

## **BANANA NEWS**



# **GO DEEPER**

## **SPECIAL WORDS**

## **MEMORY VERSE**

I NEED
(HUG SELF)
A SAVIOR
(POINT UP)

Waiting for our blessed hope, the appearing of the glory of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ. *Titus 2:13 (ESV)* 

# **DAILY DEVOTIONS**

#### **DAY 1: THE CHOICE**

READ - Genesis 3:1-7, Romans 3:23

Play a game of "Follow the Leader" with your child. Then ask: What things did we just do? Would you follow me if I did something wrong? (give some examples) It would not be good to follow me if I did something wrong. God wants us to do the right thing even if other people around us are doing the wrong thing. Adam and Eve both knew what God had told them to do but, they chose to follow what Satan told them to do instead. We all make wrong choices sometimes which is why we need Jesus! **Remember because of my sin: I need a Savior** 

#### **DAY 2: GOD KNOWS YOU**

READ - Psalm 139:1-6

David wrote about when God sees us. Where are some places David says God can see us? (Help your child come up with answers) Is there anything you could do that God could not see? What are some things God might see you do that would make Him happy? What are some things God might see you do that would make Him sad? We all sin and make God sad sometimes, but that is why He promised a Savior. **Remember because of my sin: I need a Savior** 

#### **DAY 3: NO HIDING**

READ - Genesis 3:8-10

Play a game of hide and seek with your child then talk together. After Adam and Eve disobeyed God they felt worried and sad. They tried to hide from God. Can anyone hide from God? No! Sometimes you may think if you hide what you have done wrong no one will know or maybe you won't have the consequences for the wrong choice you made. But God does know. No one can hide their sin from God. **Remember because of my sin: I need a Savior** 

#### **DAY 4: CHOOSE WHAT'S RIGHT**

READ - Proverbs 3:5-6

Come up with simple scenarios with a good choice and a bad choice option and ask your child which choice option they think is a good choice. (Ex: Mom says to clean up your toys. 1. Stomping your feet. 2. Picking up your toys) You can choose to make good or bad choices. When we make bad choices it is called sin and sin makes God sad. The Bible says God wants to help you make good choices. Let's ask God to help us make good choices today. **Remember because of my sin: I need a Savior** 

### **Day 5: JESUS IS OUR SAVIOR**

READ - John 3:16, Titus 2:13

God had a plan for Jesus to defeat Satan from the beginning. A Savior named Jesus. Jesus died on the cross for our sins. He took our punishment when He died on the cross, and when He came back to life, three days later, He proved that He was God and He has all power over sin and death! **Remember because of my sin: I need a Savior** 



Materials: red finger light, green finger light

Play a game of "red light, green light." Create a start and finish line. Begin with everyone along the starting line. When you say 'Green Light', hold up your green finger light, and everyone will move towards the finish line. When you say 'Red Light', hold up your red finger light, and everyone must immediately stop. If players are still moving when you call 'Red Light', they must go back to the starting line. Start a new round when everyone gets across the finish line or when most of the players make it across the finish line.

It is important to be quick to listen and obey, especially God's words! Would the game have been as interesting without rules? Explain that it is much the same in real life, rules and laws make life much better. Rules also keep us safe and are there to help us. Take a few moments and think about some of God's "rules". Are you able to keep all of God's rules all the time? We will never be able to keep all of God's rules perfectly, which is why we need a Savior!

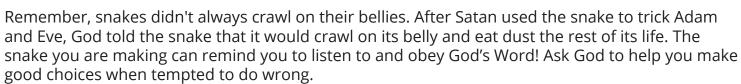


# **SNEAKY SNAKE**

Materials: paper plate, markers, scissors, yarn

Create a paper plate snake.

- 1. Draw a spiral shape onto a paper plate with a marker.
- 2. Use markers to make stripes and dots on the entire surface of the paper plate, front and back.
- 3. Next, cut along the spiral line from the outside to the center of the paper plate.
- 4. Draw eyes on the center of the plate snake to make the face.
- 5. With the tip of the scissors, poke a small hole above the snake's eyes.
- 6. Thread your yarn through the hole and double knot it at the back of the snake's head.
- 7. Lift up the twine to make the snake slither and move.





# **CUDDLE CLOSE**

Materials: None

Before bed pull your child close beside you and say, "Jesus is the Savior!" As you tuck them into bed sing, "How Great is our God" (<a href="www.tinyurl.com/howgreatyancy">www.tinyurl.com/howgreatyancy</a>). Then pray together, pausing after each phrase, to let your child repeat after you:

Dear God, Thank you for your love. Help me to do what is right. Help me remember I need a Savior. In Jesus' name, Amen.

