

BANANA NEWS



GO DEEPER

SPECIAL WORDS

GOD CAN (POINT UP)

DO AMAZING THINGS

(SPREAD OUT AND WIGGLE FINGERS)

THROUGH HIS DISCIPLES

(MARCH IN PLACE)

MEMORY VERSE

Then he said to the crowd, "If any of you wants to be my follower, you must give up your own way, take up your cross daily, and follow me." *Luke 9:23 (NLT)*

DAILY DEVOTIONS

DAY 1: SO MANY MIRACLES

READ - Job 5:8-9, Ephesians 3:20, Mark 16:20

Let's count together and see how high you can count. *Count with your child.* You did a great job! Did you know there are more than 160 miracles recorded in the Bible? That's a really big number! What amazing things can you think of from God's word? *(flooding the earth, parting the red sea, defeating Goliath, etc.)* Who did God use as a part of those miracles? *(Noah, Moses, David, etc.)* **Remember: God Can Do Amazing Things Through His Disciples!**

DAY 2: GOD USED TABITHA

READ - Acts 9:36, Matthew 25:34-40

God used Tabitha in amazing ways! When you share what you have with others in need it is like you are sharing God Himself! If God calls you to serve, don't believe the lie that what you are doing is too small or doesn't matter. God can take what you do and use it to show others His love – and that is amazing! **Remember: God Can Do Amazing Things Through His Disciples!**

DAY 3: GOD USED PETER

READ - Acts 9:37-42

When you think of something amazing what do you think of? *Brainstorm some ideas with your child.* Those are some powerful things! You know what else is powerful? God! Through Peter, God's amazing power brought Tabitha back to life! The Bible tells us that many people became followers of Jesus after this miracle. The same God that showed His power through Peter way back then, is the same God we serve today! **Remember: God Can Do Amazing Things Through His Disciples!**

DAY 4: CALL ON GOD

READ - Matthew 17:20, Acts 9:40

Ask your child to try picking up items around the room. Start with something small they can move and work up to big things they cannot move. After asking them to pick up a few "impossible" things say: Jesus taught that if we have faith nothing will be impossible. Peter prayed when he was facing a big problem. When you are facing a big problem that seems impossible, God wants you to ask Him to help you believe. **Remember: God Can Do Amazing Things Through His Disciples!**

DAY 5: TELL GOD THANK YOU

READ - Acts 9:40-42, Deuteronomy 10:21

When we see God do amazing things we should thank Him! Maybe you lost a toy and God used a friend to help you find your toy. It is great to thank that friend, but don't forget to thank God who used that friend to help you. You can thank God when amazing things happen. Then share what God has done with others so they can know Him better! What are some things you want to thank God for? **Remember: God Can Do Amazing Things Through His Disciples!**



Materials: none

Go with your child to their closet and have them look at the clothes they have. Say, "We have so many nice things to wear." Talk about favorite colors or favorite clothes. Have fun interacting with your preschooler! You can even take them to your closet and let them try on some adult clothes and look in the mirror. Laugh and talk about fun things. Explain that some people do not have enough clothes to wear. Let your preschooler join you in taking out unused or unneeded clothes that could be donated to people who need clothes.

Here in Lynchburg, Va, we have the Agape Center. God uses His disciples at the Agape Center in amazing ways! Not only do they help provide physical needs for people, like food and clothing, but they also build relationships with people and share about Jesus with them! God can use you to be a part of doing something amazing by sharing what you have with those in need.

To learn more about the Agape Center and what you can donate or how you can serve check out: https://www.agapelyh.org/



Materials: ping pong ball, hair dryer

Get a ping pong ball, hold it up high, and then let go. The goal is to get your ping pong ball to stay in the air. Were you successful?

The ping pong ball is not able to stay in the air in its own strength. Now, get a hair dryer and turn it on. Place the hair dryer so that it is blowing warm air up at the ping pong ball. What happens? As long as the ball stays over the hair dryer it is able to stay in the air!

We are like the ping pong ball. On our own we can't "stay in the air," we can't do amazing things. But God has the power and strength to use us to do amazing things! When we trust in God and obey Him, He can use us to do amazing things!



Materials: None

Before bed pull your child close beside you and say, "God can use me to do amazing things!" As you tuck them into bed sing, "My God is So Big" (www.tinyurl.com/mygodsobig). Then pray together, pausing after each phrase, to let your child repeat after you:

Dear God, You can do amazing things! You made everything! Help me to trust you to use me. In Jesus' name, Amen.