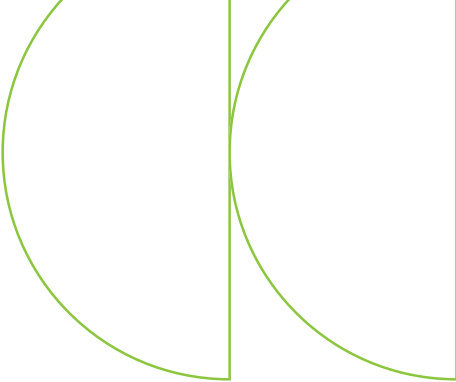


DAY 7

Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today, and forever.
Hebrews 13:8 NLT

Jesus memorized Scripture. That tells us that if we want to follow His leading and grow in wisdom, we should work to memorize Scripture in the same way! It helps us remember what matters and what is true.

To help you memorize this verse, set an alarm for the same time every day. When it goes off, go to this verse, working to know more of it from memory each time.



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Into the Unknown / Week 3

MIDDLE SCHOOL

DAY 1

You are the God who performs miracles; you display your power among the peoples.
Psalm 77:14 NIV

Some changes we go through can be hard to understand. Why did my parents get divorced? Why did my friends leave me out? Why wasn't my family member healed from disease? Although we may never fully understand the answers to these questions, we do know the One who has all the answers we're looking for, and that's God. God is so gigantic and powerful; there's no change God can't handle and no question God can't answer. Because of that, we can put our trust in God. That's one thing that will never change!

Is there a change happening in your life that you don't really understand right now? Write about it below, and share it with God today. Ask God to remind you that God sees and knows what's happening. That's the one thing that will never change!

DAY 2

We can rejoice, too, when we run into problems and trials, for we know that they help us develop endurance.
Romans 5:3 NLT

When we're walking through hard things in life, it can be difficult to find any joy. It's so easy to stay focused on our problems and trials, especially when nothing seems to change. In order to find joy, we have to recognize that while we can't change our circumstances, we can change our focus. We can look for joy in every circumstance. When we do, something cool begins to happen on the inside of us. We begin to feel real, lasting joy!

The next time you face a hard change, try to shift your focus and look for the joy around you. Where do you see joy around you? Write it below!

DAY 3

**Let your eyes look straight ahead;
fix your gaze directly before you.
Proverbs 4:25 NIV**

When was the last time you had a staring contest with a friend? When you're in the middle of a staring contest, it means your gaze is fixed on something. If you want to win, you keep your gaze there! Well, that's exactly what God wants you do. No, not a staring contest! But to keep your eyes on God! When everything else changes, fix your gaze on God. That makes it easier to stay focused on the good, not the bad, when you go through changes and unknowns.

Write this verse down.

Now try and draw a picture of what it's saying. Fix your gaze on it this week to remind you to also fix your gaze on God.

DAY 4

**For we live by faith, not by sight.
2 Corinthians 5:7 NIV**

Having faith takes courage! It requires us to rely on what we know about God and trust that God will handle the details of the unknown. Sometimes we have to trust that God is working even when we can't see it happening in front of our eyes. This is what it really means to live by faith.

Look for ways you can see God working in your life to help strengthen and encourage your faith along the way. Maybe it's the encouragement of a friend, time spent with a loved one, or an answered prayer. Whatever it is, let it remind you that you can have faith, even in the unknown. Write down any thoughts you have below.

DAY 5

He replied, "Because you have so little faith. Truly I tell you, if you have faith as small as a mustard seed, you can say to this mountain, 'Move from here to there,' and it will move. Nothing will be impossible for you. Matthew 17:20 NIV

Sometimes we go through situations that are hard to understand. In those times, we can choose to trust God. God wants us to grow in our faith, and sometimes that happens when we go through challenging circumstances or difficult changes. Why? So that we can be confident that there is nothing too big or too difficult for God to handle! Trusting God with our lives—in big and small ways—will grow our faith in ways we can't even imagine.

Are there changes in your life that you need to trust God with? Write them down as part of a prayer, asking God to help grow your faith in each one.

DAY 6

**I have told you all this so that you may have peace in me. Here on earth you will have many trials and sorrows. But take heart, because I have overcome the world.
John 16:33 NLT**

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Change is hard. I think we can all agree on that! Change happens all the time in our everyday lives. You might be moving to a different school or state, your friend is moving away, your parents are getting a divorce, or there's a new baby on the way in your family. Change comes in many forms and it can be overwhelmingly hard, but we can have peace knowing that God will always be there. When everything in your world feels like it's changing, God is your constant. God is with you through whatever change you might go through. God will give you the courage you need to face it and the peace you need to overcome it.

Right now, take a minute to thank God for being the peace and courage you need to face the changes life throws at you. Write your prayer of thanks below.