

Never Alone: A 5-Day Devotional for Kids

Based on Mother's Day Sunday Sermon · Acts 17 & John 14

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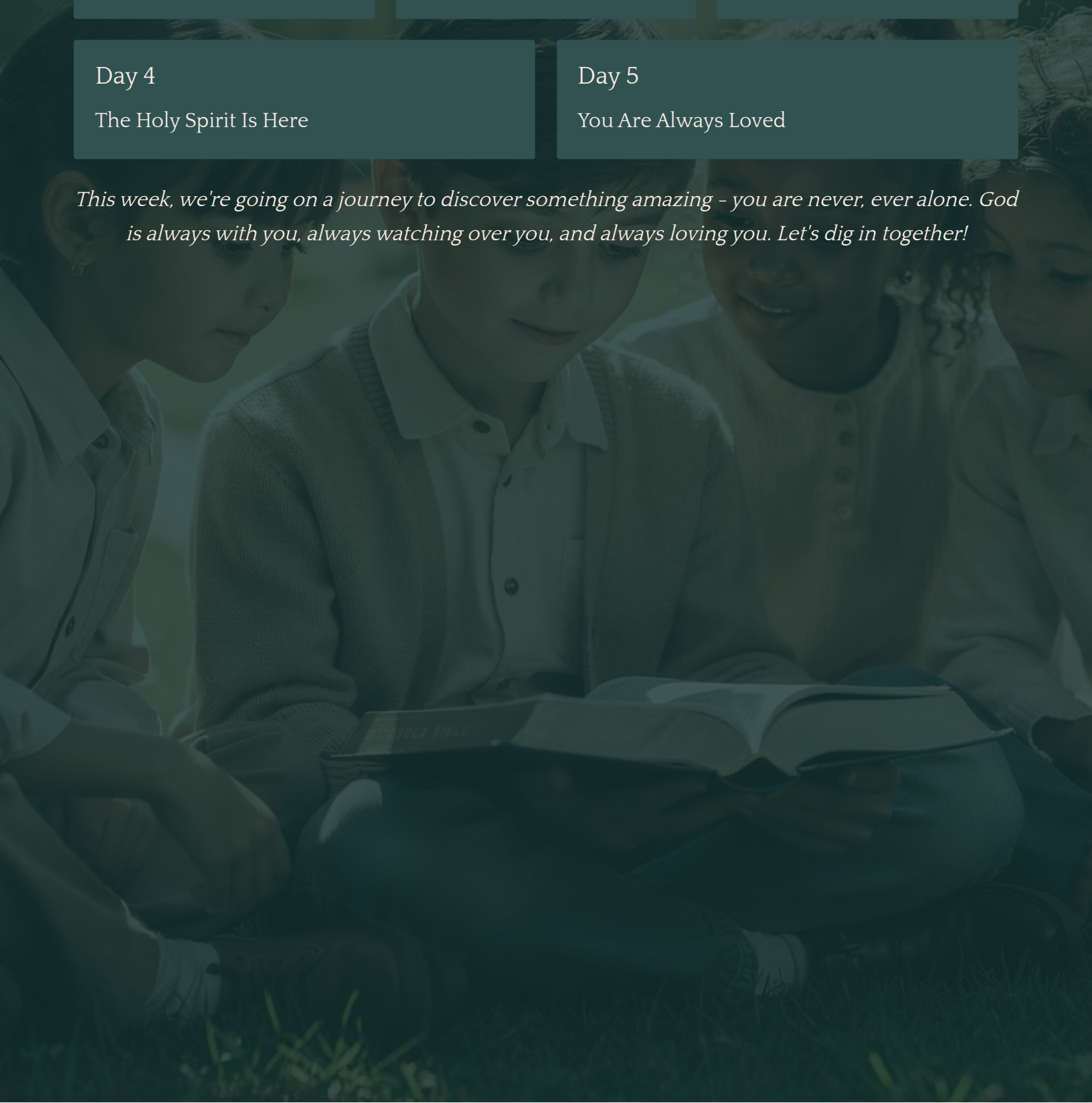
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This week, we're going on a journey to discover something amazing - you are never, ever alone. God is always with you, always watching over you, and always loving you. Let's dig in together!



How Big Is God?

Key Verse: "The heavens declare the glory of God; the skies proclaim the work of his hands." - **Psalm 19:1**

Today's Devotional

Have you ever stood at the edge of the ocean and watched the waves crashing in? Or maybe you've looked out from the top of a mountain and seen the world stretching out for miles and miles? Or perhaps you've sat in a huge stadium packed with thousands of cheering people and felt like one tiny person in a very big place?

That feeling - that "wow, I'm so small" feeling - is actually a gift. It's one of the ways God shows us just how amazing and big He really is. The ocean didn't make itself. The mountains didn't pile themselves up. God created all of it, and He created YOU too. And here's the really cool part: even though God is big enough to make oceans and mountains and stars, He knows your name. He knows what makes you laugh and what makes you sad. You matter so much to the God who made everything.

This week, every time you see something big and beautiful - the sky, a tall tree, the rain - remember: the God who made THAT loves YOU. That's pretty incredible!

Reflection Questions

1. What is the biggest or most amazing thing in nature you have ever seen? How did it make you feel?
2. If God is big enough to create the whole universe, what does that tell you about how powerful He is?
3. Does it surprise you that a God so big and powerful also cares about YOU? Why or why not?

Today's Prayer

Dear God, thank You for making such a big and beautiful world. And thank You even more for knowing my name and loving me. Help me to see Your greatness all around me today. Amen.

Paul's Big Adventure


Key Verse: "For in him we live and move and have our being." - **Acts 17:28**

Today's Devotional

Imagine walking into a place completely different from anything you've ever known - a big, busy city full of temples, statues, philosophers, and people who believed in all kinds of different things. That's exactly where Paul found himself in the city of Athens!

Athens was like the "cool kids' table" of the ancient world. It was the place where all the smartest thinkers gathered, where beautiful art was everywhere, and where people took their beliefs very seriously. It might have felt really intimidating. But Paul didn't hide. He didn't stay quiet. Instead, he started telling everyone he met about Jesus.

Paul noticed that the people of Athens were searching for something - they even had an altar to an "Unknown God" just in case they missed one! And Paul told them about the one and only "God who made the world and everything in it" and how He "is the Lord of heaven and earth" (Acts 17.) He wasn't afraid to share the truth even in a big, unfamiliar place. That took real courage! God can give YOU that same courage when you need it.

 **★ Fun Fact:** Athens, Greece was famous for philosophy, art, and the Parthenon temple. Paul visited around 50 AD!

Reflection Questions

1. Paul talked about Jesus in a place where people didn't know Him. Can you think of someone in your life who might not know about Jesus?
2. If you were going to tell a friend one thing about God, what would you say?
3. Has there ever been a time when you felt brave enough to share your faith? What happened?

Today's Prayer

Dear God, give me courage like Paul to talk about You with my friends and family. Help me not to be scared or embarrassed. I want people to know how awesome You are! Amen.

Jesus Keeps His Promise

Key Verse

"I will ask the Father, and he will give you another advocate to help you and be with you forever." - **John 14:16**

Today's Devotional

Have you ever had a best friend move away? Or had a parent or grandparent you love go somewhere far off, and you really missed them? That lonely, missing feeling is real, and it hurts. Jesus' disciples felt something like that when Jesus told them He was going away.

But Jesus didn't just say "goodbye and good luck." He made a PROMISE. He told His friends, "I will not leave you as orphans - I will come to you." Jesus promised that even when they couldn't see His face anymore, they would not be alone. He was going to send someone to be with them always: the Holy Spirit. Jesus always keeps His promises. Every single one. If He said He would be with us, He will be with us. You can count on it!

Reflection Questions

1. Have you ever made a promise to someone? Did you keep it? How did it feel?
2. Why do you think Jesus made sure to promise His disciples they wouldn't be alone?

Prayer

Dear Jesus, thank You for keeping Your promises. When I feel lonely or afraid, remind me that You have promised to never leave me. I trust You. Amen.

The Holy Spirit Is Here

Key Verse: "But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you all things." - **John 14:26**

Today's Devotional

So who exactly IS the Holy Spirit? The Holy Spirit is God living right inside of us - like a helper, a guide, a comforter, and a teacher all rolled into one! You can't see the Holy Spirit with your eyes, kind of like how you can't see the wind. But just like wind can move leaves on a tree, the Holy Spirit moves in our hearts.

The Holy Spirit helps you know right from wrong. The Holy Spirit gives you peace when you're scared. The Holy Spirit helps you remember Bible verses when you need them most. Have you ever felt a warm, peaceful feeling when you were praying or singing worship songs? That could be the Holy Spirit reminding you that God is close. Jesus sent us the best helper possible, and that helper is always with you - at school, at home, at the playground, everywhere!

Reflection Questions

1. In what situations do you most need a helper? How might the Holy Spirit help you there?
2. Can you think of a time when you felt God's peace, even during something hard?

Prayer

Holy Spirit, thank You for living inside me. Help me to listen to You and follow Your guidance today. Fill me with Your peace and joy. Amen.

You Are Always Loved

Key Verse: "See what great love the Father has lavished on us, that we should be called children of God! And that is what we are!" - **1 John 3:1**

Today's Devotional

Today is the last day of our devotional, and we want to leave you with the most important truth of all: **You are always, always loved by God.** Not just when you're being good. Not just when you go to church or read your Bible. All the time. Every single moment of every single day - God loves you.

We started this week talking about how small we can feel compared to big things like the ocean or the mountains. But here's the most amazing thing: the God who made all of those huge, magnificent things looks at YOU and says, "That's my child, and I love them with everything I have." You might not always be able to see God standing right next to you, but because of the Holy Spirit, God is always there. He is watching over you. He is protecting you. He is cheering for you.

This Mother's Day week, many of us also celebrated the love of our moms - and that love is a beautiful picture of how much MORE God loves us. Even the greatest mom's love is just a tiny glimpse of God's enormous, never-ending love for you. Go into this week knowing: You are seen. You are known. You are never alone. And you are SO loved!

Reflection Questions

1. What is one thing you learned about God this week that surprised you or made you happy?
2. How does it feel to know that God loves you even when you make mistakes?
3. How can you share God's love with someone else this week?

👍 **★ Week Wrap-Up:** This week you learned that God is big, God is brave, God keeps His promises, God's Spirit lives in you, and God loves you always!

Closing Prayer

Dear God, thank You for the gift of Jesus. Thank You for the power of the Holy Spirit to remind us we are never alone and always loved. Help us to carry Your love with us everywhere we go. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.