

Joy is choosing to celebrate what God is doing.

DAY 1

Read John 3:16-18, NIV

Think about your day yesterday.

Did you say something you wish you could take back?

Did you hurt someone else's feelings? Did you lie so you wouldn't get in trouble?

Did you know that God NEVER does anything wrong? God never lies. God never does something unkind or hurtful. God is perfect.

We are far from perfect. But there is good news! Because God sent Jesus, there is a way for all those mess-ups—our sin—to be forgiven. When we trust Jesus as our Savior and choose to follow Him, we can have a relationship with God forever! We can have JOY because of Jesus.

Take a minute to tell God you're sorry for one of your mess-ups. Thank God for sending Jesus so you can be forgiven and ask for help to make a different choice next time.

DAY 2

Read Mark 10:27, NIV

Can you...

lift a car?

run from one end of a continent to another?

memorize the entire Bible?

go for a whole summer without any screen time?

be nice to your little sister or brother for a WHOLE month?

Some things seem impossible. Some things truly ARE impossible for us. But nothing is impossible for God. God can do anything. God loves you enough to send Jesus, to bring you JOY.

Fill in the blank below with your own name or the name of the strongest person you know.

With, this is impossible. But not with God. All things are possible with God.

Pray and thank God for being powerful enough to do the impossible, and personal enough to know and love you forever.

DAY 3

Read Psalm 21:5-7, NIV

Name some people you can depend on in the space below:

Psalm 40:16 reminds us that we can always count on God. God IS great and promises we will never be left alone. God proved how much we are loved by sending Jesus over 2000 years ago. You can count on God. No matter what happens around you, even if you have the worst day ever, you are not alone. You can have joy because God is with you.

You Can Count On God

Write this verse on a card and stick it somewhere you will see it every day, as a reminder that you can always count on God!

Read this verse out loud and thank God for being a great, big, loving God that you can always count on!

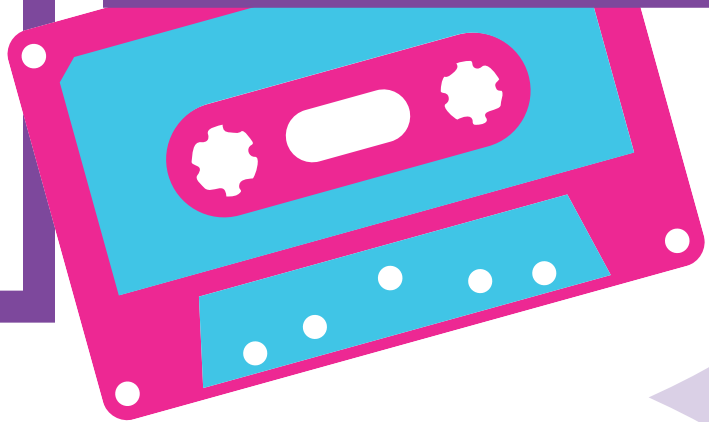
DAY 4

Read Matthew 1:21, NIV

It might feel a bit strange to read today's verse in the middle of the summer. But this good news is important for us to hear all year long. Because THIS baby would grow up to do what no one else could do!

We all sin or do things we know are wrong, except for God. God NEVER sins. Because God LOVES us, Jesus came to take the punishment for sin by dying on the cross. Three days later, He rose from the dead to prove that nothing could ever separate us again. Jesus came to live on earth so that He could rescue us. That's why we can have JOY!

Read this verse with your grownup and talk about what it means. Spend some time praying together, thanking God for sending Jesus to be your Savior —who brings you joy!



**We can have joy
because of Jesus.**