

# DEVOTIONAL

for parents



Take a moment to pause and get a closer look at the amazing world around us—trees, oceans, animals, and even you! What's even more amazing is that it was all created by God, *for* God. From the beginning of time, God created everything with care and purpose, showing incredible love for all of creation—especially us. The best thing we can do is give that love back by taking care of the world God has given us. In this 4-week series, kids will learn that **God made the world and everything in it, we are made in God's image, God made a plan to save us, and God helps us make good choices!**

Want to learn and grow alongside your kid as we go through this teaching series? You can! Spend a few minutes each week studying the passages of Scripture we'll be teaching, praying about what God wants to do in you and in your family, and growing by putting God's words into practice in your own life.

## WEEK 1 God made the world and everything in it.

Genesis 1:1–25, 2:1–3

### STUDY

Take a moment to read the passages we're covering this week.  
**What stands out to you in this passage and why?**

### PRAY

Pray and thank God for the beauty and creativity in the world.

### GROW

So what's your next step? How often do you pause to recognize God's work in creation? What parts of the world—big or small—remind you of God's power and creativity? Is there a way you can help care for the world around you? Whatever your next step is right now, take it.

## WEEK 2 We are made in God's image.

Genesis 1:26–31, 2:4–7

### STUDY

Take a moment to read the passages we're covering this week.  
**What stands out to you in this passage and why?**

### PRAY

Pray for the wisdom to see yourself and others the way God does—with love, purpose, and value.

### GROW

So what's your next step? How does knowing you are made in God's image shape the way you see yourself? Does it change the way you see others? How can you reflect God's love, kindness, and justice in the way you interact with people and the world around you? Whatever your next step is right now, take it.

## WEEK 3 GOD MADE A PLAN TO SAVE US.

GENESIS 2:15–17, 3:1–15;

### **STUDY**

Take a moment to read the passages we're covering this week.  
**What stands out to you in this passage and why?**

### **PRAY**

Pray for a deeper understanding of how God's grace restores and renews.

### **GROW**

So what's your next step? How does knowing that God had a plan from the start change the way you see your own mistakes? What can you do about habits or patterns in your life that no longer align with the new life God has given you? How can you share the hope of God's salvation plan with someone else this week? Whatever your next step is right now, take it.

## WEEK 4 GOD HELPS US MAKE GOOD CHOICES.

GENESIS 4:2–16

### **STUDY**

Take a moment to read the passages we're covering this week.  
**What stands out to you in this passage and why?**

### **PRAY**

Pray for the strength to resist what pulls you away from God and the courage to choose what is right, even when it's hard.

### **GROW**

So what's your next step? What choices are you facing right now that require God's wisdom? Are there habits or temptations that make it difficult to choose what's right? Who in your life can encourage you to make good choices, and how can you be that kind of encouragement to someone else? Whatever your next step is right now, take it.