

# **Devotional Supplement for Families**

**Each section of this devotional supplement has a specific goal:**

**Part I: To help your children understand the significance of God's Word**

**Part II: To help your children understand Who God is**

**Part III: To help your children understand what God is like**

**This devotional is intended to be supplemental. It is designed to introduce your children to God's Word through context as well as memorization, to some figures in church history, and to Christian doctrine.**

**Parents are encouraged to read through the entire chapter of the verse for the week and to help their children understand the Bible in general. This curriculum is intended to provide structure, to introduce new concepts, and to reinforce the efforts parents are already making.**

**Overview:**

The goal of this curriculum is to supplement your family devotional time with your kids. Children should be encouraged to memorize Scripture, to understand basic theology (even at a young age), and to serve others.

As you lead your children through this study it is important to record benchmarks. Is your child memorizing the verses each week? As their instructor, please note that children learn at their own pace. You may have to make adjustments to this material to benefit your child.

**Each week has three components:** explanation of a passage to be memorized, the verse that is memorized, and either a measurement of growth or a project for application.

## Week 1: The Bible is God-breathed

**2 Timothy 3:16-17 (NASB):** *All Scripture is inspired by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, for training in righteousness; so that the man of God may be adequate, equipped for every good work.*

**Explanation** (Please read to your kids on Mon. and Wed.)

Paul wrote to his friend Timothy (a pastor). Timothy was trying to tell people about God, but some people didn't like that. Paul told Timothy that the only way to make sure he was doing the right things, and the only way to know that he believed the right things, was by knowing God's Word, the Bible. Paul told Timothy that the Bible wasn't made up by other people, but instead that the Bible is God's Word. God wants us to know what He is like, and He wants us to obey Him. We need to trust the Bible.

In our verse for the week, there are a few big words. Let's look at those:

**Teaching-** The Bible helps us to know what is true about God.

**Reproof-** The Bible tells us when we need to ask God to forgive us because we've done wrong.

**Correction-** The Bible helps us when we are confused about right and wrong.

### **Weekly Overview**

**M:** Memory verse and explanation

**T:** Work on memory verse

**W:** Memory verse and explanation

**Th:** Work on memory verse

**Fri:** Westminster Confession of Faith reading and work on memory verse

**Sat:** Ask your child to explain what they've learned about the Bible and to recite the memory verse.

**Sun:** N/A

**Training in righteousness-** The Bible helps us to do the things God wants us to do.

**Memory Verse** (Review with your children each day from Monday through Friday. Ask them to recite it on Saturday to you)

**2 Timothy 3:16** (NASB)- *All Scripture is inspired by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, for training in righteousness*

**Westminster Confession of Faith, Chapter 1, Section 4** (Share with your child on Friday)

*The Bible speaks authoritatively and so deserves to be believed and obeyed. This authority does not depend on the testimony of any man or church but completely on God, its Author, Who is Himself Truth. The Bible therefore is to be accepted as true, because it is the Word of God.*

*(<https://epc.org/wp-content/uploads/Files/1-Who-We-Are/B-About-The-EPC/WCF-ModernEnglish.pdf>)*

**Saturday follow up:**

*Is the Bible God's Word or the word of man?*

*Can we trust the Bible?*

*What does the Bible help us to understand?*

*What is the memory verse for this week?*

## Weekly Overview

**M:** Explanation and memory

**T:** Work on memory verse

**W:** Explanation and memory

**Th:** Work on memory verse

**F:** Discuss Martin Luther

**Sat:** Ask your child to explain what they've learned about the Bible and to recite the memory verse

**Sun:** N/A

## Week 2: The Bible Helps us to be Holy

John 17:17 (NASB) - *Sanctify them in the truth: Your word is truth.*

**Explanation** (Please go over with your children on Monday and Wednesday)

This verse, John 17:17 is in the middle of Jesus' prayer to God the Father on the night He was arrested (the night before He was crucified). Jesus prayed for His disciples- not just the 12, but for everyone who would ever follow Him. He prayed that we would grow in holiness, or be sanctified. The only way for us to grow in holiness (to be more like Jesus in goodness) is to know His Word and to obey it.

This verse has one big word for us:

**Sanctify**- this means to set someone or something apart as holy. Christians are being set apart by God as holy as we become increasingly good. We become like Jesus and less like the sinners we were apart from Him. The Bible helps us to see our need for God's forgiveness, so that we can be right with Him. The Bible helps us to see what we should be doing so we can please Him.

**Memory verse** (Review with your children each day from Monday through Friday. Ask them to recite it on Saturday to you)

**John 17:17** (NASB)- *Sanctify them in the truth: Your word is truth*

### **Martin Luther**



Martin Luther (1483- 1546), was a priest who, after reading the Bible closely, came to believe that the Bible is the final authority for how Christians should live. He believed that the only way for a Christian to be sanctified was by obeying God's Word, not by trying to obey commands of others. Please have your child watch this video to understand who Martin Luther was:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tox2TflUH90>

### **Saturday follow up:**

What does it mean to be sanctified?

What did Martin Luther believe about the Bible?

What was this week's memory verse?

## Weekly Overview

**M:** Explanation and work on the memory verse

**T:** Work on the memory verse

**W:** Explanation and work on the memory verse

**Th:** Work on the memory verse

**F:** Service

**Sat:** Weekly review

## Week 3: The Bible Helps Us to Know What God Wants Us to Do

Psalm 119:35 (NASB)- *Make me walk in the path of Your commandments, for I delight in it.*

**Explanation** (Please share with your child on Monday and Wednesday)

Psalm 119 is the longest chapter in the Bible. It is 176 verses long! It helps us to understand how wonderful God's Word is. God's Word helps us to know what God wants us to do. The Bible describes the way God wants us to walk as a "path" often in Scripture. All paths have two things in common: they lay out a specific way we are supposed to walk and they have a destination. Christians are supposed to walk a certain way: we are supposed to know, love, and obey God's Word. The Bible helps us to understand exactly what God wants us to do. God doesn't suggest we act certain ways- He commands us to do things that are right. Because we love God, we should be glad to do things that please Him.

All paths lead somewhere. If we obey God's Word and walk the path It sets for us, the end result will be that God is pleased. The biblical word is *glorified*. God receives our obedience as worship, meaning that we show Him how much He means to us. He should mean more to us than anything or anyone else.

We obey God when we do things that show Him we love Him and when do good things for other people. God has commanded us to love others.

**Memory verse** (Review with your children each day from Monday through Friday. Ask them to recite it on Saturday to you)

**Psalm 119:35** (NASB)- *Make me walk in the path of Your commandments, for I delight in it.*

**Service** (Encourage your child to do this act of service on Friday)

Because God has commanded us to love other people, we must show them we love them. Please find a way to show someone outside of your house that you love them because God loves them. You can send someone a card, a picture you have drawn, or you can help someone. Remember that you are helping them because you love God and want to obey His Word.



**Saturday Review:**

How does God want us to feel about other people?

If we love other people, will we do good things?

If we love God, will we obey His Word?

What is this week's memory verse?

## Weekly Overview

**M:** Explanation of the memory verse and work on the verse

**T:** Work on the memory verse

**W:** Explanation of the memory verse and work on the verse

**Th:** Work on the memory verse

**Fri:** Talk to your children about salvation

**Saturday:** Review

# Week 4: Be Doers of the Word

**James 1:22** (NASB)- *But prove yourselves doers of the Word, and not merely hearers who delude themselves.*

**Explanation** (Please go over with your child on Monday and Wednesday)

This verse can be confusing for many Christians. Some think that you need to do good things in order for you to be loved by God or to be saved (make sure your children know what this means). The Bible is clear that the Christian life isn't all about "trying hard enough." It's about loving God and living as though we do. Because we love God, we want to obey His Word. If we are really His followers, the Holy Spirit gives us strength to be able to do good things for Him.

We still have to do our best, however, to partner with God in the work He is doing in our lives. We need to read the Bible so that we know what it says. Being doers of the Word means that we do everything we can, through our partnership with God, to obey His Word... doing things that show our love for Him and for other people. Then, we need to obey what it says. If we do not obey what it says, we are lying to ourselves about us pleasing God. We cannot please God if we are disobeying Him.

This verse has a tough word for us:

**Delude-** We can become confused into thinking we are holier than we are if we do not obey God's Word. Lots of people think they are living the life God wants them to live, but if they aren't obeying the Bible, they aren't.

**Memory verse** (Review with your children each day from Monday through Friday. Ask them to recite it on Saturday to you)

**James 1:22** (NASB)- *But prove yourselves doers of the Word, and not merely hearers who delude themselves.*

**Salvation-** Please talk to your children about what it means to be saved (to come to saving faith in Jesus Christ, believing that He has forgiven them of their sins, and their acknowledgement that He is Lord). Ask them to tell you what it means to be "saved" or to be a Christian, and then clarify anything they don't understand. Ask them questions and be ready to answer theirs. Remember that being saved is more than simply going to heaven, although that is certainly an important part. When we are saved, we are forgiven of our sins and we are empowered to live lives that glorify God. If you need assistance, please contact me.

**Saturday Review:**

What does it mean to be saved?

If we don't obey God's Word, what can we become confused about?

How can we be doers of the Word?

What was this week's memory verse?

## Weekly Overview

**M:** 2 Tim. 3:16

**T:** Jn. 17:17

**W:** Ps. 119:35

**Th:** James 1:22

**Fri:** WCoF

**Saturday:** Exam

\*You can assign a grade to the exam if you'd like or you are welcome simply to use it as a benchmark to examine progress.

# Week 5: Review Week

Please review the verse listed on the weekly overview along with the explanation of each verse. On Friday, please review the Westminster Confession of Faith section from week 1 (Friday).

## Exam:

- 1. Please recite the following memory verses:** 2 Timothy 3:16, Jn. 17:17, Ps. 119:35, James 1:22
- 2. Please explain what it means to be saved**
- 3. What does it mean to be a doer of the Word?**
- 4. What does sanctified mean?**

### **Weekly Overview**

**M:** Explanation of the memory verse and work on the verse

**T:** Work on the memory verse

**W:** Explanation of the memory verse and work on the verse

**Th:** Work on the verse

**Fri:** Nicene Creed

**Sat:** Review

## **Week 6: We believe in God!**

**Genesis 1:1** (NASB)- *In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.*

**Explanation** (Please go over with your child on Monday and Wednesday)

These are the opening words of the Bible: “In the beginning God...” The Bible isn’t another book that tells us stories, it is God’s story about Himself and His interaction with the world He created. He created us for a purpose: that we might know Him and enjoy His works forever, according to the Westminster Confession of Faith. God wants us to know Him. He wants us to know that He is real and that He is there for us at all time. Do you believe that God exists? Has He answered your prayers? Did you know that He created everything you can see (and everything you can’t)?

**Memory verse** (Review with your children each day from Monday through Friday. Ask them to recite it on Saturday to you)

**Genesis 1:1** (NASB)- *In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth*

### **The Nicene Creed**

Is a statement of  
Orthodox, or *right* faith  
By the early church in  
Response to certain false  
Teachings. It was the  
Result of the Council  
Of Nicea in 325 AD.

Baptists are non-creedal,  
Not confessional meaning  
That we value the input of  
All generations of  
Christianity, but we do not  
Treat any creed as binding  
Nevertheless, this creed is  
A most significant one and  
Should be known by all  
Believers.

### **The Nicene Creed**

We believe in one God,  
the Father almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ,  
the only Son of God,  
begotten from the Father before all ages,  
God from God,  
Light from Light,  
true God from true God,  
begotten, not made;  
of the same essence as the Father.  
Through him all things were made.  
For us and for our salvation  
he came down from heaven;  
he became incarnate by the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary,

and was made human.

He was crucified for us under Pontius Pilate;

he suffered and was buried.

The third day he rose again, according to the Scriptures.

He ascended to heaven

and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again with glory

to judge the living and the dead.

His kingdom will never end.

And we believe in the Holy Spirit,

the Lord, the giver of life.

He proceeds from the Father and the Son,

and with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified.

He spoke through the prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.

We affirm one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look forward to the resurrection of the dead,

and to life in the world to come. Amen.



### **Weekly review**

What does the fool believe?

Who wrote Psalm 90?

Will there ever be a time when God won't exist?

What does Psalm 90:2 say?

### **Weekly Overview**

**M:** Explanation of the verse and work on the memory verse

**T:** Work on the memory verse

**W:** Explanation of the verse and work on the memory verse

**Th:** Work on the memory verse

**Fri:** Definition of the Trinity

**Sat:** Review

## **Week 7: The Trinity**

**Matthew 28:19** (NASB)- *Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit*

**Explanation** (Please go over with your child on Monday and Wednesday)

In Matthew 28, Jesus was preparing to go back to the Father in heaven after rising from the dead. He wanted His disciples (including us) to know what we should be doing while we wait for Him to return. Jesus said that we need to be telling other people how they can come to faith in Him, how they can grow in their faith, and what they need to do after they trust in Him for salvation. Interestingly, Jesus says that those who become Christians need to become publicly identified with Him by being baptized in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

As Christians, we do not worship three God; our God is one. Yet, we understand that the Godhead consists of three co-equal, co-eternal Persons: the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. Many have tried to explain the Trinity using illustrations, but those almost

## **The Trinity**

This doctrine is confusing for most believers. How do we make sense of it for children? We can do the best we can to accurately define the Trinity and allow mystery to be a part of their faith on this topic. We do not have to understand everything. We trust in God's Word and so we know that some things are beyond our understanding.

universally fail. The best way to understand the mystery of the Trinity is to think of God as one "What" and three "Who's". The "What" is the essence or nature of God.

**Memory verse** (Please review each day and ask to be recited on Saturday)

Matthew 28:19 (NASB)- *Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit*

**A Definition for the Trinity** (Please share with your child on Friday)

As noted, it is possible your child won't fully grasp this concept. That's ok! Feel free to interact with your child to help him or her to understand the deity of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, which we will look at closer in the upcoming weeks). This definition comes from James White's book, *The Forgotten Trinity*:

Within the one Being Who is God, there exists eternally three coequal and coeternal Persons, namely, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. (White, p. 26)

On the next page, he wrote:

Hank Hanegraaff, president of *Christian Research Institute*, has often expressed this point in a wonderfully simple and clear way: when speaking of the Trinity, we need to realize that we are talking about one what and three who's. The one what is the Being or essence of God; the three who's are the Father, Son, and Spirit. We dare not mix up the what's and the who's regarding the Trinity (White, pg. 27)

It is important that we do not confuse children with poor theology. Illustrations, while well-intended, often convey false notions about God. The “water illustration” and the “clover illustration” come to mind. Neither are accurate depictions of the Trinity.

(White, James. 1998. *The Forgotten Trinity*. Bethany House Publishers, Bloomington, MN)

**Review** (Please review on Saturday)

How many Gods do we believe in?

Into Whose name are we to be baptized?

How many Persons are there in the Trinity?

What was this week's memory verse?

### Weekly Overview

**M:** Explanation and memory

**T:** Memory verse

**W:** Explanation and memory

**Th:** Memory verse

**Fri:** Nicene Creed

**Sat:** Review

## Week 8: The Deity of Jesus

**John 11:25** (NASB)- *Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life; he who believes in Me will live even if he dies."*

**Explanation** (Please go over with your child on Monday and Wednesday)

In John 11, we find one of Jesus' greatest miracles. His friend Lazarus had died, and his family was grieving his passing. Jesus came to visit. Jesus would raise Lazarus from the dead, but before He did, He told Lazarus' family what faith in Him could do: it would result in everlasting life. We know that everlasting life means life that does not end. When our physical bodies die, we go into the presence of God throughout all eternity in a place called heaven.

Jesus told Lazarus' family that they had to believe in Him. What were they supposed to believe? They needed to believe that He is God. Jesus isn't a created being like we are. He has always existed, and He has always been God. He always will be.

**Memory verse** (Please review with your child Monday through Friday then ask to recite on Sat.)

**John 11:25** (NASB)- *Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life; he who believes in Me will live even if he dies."*

**Nicene Creed** (Share with your child on Friday)

This will be familiar. We reviewed it a few weeks ago. However, I want us to focus in on the part about Jesus' deity. Note that it proclaimed Jesus to be equal with God the Father.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ,  
the only Son of God,  
begotten from the Father before all ages,  
God from God,  
Light from Light,  
true God from true God,  
begotten, not made;  
of the same essence as the Father.

Through Him all things were made.  
For us and for our salvation  
He came down from heaven;

He became incarnate by the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary,  
and was made human.  
He was crucified for us under Pontius Pilate;  
He suffered and was buried.  
The third day he rose again, according to the Scriptures.  
He ascended to heaven  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again with glory  
to judge the living and the dead.  
His kingdom will never end.

**Review** (Saturday)

Was Jesus created or has He always been God?

Is Jesus equal with God the Father?

What was our memory verse for the week?



### Weekly Overview

**M:** Explanation and memory

**T:** Memory verse

**W:** Explanation and memory

**Th:** Memory verse

**Fri:** Outreach

**Sat:** Review

**Bonus:** Amy Carmichael

## Week 9: The Deity of the Holy Spirit

**Acts 1:8** (NASB)- *“But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be My witnesses both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and even to the remotest part of the earth.”*

**Explanation** (Please share with your child on Monday and Wednesday)

After Jesus rose from the dead, He spent forty days with them before ascending to heaven. During that time, He appeared to many witnesses, affirming His resurrection and preparing them for the day when He would go to the Father. As He spoke with the disciples on the day He ascended to heaven, He told them that they would be His witnesses- they would tell people about Him and about how they too could have a relationship with Him. He said they would have power because the Holy Spirit would be with them. In this way, Jesus affirmed the deity of the Holy Spirit, Whose work would enable them, and us, to faithfully tell other people about Jesus.

Where would they be sent to tell people about Jesus? All over. First, they would share the good news about Jesus right where they were in Jerusalem. From there, the

message would go out to the local area (Judea and Samaria), and ultimately it would be shared across the whole world!

Today, missionaries are still needed to tell people about Jesus. Although most people groups have been told about Jesus, there are still some that need someone to take the Good News of the Gospel to them. Maybe that will be you!

**Memory verse** (Review Monday through Friday, and ask your child to recite on Sat.)

**Acts 1:8** (NASB)- *“But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be My witnesses both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and even to the remotest parts of the earth.*

**Service** (Friday)

It is important that we tell people about Jesus, no matter how old we are. Ask your child who he or she would like to tell about Jesus. You can share the Good News about Jesus with anyone by calling, sharing the message with a family member over Zoom or Facetime, or by sending a picture about Jesus with some words. This is another

opportunity to talk to your children about what the Gospel means as well as explaining why it is so important we share the Gospel.

Remember to tell your child that the power to share the Gospel comes from the Holy Spirit. He was working in the early church and He is still at work today!

### **Saturday (Review)**

Is the Holy Spirit God?

Why is it important that we share the Gospel with others?

Where did Jesus want the disciples to go and tell others about Him?

Who empowered them, and Who empowers us to share the Gospel?

What was the memory verse for this week?

### **Bonus Material: Amy Carmichael**

Amy Carmichael (1867-1951) was a very influential British missionary to India, where she spent 55 years and wrote several books. A missionary is someone who goes where God sends them to tell other people about Jesus. Initially, she went to Japan as a missionary, but had to return home due to illness. When she recovered, she went on to

India. She never left once she got there. Well-loved by the locals, her nickname became *Amma*, or “mother”. She invested her life into telling people about Jesus and ministering to young women. Her example encouraged many other people to be missionaries as well. Maybe someday God will call you to be a missionary like Amy Carmichael.

### Weekly Overview

**M:** Genesis 1:1

**T:** Matt. 28:19

**W:** John 11:25

**Th:** Acts 1:8

**Fri:** Nicene Creed

## Week 10: Review Week

Please review the verse listed on the weekly overview along with the explanation of each verse. On Friday, please review the Nicene Creed from week 8 (Friday).

### Exam

1. Please recite the following memory verses: Genesis 1:1, Matt. 28:19, John 11:25, and Acts 1:8
2. Is Jesus God?
3. Is the Holy Spirit God?
4. Who gives us power to help us tell other people about Jesus?
5. Who was the missionary known as *Amma*?

## Weekly Overview

M: Explanation and memory

T: Memory verse

W: Explanation and memory

Th: Memory verse

Fri: Readings in church history

# Week 11: Gods Knows All Things

**Proverbs 15:3** (NASB)- *The eyes of the LORD are in every place, watching the evil and the good.*

**Explanation** (Please share with your child on Monday and Wednesday)

Proverbs are short verses of wisdom that are meant to help us understand how we should live as people who love God. When we walk along the path of righteousness, the Proverbs call that “wisdom”. There is no wisdom apart from God.

In this verse we are told that God knows everything. Did you know that God knew you would be born before you ever came to be? Did you know that God knows how many hairs are on your head? The world can be a confusing place sometimes, and there is a lot we don't understand. But thankfully, we pray to the God Who knows everything, including what is best for us.

**Memory verse** (Review Monday through Friday and recite it on Saturday)

**Proverbs 15:3** (NASB)- *The eyes of the LORD are in every place, watching the evil and the good.*

## Church history

Theologians- people who study God, are no different than you or I. Their works aren't inspired like Scripture, but there is a lot we can learn about God from reading their writings.

## Readings in Church History

**Clement of Alexandria:** *For God knows all things- not those only which exist, but those also which shall be- and how each thing shall be. And foreseeing the particular movements, 'He surveys all things, and hears all things,' seeing the soul within, possessing the idea of each thing individually... for in one glance He views all things together.*

**Melito:** *But they are unaware that God is in every country, and in every place, and is never absent, and that there is not anything done and He does not know it.*

**Second Clement:** *He knows all things beforehand, and is acquainted with what is in our hearts.*

(All quotes from this source: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=t5lpgwSTU0U>)

## **Weekly Review**

Is there anything God doesn't know?

Does God know things before they happen?

What was this week's memory verse?



## Weekly Overview

M: Explanation and memory

T: Memory verse

W: Explanation and memory

Th: Memory verse

Fri: Corrie Ten Boom

Sat: Weekly Review

## Week 12: God is Good!

**Psalm 25:8** (NASB)- *Good and upright is the LORD*

**Explanation** (Please go over with your child on Monday and Wednesday)

This Psalm, or song, was written by King David. We don't know when he wrote it, but there were many times in his life when he was in danger (ask your child to talk about David's life). In this Psalm, we find David dealing with enemies and with his own sin. Sometimes we go through tough times because others are mean to us, and sometimes we go through difficulty because we do things that are bad.

Either way, David knew that he could trust in God. He knew that because God is good, He is always at work in our lives. That doesn't mean that everything will be easy for the Christian. The Bible never promises that. It does mean that God loves us at all times and that He will keep His promises to us. We can feel safe because God's loving arms surround us. Do you run towards your parents when you are in danger? Do you trust your parents to do the right thing to help you? That is how we should feel about God as well.

**Memory Verse** (Please go over with your child Monday through Fri. and recite on Sat.)

**Psalm 25:8** (NASB)- *Good and upright is the LORD*

### **Corrie Ten Boom**

Corrie Ten Boom (1892-1983) was a Dutch woman whose family was arrested during World War II. Her family, devout Christians, hid Jewish people from bad people who were trying to capture them. Corrie Ten Boom's family was later arrested because they tried to protect innocent people, and all went off to prison camps. Conditions in the prison camps were very difficult, but she trusted in God, because, like David, she knew God's character. After being set free from prison, she would tell people that "There is no pit so deep that God's love is not deeper still." If God could take care of Corrie Ten Boom, He can take care of you!

### **Weekly Review**

Does God promise that everything will be easy for Christians?

Can we feel safe if we know what God is like?

What was this week's memory verse?

Who was Corrie Ten Boom?

**Weekly Overview****M:** Explanation and memory**T:** Memory verse**W:** Explanation and memory**Th:** Memory verse**Fri:** Project**Sat:** Weekly review

## Week 13: God Has Always Existed and Always Will

**Psalm 90:2** (NASB)- *Even from everlasting to everlasting, You are God*

**Explanation** (Please go over with your child on Monday and Wednesday)

Most of the Psalms were written by David, but some were written by others. Psalm 90 was written by Moses, who was singing out a praise to God and asking for His blessings to be upon His people throughout the generations. In the second verse, are we reminded that God has always been God and always will be.

There are some in our world who do not believe in God. God has said that “the fool says in his heart that there is no god.” We need to know that God has always been- God was not created and He cannot stop existing. The Bible calls Jesus “the Alpha and the Omega” meaning that He is the First and the Last (those are the first and last letters in the Greek alphabet). We can trust God because we know that He has made us and everything else that exists. Because He will always be God, His promises will never fail.

**Memory verse** (Review Monday through Friday and recite on Saturday)

**Psalm 90:2** (NASB)- *Even from everlasting to everlasting, You are God*

### **Project (Friday)**

God has always been and always will be! Because we are followers of Jesus, we know that someday we will be with Him for all eternity in a place called heaven. Please have your child draw a picture of what he or she thinks heaven will be like and then talk to him or her about heaven. Talk about the best part of it: being with God.

### **Weekly Review (Saturday)**

Was God created or has He always existed?

Will there be a time when God doesn't exist?

What does the Bible call Jesus?

What is the best part about heaven?

What was this week's memory verse?

**Weekly Overview****M:** Explanation and memory**T:** Memory verse**W:** Explanation and memory**Th:** Memory verse**Fri:** Heidelberg Catechism

## Week 14: God is All-Powerful

**Psalm 147:5** (NASB)- Great is our Lord and abundant in strength.**Explanation** (Review Monday and Wednesday with your child)

This Psalm, or song, has no title in Hebrew (the language it was written in) but was written to encourage us to praise God. Why do we praise God? Do we praise Him simply because of what He does for us or do we praise Him because He is worthy to be praised? We praise Him because He is worthy to be praised. He is great- He is above all. When we stop to consider how awesome and powerful He is, we should find ourselves wanting to sing songs to God!

The Psalmist here is encouraging us to see how strong God is. Why does that matter to us? Because of His strength, He is able to hold the whole universe together. Because of His strength, He is able to meet our needs and answer our prayers. There are two words used at times to describe God's power: Omnipotence (all-powerful) and providence (God's power used to protect and minister to us).

## **Heidelberg Catechism**

The Heidelberg Catechism is a confessional document intended to aid the believer as he or she studies God's Word. What is God like? How should we then live? These questions are answered in this Reformed confession.

While I am not Reformed, there are principles in this document that are most accurate and appealing for all believers at all times.

Again, Baptists are non-creedal, non-confessional. We do not view documents like this to be anything more than useful supplements to one's study of Scripture.

**Memory verse** (Review Monday through Friday, recite on Saturday)

**Psalm 147:5** (NASB)- Great is our Lord and abundant in strength

**Heidelberg Catechism** (Questions 27 and 28) Read on Friday

**Q. What do you understand by the providence of God?**

A. The almighty and ever present power of God by which God upholds, as with his hand, heaven and earth and all creatures, and so rules them that leaf and blade, rain and drought, fruitful and lean years, food and drink, health and sickness, prosperity and poverty—all things, in fact, come to us not by chance but by his fatherly hand.

**Q. How does the knowledge of God's creation and providence help us?**

A. We can be patient when things go against us, thankful when things go well, and for the future we can have good confidence in our faithful God and Father that nothing in creation will separate us from his love. For all creatures are so completely in God's hand that without his will they can neither move nor be moved.

## **Weekly Review**

What should understanding Who God is cause us to do?

What is God's providence?

Can anything separate us from God's love?

What was this week's memory verse?

### **Weekly Overview**

**M:** Prov. 15:3

**T:** Ps. 25:8

**W:** Ps. 90:2

**Th:** Ps. 147:5

**Fri:** Church history writings  
and Heidelberg Catechism  
review

**Sat:** Exam

## **Week 15: Review Week**

Please review the verse listed on the weekly overview along with the explanation of each verse. On Friday, please review the church history writings found in week 11 as well as questions 27 and 28 from the Heidelberg Catechism from week 14.

### **Exam:**

1. Please recite Prov. 15:3, Ps. 25:8, Ps. 90:2, and Ps. 147:5.
2. Who was Corrie Ten Boom and what can we learn from her example?
3. How does it help us to know that God is all-powerful?
4. Was there ever a time when God did not exist or will there be a time when He does not?