

## **BANANA NEWS**



## **GO DEEPER**

## **BOTTOM LINE**

# HAVE FAITH IN CHOOSING GOD

### **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: IT'S A CHOICE**

READ - Hebrews II:1, 24-26

Life is full of choices! The choices Moses made proved he had faith in God. Each time Moses made one of these decisions he was at a fork in the road of his life, and he had to choose the path he thought was what God wanted him to do. Whenever You are faced with a choice, pray first. Then choose wisely and with faith in God! Remember: Have Faith in Choosing God

#### **DAY 2: IDENTITY**

READ - 1 John 3:1-3

If someone asks, "who are you?", what you tell them is what you think of as being part of your identity. You may say, "I'm a gymnast." "I'm a football player." "I'm a student." "I'm an artist." Some of the things we like and do may change over time, but other parts of our identity, like our birthday, don't change. If you have made the choice to ask God to forgive you of your sin, and you choose to follow Jesus with your life, then you are a child of God –and that is 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

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 accepted who God was calling him to be, the leader of the Israelites! When you choose your identity to be in God, you can choose to follow God's plan and be a part of leading others to have faith in Him too!

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#### **DAY 5: GOD NEVER FAILS**

READ - Exodus 3:14-17

We often put our faith in other people or things. 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 what God says about you!

- 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).
- If I have admitted my sin and asked for forgiveness, believed in Jesus, chosen to make Him my leader, then 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 also chose God! 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



Materials: action cards, Bible

It is important to memorize God's word. See if you can memorize Hebrews 1:11. Use the cards to help make memorizing fun!

- Read the memory verse together from the Bible.
- Cut out the action cards then mix them up and spread them out on a table.
- Choose a card and do the action written on the card.
- If you have multiple players take turns drawing cards and following the directions.