



# **KIDS**

**weekly devotional**

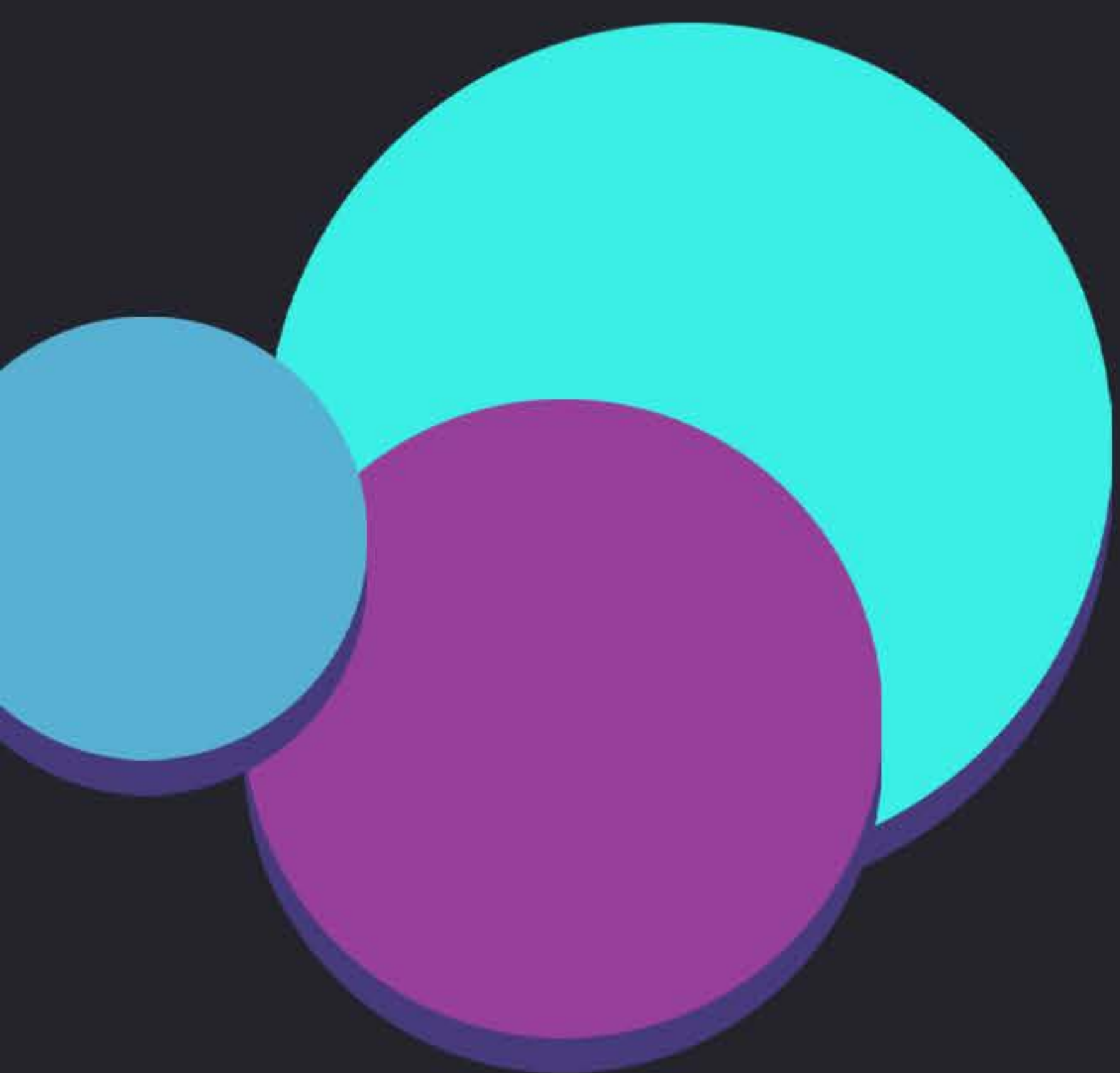




# verse

## 1 Timothy 2:1

I urge you, first of all, to pray for all people. Ask God to help them; intercede on their behalf, and give thanks for them.







# devo

Jim was hanging out with his friend Sally at school, and they started talking about Pastor Danny's teaching in kids church last Sunday.

"He kept telling us to pray for others, but I'm not sure what to pray for," said Jim. "I know I need to pray for my friends, but which ones need prayer. And are there other people I should pray for? I really don't know."


Sally thought for a minute about how she should answer Jim's question. The Bible tells us to pray for all people, and that includes our friends, and so many other people. So, how should she answer his question.

"Well, I don't think you need to worry about who to pray for," said Sally. "I mean, Pastor Danny was telling us to pray for all people - our friends, teachers, even our enemies. So, everyone."

"Yeah, he did say the verse tells us to 'pray for all people,' he said. 'I do remember that. But I'm just not sure what to pray about.'"

Jim was so confused. How could he pray if he didn't know what to pray about? Some of his friends didn't know Jesus, so that was one thing he could pray about. His dad's job was pretty tough. He could pray about that. But what else?

"Go will help you figure all that out," said Sally. "We know from the verse Pastor Danny read that we need to ask God to help them in all ways, and we also need to thank God for all the people he has put in our lives."







# devo

"Yeah, that's good," said Jim. "I mean, I'm still not really sure what they all need help with, but I am thankful I have them."

"There you go, that's a big part of it," said Sally. "And you don't really need to worry about how to help them because God already knows what they need. So just ask Him to help. It's that simple."

"I can do that," said Jim. "But there was another part of that verse that I didn't really understand."

"Which part?" asked Sally.

"The part that says, 'intercede on their behalf,'" he said. "What does intercede even mean?"

"Oh, that just means that you know God is loving and kind and will always do what is best for others," said Sally. "It is all about going to God first and really asking Him to show His love to the people who need His help. God can take care of them better than we can. Does that make sense?"

"Yeah, it does," he said. "And I know I can do all that. Pray, be thankful and intercede. Yeah, I can do that."

"I know you can," said Sally. "In fact, let's do it together right now."







# prayer



God, help us to have a really close relationship with you and a heart to pray for all people, including our friends and teachers and mom and dad. Help us to really care about others and to give you thanks for all the people you put in our lives. We love you and praise you, in Jesus' name, amen.







# Lesson

Just like Jim, sometimes we do not know what to pray for or who to pray for. But this verse tells us to pray for all people, and that means friends, family, teachers, coaches, teammates, government. It means everyone. And we know that God wants us to pray for the needs of others and not just our needs. As Sally said, we need to have a close relationship with God and talk to Him like we would our friends and family. God wants to hear from you and wants to listen to what you have to say. So, be like Jim and Sally and pray for others, and thank God for all that He does for you and for everyone else.

