

# SELFIEDAD'S TOOLBOX FOR KIDS!

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A 30-DAY DEVOTIONAL FOR FAMILIES

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## WHAT'S IN THE TOOLBOX?

Each day you will simply read with your kids the devotional. Each devotional is four pages and there are 30 of them. So, you can do one a day for a month. They are numbered so if you skip a day or two, just get right back in where you left off.

Every devotional contains your tools:

### A STORY

A short story, that is either a life lesson with Biblical themes or a story from the Bible.

### OPEN UP!

Open up your Bible and read together for these portions! We include questions for discussion.

### MEMORY VERSE

Memorize a verse together! The verse repeats for for 6 days so you have time to practice. We have a shortened version for “little kids” and a longer one for “older kids.” Use your own judgment about which category your kids fall into. And . . . memorize the verse yourself!

### THE THING TO REMEMBER!

This is a short statement that's the point of that day. It's the 'if you understand nothing else, this is it...' point to make sure your kids get.

## HOW TO USE THE TOOLS

*It's easy to use*

**JUST READ IT ALOUD WITH YOUR KIDS.**

That's it. Let them read it with you or get older kids to read portions of it. Feel free to customize the experience to fit your kids!

Read it and when the text asks a question, ask the question to your kids and don't move on until you get some kind of response. The questions are mostly designed to have the kids say aloud the truths that the verse and surrounding comments should make obvious. But having the kids say it aloud and you affirming that, cements the truth in their minds.

Each day, there will always be verses to look up in the Bible. Have them use the Bible and look it up, not just listen to you read from it. We want them to understand how to navigate the Bible.

Also, if they have a Bible, have them bring their own Bible to your family time and use that one. If they have a young child's Bible storybook, have them bring it! But then, let them read along (or follow along if they can't read) in your Bible so they get familiar with using the 'real' Bible.

No Bible? No problem! You can get a Bible lots of ways, but we have a few ideas below. This book uses the English Standard Version (English translation from Hebrew and Greek), but there are others you can choose. If you can, get a 'study Bible.' This is the same text of the standard Bible, but it helps explain passages and gives context.

- Printed Bibles are available on Amazon.com or ChristianBook.com.
- Digital Bibles can be download via the app store. Try the free Bible app, YouVersion. Or, you can purchase a digital version of any Bible, including study Bibles at TecartaBible.com.

You'll notice there's repetition sometimes in the daily devotions. This is intentional. Repetition is how all of us, especially kids, learn. So, it's okay if you're reading similar ideas and concepts.

Get the Word of God in your kids' hands, then in their head, and then in their heart.

You got this, dad!

**"Your word is a lamp to my feet  
and a light to my path."**

PSALM 119:105

# PROPHECY!



## STORY

Long ago, there lived a prophet named Malachi. A prophet spoke for God to tell us things about God and about ourselves. He said in Malachi 5:2:

**“But you, Bethlehem Ephrathah, though you are small among the clans of Judah, out of you will come for me one who will be ruler over Israel, whose origins are from of old, from ancient times.”**

Now, Malachi wrote this a LONG time ago, over 2,400 years ago.

Malachi was promising that a special leader would come from Bethlehem, “whose origins are from old.” That would be a special leader, but no one knew who he meant at the time.

Open your Bible to find out what happened 400 years AFTER he wrote about the special leader.

## OPEN UP!

**Read Luke 2:1-7 and Isaiah 40:28-31.**

Can you believe it? Malachi prophesied that the great leader would be born in Bethlehem. And then, over 400 years later, Jesus, the Messiah was born in Bethlehem!

The prophets often told about things that were going to happen. Then, we read and see that did indeed happen.

## Day 4

### WHAT WE LEARN

What do we learn about God from Luke and Isaiah?  
What do we learn about ourselves?

### PRAY!

Now, let's pray and ask God to help us understand the Bible more. If you don't know what to pray, just pray:

*"God, I want to know more about you. Please show me all about you in the Bible. In Jesus' name, amen."*

### A VERSE TO REMEMBER!

Each of you read the verse below aloud or repeat it after it's read. Try to memorize what this verse says.

*Young Ones* 2 TIMOTHY 3:16

**"All Scripture is breathed out by God. . ."**

*Older Ones* 2 TIMOTHY 3:16

**"All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness."**

### THE THING TO

**WE CAN HEAR  
ABOUT GOD  
BY READING  
THE  
PROPHECY  
BOOKS IN THE  
BIBLE!**

**REMEMBER**

# JESUS SAVES US!



## STORY

Once upon a time, there was very good judge who was honest. One day, his son came into the court accused of a crime! The son pleaded guilty. The judge had no choice, he must sentence this son to jail! But he also loved his son. So, the judge declared that the son was guilty. This upheld the law. But then, the judge volunteered to take the punishment for his son and to go to jail in his place!

That's what God did for us. He is like the judge and we are like his son. He had to declare us guilty and punish us because we had broken his laws. But instead of us being punished, Jesus left heaven, became a man, and died in our place instead of us. If he wasn't God, he would still be dead today. But he's not. He came back to life, which proved that he is God!

Open up your Bible to discover the verse that tells all of this.

## OPEN UP!

**Read 1 Corinthians 15:3-7.**

Can you summarize what Jesus did in your own words?

Hint: Verses 3 and 4.

How do we know that Jesus came back to life?

Hint: Verses 5, 6, 7.

## WHAT WE LEARN

What do we learn about God from 1 Corinthians 15:3-7?  
What do we learn about ourselves?

## PRAY!

Now, let's pray and thank Jesus that he took our punishment. If you don't know what to pray, just pray:

*"Jesus, thank you that because you love us, you took our punishment. In Jesus' name, amen."*

## A VERSE TO REMEMBER!

Each of you read the verse below aloud or repeat it after it's read. Try to memorize what this verse says.

*All Ages: ACTS 16:31*

**"And they said, 'Believe in the Lord Jesus,  
and you will be saved...'"**



# THE THING TO

# JESUS SAVES US!



# REMEMBER