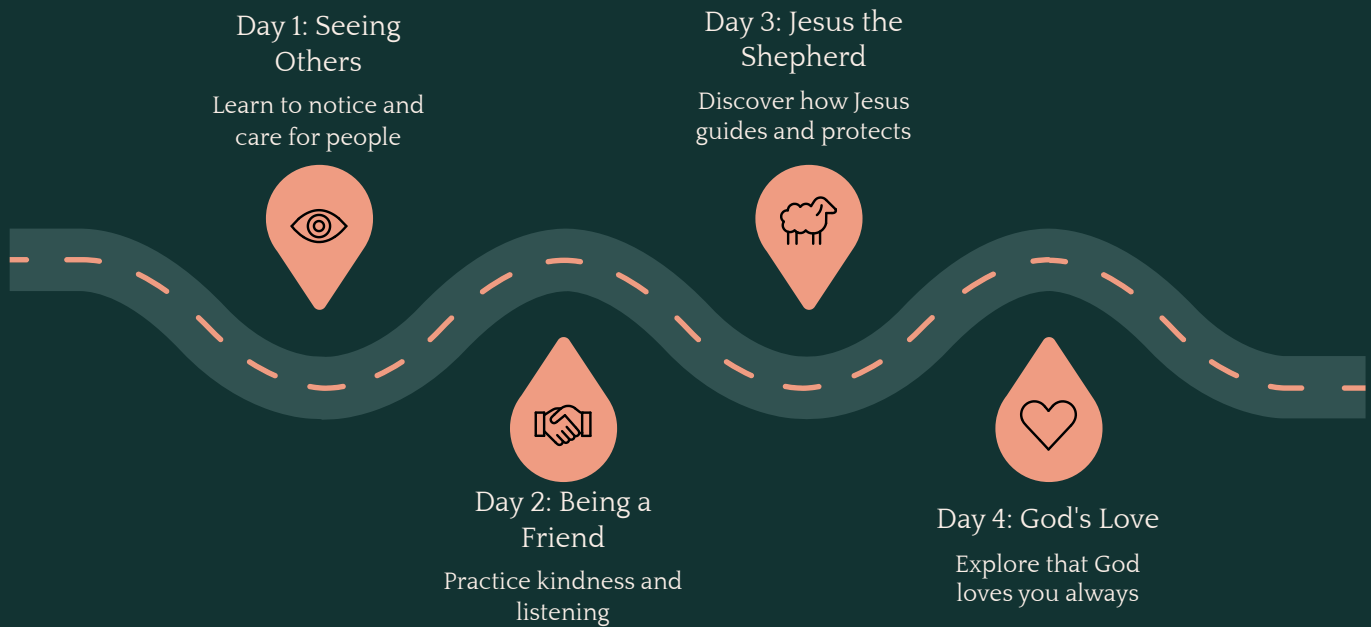


You Are Never Alone

A 5-Day Devotional Bible Study for Children

Based on the teachings of Jesus and the love He has for every single one of us, this devotional invites young hearts to explore what it means to be seen, loved, and never left alone. Each day includes a key verse, a short devotion, questions to think about, and a prayer to close your time with God.



Seeing Someone Alone

KEY VERSE

"When he saw the crowds, he had compassion on them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd." Matthew 9:36 (NIV)

Devotional

Have you ever been on the playground and noticed someone standing all by themselves? Maybe they were sitting at a lunch table with no one next to them, or maybe they were off in a corner while everyone else was playing a game. It can feel a little hard to know what to do in that moment, can it not?

Jesus had that same feeling when he looked out at the crowds of people around him. The Bible tells us that when Jesus saw those people, he felt something deep in his heart for them. They were struggling and wandering, kind of like little sheep who had lost their shepherd. Jesus did not just keep walking. He stopped. He noticed. He cared.

God wants us to have eyes like Jesus. That means slowing down enough to notice the people around us who might feel left out or lonely. It does not take anything fancy to make someone feel seen. Sometimes just a smile, a wave, or walking over to stand beside someone is enough to change their whole day.

This week, we are going to learn more about what it looks like to show God's love by being present with others, just like Jesus is always present with us.

Let's Think About It

1. Have you ever seen someone who looked lonely? What did you do?
2. How do you think that person felt when no one was with them?
3. What is one small thing you could do this week to notice someone who needs a friend?

Prayer

Let's Pray: Dear God, thank you for giving us eyes to see the people around us. Help us to notice when someone feels lonely and give us the courage to go to them. Teach us to love others the way Jesus loves us. Amen.

Be a Good Friend

KEY VERSE

"A friend loves at all times." Proverbs 17:17a (NIV)

Devotional

Think about your very best friend. What makes them such a good friend? Maybe they always share with you, or maybe they cheer you up when you are sad. Maybe they just like to be with you and that makes you feel happy and safe. Good friends are one of the greatest gifts God gives us.

In our devotion this week, we heard a child say something really wise. She said she sometimes feels alone because she is the only child in her family. That is a real and honest feeling. All of us, no matter how many brothers or sisters we have, can feel lonely sometimes. That is completely normal. And the good news is that God never wants us to stay in that feeling by ourselves.

God's plan is for us to be friends to one another. When you choose to sit with someone who is by themselves, or when you invite someone into your game, you are doing something that looks just like Jesus. You are being a friend who loves at all times, not just when it is easy or convenient, but whenever someone needs you.

Being a good friend does not mean being perfect. It just means showing up with a kind heart and a willingness to be with someone. That is something every single one of us can do, starting today.

Let's Think About It

1. What are two or three things that make someone a really good friend?
2. Has a friend ever made you feel less lonely? What did they do that helped?
3. Who is one person you could be a better friend to this week? What is one thing you will do?

Prayer

Dear God, thank you for the gift of friendship. Help me to be the kind of friend who is kind and caring, even when it feels hard. Show me someone today who needs a friend, and give me a brave heart to be there for them. Amen.

Jesus Is Our Shepherd

KEY VERSE

"The Lord is my shepherd, I lack nothing." — Psalm 23:1
(NIV)

Devotional

Have you ever thought about what a shepherd does? A shepherd is someone who takes care of sheep every single day. They lead the sheep to places where there is fresh grass and clean water. They watch over the flock so nothing bad happens to them. And if one little sheep wanders off and gets lost, the shepherd goes looking for that sheep until they find it and bring it safely home.

In our story this week, Jesus looked at the crowd of people and saw that they were like sheep without a shepherd. That means they were wandering around without someone to guide them or care for them. And what did Jesus do? He felt deep love in his heart for them. He did not turn away. He moved toward them.

Jesus is our shepherd. That is one of the most beautiful and comforting things we can know as children of God. He watches over each one of us every single day. When we feel scared, he is there. When we feel lost, he is there. When we feel like no one understands us, Jesus is still right there beside us, leading us gently and lovingly.

You are never a lost sheep for long, because you have a shepherd who loves you more than you could ever imagine. He knows your name, and he will always come looking for you.

Let's Think About It

1. What does a shepherd do to care for sheep? How is Jesus like a shepherd for you?
2. Have you ever felt lost or scared? How does it feel to know Jesus is always with you?
3. Draw a picture of a shepherd and some sheep. Write your name on one of the sheep as a reminder that you belong to Jesus.

Prayer

Dear God, thank you for sending Jesus to be our good shepherd. Thank you that we are never truly lost because you always know where we are. Help us to follow your voice and trust that you are leading us somewhere good. Amen.

God Loves Every Single One of Us

KEY VERSE

"For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life." — John 3:16 (NIV)

Devotional

In our devotion this week, the teacher said something so important: Jesus likes to keep his company with all the people in the world who need him, who need love. And then he said something even more amazing. He said that is each and every one of us. Every person. Every child. Every grown-up. Every single human being who has ever lived.

That is a lot of people! And yet, God's love is so big and so wide and so deep that there is more than enough to go around. You do not have to share your portion of God's love with anyone else. He has a full, overflowing, never-ending supply of love set aside just for you.

John 3:16 is one of the most famous verses in the whole Bible, and it is famous for a very good reason. It tells us the biggest, most important truth in all of history: God loved us so much that he gave us Jesus. That was the greatest gift anyone has ever given. It was not because we earned it or deserved it. It was simply because God loves us. That is who God is. Love is not just something God does. Love is who God is.

No matter what kind of day you are having, no matter how you feel about yourself, you are deeply and completely loved by the God who made the whole universe. Let that truth settle into your heart today and let it fill you up.

Let's Think About It

1. What is the biggest, most loving thing someone has ever done for you? How does that compare to what God did by sending Jesus?
2. John 3:16 says God loves "the world." That includes you! How does it feel to know that God's love has your name on it?
3. Since God loves us so much, how can we share that love with someone else today? Think of one specific way.

Prayer

Dear God, thank you for loving us so much that you gave us Jesus. Thank you that your love never runs out and never gives up on us. Help us to feel your love today and to share it with the people around us. In Jesus' name, Amen.

We Pray Together

KEY VERSE

"Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God." — Philippians 4:6 (NIV)

Devotional

This week, we have learned so much together. We learned to notice the people around us who might feel lonely. We learned what it means to be a good friend. We learned that Jesus is our shepherd and that God's love is for every single one of us. And now, on our last day, we are going to talk about one of the most powerful things we can do together: pray.

Prayer is simply talking to God. You do not need fancy words or a special voice. You just need a willing heart. God listens to every prayer, whether it is whispered quietly at bedtime or said out loud in a big group. Whether it is long and detailed or just a few simple words, God hears you. He is always listening because he is always with you.

As you finish this devotional, we want to encourage you to keep praying every single day. Pray when you wake up. Pray when you are scared. Pray when something wonderful happens. Pray for your friends. Pray for the lonely people you see. God is always ready to listen, and he will always answer in love.

Let's Think About It

1. What is the most important thing you learned this week from our five days together?
2. Is there something on your heart right now that you want to tell God? Write it down or say it out loud.
3. How will you show God's love to someone this week? Make a plan and ask a parent or caregiver to help you follow through.

Prayer

Dear God,

Thank you for the gift of Jesus, who is always with us and always loves us. Thank you for this week of learning and growing. Help us to go out into the world with open eyes, kind hearts, and willing hands. Teach us to notice the lonely, to be a good friend, to trust you as our shepherd, and to share your love with everyone we meet. We know that you are always with us, and that is the best news of all.

In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

You are seen. You are loved. You are never alone.