

BANANA NEWS



GO DEEPER

BOTTOM LINE

PRAY TO ME, AND I WILL HEAR YOU

MEMORY VERSE

Then you will call upon me and come and pray to me, and I will hear you. You will seek me and find me, when you seek me with all your heart.

Jeremiah 29:12-13 (ESV)

DAILY DEVOTIONS

DAY 1: REMOVE DISTRACTIONS

READ - 2 Kings 18:3-7a

God promises to hear us when we call on Him. Isn't that amazing!! King Hezekiah realized that the Israelites had stopped praying to God because they had become distracted by things around them. Praying is talking to God. God knows everything about you but He still wants you to talk with Him. He wants you to tell Him about your day, what is good, what is hard, and more! What things distract you from talking to God? **Remember God says, "Pray to Me, and I will hear you."**

DAY 2: GOD HEARS YOU

READ - Hebrews 4:16, 1 John 5:14

God promises to hear us. That's pretty incredible! Especially when you think about all the billions of people in the world, how many of them pray to the One True God, and how He hears us all! Hezekiah had so much faith in God and He trusted that God heard him when he prayed. When you talk with God, do you pray with the confidence that He hears you? **Remember God says, "Pray to Me, and I will hear you."**

DAY 3: PRAY FIRST

READ - 2 Kings 19:9-11, 14-19

The king of Assyria was insulting the One True God of the universe. Hezekiah didn't go and get his army together and rush out to defend the name of God by attacking the Assyrian army. Instead, Hezekiah turned to God and prayed first! He trusted that God heard him when he prayed. He turned to God before coming up with his own solution. When you are faced with a problem, do you talk with God first? **Remember God says, "Pray to Me, and I will hear you."**

DAY 4: GOD ANSWERS HEZEKIAH

READ - 2 Kings 19:20, 32-37, Isaiah 65:24

God heard and answered Hezekiah's prayer. If you are a child of God and are seeking His will when you pray, God will hear and answer you. He may not choose to answer your prayer the way you think you want Him to, but He still wants you to pray to Him. He has a plan for you, so you can trust His answers even if they aren't what you think you wanted. What do you want to pray to God about today? **Remember God says, "Pray to Me, and I will hear you."**

DAY 5: THANK HIM

READ - Luke 11:9-10, Psalm 145:18, 1 Thessalonians 5:17

Just like you talk to your best friend or someone in your family, God wants you to talk with Him! He loves you so much, and He loves time spent with you through prayer. Hezekiah laid out his problems before the Lord knowing that God would hear him, and then Hezekiah trusted God's plan. Take a moment right now to pray and thank God for hearing you when you pray. **Remember God says, "Pray to Me, and I will hear you."**



Materials: Journal, Pen

God wants to hear from you! A great way to start the conversation is by creating a prayer journal. You can use any type of notebook. In your journal you can write down the things you pray to God about and any thoughts you get that you believe are from God. Here are some great ideas on things you can write in your prayer journal every day:

- **Gratitude** Make a list of things that happened during your day that you are thankful for.
- God Help Others Write down things you want to see God help others with.
- God Help Me Write down how you want God to help you.
- Answered Prayer Keep a list of when God answers a prayer and how He answered it.
- **Time with God in Scripture** Write down a verse you read that day and what you heard or learned from God in that verse.



Materials: 11 Balloons, Paper, Pen

Write the memory verse on a piece of paper and then cut out every three words together and then roll them up. You should end up with 11 pieces including the reference. Then blow up each balloon and place one roll inside of each of them. If the weather is nice take your balloons outside or find an open space in your home. Set a timer and see how quickly you can pop all of the balloons, grab the slips of paper, and put the verse in order!

Play again using new balloons or challenge a family member to play and see if they can beat your time!

Memory Verse: "Then you will call upon me and come and pray to me, and I will hear you. You will seek me and find me, when you seek me with all your heart." Jeremiah 29:12-13



Materials: Paper, Markers, Scissors

Fold a piece of paper in half. Draw half a heart shape on the fold, and add lines to make it resemble an ear. Cut around the outer edge of the ear. Then open the fold and lay the ear flat. What shape did the two ears make? A heart!

God listens to our prayers through ears of love. Because God loves you and wants to take care of you, He hears you when you pray. On your heart, write down how you know God loves you. Put your heart somewhere to remind you that God loves when you pray to Him.

