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What you hold in your hand is an incredible resource, a tool designed to help us effectively partner with parents and lead children into a growing relationship with God.

Contained within the pages of this booklet you'll find:

- a. Important scriptures, such as our memory verse.
- b. Amazing and relevant Bible stories.
- c. Key points that make up the exciting messages planned for this entire series.
- d. A place to stamp for each service attended.

This booklet was created to inform you of exactly what our children's ministry will speak about each service. You'll be able to review with your children the messages covered, and also look ahead as the series unfolds.

So partner with us and help your children learn responsibility by bringing this booklet every service. Each time they visit, we will put a stamp in their book to show that they attended, and also filled out each point of that day's lesson in this book.



HIS PROMISES ARE FOR YOU

If it all ended at the cross, the world would be in a terrible place. No question about it: we'd be filled with hopelessness, doubt, and despair. It would be a dark world - a nightmare that never ends.

And yet we know the truth, something worth rejoicing about: The story didn't end at the cross. The story didn't end in the garden tomb either. In fact, the story never ends at all. Jesus walked out of that grave more than a conqueror, carrying with him the spoils of victory. When those around him were weak, he was strong. He conquered death and the grave, and he was ready to deliver in person the promises that we too can take hold of.

Promise One: Hope. Mary knew despair and deepest darkness, having seen the worst. It was more than she could understand. Yet Jesus came, and gave her the one thing she needed most: hope. That same confidence is available to those who believe. Thanks to him, we don't live in despair like those who have no hope.

Promise Two: Faith. Thomas had doubts - everyone knew that. His faith was challenged severely, but Jesus quickly erased all doubt with just one conversation. Thomas was honest about his uncertainties, and when we struggle, it's good to go to Jesus. Just one meeting with him will change everything.

Promise Three: Restoration. Peter was bitterly crushed because of his own failure. He broke his own promise, but that wasn't about to stop Jesus from fulfilling a promise of his own. Walking out of that tomb, Jesus had a message for Peter. Immediately, he extended his forgiveness and grace, restoring Peter. The best part of all is that this is also extended to us, a reason to rejoice - and a reason to share the Good News.

Jesus had promises for his dearest friends, but these same promises are for us too - no matter where we are in life. Grab hold of them, and believe. You can rise from hopelessness and doubt, all because his promises are for you.



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Then the disciples went back to where they were staying.

But Mary stood outside the tomb crying. As she cried, she bent over to look into the tomb. She saw two angels dressed in white. They were seated where Jesus' body had been. One of them was where Jesus' head had been laid. The other sat where his feet had been placed.

They asked her, "Woman, why are you crying?"

"They have taken my Lord away," she said. "I don't know where they have put him." Then she turned around and saw Jesus standing there. But she didn't realize that it was Jesus.

He asked her, "Woman, why are you crying? Who are you looking for?"

She thought he was the gardener. So she said, "Sir, did you carry him away? Tell me where you put him. Then I will go and get him."

Jesus said to her, "Mary."

She turned toward him. Then she cried out in the Aramaic language, "*Rabboni!*" Rabboni means Teacher.

Jesus said, "Do not hold on to me. I have not yet ascended to the Father. Instead, go to those who believe in me. Tell them, 'I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.'"

Mary Magdalene went to the disciples with the news. She said, "I have seen the Lord!" And she told them that he had said these things to her

John 20:10-18 NIRV

"For all the promises of God in Him *are* Yes, and in Him Amen, to the glory of God through us." **2 Corinthians 1:20 NKJV**



1. Promise One: _____. Mary knew despair and darkness, but Jesus came to give her the one thing she needed most. That same hope is available to those who believe.

"He asked her, 'Woman, why are you crying? Who are you looking for?'"

John 20:15 NIRV

A. HOPE

B. THOUGHTS

C. LEARNING

2. Promise Two: _____. Thomas had doubt, but Jesus quickly erased that with just one conversation.

"Then he said to Thomas, 'Put your finger here. See my hands. Reach out your hand and put it into my side. Stop doubting and believe.'" John 20:27 NIRV

A. STRENGTH

B. FAITH

C. WORK

3. Promise Three: _____. Peter was bitterly crushed because of his own failure, but Jesus extended His forgiveness and grace. It is also extended to us, a reason to rejoice! It's time to go and share the Good News!

"Go! Tell his disciples and Peter, 'He is going ahead of you into Galilee. There you will see him. It will be just as he told you.'" Mark 16:7 NIRV

A. DEDICATION

B. RESTORATION

C. SERVITUDE



Memory Verse:

"May the God who gives hope fill you with great joy. May you have perfect peace as you trust in Him." Romans 15:13 NIRV

NOTES

Can you think of any of God's promises for you? The Bible is filled with them. Ask your parents, or look to God's Word yourself. Write below a few of your favorites:



DO YOU SEE THE LIGHT?

Blind Bartimaeus could have dreaded that scripture in Proverbs 29:18. It reads, “Where there is no vision, the people perish.” He himself had no vision, because he was blind!

But God wasn’t necessarily speaking of physical eyesight in that verse. In fact, in regards to what God was talking about, Bartimaeus had better vision than most!

See, Bartimaeus had the right vision about who God was. That’s why he wouldn’t stop yelling out to Jesus as he passed by. Bartimaeus knew his salvation and healing came from Jesus, because he knew that Jesus is the Way, the Truth and the Light.

He had a vision about who Jesus was, but Bartimaeus also knew who he was too. Sure, others looked down on him every day as the blind beggar, but Bartimaeus had a vision of what God saw him as: a wonderfully made creation.

That’s why he had a vision of something else: where he was going. He jumped up to his feet and came to Jesus, something pretty tricky for a man who was blind. But he had a vision of where he was going, and what he could be after an encounter with Jesus.

It was only a matter of time before Bartimaeus’ eyes had the same vision the rest of his body did. He was healed by his faith in Jesus, and could now see the colors, shapes and textures of the world around him. He saw the light!

As the story ends, the last thing we read about Bartimaeus is where his fresh eyesight was now gazing: it says he followed Jesus along the road. He had a vision of God, of himself, and of where he was going.

You may have twenty-twenty eyesight, but do you have the sort of vision Bartimaeus had? Get a vision of who God is, who you are, and where you’re going. In other words, do you see the light?



DO YOU SEE THE LIGHT?

He heard that Jesus of Nazareth was passing by. So he began to shout, “Jesus! Son of David! Have mercy on me!”

Many people commanded him to stop. They told him to be quiet. But he shouted even louder, “Son of David! Have mercy on me!”

Jesus stopped and said, “Call for him.”

So they called out to the blind man, “Cheer up! Get up on your feet! Jesus is calling for you.”

He threw his coat to one side. Then he jumped to his feet and came to Jesus.

“What do you want me to do for you?” Jesus asked him. The blind man said, “Rabbi, I want to be able to see.” “Go,” said Jesus. “Your faith has healed you.” Right away he could see. And he followed Jesus along the road.

Mark 10:47-52 NIRV



1. You must correct your vision of who your _____ is. We serve a God that's able to see you through any challenge, and help you see your dreams come true.

"I am the Alpha and the Omega," says the Lord God, "who is, and who was, and who is to come, the Almighty." Revelation 1:8 NIV

A. GOD

B. TEACHER

C. FRIEND

2. You must correct your vision of who _____ are. Don't see yourself as anything less than you really are: an amazing and beloved creation of a loving Heavenly Father.

"I praise You because I am fearfully and wonderfully made; Your works are wonderful. I know that full well." Psalm 139:14 NIV

A. PHARISEES

B. YOU

C. ANIMALS

3. You must correct your vision of where you are _____. Bartimaeus could see where he was going, because he was following Jesus. And because he kept his eyes on Jesus, he saw himself going to new and wonderful places in life.

"But seek first His kingdom and His righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well." Matthew 6:33 NIRV

A. NOW

B. FIGHTING

C. GOING



Memory Verse:

"The Lord makes secure the footsteps of the person who delights in Him. Even if that person trips, he won't fall. The Lord's hand takes good care of him."

Psalm 37:23-24 NIRV

NOTES

Years from now, who do you see yourself as? Don't let anything going on in the world right now hold you back from following that dream. Just for fun, write below what it is you see yourself doing in ten years!



BE THE ONE TO SAY THANKS

Be thankful that leprosy is no longer a disease as widespread as it used to be. It is terrible, and infectious. That means that you could get leprosy from just hanging around a person with it! How awful it must have been to be separated from everyone, so sick and lonely.

That's why ten men with leprosy knew what they had to do. No doubt, they heard that Jesus had healed others, so they figured this was their big chance.

"Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!" they cried as he approached.

He *did* have mercy on them, healing all ten of this awful disease. We can only assume that each was obedient to go and see a priest as Jesus instructed, but here's the stunner: only one of these guys ever came back to say, "thank you."

Can you picture Jesus scratching his head and looking about as he asks, "Where are the others?"

No doubt they were grateful and no doubt they were rejoicing – but the nine other lepers forgot one major thing: to say "thank you" to Jesus.

Jesus had done many miracles, and as you know he still does miracles to this day. You probably don't have leprosy, but Jesus has done so much more for all of us. If you're reading this, you yourself are a miracle.

That's why it is important to be unlike those other nine lepers. So many never return to Jesus with praise and thanks. So many are too busy with life, enjoying what they have and forgetful of where it all came from.

Be the one to say thanks. You owe it to Jesus for the miracles – seen and unseen – that he has done in your life. Don't be like the nine other lepers who forgot. Be like the one former leper whose faith had made him well. Be the one to say thanks!



BE THE ONE TO SAY THANKS

Now on his way to Jerusalem, Jesus traveled along the border between Samaria and Galilee. As he was going into a village, ten men who had leprosy met him. They stood at a distance and called out in a loud voice, “Jesus, Master, have pity on us!”

When he saw them, he said, “Go, show yourselves to the priests.” And as they went, they were cleansed.

One of them, when he saw he was healed, came back, praising God in a loud voice. He threw himself at Jesus’ feet and thanked him—and he was a Samaritan.

Jesus asked, “Were not all ten cleansed? Where are the other nine? Was no one found to return and give praise to God except this foreigner?” Then he said to him, “Rise and go; your faith has made you well.”

Luke 17:11-19 NIV



1. Jesus has _____ us all. Everyone has something to thank Him for – He has done so much for all of us!

“But God loves us deeply. He is full of mercy. So He gave us new life because of what Christ has done. He gave us life even when we were dead in sin. God’s grace has saved you.” Ephesians 2:4-5 NIRV

A. HEALED

B. DESCRIBED

C. BUILT

2. Not everyone comes _____. Out of the ten lepers that were healed by Jesus, only one came back to thank Him for this incredible miracle! Just imagine as Jesus asks this question:

*“Jesus asked, ‘Weren’t all ten healed? Where are the other nine?’”
Luke 17:17 NIRV*

A. CALLING

B. BACK

C. RUNNING

3. Be the one to say _____. Though everyone else may be too busy or caught up thinking of themselves, you yourself owe it to Jesus to express how thankful you are to Him for what He’s done in your life. Beyond that, we should be quick to tell others what he has done!

*“Thank God! Pray to Him by name! Tell everyone you meet what He has done!”
Psalm 105:1 MSG*

A. THANKS

B. CHEESE

C. EVERYTHING



Memory Verse:

"Thank God! Pray to Him by name! Tell everyone you meet what He has done!"

Psalm 105:1 MSG

NOTES

It's time to say "thanks!" God has given so much! Write below just a few of the things that you are most thankful for in life. Be sure to write at the bottom, "THANK YOU JESUS!"

Be the one to say thanks!



Jesus is the Ultimate Miracle!

Jesus is the ultimate miracle. His power of light crushed the evil forces of darkness, and he wants to save us all. Not long ago, Jesus said He is the Way, the Truth and the Life. The Bible tells us there is no other way to heaven, except through Jesus.

If you want to get to heaven, Jesus will help you get to that narrow gate. First, admit you're not perfect. We've all sinned. Paul told us, **"It is written, 'No one is right with God, no one at all.'"** (Romans 3:10 NIRV)

Put another way, everyone has made a wrong turn. We may not be super criminals, but the Bible tells us that all have sinned. That's everyone! We've all done things that God isn't pleased with, and found ourselves going in a bad direction. We're way off course without Him!

The bad news is this: **"When you sin, the pay you get is death."** (Romans 6:23 NIRV)

Uh-oh. Sin is the road to destruction. In the book of Romans, Paul shows us God's law. He shows us the price we have to pay when we do those things we know God doesn't want. And unfortunately, it is a very high price.

But here's where things get better. Much better! You see, Someone else paid that price. Our Bible tells us, **"But here is how God has shown His love for us. While we were still sinners, Christ died for us."** (Romans 5:8 NIRV)

You read that right! Someone had to pay the price for us to find our way. His name is Jesus. He didn't have to do it, but Jesus showed His love for us by paying for the wages of sin. He died for our sins!

It's a good thing God allows us to change directions! Paul told us, **"We are made right with God by putting our faith in Jesus Christ. That happens to all who believe."** (Romans 3:22 NIRV)

Never think it is too late to turn things around. God is there, waiting for you to change your path, and head His way.

So set a new course, and make a right turn! **"Say with your mouth, 'Jesus is Lord.' Believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead. Then you will be saved."** (Romans 10:9 NIRV)

It's simple to do. Follow Jesus, our ultimate Hero and Savior, and find yourself flying high to a new heavenly destination!



Build Those Spiritual Muscles!

Ready to go out and fight the good fight of faith? You won't be a strong hero unless you spend more time in prayer, at church, or studying your Bible. Today, make a promise – just between you and God. Promise to spend more time in prayer, and promise to spend more time studying His word.

Fill in below the times during the week you promise making yourself stronger. It's up to you how long you spend reading, or praying. The important thing is that you follow through.

I PROMISE TO READ MY BIBLE THESE TIMES DURING THE WEEK:

SUNDAY: _____
MONDAY: _____
TUESDAY: _____
WEDNESDAY: _____
THURSDAY: _____
FRIDAY: _____
SATURDAY: _____

"God has breathed life into all Scripture. It is useful for teaching us what is true. It is useful for correcting our mistakes. It is useful for making our lives whole again. It is useful for training us to do what is right. By using Scripture, the servant of God can be completely prepared to do every good thing."

2 Timothy 3:16-17 NIRV

I PROMISE TO SPEND THIS TIME PRAYING EACH DAY:

SUNDAY: _____
MONDAY: _____
TUESDAY: _____
WEDNESDAY: _____
THURSDAY: _____
FRIDAY: _____
SATURDAY: _____

"Never stop praying." 1 Thessalonians 5:17 NIRV



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