

# DAY 6

ROMANS 10:9 NLT

Talking about your love for God is an important part of your everyday faith. It can be a really big deal not just for your own faith, but for the faith of others. Openly sharing your doubts, joys, questions, and experiences of God with other people will help you as you work out your own relationship with God. And it will invite others to do the same. Whether you're nervous or unsure about what to say or you're feeling comfortable and confident in speaking up, take a step to share even a little about what God has done in your life this week. Let it be a way to connect with God and others as you grow in faith.

**Start with your Small Group this week! Share some of your real feelings and experiences with God together. As you do, pay attention to how you learn more about both God and the people in your group.**

# DAY 7

PSALM 103:1-2 NLT

Talking about God to other people in our lives can be intimidating. Sometimes we don't want to do it simply because we don't know what to say. That's when having verses like this one memorized can help. They'll give you words to say when you want to share about God with other people in your life. It's a great place to begin!

**To work on memorizing this verse this week, text it to a different friend or family member each day. Not only will you be sharing the verse with other people to talk about your experience with God, you'll also be working on getting it memorized!**

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# DAY 1

1 PETER 3:15B NLT

No matter how old you are or how long you've been following Jesus, it can be hard to talk about your faith. Maybe we worry we won't have the right words, or we'll get made fun of, or nobody will understand what we're trying to say. No matter what might be holding you back from talking about God, remember that it's an important part of your everyday faith. It can help you know and connect with God, and it can do the same for others! Do you have to do it perfectly? Say all the right words? Know all the best answers? No! All you have to do is speak from your heart about what God is doing or has done in your life.

**Today, pray that God would give you the courage to share a little bit about your faith with just one person in your life this week.**

# DAY 2

MARK 16:15 NIV

Whether you realize it or not, you have the potential to do a lot of big things right here and right now. As a middle schooler, you can help other people in big ways by simply sharing what God has done in your life. By talking about the good things you've seen God do for you, you just might be helping open up someone else's eyes to the good things God is doing for them. And that's a pretty big deal! You have the potential to help someone else grow in faith every day simply by sharing how God is growing your own faith every day.

**Reach out to a friend today to tell them one good thing you've seen God do in your life. Encourage them to look for the good things God might be doing for them, too.**

## DAY 3

### PSALM 96:2 NLT

When you experience something incredible, you don't want to keep it to yourself, right? The cool rollercoaster you just discovered, the video game you can't quit playing, the album you just listened to, the snack you love to eat—you probably share stuff like this with your friends all the time! Well, those of us who follow Jesus have something greater than all that to share. We know just how awesome Jesus is and how much better our lives are because He's in them. So, why wouldn't we want to share that with other people? Why wouldn't we talk about the way we've experienced Jesus change our lives for the better?

**To help you get started, ask your parent or Small Group Leader how they talk about Jesus with other people in their lives. Then, give some of their suggestions a try to practice sharing about what God's doing in your life with others.**

## DAY 4

### MATTHEW 5:16 NIV

One of the greatest ways you can let your light shine for God is by being exactly who God created you to be. While others are trying to change, or fit in, or get noticed, you can be unique simply by being who you are. What's more, you can be confident in the person God created you to be. Be creative. Be smart. Be strong. Be a leader. Be who you are! Just by doing that, you're shining a light and sharing with the world how God is at work in you.

**What's one thing you love about yourself? A talent you have, a unique gift God's given you, a characteristic you're proud of? This week, think about how you can use that very thing to shine a light in this world. How can you use what God's given you to share your faith with others?**

## DAY 5

### LUKE 9:23 NLT

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For most of my life, I have stressfully planned everything. As a student, I anxiously spent weeks preparing auditions. I constantly planned for and stressed over every test and worked for weeks preparing even the easiest of assignments, which always led to breakdowns and sleep loss. As college ended, I realized I needed to plan for my future, which stressed me out.

Then, my wife got an unexpected opportunity to pursue her dreams across the country. Once she told me the news, I felt God pushing me to stop planning my life and follow her and God into the unknown.

But I was scared.

After days of prayer, God showed me that trying to plan my life

only leads to stress. God's path leads to endless blessings and purpose. Even with its struggles, unlike any plan you create, God's path will give you peace during any adventure.

**Today, let go of your plans. Take a breath and ask God to help you follow God's path for your life.**