

Life toward God

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daily devotions

Promise: God Calls Me His Own

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Scripture

I will take you by the hand and will keep you. Isaiah 42:6

I have called you by name, you are mine. Isaiah 43:1

Devotion

Have you ever found yourself wondering how you can understand God and believe His promises? He often uses words and pictures that are meaningful to us so that we can know what He is like. For example, He says He will hold our hand and take care of us. The God who created the heavens and the earth holds your hand? Yes! He is that close and delights in caring for you. He promised when He said, "I will." God always keeps His promises. He also helps us know and understand His promises to be our God by telling us He calls us by name. He knows us well. He says, "You are mine!" You belong to God.

As I walked down the hall at church I heard a little voice calling out from the classroom, "Is there anyone here who knows me?" I knew it was the voice of my little girl who was looking for a friendly face and listening for a familiar voice. When she saw me in the doorway and heard me call her name, she immediately was filled with joy and peace. She was with one who knew her and called her by name.

We can be sure God is with us, holds our hand, and calls us by name. We can know today that while we miss our friends and family, and while we study and stay at home that He is with us, cares for us, calls us by name, and holds our hand. God said so. He said, "I will."

Questions

3-5-yr-olds

Do you have a favorite toy that you can say "This is mine." Do you know God says, "You are mine?"

1st-3rd graders

Can you think of a way you could reach out to a friend or neighbor to remind them that God is with them?

4th-6th graders

How could you as an older sibling help reassure a younger brother or sister that God is with them, caring for them? How could you be God's helper when your brother is lonely or fearful?



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Prayer

Our Father in heaven, we praise you that we can call you our Father, our Daddy God, and that you call us, your children, by name. We praise and thank you that you keep your promises to be our God, to take care of us, and to be near us. Please help us to encourage our family, friends, and neighbors with the good news that you are very near and that you love them. We pray that peace and joy would be ours and theirs because you keep your promises. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

Suggested Hymns

Children of the Heavenly Father vs 1,4,6 #131

Jesus Loves Me vs 1,4 #189

He will Hold Me Fast (Getty)

