

## **BANANA NEWS**



## **GO DEEPER**

## **SPECIAL WORDS**

### **HAVE FAITH**

( MAKE CROSS WITH ARMS)

## **GOD WILL PROVIDE**

(HOLD HANDS TOGETHER OUT IN FRONT OF YOU AS IF YOU ARE GIVING A GIFT)

## **MEMORY VERSE**

Now faith is confidence in what we hope for and assurance about what we do not see.

Hebrews 11:1 (NIV)

# **DAILY DEVOTIONS**

### **DAY 1: FAITHFUL OBEDIENCE**

READ - Hebrews 11:17-19, John 14:23-24

Play a game of Simon Says. When we love God we choose to obey Him. God asked Abraham to give up his son. Abraham remembered that God had promised to grow his family through Isaac. So if God was asking him to give up Isaac, He must have a plan to provide a different sacrifice or make a way for Isaac to live. Abraham's obedience took a lot of faith. Will you obey God even when it feels hard? **Remember: Have Faith that God will Provide** 

### **DAY 2: DOMINO TRAIN**

READ - Jeremiah 29:11-12, Proverbs 3:5-6

Gather some blocks and create a domino train. After building it let your child knock it down and see how with each block in the right place all the dominoes will fall even though you only knock over one! God's plans are kind of like a domino train. He knows where each piece goes and He has it all timed out perfectly. God knows exactly where each piece in our life should go so we have the amazing life He has planned for us. Each event in our life can be used for His good if we keep obeying Him. **Remember: Have Faith that God Will Provide** 

### DAY 3: ALL YOU NEED TO PLEASE HIM

READ - 2 Peter 1:3, Ephesians 3:14-21

Get a magazine and scissors. Go through the magazine with your child helping them cut out pictures of things they like. Next, have your child sort them into two piles. One pile is things we need and the other being things we want. Talk about the difference. Will God give you everything you want when you pray? No! Sometimes God does provide us with things we want because He loves us. What God DOES promise to provide for His children is everything they need to live a life that pleases Him. **Remember: Have Faith that God Will Provide** 

### DAY 4: HOW DEEP IS YOUR LOVE

READ - Genesis 22:12, Matthew 22:37, Luke 9:23

Show me with your arms how much you love me. Wow! That's a lot! Do you think Abraham loved Isaac? Yes! Isaac was Abraham and Sarah's only son. So do you think He wanted to give up Isaac? No way! God was testing Abraham to see if he loved Him more than anything or anyone on this earth. And Abraham did! What do you love very much? Do you love God even more? **Remember: Have Faith that God Will Provide** 

### **DAY 5: PRAISE PARTY**

READ - 1 Peter 3:18, Ephesian 2:8-9

Abraham had faith in God. He was willing to give up his son Isaac when God asked him to. Isaac didn't have to die because God provided a ram instead. God was willing to give up His Son, Jesus, to save the world from sin. We don't have to die for our sin because Jesus died in our place. Have a praise party thanking God for sending Jesus to be our savior! <a href="https://tinyurl.com/praiseeveryday">https://tinyurl.com/praiseeveryday</a> **Remember: Have Faith that God Will Provide** 



Materials: Toy Lamb or Lamb Printable

Play a version of "hot and cold." You will need at least two people to play. Select someone to be the seeker. The seeker should close their eyes while the other player hides the toy or paper lamb somewhere in the room. Once the lamb is hidden, tell the seeker to open their eyes, and you ask, "Where is the lamb?" As the seeker searches for the toy lamb, give them verbal clues. If they are not close to the lamb, or are headed the wrong way, shout out, "Cold!" As they gets closer to the lamb, the group says, "Getting warmer!" When they are very close to the lamb, say "Hot!" Once the seeker finds the lamb, play again!

Isaac asked his father, "Where is the lamb to sacrifice to God?" Abraham told him that God would give them the lamb to sacrifice, and God did. Abraham had faith in God to provide, and God provided a lamb to offer instead of Isaac. Later on, God would provide another sacrifice, His Son, Jesus. We don't have to die for our sin because Jesus died instead.



Materials: Sidewalk Chalk, Ruler

Proverbs 3:5-6 "Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways submit to Him, and He will make your paths straight."

God wants us to trust Him with our whole hearts and to follow His plans for us. But it can be hard. Sometimes we don't understand why God would ask us to do something hard. Other times we feel like we know what to do on our own and we don't even ask God what He would have us do. God wants to guide us in His ways because His plans are best. When we are following Him we can have faith that He will provide all we need along the way.

Using your chalk try to draw a long straight line. You can draw and draw and draw free hand, and you'll never make a line as straight as you do with a ruler. The ruler keeps your hand steady and keeps your chalk from going off course. With a ruler, you can draw straight and true every time. God has a path He wants us all to take, and like this line, it's straight and narrow. But on every side of this path are distractions and temptations designed to pull us off on a different path. God wants us to lean on him, just as we leaned on the ruler with the chalk, so He can make our path straight.



Before bed pull your child close beside you and say, "God loves you, God loves me, He will provide all I need!" As you tuck them into bed, sing, "God Gives us Everything We Need" (<a href="https://tinyurl.com/god-gives-need">https://tinyurl.com/god-gives-need</a>). Then pray together, pausing after each phrase to let your child repeat after you:

Dear God, You are our provider. You give us everything we need. Help me to have faith in You to provide. In Jesus' name, amen.