

# DEVOTIONAL

## for parents



Where there is shadow, there is light, so the shadows don't have to scare us. As we grow and experience more life, we might find the shadows of doubt or questions creeping towards us. Rather than run from the shadows, we can look to God to cast some light on the situation. In this 4-week series from the Old and New Testaments, we'll explore how we can step into the light whenever we doubt God's presence. We'll talk about how **when we doubt God can be trusted**, we can find the light and choose to **remember what God's already done**. We'll learn how, **when Jesus' followers disappoint us**, we can step up to **be what we don't see**. We'll explore what can happen **when we've lost hope** and how we can **ask God to surprise us**. And we'll see how even when the shadows make **it feel like God's not listening, we don't stop praying**.

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 When you doubt God can be trusted, remember what God's already done.

2 Kings 5:1–14; Psalm 143:1–6; Hebrews 13:8

### STUDY

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

### PRAY

This week, pray and ask for reminders of God's faithfulness to you.

### GROW

**So what's your next step?** Are you experiencing doubts that you could share with someone else? Can you start a conversation about the things God has done in your past? Can you listen to a song that helps you remember God's light in your life? Whatever your next step is right now, take it.

## WEEK 2 When Jesus' followers disappoint you, be what you don't see.

1 Jeremiah 7:1–7; Psalm 25:1–3; Psalm 42:11

### STUDY

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

### PRAY

This week, ask God for the strength to live out your faith.

### GROW

**So what's your next step?** Do you need to be honest about how your choices reflect your faith? Can you lovingly challenge someone to live out their faith? Can you invite someone to hold you accountable as you grow closer to God? Whatever your next step is right now, take it.

## WEEK 3 When you've lost hope, ask God to surprise you.

Genesis 18:1–15; Matthew 19:26; 2 Corinthians 4:8–12

### **STUDY**

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

### **PRAY**

This week, ask God to surprise you.

### **GROW**

**So what's your next step?** Do you need to trust God to show up in a way you didn't expect? Can you release control of your situation? Can you ask God to help you grow in patience? Whatever your next step is right now, take it.

## WEEK 4 When it feels like God doesn't hear you, keep praying.

1 Samuel 1:1–20; Psalm 138:1–3; Ephesians 6:18

### **STUDY**

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

### **PRAY**

This week, ask God to help you remain patient and faithful as you wait.

### **GROW**

**So what's your next step?** Can you ask your community for support? Is there something keeping you from listening and waiting for God? Are there questions about your situation that are keeping you from trusting God? Whatever your next step is right now, take it.