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**Day 1**

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| **Faith Fact**  We celebrate together.  **Faith Verse**  Matthew 18:20 (NLT)  “For where two or three gather together as my followers, I am there among them.”  **Question of the Day: What is your favorite way to celebrate?** |

**Read about It**

**Read:** Acts 16:11–15

When something amazing happens, don’t you want to go and tell everyone about it? It’s so much fun when good news spreads fast and people join you in celebrating. In the Bible story, we read about a woman named Lydia who believed in God. After hearing Paul’s message, she wanted to be baptized in water. Not only did she get baptized that day, but other members of her household were baptized that day too!

When God does something in our life, it’s important for us to share it with others. Not only can we tell others about what happened, but we can celebrate together!

**Talk about It**

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| **Question 1.** What did Lydia sell?  **Answer 1.** Expensive purple cloth (Acts 16:14) |
| **Question 2.** What happened as Lydia listened to the message?  **Answer 2.** “The Lord opened her heart, and she accepted what Paul was saying.” (Acts 16:14) |
| **Question 3.** What do you think the phrase “the Lord opened her heart” means?  **Answer 3.** Answers may vary. |
| **Question 4.** Why do you think Lydia invited Paul and his companions into her home?  **Answer 4.** Answers may vary. |
| **Question 5.** When God does something in our life, why is it important to tell others about it?  **Answer 5.** Answers will vary. |

**Pray about It**

Dear God, thank You so much that we, as Christians, can celebrate together when You do something amazing in someone’s life. God, thank You for all the times You have moved in my life. I love You. Amen.

**Day 2**

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| **Faith Fact**  We celebrate together.  **Faith Verse**  Matthew 18:20 (NLT)  “For where two or three gather together as my followers, I am there among them.”  **Question of the Day: If you could go anywhere in the world, where would you go?** |

**Read about It**

**Read:** Matthew 28:18–20

Matthew 28:19 is known as the Great Commission. Jesus challenged His disciples to go to all the nations and share His message. This challenge goes beyond just those disciples there that day to all disciples, to everyone who is a Christian. We are called to go and tell others about Jesus.

Not only are we called to tell others about Jesus, but to celebrate with them when they make a public declaration of their faith by being baptized in water. When someone decides to follow Jesus and get baptized, they show other people that they plan to live for Jesus every day. It is a special moment when people put their faith in Jesus!

**Talk about It**

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| **Question 1.** What is the importance of Matthew 28:19?  **Answer 1.** Known as the Great Commission, the verse shows God’s desire for His followers to share the gospel throughout the world. |
| **Question 2.** In whose name should Christians be baptized?  **Answer 2.** The Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit (Matthew 28:19) |
| **Question 3.** Who needs to hear about Jesus?  **Answer 3.** Everyone |
| **Question 4.** Why should we celebrate when someone puts their faith in Jesus and decides to be baptized in water?  **Answer 4.** Answers may vary. |
| **Question 5.** Who is someone God wants you to tell about Jesus?  **Answer 5.** Answers will vary. |

**Pray about It**

Dear God, thank You so much that we can find grace, love, forgiveness from sin, and so much more in You. God, help me to share Your love with others. Help me to fulfill the Great Commission, and help me to be willing to go wherever You want me to go. Amen.

**Day 3**

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| **Faith Fact**  We celebrate together.  **Faith Verse**  Matthew 18:20 (NLT)  “For where two or three gather together as my followers, I am there among them.”  **Question of the Day: What does being part of a family mean?** |

**Read about It**

**Read:** Galatians 3:26–29

Do you want to know something amazing? When God looks at You, He sees you as His child and He loves you so much! You are special in God’s eyes.

When we make the choice to ask Jesus to come into our life and forgive our sins, we become part of the family of God. In the Early Church, people were baptized in water soon after their decision to follow Jesus. Water baptism involves being briefly let down into water as a sign of faith in Jesus. Then you are lifted up out of the water.

Water baptism symbolizes the death of our sinful nature and a new life in Jesus. In Galatians 3:27, Paul wrote that those who are “united with Christ in baptism” have put on Jesus, “like putting on new clothes.” Think about it this way: Jesus is as close to you as your clothes. And Jesus is what people should see when they look at you.

It’s amazing to think about all the people who are a part of God’s kingdom. It doesn’t matter what you look like or where you come from. The only thing that matters is choosing to follow Jesus!

**Talk about It**

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| **Question 1.** How do we become children of God?  **Answer 1.** Through faith in Jesus Christ (Galatians 3:26) |
| **Question 2.** What does verse 27 say is a part of being baptized?  **Answer 2.** We are united with Jesus Christ. |
| **Question 3.** What does it mean to be baptized?  **Answer 3.** To be baptized is to be briefly let down into the water as a sign of your faith in Jesus and then lifted out. |
| **Question 4.** How does knowing you can be a part of God’s family make you feel?  **Answer 4.** Answers will vary. |
| **Question 5.** How can you show others that you are a child of God?  **Answer 5.** Answers will vary. |

**Pray about It**

Dear God, thank You so much for being our Heavenly Father. God, help me to live in a way that encourages others and reflects Your love for them. Thank You that You love me and call me Your own. Amen.

**Day 4**

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| **Faith Fact**  We celebrate together.  **Faith Verse**  Matthew 18:20 (NLT)  “For where two or three gather together as my followers, I am there among them.”  **Question of the Day: What is something you can thank God for this week?** |

**Read about It**

**Read:** 1 Thessalonians 5:16–18

Have you ever had a really, really bad day, when nothing went right and everything went wrong? Did you know that even on a bad day you can still have joy?

When we know that we belong to God, we can find strength and hope even in tough times. Even when we may not feel like rejoicing or giving thanks, there is always something to be thankful for.

What is something you can be thankful for today? No matter how big or small it might seem, give thanks for it! What is something you can rejoice over today? What is something you can pray about today?

Verse 17 is a great reminder that God is always with us, and we can always turn to Him for help with anything that concerns us. Paul advised the Philippians that instead of worrying, they should pray about everything, telling God what they need and thanking Him for His actions on their behalf (Philippians 4:6). “Then you will experience God’s peace, which exceeds anything we can understand. His peace will guard your hearts and minds as you live in Christ Jesus” (Philippians 4:7).

**Talk about It**

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| **Question 1.** How should our circumstances affect our thankfulness?  **Answer 1.** Our circumstances shouldn’t keep us from being thankful. We should be thankful in all circumstances. (1 Thessalonians 5:18) |
| **Question 2.** When should we be joyful and when should we pray?  **Answer 2.** Always (1 Thessalonians 5:16–17) |
| **Question 3.** What happens when you tell God what you need and thank Him for what He has done?  **Answer 3.** You will experience peace which exceeds your ability to understand. |
| **Question 4.** How can you use Paul’s instructions on prayer?  **Answer 4.** Answers may vary. |
| **Question 5.** How might being at peace in a stressful situation help those around you?  **Answer 5.** Answers may vary. |

**Pray about It**

Dear God, thank You for being with me even in difficult circumstances. Thank You for all You have done in my life and all that You continue to do. Help me to be thankful and help me to pray all the time about everything. Guard my heart and mind, and help me to always live for You. Amen.