



Lesson 123 – The Gospel Truth Devotions for Week of November 30, 2025

Children's Ministry has prepared a five-day, weekly devotion to reinforce the Bible lesson covered on Sunday. We are here to come alongside you as you train up your child in the way they should go (Proverbs 22:6). Please contact us or go to the Children's Ministry app for added support or resources. We love you and are here for you and your children.

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Unit Memory Verses

Isaiah 7:14 Therefore the Lord Himself will give you a sign: Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a Son, and shall call His name Immanuel.

John 1:14 And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have beheld His glory, glory as of the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth.

Day 1

Read: Matthew 9

I love how God inspired Matthew to author his story. He writes about how he was a sinner and had many friends that were sinners too. When Jesus called Matthew to leave his sinful ways, he dropped everything and followed Jesus. Then, inspired by the Holy Spirit, Matthew wrote about the amazing miracles he saw Jesus do - a girl was brought back to life, a woman was healed from a disease she had for 12 years just by touching the hem of Jesus' garment, the two blind men were healed. They were following Jesus, and they knew that He was God. They called Him the Son of David because they knew about the prophecies that Jesus would come from the line of David. Jesus healed them. And then there was a man who was demon possessed and couldn't speak. Jesus had power over the demon and cast it out of the man, and the man was then able to speak. Matthew also wrote about the compassion of Jesus. He saw all the people that he created, and he knew they needed help, so he taught and helped many of them.

Discussion: Talk about how and when you believed and accepted or chose to make Jesus your Lord and Savior. Tell your story like Matthew did.

Pray: Praise and thank God for saving you from your sins. Thank Him for coming to the earth and fulfilling prophecy. Praise God for how great He is.

Day 2

Read: Mark 10:45:35-45

Mark was another writer of the gospels, or the good news of Jesus coming to the earth to save us. Mark wrote about a time when James and John came to Jesus because they wanted to be really important in heaven. They wanted to sit on either side of Jesus in heaven. Jesus took this time to teach about being a servant. Jesus explained that the Gentiles and sinners want to be lords and in charge over everyone and important. But Jesus said that is not how it should be among Christians or followers of Him. He said if we want to be great, we should be a servant. Servants were never thought of as great. They just did all the work that nobody else wanted to do, and nobody paid any attention to them. Jesus said we should be slaves, and then He said something very important. He said that even Him, the Son of Man, came to serve and to give His life. Jesus was the ultimate example of being a servant and loving and putting others first. Let us follow this example in our daily lives.

Discussion: What are some things you can do for others today to serve them and put them first? Talk about practical application for being a servant like Jesus or how you can be more like Him.

Pray: Praise and thank Jesus for coming to the earth and serving and giving His life for you. Thank Him for His example. Ask God to help you follow Him and serve and love others before yourself.

Day 3

Read: Luke 19:1-10

Luke shares a true event that happened while Jesus was on the earth. Jesus was passing through Jericho. Zacchaeus was a sinner and a tax collector. The tax collectors would usually steal money from the people. Zacchaeus wanted to know about Jesus, and he climbed up in a tree to see Him. The coolest part was that Jesus knew Zacchaeus was up in the tree. Jesus stopped and looked right up at him and said, "I want to go to your house." Jesus reached out to him and wanted to talk with him personally. Jesus went to his house and Zacchaeus decided to change and repent from his sins. He told Jesus that he was going to give money to the poor and give back to the people he stole from. Many people did not like that Jesus would go to a sinner's house, but Jesus said the reason He came was to seek and save the lost. When we do not know Jesus, and we are stuck in our sinful life, we are lost and unhappy. Jesus came to the earth to show us that He loves us and to seek and find the sinners that need Him and need to be saved from their sins. That is exactly what Jesus did. And Jesus is still doing that. Anyone who wants to know Jesus, Jesus will reach out to them, find them, and show them His love and forgiveness. We can be used to share this Good News too. We should be loving people who do not know Jesus and are lost in their sins. We can tell them about Jesus and give them hope and offer the gift to

them that Jesus has given to everyone of forgiveness and eternal life. They just need to choose to accept that gift.

Discussion: Who do you know that is lost in their sins? How can you share the Good News that Jesus can forgive them and wash their sins away and give them eternal life? Make a plan today to share with someone.

Pray: Thank God for saving you from your sins and forgiving you. Ask Him to help you tell others about Him. Praise Him for saving all people.

Day 4

Read: John 17:1-19

John wrote this chapter. It is Jesus' prayer to the Father before He dies on the cross for our sins. It is so amazing to hear Jesus' heart for us, His people. He says that we have eternal life when we know Him and believe in Him. He says that He has manifested God to the world, which means when we read the gospels and all that Jesus did, we are seeing God and His heart. We must receive His Words and believe and that is all we must do to be saved. It is that easy. Jesus prayed for us to glorify Him and tell and show others Jesus and His love. He prays that we would be kept and not lost, and that God would keep us close to Him forever. He prays that we would never walk away from Him. He warns us that the world may hate us just like they hated Him (Jesus). But Jesus also prays that we would remember we are not of this world, for we have another world in heaven that we can look forward to. We are being sanctified, which means to be separate from the world and from sin and set apart and holy for Jesus. We are daily growing closer to Him and being sanctified, and this is a work of God in our lives. As we read and pray and talk to Jesus daily, we are growing closer to Him and being sanctified, separated from the world and sin, and living for Him instead. There is so much blessing in this life with Jesus. He is the Way, the Truth, and the Life!

Discussion: What do you think about Jesus' prayer? What are some things that stick out to you and encourage you?

Pray: Thank and praise God for His Word and for showing us God's heart through Jesus. Thank Him for keeping you, sanctifying you, and saving you. Receive Jesus into your heart and life. Praise Him.

Day 5

Read: John 19:20-26

This is the rest of Jesus' prayer. He prayed again that we would just believe in Him and in God who sent Him. It is different to just know about Jesus and about God, but instead to know Him personally. You may know about George Washington, the first president of the United States. You may know all the facts about his life and the things he did, but you don't know George Washington personally. It is different with Jesus. We can know Him personally. We can walk

and talk with Him, and He talks to us through His Word, the Bible, and in many other ways. We can be one with Jesus in our hearts and lives. He prayed this for us. Jesus wants to fill us, and He wants for His love and light to come out of our lives. This is a supernatural work that only God can do and wants to do. Jesus prayed it for us because it was so important. Jesus knew we needed Him to get through this life and He wants to fill us and help us. This is how He is glorified as we shine His love to others. We can tell others about Him, and they too can shine His love and light to others. God is glorified even more and well pleased. Don't you want the entire world to know about Jesus and be saved from their sin and misery and from eternal death in hell? Then be filled with Jesus and give others Jesus' love and tell them and show them through your actions and words.

Discussion: Are you one with God? Do you know Him personally or do you just know about Him? Have you asked Him to come into your life and to fill you and to be one with Him? Is He glorified in your life?

Pray: Ask God to help you know Him personally. Talk and pray to God all day. Seek God and hear and read His Word. Thank God for filling you and making you one with Him. Praise Him for the work He does through you. Ask God to shine and be glorified in your life. Tell God you love Him. Thank Him!

Upcoming Events and Announcements:

- Children's Ministry Prayer –
Sunday, December 14 in Living Room at 1:00 pm

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