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90 DEVOTIONS FOR KIDS... Biblical Principles to Build Your Faith

7 Adventures In Odyssey® Devotional Thoughts For Easter



Encourage and inspire your children this Easter with these educational Bible-based devotions written by the trusted team at Adventures in Odyssey. Each of these seven devotions will teach your children valuable lessons about salvation, God's love and so much more.

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Hope Returned

"God loved the world so much that he gave his one and only Son. Anyone who believes in him will not die but will have eternal life." John 3:16

In the Adventures in Odyssey® episodes *The Imagination Station, I and II* (album 5), Digger Digwillow was transported via one of Whit's inventions to the day when Jesus was put to death. Digger saw Jesus being unjustly beaten, whipped, mocked and hung on a cross to die. The scene brought Digger to tears. But God had bigger plans than the disciples (or Digger) could imagine. "God loved the world so much that he gave his one and only Son. Anyone who believes in him will not die but will have eternal life" (John 3:16). And on the third day after His death, Jesus emerged from the tomb. The disciples couldn't even believe it at first. They'd given up. Some had left town. One had denied even knowing Him. But hope had returned, bigger and better than ever. God's plan wasn't about conquering the Roman Empire. It was all about redeeming the world and giving us the opportunity to live with Him forever.

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What Must I Do to Be Saved

"Say with your mouth, 'Jesus is Lord.' Believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead. Then you will be saved. With your heart you believe and are made right with God. With your mouth you say that Jesus is Lord. And so you are saved." Romans 10:9–10

In the Adventures in Odyssey® episode *The Time Has Come* (album 25), Eugene came to a crossroads in his life. A spiritual battle was going on around him, and he wasn't equipped to fight it. Evil men had taken over the lives of many people in Odyssey, and Eugene was powerless to stop it. Jack Allen suggested that Eugene take a look at his life in Odyssey to see what lessons he had learned over the years. So Eugene programmed the Imagination Station to review his past. What he found was the inevitable conclusion: Jesus had been pursuing Eugene for a long time. And Jesus, not Eugene's own intellect, was the One who would save him. He came out of the Imagination Station and asked Jack the question, "What must I do to be saved?" If you want Jesus in your life, if you believe in your heart that He died for your sins, and you want Him to be the Lord of your life right now, the best thing to do is talk to your parents about it. This is a prayer you can pray together: "Dear Jesus, I know that I sin. And I know that because I sin, I am separated from You and will die one day. But I also know that You died to forgive my sins and take them away forever. Please forgive all my sins right now. I give You my heart, my life, my actions, my attitudes, everything. I want to one day live with You in heaven. Help me to be the follower You want me to be. Amen."

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Salvation Is a Free Gift

"God's grace has saved you because of your faith in Christ. Your salvation doesn't come from anything you do. It is God's gift." Ephesians 2:8

Being "saved" is the most important decision a person will ever make. Phrases like "let Jesus come into your heart," "accept Jesus as your Savior," and "be born again" are all talking about the same thing—salvation. Salvation is a gift. Jesus has already done the work for us on the cross. All we need to do is accept God's gift of salvation by putting our faith in Jesus.

4

What Salvation Is

“Anyone who believes in Christ is a new creation. The old is gone! The new has come!”
2 Corinthians 5:17

When we are saved, we’re called a “new creation.” Luke 19 talks about a man named Zacchaeus. You remember, he’s the “wee little man” from the old Sunday school song. Zacchaeus was a tax collector who cheated people out of their money. He had no friends. But then one day, he climbed a tree to see Jesus and Jesus noticed him. Jesus showed that He loved Zacchaeus even though no one else did. Jesus came over for dinner, and Zacchaeus decided to do the right thing. He gave back all the money he had stolen and more. His life was changed because of Jesus. In verse 9, Jesus said to Zacchaeus, “Today salvation has come to this house.” When salvation comes to us, our lives are changed, too.

5

And That’s Not All

[Jesus said,] “I have come so they can have life. I want them to have it in the fullest possible way.” John 10:10

God wants us to have the best life possible. But what does this really mean? When we are saved, we receive the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit is kind of like our conscience. If our minds are telling us to do something that’s right, or not to do something that’s wrong, that’s the Holy Spirit guiding us. He gives us direction. The Holy Spirit also gives us the power to accomplish things we couldn’t do on our own. And that’s not all! Galatians 5:22–23 says, “The fruit the Holy Spirit produces is love, joy and peace. It is being patient, kind and good. It is being faithful and gentle and having control of oneself.” When we have the Holy Spirit, we’re given a huge bucket of these fruits—love, joy, peace, patience and so on.

6

Everything for Jesus

“Then Jesus spoke to his disciples. He said, ‘If anyone wants to follow me, he must say no to himself. He must pick up his cross and follow me.’” Matthew 16:24

When Jesus saw Peter and Andrew with their fishing nets, He said to them, “Come. Follow me. I will make you fishers of people” (Matthew 4:19). Peter and Andrew left at once to follow Jesus. Then Jesus called out to James and John, who were working on the family fishing boat. The men immediately left their father, Zebedee, and followed him. True disciples of Jesus are willing to give up everything for Him and do whatever He asks. The joy, love and peace He offers more than make up for anything we give up to serve Him. Jesus said, “Has anyone left home or family for God’s kingdom? They will receive many times as much in this world. In the world to come they will live forever” (Luke 18:29–30). Now that’s a reward worth everything!

7

Different for Jesus

“You should obey. You shouldn’t give in to evil longings. They controlled your life when you didn’t know any better. The one who chose you is holy. So you should be holy in all that you do.” 1 Peter 1:14–15

It’s okay to be different. In fact, if you love Jesus, it’s absolutely necessary. Romans 12:2 says, “Don’t live any longer the way this world lives. Let your way of thinking be completely changed. Then you will be able to test what God wants for you. And you will agree that what he wants is right. His plan is good and pleasing and perfect.” Make a disciple acrostic out of the word *psalm*. P could stand for “Pray always.” What would S stand for? Write the acrostic on a piece of paper. Then hang it where you’ll see it and be reminded of what a good disciple of Jesus should do.

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