

COMMITMENT

MAKING A PLAN AND PUTTING IT INTO PRACTICE

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READ: LUKE 8:39

DAY 1

Shooting a free throw. Playing an instrument. Riding your bike without training wheels. Getting to the next level of your favorite video game.

Know what all these things have in common? They all take practice. If you want to be good at riding your bike, or shooting free throws, or even beating your older brother at video games, you have to practice. It takes commitment. The same is true when it comes to telling others about God. It's not always an easy thing to do. It takes some practice.

But it's worth it! There are people all around you that have no clue how much God loves them. That might seem strange to you, but it's true. God is counting on us to tell others about Him.

Ask someone to time you for one minute. In that minute, make a list of things you have to practice. Challenge the person timing you to make a list too. When the time is up, compare your lists. Count up how many unique answers you each came up with. Then talk about some ways you can practice telling others about God.

THANK God for the opportunity to tell others about Him.

READ: PHILEMON 1:6

DAY 2

When you were little, did your mom or dad make a big deal about sharing with siblings or other friends? Was it hard to let someone else have a turn with something you really wanted to play with? Sharing doesn't always come naturally.

Sharing our stuff is pretty important, but we need to share something even MORE important than our stuff. We need to share what we believe about God. Part of getting to know God more is to practice telling others about Him.

Do you know anyone—maybe at school, on your sports team, in your neighborhood—who doesn't go to church? Talk to a parent or whoever takes you to church about inviting that person to church with you one Sunday.

ASK God to help you tell others about Him.



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READ: ACTS 17:22-29

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Paul sure had a lot to say about what God was really like. When he entered the city and saw that the people were bowing down and praying to statues they made themselves, he knew he had to say SOMETHING. Paul wanted to set the record straight about the one TRUE God.

So if your friend at school—the one you're pretty sure doesn't go to church and doesn't know much about God—if that friend asked you about God, what would you say? Remember, commitment is making a plan and putting it into practice. Take a few minutes to plan out what you would say in this situation.

Go grab your prayer journal. Write down what you feel are 3 of the most important things to know about God. Next to these points, write down how/why you know these things are true. Ask a parent or an adult who knows God to help you if you're stuck on these. Take minute to finish your list and then read over it. Then the next time someone asks, or the next time you have an opportunity to talk about God, you'll be ready.

LOOK for ways to tell others about God.

READ: MATTHEW 16:13-20

DAY 4

Peter recognized who Jesus REALLY was. Not just a teacher with wise things to say. Not just a miracle worker who could heal the sick. Not just a prophet who spoke for God. Jesus is Christ, the Son of God, sent to save the world from its sin problem.

If Jesus was standing right in front of you and asked the same question, how would you respond? Who do YOU say Jesus is? Do the people around you know what you believe about Jesus by the words you say and the way you live?

When you know that God loves you and everyone around you so much that He would send His only Son to save you, it changes the way you live and the choices you make.

Gather your siblings or some friends in your neighborhood and play "Follow the Leader." What is the goal of this game? What happens if you don't follow the leader? How is this game like following God? How is it different?

KNOW that God loves it when we show others what He's like.

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