

Life toward God

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daily devotions

Adonai: Lord, Master

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Scripture

Why do you call me Lord, Lord and not do what I tell you? Luke 6:46

Devotion

Once when I was babysitting, the children and I were playing in the front yard. I looked up and the youngest, a toddler, had started walking toward the street. I knew this was a dangerous place for him to be and his parents had put me in charge, so I told him to come back. He did not listen to me. Of course, I dropped what I was doing and ran to pick him up and carry him back to safety. Who knew better in that situation? Me or the toddler? Because I knew the risk of a child playing in the street, and because I loved that child, it would have been incredibly cruel for me to let him do what he wanted.

The Bible has many names for God and one that is used often is “Adonai” which means Lord or Master. When we call God “Lord”, we are saying, “God, we know you love us and we know that you know better than us”. We are saying that he is our boss. But the beauty of it is that he is a good boss! He is better, kinder, bigger and smarter than us. At times in the Bible and now, God’s children have to decide to either obey or disobey God. When children of God are deciding whether or not to obey, the question in their hearts is, “Do I really believe that God loves me and knows better than me?” Pray that God, your Lord and Master, will convince your heart that he is better, bigger, smarter and kinder than you. That is a prayer he loves to answer with a YES!

Questions

3-5-yr-olds

How can you obey God? Who else has God asked you to obey?

1st-3rd graders

Can you think of times in the Bible where God’s children obeyed? Can you think of times where they didn’t obey or ran away from God’s command?

4th-6th graders

Can you think of a situation where God has asked you to obey before you understood why? Why does he do that?

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Prayer

God, sometimes it is hard for us to remember that you love us and that you know better than us. We think we know what is best and we want what we want, so sometimes we have a hard time obeying. We know that the Bible tells us that obeying you as our Lord and Master is the best thing for us. Thank you for being patient with our stubborn hearts. Please work to convince our hearts that you love us and take care of us just like you promised. Amen

Suggested Hymns

The King of Love My Shepherd Is #184

'Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus #679

Jesus Loves Me, This I Know #189