

BANANA NEWS



GO DEEPER REWIND Vol. 4

Memory Verse: "Jesus told him, "I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one can come to the Father except through me." John 14:6 (NLT)

DAILY DEVOTIONS

DAY 1: JESUS LEADS

READ - Luke 5:1-3

What do you find Jesus doing at the beginning of Luke 5? He is teaching! He would teach them about who He was and how they could obey and honor God. He also shared how through Him all people are offered peace, joy, and forgiveness of their sins. Jesus still leads through His teachings. You may not be able to physically follow Him like the early disciples did, but you can open the Bible, read His words, and learn how to follow Him. Will you follow? **Remember: Jesus Leads**

DAY 2: ALL FOR GOD'S GLORY

READ - John 2:9-11, 1 Corinthians 10:31, Matthew 5:16

As far as we know, this is the first public miracle that Jesus performed. All of the miracles that Jesus performed while here on earth allowed people to see God's power and glory. Can disciples of Jesus take action for God's glory? Absolutely! Everything you do can bring glory to God. When you allow Jesus to take action in your life, and you follow His way, people will see God's glory. How can you allow Jesus to take action in your life today? **Remember: Jesus Takes Action**

DAY 3: TRUST ISN'T ALWAYS EASY

READ - Luke 22:39-44. Psalm 56:3

If you see a rickety old bridge would you trust it to hold you...not likely! But even when things are hard, God can always be trusted. Think about Jesus in Luke 22. He was facing something that seems scarier than a rickety old bridge. He was not looking forward to the pain He knew He would go through, including being hung on a cross. He even asked God the Father to show Him if there was another way.. But in this hard moment, Jesus showed us how to trust God by saying, "Not My will, but Yours be done." **Remember: Jesus Trusts God the Father**

DAY 4: JESUS WENT TO HEAVEN

READ - Matthew 28:16-20, John 14:1-7

After Jesus came back to life, He never died again. Instead, He went back to Heaven. When He did, He gave instructions to His disciples to share with everyone the good news that He is alive. Our God is the One True God. He is not dead! He is alive! He is all powerful! And He is preparing a place in Heaven for everyone who chooses to believe in and follow Him! There is no better news than that! **Remember: Jesus is Alive**

DAY 5: CHOOSE TO SHINE

READ - Matthew 5:14-16

As a follower of Jesus it is our choice to let His light shine through us so others can see it. When we think about lights, they often have a switch to turn them on and off easily. When we think about living like Jesus teaches us, we sometimes act like we have a switch that we can just turn on and off whenever we want. But that doesn't work. When we act like the world, people who don't know Jesus, we are "switching the light off" and choosing to sin. Sin brings darkness instead of light. Choose to let your light shine so others will worship God. **Remember: Jesus Shines**



Materials: wooden or card stock sign, markers

Create a unique "One Way" sign. Then, on the back write out the memory verse from this series on your cross. Use markers to create a fun design on your cross. Remember, the one and only way to have a relationship with God is through Jesus!

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LET YOUR LIGHT SHINE

Materials: construction paper, scissors, glue

Create a paper lantern to remind you to let Jesus' light shine through you!

Directions:

- 1. Cut a one-inch strip off the 8 ½ inch long edge for the handle.
- 2. Fold the construction paper in half along the long edge.
- 3. Cut evenly spaced slashes along the folded edge. Be sure to cut through both layers leaving about one inch uncut on the open edges.
- 4. Open the paper up and then roll it into a tube lengthwise so the slashes run up and down.
- 5. Glue or tape the edges of the paper together.
- 6. Press down on the top of the lantern so it bulges out a little in the center.
- 7. Attach the one inch strip to the top of your lantern for a handle. Decorate with stickers, markers, etc.



SWEET REMINDERS OF JESUS

Materials: mini bag of M&Ms and Skittles

If someone asked you why they should follow Jesus what would you say to them? Open your bags of candy and dump them in a bowl. As you pull out each color use them as a reminder.

- Purple Jesus is the King of Kings; He is fully God & rules over all. (John 1:1-3)
- Orange Jesus was fully man; He understands. (John 1:14)
- Red Jesus is Savior; His blood brings forgiveness for our sin when we believe & trust in Him (Romans 5:8, John 3:16)
- **Brown** Jesus is more powerful than sin, death & darkness. (Acts 2:24)
- **Green** Jesus gives new life, eternal life. (Ephesians 2:8-10)
- **Blue** Jesus is always with His followers through His Holy Spirit. (John 14:16-17)
- Yellow Jesus is preparing a home for believers in Heaven. (John 14:1-6)

As you take each color, stop and give thanks for something God has created that is the same color. Then, after eating your sweet reminders pray and thank God for sending Jesus so that we can be forgiven and rescued from sin & hopelessness.

