

God's Everyday Treasures

Devotion

A devotion to be used with your family or your faith family.

Opening Prayer: Heavenly Father, thank You for this day. Guide us through today and give us the strength to serve You in all we do. Help us to recognize the reminders of Your love and care You provide to us each day. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

Take a walk with your family group. If possible, collect a small rock, a stick, and a flower. If it is not possible to collect items, look for them along your walk. Also look for a bird, animals, and an interesting cloud.

Instructions:

Reflect on the items and relate them to the Scripture passages below. Be encouraged to add other verses which show God's loving care.

Read Genesis 1:20–25.

Bird/Fish/Animals: God created all the birds, fish, and other animals with such amazing features. Birds have hollow bones so they are light enough to fly. Some fish can hold air in an organ called a swim bladder so they can float or sink down in the water. Squirrels have fluffy tails to help them balance. Seeing these amazing creatures helps us to remember how marvelously He made us also.

Read Acts 1:6–11.

Clouds: God separated the sky from the land and created clouds. There are many kinds of clouds to signal different kinds of weather. They also help create beautiful sunrises and sunsets. Imagine you were there to see Jesus ascending into heaven, becoming hidden by a cloud.

Read Matthew 6:25–34.

Flowers/Plants: Wow! There are so many different kinds of flowers and plants. God created plants which feed animals, such as the clover that rabbits like to nibble, and the fruits and vegetables we like to eat. He uses the flowers as an example of how we can trust Him to take care of us.

Read John 10:14–15.

Stick: What are some ways a stick may be used? A little twig seems worthless until we consider how a bird might use it to help build a solid nest or a camper might use it to help start a fire for warmth. A larger stick might help someone walk. A shepherd might use a stick to help care for his sheep. Jesus, our Good Shepherd, cared so much for us that He gave His life for our salvation.

Read Psalm 18:1–2.

Rocks: What are some characteristics of rocks? They are hard, strong, and useful in building things. Jesus is the rock of our salvation. The devil tried his hardest to tempt Jesus in the wilderness, but Jesus wouldn't give in. Jesus was strong enough to endure suffering and death so we could live forever with Him in heaven. His Words give us the building blocks of salvation. He is always strong enough to protect us and keep us safe.

God put many reminders of His loving care in place for us to see every day. Remember to look around and see them. Rejoice in His loving care! Seek His Word to build faith! Remember to thank Him for all He gives us, especially the gift of salvation.

Closing Song:

(Sing to the tune of “Jesus Loves Me, This I Know!”)

Thank You, God, for this new day!
Bless all I do and all I say.
Help me to feel safe and strong,
So, I can serve You all day long.

Yes! Jesus loves me!
Yes! Jesus keeps me!
Yes! Jesus saves me!
The Bible tells me so!

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