

DEVOTIONAL

for parents



What's your dream job? Do you want to be a pilot or astronaut? A teacher or musician? There are so many incredible jobs for us to pick from! God has given each of us special talents and skills that can help us discover what we want to do. But God gives us another job, too. It's the chance for us to follow God right now! In this four-week series from the Gospels, we'll read about Jesus starting out his ministry and how he invited his followers — and us — to **listen to God's voice, trust Jesus knows us, trust God's plans for us, and include people who aren't like us.**

Want to learn and grow alongside your kid as we go through this teaching series? You can! Spend a few minutes each week **studying** the passages of Scripture we'll be teaching, **praying** about what God wants to do in you and in your family, and **growing** by putting God's words into practice in your own life.

WEEK 1

I can listen to God's voice.

Mark 1:4–11; Psalm 29



STUDY

Take a moment to read the passages we're covering this week.
What stands out to you in this passage and why?



PRAY

This week, spend some time listening for God's voice. Start by saying, "Here I am, God. I'm listening."



GROW

So what's your next step? Do you need to commit to a regular time spent listening for God's voice? Do you need to take care of something that's been keeping you from hearing God's voice? Whatever your next step is right now, take it.

WEEK 2

I can trust Jesus knows me.

John 1:43–51; Psalm 139:13–18



STUDY

Take a moment to read the passages we're covering this week.
What stands out to you in this passage and why?



PRAY

This week, thank God for knowing you so well.



GROW

So what's your next step? Do you need to commit to getting to know Jesus as well as he knows you? Could you share what you've learned about him with someone else? What can you do to remind yourself of how God knows you when you're feeling misunderstood? Whatever your next step is right now, take it.

WEEK 3

I can trust God's plans for me.

Mark 1:14–20; Psalm 62:5–12



STUDY

Take a moment to read the passages we're covering this week.

What stands out to you in this passage and why?



PRAY

Thank God for guiding your life so far and express your trust in where God will take you in the future.



GROW

So what's your next step? Do you need to ask God for clarity about your future? Do you need someone to help you discern what's next? Whatever your next step is right now, take it.

WEEK 4

I can include people who aren't like me.

Matthew 9:9–13; Psalm 111



STUDY

Take a moment to read the passages we're covering this week.

What stands out to you in this passage and why?



PRAY

Ask God to help you see and empathize with someone who is different from you.



GROW

So what's your next step? Can you identify someone you need to reach out to or cultivate more empathy for? How could you be more intentional about welcoming people who aren't like you? Are there new skills you could learn to help you build relationships with others? Whatever your next step is right now, take it.