

BANANA NEWS



GO DEEPER

SPECIAL WORDS

MEMORY VERSE

HAVE FAITH IN CHOOSING GOD

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: IT'S A CHOICE

READ - Hebrews II:1, 24-26

Play a quick game of "Sit or Stand" with your child by verbally giving them two options and letting them tell you which one they would want. (ex: Sit if you would rather pet a monkey or stand if you'd rather pet a cow.) Life is full of choices! The choices Moses made proved he had faith in God. Whenever You are faced with a choice, pray first. Then choose God's way! Remember: Have Faith in Choosing God

DAY 2: IDENTITY

READ - 1 John 3:1-3

If someone asks, "who are you?", what would you say? Brainstorm ideas with your child that describe who they are/ways they are identified. Some of the things we like and do may change over time but other parts of our identity, like our birthday, don't change. When you chose to put your faith in God that becomes a part of your identity that will never change! Remember: Have Faith in Choosing God

DAY 3: MOSES' CHOICE

READ - Exodus 2:1-15

Moses grew up adopted by the Pharaoh's daughter! This meant that Moses was like an Egyptian prince! But when he saw the Hebrew slaves, did he treat them badly like other Egyptians did? No. In fact, he even stood up for them! He could have lived in a huge palace, with tons of delicious food, a nice big bedroom, never worrying about money, and having people serve him as a prince. But instead he chose to identify himself as one of God's chosen people. **Remember:** Have Faith in Choosing God

DAY 4: BE A PART

READ - Exodus 3:7-12

Take a moment and talk about your plans for the day. When might you have a plan but sometimes have to follow someone else's plan? God told Moses He knew how badly the Israelites were being treated and He had a plan to do something about it. God invited Moses to be a part of that plan. Moses had a decision to make. Because of his faith, Moses said, "Yes!" to following God's plan. When you choose your identity to be in God, you can choose to follow God's plan! Remember: Have Faith in Choosing God

DAY 5: GOD NEVER FAILS

READ - Exodus 3:14-17

As people, we often put our faith in other people or things, which is a good choice in many situations. However, other people and things can let us down. But God never fails us. He's perfect! He always does what He says He will do. So we can always choose to put our faith in Him. When you choose to identify yourself as a child of God, you can trust that your faith is in a VERY good place. **Remember: Have Faith in Choosing God**



Materials: I.D. Template

Our identity comes from the Creator of the universe. The statements below summarize the verses in parentheses. Take a moment, get your Bible, and read to your child what God says about them!

- I am the wonderful creation of a loving God. He knows everything about me (Psalm 139:13-14).
- I was made to reflect the image of God. My abilities to create, learn and love come from Him. I have so much in common with the Creator (Genesis 1:27).
- I am adopted into God's family, and I will live for eternity as His child (Romans 8:15).
- I've been created with a purpose. God has prepared good works for me to do, and He will " give me everything I need to carry them out (Ephesians 2:10).
- I was chosen by God, and I am special to Him (1 Peter 2:9).
- When I choose God I become a citizen of heaven; this world is not my home (Philippians 3:20).
- I am never in the dark. God's Word helps me find my way in dark times (Psalm 119:105).

Create your own I.D. card using the template. Add words that describe who you are and who you are to God!



Materials: beads, string, keychain, directions

This week we are looking at how God chose Moses. God chose Moses and Moses turned around and chose God has chosen each of us too, and He wants us to choose Him with all our heart like Moses. Make a keychain with colors that can remind you how to choose God. You can also use this keychain to share with others how they can choose God too!

Follow the picture directions to make a unique keychain design with the colors!

- Dark represents sin; it's all over our lives and separates us from God
- Red represents the blood of Jesus that cleanses us and brings forgiveness when we trust Him
- Clean (clear) represents His forgiveness when His blood cleans us white as snow
- Green represents the continued growth in our faith journey
- Yellow represents the streets of gold in Heaven our home one day if we have trusted Jesus as our Savior



CUDDLE CLOSE

Materials:None

Before bed pull your child close beside you and say, "I can put my faith in God!!" As you tuck them into bed, sing, "I Trust in Him" (https://tinyurl.com/ITrustinHim). Then pray together, pausing after each phrase to let your child repeat after you:

Dear God,

Thank you for making me special.

Help me to choose to say yes to you.

In Jesus' name, amen