

DAY 6

Psalm 13:5 NIV

You've probably been let down before by someone that you love. Maybe it was a parent, or a sibling, or even a best friend. The thing about God's love is that it won't ever let you down. When we read Psalms like this one, we can see that the author trusted in God's unfailing love. He could find joy knowing that the love God offered him was a love that wouldn't fail. And we can find joy in that too!

Today, write down what unfailing love means to you. Then, find a worship song that talks about God's love. Listen to the lyrics of it, and thank God for offering you that kind of love. Keep that song on repeat this week when you need to be reminded that you can find joy in God's unfailing love!

DAY 7

Psalm 119:105 NIV

If we look around at the world, we can find all kinds of things that might make us struggle to believe all God has promised is true. The pain, heartache, and hardships in this world seem to be all around us. Thankfully, we have God's Word to remind us of what's true in these moments. Not only will Scripture help us get through those hard times, it will also strengthen our faith when we turn to it.

To finish the work of memorizing this verse, say it aloud as a prayer. When you find yourself struggling to believe or wondering if God is really there, come back to this verse and recite it in prayer, asking God to remind you of what's true!

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everyday faith.

COMPASS / WEEK 4

MIDDLE SCHOOL

DAY 1

Proverbs 4:13 NIV

The Bible contains lots of important instructions for us. Solomon, the author of Proverbs, tells us to not let this instruction go. He encourages us to hold onto it and not let it go in our minds. Think about all of the songs and movie quotes that you have memorized in your mind. Imagine how much of the Bible you could memorize, too! The more that we read the Bible, the more we'll keep it in our minds. The more we have it in our minds, the better we'll be able to remember this truth when we need it.

Set a goal to memorize a couple of verses this week. Start with this one, reminding yourself of Solomon's words to hold on to instruction and guard it well.

DAY 2

Jeremiah 29:13 NIV

Can you think of a time when you were promised something only for it to not actually happen? The good news is that we have access to a God who never breaks promises. God's Word is filled with promises that God will always keep. One of those promises is in the book of Jeremiah: the promise that if we seek God, we will find God.

Today, find one way to seek God. Maybe it's through a conversation with friends about your faith, spending time in God's Word, praying, or connecting with God in nature. Whatever it is for you, take just one step knowing God will be there when you do.

DAY 3

Psalm 119:4 NLT

The Bible is filled with God's guidance on how we can become really good at life. In the pages of Scripture, we find more than just stories or accounts of the lives of those who experienced and followed God thousands of years ago. We find God's actual voice—words from God and commandments that will help us follow God in our everyday lives. Will it always be easy? No! But will it be worth it? Absolutely!

Today, spend a minute in prayer. Ask God to help you follow God's Word so that you can become even better at life.

DAY 4

Psalm 104:5 NIV

God is so powerful. I mean, God created everything. As the Psalmist says, God literally "set the earth on its foundations." And God did it so perfectly that it cannot be moved. What a comfort this can be to us! Sometimes life feels like it is falling apart around us. Things feel shaky and unstable. In those moments, we can remember that the same God who created and holds together every detail of the world also created and holds every detail of our lives.

Find ten minutes to go outside today. When you do, pay attention to the details of creation around you. Let them remind you of the God who created and holds it all.

DAY 5

Psalm 119:11 NLT

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Have you ever walked somewhere at night when it is so dark you can't see a thing in front of you? It is terrifying. You might trip on obstacles you can't see and be scared of what is around you.

This is exactly what it is like to do life without the ultimate guide that God gave us: the Bible. It's like we are stumbling around in the dark without a flashlight. But the Bible is like our flashlight in the dark. The Bible gives instructions for how we can live our lives in a way that God wants us to live. It teaches us how to follow Jesus and how to be better at life!

So I challenge you today: keep reading the Bible! Today, start by reading more of Psalm 119. Then, ask God to continue using the Bible to help you navigate whatever it is that you are facing this week.