17 Dear friends, you have already been warned about this. So be on your guard. Then you won't be led astray by people who don't obey the law. Instead, you will remain safe. 18 Grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

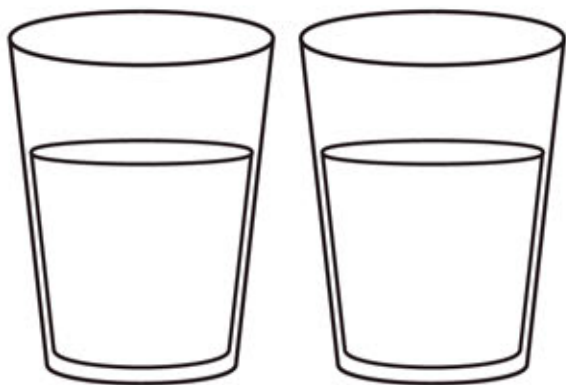
Glory belongs to him both now and forever. Amen.

2 Peter 3:1-2

Fill It Up:

What you'll need: 2 cups, water, and some dirt.

Start with two cups of clear water. The water represents a mind that is focused on God.



Color in the two cups above to illustrate what you saw happen in today's activity.

What are some things that can fill your mind throughout the week? (example: social media, TV, friends, worries, school...) As you think of different things, sprinkle a little bit of dirt into one of the cups. Leave the other cup untouched.

The things you thought of are not necessarily bad by themselves. But, if you allow all the noise around you to fill your mind without stopping to remember what God says, your thinking can easily become cloudy. You can become distracted, confused, or even start believing things that aren't true.

Now, look at the difference between the two glasses. Even just a little bit of dirt can cause a big change.

Read

2 Peter 3:1-2.

Underline the reasons why Peter said he was writing this letter.

Does that still apply to you today?
Why or why not?

Peter begins this chapter by reminding believers of things they already know. Why? Because sometimes you need to be reminded of the truth in order to keep your thinking pure and focused on God. Even when you have the best intentions to live a godly life, your mind can easily become influenced by the noise, distractions, and confusion all around. If you aren't regularly reminding yourself of God's truth, spending time with Him, and growing in your knowledge and understanding of who He is, you can slowly begin to lose sight of what is true. You may even begin to question what you once knew to be true or believe things that aren't true at all.

What you fill your mind with matters. That's why it's important to continually go back to God's Word, remember what He has taught you, and keep learning about who He is. When you fill your mind with God's truth, it helps you recognize what is false and keeps your heart and mind focused on Him.

2 PETER 3:18

*Grow in the grace and
knowledge of our Lord
and Savior Jesus Christ.*

*Glory belongs to him
both now and forever.*

Amen.

Copy this verse on the lines below.

GOD'S TIME...

Ask God to help you refresh your mind and focus on good, pure, and true thoughts today.
Talk to Him about a Scripture verse, promise, or command from Jesus that you want to remember
when choices get tough.

Thank Him for giving you the Bible and teachers in your life who remind you of His love and how
to follow Him every day.



2 Peter 3:3-7

Read

2 Peter 3:3.

Underline what this verse says people will do.

This verse talks about how others will treat God's truth and how they will treat you as a follower of Jesus. Write down a few thoughts about what you've learned from this study about this topic. Peter mentions it many times throughout his two letters.

What Is the "Second Coming"?

The Second Coming is the promise that Jesus will return to Earth one day in power and glory!

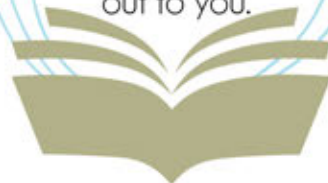
The First Time He Came: Jesus came as a baby in Bethlehem, lived a holy life, died on the cross for your sins, and rose again to save you.

The Second Time He Comes: Jesus will return as King over the whole universe to fix everything that is broken, put an end to all sin and sadness, and set up His kingdom forever!

Read

2 Peter 3:4-7.

Underline, circle or highlight what stands out to you.



Peter warns you that people will scoff at God's promises and make fun of your faith. They will ask things like, "If Jesus is coming back, why is it taking so long?" or "Why should I care what an ancient book says?" When you choose to obey Jesus, stand firm in grace, and throw away bad habits, some people might make fun of you.

They "Forget these things on purpose".

This isn't an accidental, "I forgot to take out the trash" kind of moment. This is a complete lack of care—a deliberate choice to not make God a priority. Peter points out something critical about people who mock: they choose to forget history. They forget that God created the entire universe simply by speaking His Word. They forget that God judged the ancient world with the flood and that He is holding the universe together right now by that very same power! People ignore God's truth because they want to follow their own selfish desires, not because God isn't real.

God's Word never fails.

Just as God created the world and protected Noah, His Word holds your future safe right now. The delay in Jesus' return isn't because God forgot His promise—it's because He is patient and wants everyone to turn to Him! When you feel lonely for standing up for Jesus or when others doubt God's Word, remember: the same God who spoke the stars into existence is holding you. His truth stands forever, so you can trust His promises no matter what anyone else says.

Grow in the grace and
knowledge of our Lord
and Savior Jesus Christ.
Glory belongs to him both
now and forever. Amen.



GOD'S TIME...

Is there a promise from God that you find hard to trust? Talk to God. Ask Him to give you a strong, unshakeable faith in His Word so you can stand firm even when people around you choose to scoff.



2 Peter 3:8-14

Read

2 Peter 3:8-9.

Underline what the Lord is NOT slow to do. Draw a box around what He is.

When people ask you why Jesus hasn't returned yet, remember that God doesn't measure time the way you do. To Him, a thousand years is like a single day! His delay isn't because He forgot His promise—it is because He loves you and is patient. God is giving more people time to turn away from their sins so they can belong to His family. This is where you play a part as well. While you wait for Jesus to return, it is your job to tell everyone you can about Jesus and His love.

Read

2 Peter
3:10-11.



Write down some thoughts from these verses. What will that day be like?

The "day of the Lord" will arrive completely by surprise, like a thief in the night. Every earthly thing people obsess over—toys, money, fame, or gadgets—will eventually burn up and fade away.

Since nothing in this physical world lasts forever, Peter challenges you to think about what actually matters: living a holy, godly life that honors Jesus!

Looking Forward to a New Beginning

Read

2 Peter 3:12-14.

Underline, circle
or highlight what
stands out to you.

Peter doesn't want you to fear the future—he calls you to look forward to it! Jesus has promised a brand-new heaven and earth where sadness, sickness, and sin are gone, and God's goodness fills every corner. Knowing this amazing world is waiting for you changes how you value temporary things today.

Because you are a citizen of God's coming kingdom, Peter tells you to "make every effort to be found spotless, blameless and at peace with him."

When you mess up—whether by lying, gossiping, or acting in anger—don't hide it.

Bring your sin straight to Jesus, ask for forgiveness, and let Him clean your heart.

Rest in the fact that Jesus has made you right with God. That peace gives you the strength to stand firm, make wise choices, and share His love with others every day.

Fill in the missing words in the verse below.

_____ in the _____ and _____ of our _____ and
_____ Jesus _____.

_____ belongs to _____ both _____ and _____.

2 PETER 3:18

GOD'S TIME...

Ask the Holy Spirit to show you any area of your heart you need to hand over to Jesus today so you can walk in His peace.



2 Peter 3:15-16

Read
2 Peter 3:15a.

Underline what is happening while waiting for Jesus' return.

As you've read earlier in Peter's writings, even in the waiting, good things are happening. More and more people are being saved because they are learning about Jesus and choosing to follow Him.

Read
2 Peter 3:15b-16.
Who is Peter talking about in these verses?

While Peter was chosen by Jesus to lead the ministry primarily to Jewish believers, Paul was called to reach the Gentile world. Though they had different personalities and even disagreed on a few occasions (such as in Galatians 2), they shared the exact same mission: *sharing the truth of Jesus Christ*.

Here, Peter calls Paul a "dear brother" and affirms that God gave Paul special wisdom to write his letters.

Peter highlights two crucial truths for you to remember as you read these verses:

1.

Paul's writings are Scripture: Peter places Paul's letters on the same level as the Old Testament Scriptures—showing that God was speaking directly through Paul.

2.

God's Word requires careful study: Peter points out that some of Paul's teachings are hard to understand, and warns that people who twist God's Word end up leading themselves into trouble.

What is something in the Bible that is confusing or hard to understand?
Write or draw it below.



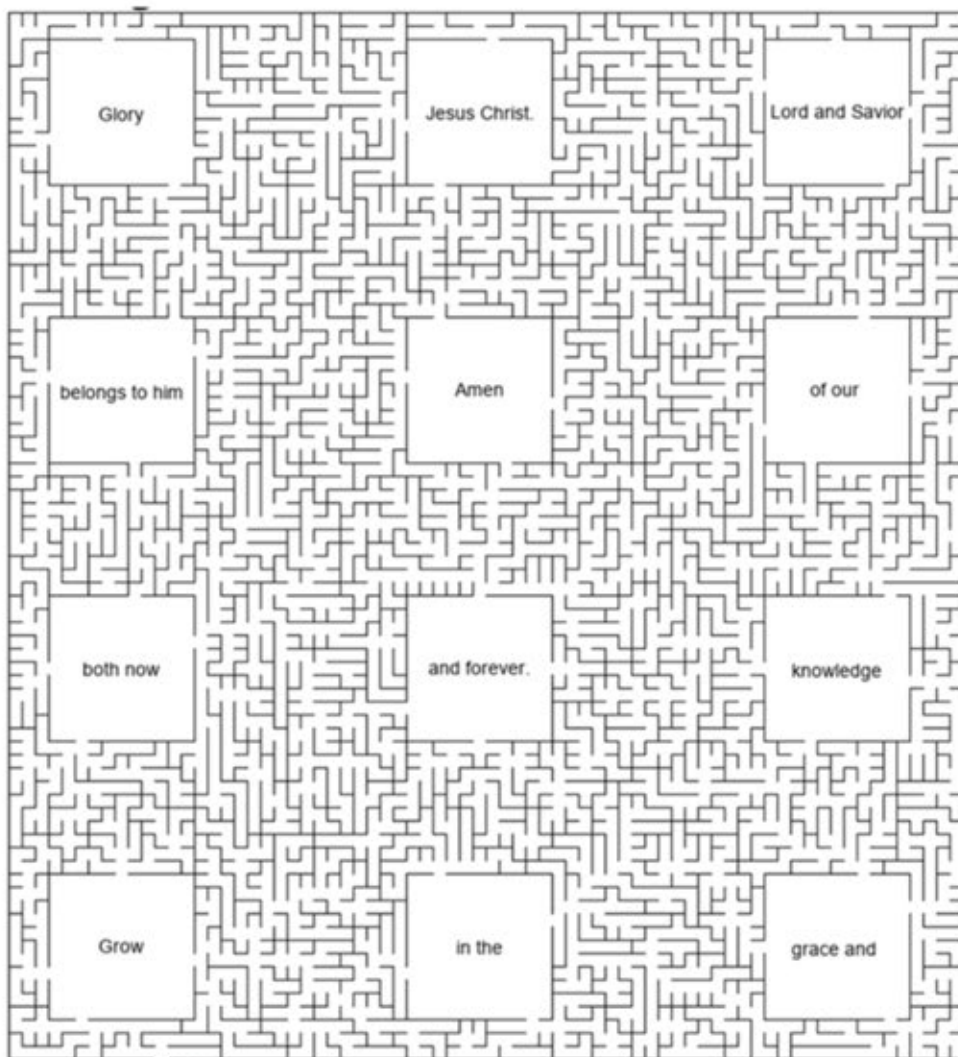
In **verse 16**, Peter writes, "*His letters include some things that are hard to understand*." Have you ever read a Bible passage and felt completely confused by what you just read? You aren't alone! There are difficult parts in Scripture, and even adults who have studied the Bible for decades still struggle with them. That is why study guides like this exist—to help you understand God's Word. But even more than a book or a teacher, the Holy Spirit is here to guide you. God knows you cannot understand everything on your own because He is too amazing for your human mind to fully comprehend! That is why He gives you the Holy Spirit to reveal what you need to know. Peter warns you to be careful not to listen to false teachers who distort Scripture, but to rely on the Holy Spirit for true understanding and guidance.

Complete the maze below to put together this week's Bible verse.

2 PETER 3:18

GOD'S TIME...

Simply ask the Holy Spirit to give you understanding and wisdom when reading Scripture.



2 Peter 3:17-18



Write down some thoughts about what Peter is saying here. Think about what you have learned through his letters.

In his final words, Peter hands you the ultimate summary of everything he has written across his two letters. He splits his message into two clear commands:

1. Be on Your Guard.

Peter spent his letters warning you about two massive threats that try to knock you off balance:

Outside Pressure (*1 Peter*): In his first letter,

Peter prepared you for facing hard times, suffering, and unfair treatment from a world that doesn't follow God. He called you to stand firm in God's grace, live a holy life, and hold tight to your hope in Jesus when life gets tough.

Inside Deception (*2 Peter*): In his second letter, Peter warned you about false teachers who try to sneak into the Church with sneaky lies, twisting Scripture and claiming you can live in sin without consequences. Peter warns you here not to let anyone fool you into slipping from your secure spot in Christ.

2. Grow in Grace and Knowledge.

Imagine a strong, healthy tree. Its roots go deep down into the soil so strong winds can't blow it over. That is what growing in Jesus does for your heart. When you spend time in God's Word, pray, and rely on the Holy Spirit, your relationship with Jesus deepens.

Growing in Grace: Learning to rest in Jesus' unconditional love for you, and freely sharing that same grace and kindness with the people around you.

Growing in Knowledge: Getting to know Jesus more personally every single day—not just knowing facts about Him, but trusting His character, His power, and His promises.

Peter finishes his entire teaching journey with one magnificent focus:

"Glory belongs to him both now and forever. Amen."

Everything Peter taught you comes down to this single goal. Standing firm through hard times, avoiding false teachings, throwing away sin, loving others deeply, and craving God's Word aren't just rules to follow—they are ways you bring glory and honor to Jesus Christ, your King, every day of your life!



Write this week's verse on the lines below.

2 PETER 3:18

GOD'S TIME...

After all this time you've spent in 1st & 2nd Peter, what is the most important thing you've learned?
Talk to God and ask Him how you can use what you've learned to show His love to others and
keep growing in Him.



1&2 Peter Word Search

R L Z L C F O T R E A S U R E
 J P J O P L L U T F D N A F C
 E A G V Z B W F K G C I U K R
 S U B E V E F C P E T E R C A
 U L R C O R N E R S T O N E R
 S L E D R O Y A L S U F F E R
 X A U N D E R S T A N D I N G
 G P V F N V D R P A D L E Y B
 M N R I I X M R Y U F A I T H
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 E L R P E F F N D H K R S S H
 M Y S A W S H F F H O H A F F
 X A L O C O T D V W Q S O Q J
 K L H E E E X S G S Y L E L O
 A T G O J L N C N S H W U N Y
 G V I F P R R N G H F I B T Z
 R E U H X E Z D N F D Y N D M
 E A O J R E S P E C T F B E Y
 E M V O F N F R C L I V I N G
 V R P Y X E F P H O L Y D Q N

Peter	Jesus	Treasure	Suffer
Chosen	Living	Shine	Agree
Joy	Royal	Respect	Understanding
Hope	Priests	Love	Grace
Cornerstone	Holy	Faith	

Resources to Help You Grow

"The Action Bible" Published
By: David C. Cook

"The Adventure Bible"
Published By: Zondervan

"The Bible Doodle Book"
Published By: ZonderKidz

"Hands-On Bible"
Published By: Group Publishing and Tyndale

"Indescribable" 100 Devotions about
God & Science
By: Louie Giglio
Published By: Tommy Nelson

Kaleidoscope - Kids' Bible Reimagined
www.readkaleidoscope.com

"Kids Read Truth" Daily Scripture books
By: Kids Read Truth
Published By: She Read Truth

"Know God"
Published By: Orange

"Notes from Jesus"
By: Mikal Keefer
Published By: Group

"Prayer Works" By: Stephen and
Alex Kendrick and
Amy Parker
Published by: BHKids Publishing

"The Ology"
By: Marty Machowski
Published by: New Growth Press

"The Radical Book for Kids"
By: Champ Thornton
Published by: New Growth Press

"The Story for Kids"
"The Story for Children"
Published By: ZonderKidz

"Totally Awesome, Super-cool Bible Stories-
as Drawn By Nerdy Ned"
Published By: Tommy Nelson

"Very Best, Hands-On, Kinda
Dangerous Family Devotions"
By: Tim Shoemaker
Published By: Revell



Grow in the grace
and knowledge of
our Lord and
Savior Jesus
Christ...
2 Peter 3:18