

Life toward God

KIDS

daily devotions

Being a Helper in Light of God as Creator

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Scripture

"Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth! Serve the Lord with gladness! Come into his presence with singing! Know that the Lord, he is God! It is he who made us, and we are his; we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture." Psalm 100:2-3

Devotion

When I was 11 years old, a horrible storm came through my city. It destroyed some of my friends' homes and several of the local schools, churches, and businesses. For many weeks, I sat around bored, waiting for something to do. It's pretty easy to complain when we're bored, isn't it? What if I told you that there was a solution to your boredom? It's a word you're probably very familiar with. It's the word "help."

You see, God actually created us for a purpose. He tells Adam in the Garden of Eden that his purpose is "to work it and to take care of it" (Genesis 2:15, NIV). God gives Adam a purpose so that he has no reason to be bored and, more importantly, so that he will reflect the glory of the God who created him. Because we are a part of Adam's family, we know that this is our purpose, too. You might be surprised by some of the ways God asks you to be a helper when you start looking for ideas. It may look like feeding your dog, cleaning your playroom without being asked, doing your homework or bringing your mom or dad a glass of water when they look a little tired. Be creative with your role as a helper because God is certainly creative when He helps us!

Questions

3-5-yr-olds

What is one way you can be a helper to a parent, sibling, or neighbor today?

1st-3rd graders

What are specific ways you can help your parents, siblings, or neighbors this weekend? Think beyond the chores you are normally asked to take care of.

4th-6th graders

Consider how you have or have not been a helper this week. What are some ways you might change or add to your helper role in the coming week?

Prayer

Dear God, thank you for creating us with a clear purpose to be helpers. I pray that we would help others so that we can ultimately glorify your name and share your gospel. Please help us to keep our eyes, ears, and hearts open to become aware of the ways we can be helpful to others right now. Amen.

Suggested Hymns

"Who is on the Lord's Side?" #587 | "Onward Christian Soldiers" #572 | "All People That on Earth Do Dwell" #1

