

# COMMITMENT

MAKING A PLAN AND PUTTING IT INTO PRACTICE

WEEK

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## READ: JOSHUA 1:8

## DAY 1

What if you had to move away from your best friend and the only way you could communicate was through email? If your best friend sat down every day to write and tell you about what's happening in his world so that you could stay connected, would you read your friend's emails? Of course. You can't continue to call him your best friend if you never read what he has to say.

Guess what? God longs to have a relationship with you. And He has given you His Word so that you can know Him. But you have to make a commitment to READ it and to HEAR it. It takes a plan of action to spend time reading God's Word on a regular basis. The only way to know how He wants you to live and to stay connected to Him is to read His Word.

If you don't know where to start, these GodTime cards are a great place to start! Sit down with someone at home who can help you come up with a new plan for completing these cards each week. Select a time of day, a place in your home as your "GodTime spot," and gather all the things you need (like your Bible, a pen and paper, etc.) so that you're ready to go.

**THANK** God for giving you His Word so you can know Him.

## READ: PSALM 119:105

## DAY 2

Has the power ever gone out in your house? When it happened, what was the first thing you looked for? A flashlight! Without some sort of light, you'd just be stumbling around in the darkness!

God's Word is just like a light. Without reading it, without studying it, without memorizing it and spending time thinking about what it says, we are lost. God's Word gives us the clearest picture of how He wants us to live. When we read His words, it's like a light that guides us, showing us where to go and what to do.

Grab a flashlight, head to your room, turn off all the lights and jump in bed. Pull the covers over your head and read this verse again. Now, think about some situations this week where you weren't sure what to do. Maybe someone was mean to you or maybe you were tempted to cheat on a test. How could reading God's Word have helped you light your path to know where to go or what to do?

**ASK** God to help you make a commitment to listen to what He has to say.



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## READ: PSALM 119:10-11

DAY 3

Have you ever had to memorize a bunch of facts for a test? Now, have you ever tried to memorize a verse from the Bible? The truth is, memorizing Bible verses might not be as important to you. After all, you HAVE to study for your big test, but you probably won't be quizzed on your Scripture memory.

But memorizing Scripture is really important. God's Word shows us the best way to live. But you can't always look up verses when you find yourself in a difficult situation. Thankfully, you can have God's Word hidden in your heart so you know exactly how to respond no matter what happens in the moment.

Grab some notecards. Write one word from Psalm 119:10-11 on each card and count the number of cards. Ask someone to hide the cards in your living room while you close your eyes. Search for the cards, and then put them in verse order. Repeat this a few times until you've memorized today's verse!

**LOOK** for ways to practice memorizing God's Word so you can hide it in your heart.

## READ: MATTHEW 7:24-27

DAY 4

Smart builders take time to lay a solid foundation, knowing that if they do, their houses can stand up to anything.

The same is true for you when it comes to reading God's Word. When you commit to spending regular time reading your Bible and putting God's Word it into practice, you are like a wise builder who starts with a strong foundation.

Find an empty notebook that you can use as your journal. Begin to write down or draw pictures about the things you're learning as you read your Bible and talk to God. Put your journal next to your Bible so you always have it ready when you want to write something down. Make a commitment to do this on a regular basis so you can look back and remember all you've learned.

**KNOW** that God wants you to read His Word and put it into practice.

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