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Having Peace When Things Are Hard: Weeks 1–5

WEEK 1: TRUSTING GOD WHEN WE WORRY

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Week 1: Trusting God When We Worry

Read the devotion and Bible verses from *Jesus Listens for Kids*, January 5th (or listen, if you have the *Jesus Listens for Kids* audiobook). Then answer the questions.

1. Sometimes when we are scared, we forget that God is such a *big* God and He can do anything! What are three things that make you forget to trust God? How can you ask Jesus to help you trust Him?

2. Romans 8:28 reminds us that all things work together for good. Can you think of a time when things felt hard at the beginning, but everything turned out okay in the end? What did that teach you about God being by your side?

3. God is *so much bigger* than our problems. Is there a problem you need to give to Him today? How do you think you will feel after you hand over your problem to Him?



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Week 2: Joy in My Heart

Read the devotion and Bible verses from *Jesus Listens for Kids*, January 5th (or listen, if you have the *Jesus Listens for Kids* audiobook). Then answer the questions.

1. When you get upset with how things are, how does that affect how you talk to God?

2. Why should we trust God when things don't go the way we want them to? Instead of wishing we could change the things we don't like, how would choosing to look for the good things would help us?

3. Psalm 16:11 says that God will teach us His way to live. What do you think it looks like to live "God's way?" How do you think that's better than "our" way?



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Week 3: Worrying? Talk to God!

Read the devotion and Bible verses from *Jesus Listens for Kids*, January 5th (or listen, if you have the *Jesus Listens for Kids* audiobook). Then answer the questions.

1. Uh-oh! Worry alert! The one good thing about worrying is that it can remind us where we need to go. Do you ever go straight to God in prayer? After you talked with God, how did you feel?

2. How do you remind yourself to talk to God in happy times and hard times? Do you talk to Him more when you're happy or when you're sad? Why do you think that is?

3. How do you like to talk with God? Do you have a special place where you talk to Him? If you don't, can you think of a special place you'd like to talk to Him?



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Week 4: Always With Me

Read the devotion and Bible verses from *Jesus Listens for Kids*, January 5th (or listen, if you have the *Jesus Listens for Kids* audiobook). Then answer the questions.

1. No matter how we feel inside, God is always with us, no matter what. Can you remember a time you knew He was right with you? What did that feel like?

2. Knowing God means remembering how well He knows us too! First Corinthians 13:12 reminds us of this. God knows we can feel sad or scared and alone, and yet He loves us anyway! How does God help you feel safe, even when things can feel a bit scary?

3. God's presence means that He is with you all the time. How can you help yourself remember that He's there beside you, every single moment of the day?



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Week 5: Perfect Peace

Read the devotion and Bible verses from *Jesus Listens for Kids*, January 5th (or listen, if you have the *Jesus Listens for Kids* audiobook). Then answer the questions.

1. Did you know that keeping our eyes on Jesus actually gives us peace? Peace is that reminder that even when things are rough, God’s presence with us is enough! How does it make you feel that you can push the worries far away when you choose to think about God’s truth?

2. How can you block out your worries and fears and think only on what’s true? The Bible calls this “capturing every thought.” What thoughts do you need to capture?

3. Genesis 1:27 has great news for us: it tells us we are made in God’s image! How can you catch those sneaky thoughts and swap them for the perfect peace God’s promised you?



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Seeing Myself the Way God Sees Me: Weeks 6–10

WEEK 6: FORGIVEN FOREVER
WEEK 7: NEVER ALONE
WEEK 8: HELP WHEN WE NEED IT
WEEK 9: SAFE AND SUPER-STRONG
WEEK 10: REST IN HIM

Week 6: Forgiven Forever!

Read the devotion and Bible verses from *Jesus Listens for Kids*, January 5th (or listen, if you have the *Jesus Listens for Kids* audiobook). Then answer the questions.

1. When you think about who you are, what do you see? Now, think about who God says you are. What's the biggest difference between the two?

2. First John 1:9 reminds us that God will “make us clean” from all the wrongs we have done. How does that make you feel?

3. Sometimes we are so happy God has forgiven us, but we still forget to forgive ourselves for the bad things we've done. Why do you think God wants you to forgive yourself too? How can you be kind to yourself today?



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Week 7: Never Alone

Read the devotion and Bible verses from *Jesus Listens for Kids*, January 5th (or listen, if you have the *Jesus Listens for Kids* audiobook). Then answer the questions.

1. Even though He knows you so well, it's so good to tell God when you're feeling all alone. He wants to hear from you! How often do you talk to God?

2. God knows how all the feelings in your heart, before you even tell Him. Since you know He's always with you, you are actually never, ever alone. How does that make you feel?

3. Sometimes we can pray by talking out loud. Sometimes we can pray by *thinking* our prayers. And sometimes, we can even write them out! What's your favorite way to pray? Is there a new way to pray that you'd like to try out?



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Week 8: Help When We Need It

Read the devotion and Bible verses from *Jesus Listens for Kids*, January 5th (or listen, if you have the *Jesus Listens for Kids* audiobook). Then answer the questions.

1. Sometimes no matter how hard we try, we still make mistakes. Did you know that God, who is strong and perfect, can get the glory even when we make mistakes?

2. Do you remember a time when you prayed for God to help you in your mess? Talk about how it felt when you realized you could lean on Him to be strong when you felt weak.

3. Philippians 4:19 tells us that God gives us everything we need. What needs would you like to ask God to meet today? While you wait for His answer, remember that His Word promises that He helps us as we trust in Him.



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Week 9: Safe and Super-Strong

Read the devotion and Bible verses from *Jesus Listens for Kids*, January 5th (or listen, if you have the *Jesus Listens for Kids* audiobook). Then answer the questions.

1. Sometimes we have tough times in our lives, but God can use them to make our faith stronger. Have you ever gone through something really tough? How was God with you during that time?

2. When a scary situation comes up, how do you remember to—right away—trust in God instead of how things look in the moment?

3. God's Word says that we can lean on His strength when we are weak ourselves. Talk about a time when you relied on Him to make you strong and how He reminded you that you were safe in Him.



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Week 10: Rest in Him

Read the devotion and Bible verses from *Jesus Listens for Kids*, January 5th (or listen, if you have the *Jesus Listens for Kids* audiobook). Then answer the questions.

1. Do you ever feel like everything you have to do and remember is just *too much*?

2. God's Word reminds us that He wants us to work and rest—and that both are super important to serve Him well. Which is harder for you: working hard or resting well?

3. Ephesians 2:8–9 reminds us that we're saved by God alone, not because we are good at all the things we do. How can you thank Him today for the blessings of work and rest?



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Growing in Godliness: Weeks 11–15

WEEK 11: GROWING IN PRAYER
WEEK 12: GROWING TO TREASURE TODAY
WEEK 13: GROWING IN LISTENING
WEEK 14: GROWING IN RELATIONSHIP WITH GOD
WEEK 15: GROWING IN FAITH

Week 11: Growing in Prayer

Read the devotion and Bible verses from *Jesus Listens for Kids*, January 5th (or listen, if you have the *Jesus Listens for Kids* audiobook). Then answer the questions.

1. What kinds of things do you pray about? How often do you talk to God? If you don't pray very much, how could you make that an important part of your day?

2. Can you think of a time that God answered something you prayed to Him about? How did it change the way you think about Him? Did it make you feel even more loved?

3. Sometimes God doesn't answer our prayers right away. Sometimes the answer isn't what we wanted, and sometimes He asks us to wait a little longer. Should you still keep praying when you don't get the answer you hope for? Why or why not?



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Week 12: Growing to Treasure Today

Read the devotion and Bible verses from *Jesus Listens for Kids*, January 5th (or listen, if you have the *Jesus Listens for Kids* audiobook). Then answer the questions.

1. Is it hard for you to remember to spend time with Jesus? What keeps you from talking to Him every day?

2. Since God cares about each part of your day, what if every time you wake up, you asked Him to help you make the right choices? How does giving Him your day each morning help you remember to follow Him all day long?

3. First Chronicles 16:10–11 reminds us to always go to God for help. Can you think of some ways that you can do that? What's one small step you can take today to start turning prayer into a daily habit?



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Week 13: Growing in Listening

Read the devotion and Bible verses from *Jesus Listens for Kids*, January 5th (or listen, if you have the *Jesus Listens for Kids* audiobook). Then answer the questions.

1. Where do you go that always reminds you of God's presence? How do you feel when you remember He is with you always?

2. When do you feel like you can hear what God wants to put on your heart? Is it when you are alone in your room, or maybe at church singing to Him? What kinds of steps can you take so that you never miss His voice?

3. Jeremiah 29:12 says "Pray to me, and I will listen to you." What does this verse from the Bible say happens when you call out to God? How does that make you feel about His love for you?



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Week 14: Growing in Relationship with God

Read the devotion and Bible verses from *Jesus Listens for Kids*, January 5th (or listen, if you have the *Jesus Listens for Kids* audiobook). Then answer the questions.

1. When you think about your relationship with Jesus, are there ways you would like for it to grow? Are there goals you can set to grow closer to Him and know Him a little better?

2. How is your relationship with God different from your relationship with other friends and family? Name some of those differences. How can a deeper relationship with Jesus make your life more joyful?

3. John 14:20 shares that God is in us, and we are in Him. Everything we have is because God gives it to us. How can you thank Him for His care and presence today?



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Week 15: Growing in Faith

Read the devotion and Bible verses from *Jesus Listens for Kids*, January 5th (or listen, if you have the *Jesus Listens for Kids* audiobook). Then answer the questions.

1. Do you think God is helping you to be stronger in your faith in Him? How do you think He is doing this?

2. When you remember that Jesus says He is “The way, the truth, and the life,” how do you feel about asking God for help? Is there anything at all He can’t help you with?

3. We will never be perfect, but God is! God is our help in every struggle, as we’re reminded in Matthew 11:28. When you mess up, what can you focus on to get back on track?



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Joy in Jesus: Weeks 16–20

WEEK 16: JOYFUL ALWAYS

WEEK 17: NEVER CHANGING JOY

WEEK 18: JOY WHEN THINGS ARE HARD

WEEK 19: A JOY THAT CAN'T BE LOST

WEEK 20: VERY BIG JOY

Week 16: Joyful Always

Read the devotion and Bible verses from *Jesus Listens for Kids*, January 5th (or listen, if you have the *Jesus Listens for Kids* audiobook). Then answer the questions.

1. When does it seem hard to find joy? Did you know that joy is like a muscle that gets stronger whenever we choose to be happy in Jesus?

2. The Bible asks us to be joyful always, even though it can be really hard to be joyful all the time! On your saddest days, what are three things you can be joyful about?

3. First Thessalonians 5:16 – 17 reminds us to always be joyful and never stop praying. Why do you think God made a point to tell you that? Do you think those are helpful things to do every day?



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Week 17: Never Changing Joy

Read the devotion and Bible verses from *Jesus Listens for Kids*, January 5th (or listen, if you have the *Jesus Listens for Kids* audiobook). Then answer the questions.

1. The Bible says that God delights in His creation—which means you! The joy He has over us is contagious. How does His delight in you make you joyful in return?

2. The more God fills you with His joy, the more joy you have to share with other people. How can you pass on His joy to your family and friends?

3. Things seem to change all the time! We change grades and teachers every year. Our favorite color might change, or even our favorite food. But God never changes—never, ever. How does that make you feel, to know God will always stay the same?



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Week 18: Joy When Things are Hard

Read the devotion and Bible verses from *Jesus Listens for Kids*, January 5th (or listen, if you have the *Jesus Listens for Kids* audiobook). Then answer the questions.

1. The Bible tells us to “look at troubles as a chance to find great joy.” Is this something you think is true? Why or why not?

2. In James 1:2–3, we’re told to “consider it pure joy” whenever we face a problem. Have you ever found this to be something you can do? Why do you think we are asked to choose joy in the middle of a hard time?

3. First Peter 1:6–7 explains that trials can make your faith even stronger! Think of some trials you’ve faced. How was your faith in Jesus strengthened because of that hard time?



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Week 19: A Joy That Can't be Lost

Read the devotion and Bible verses from *Jesus Listens for Kids*, January 5th (or listen, if you have the *Jesus Listens for Kids* audiobook). Then answer the questions.

1. When you sit down to talk to God, does your mind get distracted and wander? What helps you to bring your attention back to your chat with Him?

2. When we completely focus on God, we can find great joy in Him. How has your life been better because you've spent some quiet time with God?

3. John 16:33 tells us that God has overcome the world. That's amazing! But often, we don't stop to think about what that verse really says about His power. If God can do that, what do you think He can do with your worries when you give them to Him?



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Week 20: Very Big Joy

Read the devotion and Bible verses from *Jesus Listens for Kids*, January 5th (or listen, if you have the *Jesus Listens for Kids* audiobook). Then answer the questions.

1. Do you notice how walking with God makes you extra joyful? How is this joy different from anything else you might feel?

2. How can you keep the bad days from stealing your joy in Jesus?

3. When you remember one day we will see God face to face, as it says in 1 Corinthians 13:12, how does that make you feel? What is the first thing you would want to say to Him?



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Loving God: Weeks 21–25

WEEK 21: LOVE ONE ANOTHER

WEEK 22: CONFIDENT IN HIM

WEEK 23: DELIGHTING IN GOD

WEEK 24: TRUST IN THE TRUSTWORTHY ONE

WEEK 25: RESTING IN HIM

Week 21: Love One Another

Read the devotion and Bible verses from *Jesus Listens for Kids*, January 5th (or listen, if you have the *Jesus Listens for Kids* audiobook). Then answer the questions.

1. Think about everyone you know. Did you know that they are all loved by God? Since you know that God loves them, how might this change the way you treat them (even the not-so-nice ones) while wearing those “love lenses?”

2. We are all God’s beloved children. Do you or anyone you know struggle with feeling known by God? What are some ways you can remind yourself and others of how much God loves us all?

3. When you have an argument with a friend, do you usually bring it to God in prayer first? If not, how would things change if you did? Would remembering that they are loved by God make it easier to pray for them?



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Week 22: Confident in Him

Read the devotion and Bible verses from *Jesus Listens for Kids*, January 5th (or listen, if you have the *Jesus Listens for Kids* audiobook). Then answer the questions.

1. Sometimes we forget that God is “for us,” which means He’s always on our side and helping us. No matter how others treat us, we can be confident in Jesus. How can talking to God about your needs help you, no matter what happens?

2. Where do you turn when things are just plain hard? If you remember God is for you all the time, even when you’re just not getting it right, how would that reminder give you more confidence?

3. Romans 8:39 tells us that nothing can separate us from God’s love. Where does your courage come from? And when that courage is tested, how does God build you back up?



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Week 23: Delighting in God

Read the devotion and Bible verses from *Jesus Listens for Kids*, January 5th (or listen, if you have the *Jesus Listens for Kids* audiobook). Then answer the questions.

1. Think of someone you love to be around. What is it about them that makes them lovable? What makes you want to grow closer to them, and why? Now, think about God. What are the things that delight you about Him? What keeps you close to Him?

2. When your life is God-centered and you find yourself enjoying His presence, do you notice a difference in the way you “show up” in life?

3. Psalm 37:4 says to, “Pour out your heart to him, because God is our refuge.” A refuge is where you’re safe from danger. Why do you think God is a safe place for you?



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Week 24: Trust in the Trustworthy One

Read the devotion and Bible verses from *Jesus Listens for Kids*, January 5th (or listen, if you have the *Jesus Listens for Kids* audiobook). Then answer the questions.

1. All relationships need a good foundation of trust to grow and remain strong. Has someone ever broken your trust before? How did that feel?

2. Because of God's always and forever presence with us, we can trust Him, even when our path looks harder than someone else's. Do you ever find yourself feeling unsure when it comes to trusting God? Where do you think those fears come from?

3. Lamentations 3:22–23 tells us that the Lord's love never ends, He will never let us down. How does it feel to have Someone so dependable on your side? When you feel like you can't trust anyone, how could you remind yourself that you can place your trust in God, even when it's hard?



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Week 25: Resting in Him

Read the devotion and Bible verses from *Jesus Listens for Kids*, January 5th (or listen, if you have the *Jesus Listens for Kids* audiobook). Then answer the questions.

1. Between school, sports, family, chores and friends, there’s always so much to do! Do you find it hard to stop rushing, rushing, rushing and make time to rest?

2. God’s Word tells us that our rest matters just as much to Him as our good, hard work does! We know He cares that we rest in Him instead of just going all the time. How do you think you could praise God by resting when you need to?

3. When we rest in God, He gives us new strength for the next task or day— and relying on Him shows that we know He is in control! What are some ways you can relax in God’s presence today? How do you think that rest will benefit those you serve?



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Free in Christ: Weeks 26–30

WEEK 26: NOT GUILTY
WEEK 27: SO MUCH PRESSURE!
WEEK 28: PRAISE INSTEAD OF COMPLAIN
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WEEK 30: SMALL TROUBLES, BIG FUTURE

Week 26: Not Guilty

Read the devotion and Bible verses from *Jesus Listens for Kids*, January 5th (or listen, if you have the *Jesus Listens for Kids* audiobook). Then answer the questions.

1. Is there something you've done that, even though you've asked Jesus for forgiveness, you still feel guilty for doing? Is the weight of that guilt weighing you down?

2. Do you think talking about your feelings with someone might help you work through this guilt? Have you ever talked to God about it?

3. If you are still carrying burdens that God has forgiven, you are carrying things you are not guilty for! How can you give those burdens to Him today and live in His freedom?



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Week 27: So Much Pressure!

Read the devotion and Bible verses from *Jesus Listens for Kids*, January 5th (or listen, if you have the *Jesus Listens for Kids* audiobook). Then answer the questions.

1. Sometimes there is so much pulling at our attention. What kinds of situations cause you to feel pressure and stress?

2. When you feel pressure, do you often try to zone out with YouTube, TV shows, or video games? How can you start to turn to God for rest and relief instead?

3. Romans 12:2 is a good verse to keep in mind when you feel stress weighing on you: “Do not be shaped by this world. Instead, be changed within by a new way of thinking. Then you will be able to decide what God wants for you.” When you’re stressed, what do you think God wants for you?



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Week 28: Praise Instead of Complain

Read the devotion and Bible verses from *Jesus Listens for Kids*, January 5th (or listen, if you have the *Jesus Listens for Kids* audiobook). Then answer the questions.

1. What makes you really angry? Is it easy to feel that way when things don't go your way?

2. When you wish God would keep bad things from happening to you, but He doesn't, do you find yourself getting angry at Him and complaining about your situation?

3. It can be so hard to thank God in the middle of hard situations. And when you're feeling angry, praying might not be your first response to dealing with that big feeling. When you're seeing red, is there a one-word prayer you can say to invite God to help you deal with that feeling and move forward? How can you choose to praise Him instead of complaining?



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Week 29: Fear Not

Read the devotion and Bible verses from *Jesus Listens for Kids*, January 5th (or listen, if you have the *Jesus Listens for Kids* audiobook). Then answer the questions.

1. Is there a certain fear that you struggle with often? Do you think that fear could be keeping you from growing in trust for God?

2. Do you remember a time when you should have felt very afraid, but you didn't because you remembered God was with you? How does it feel to remember that situation? Does it make you trust God even more?

3. We don't have to fear what might come our way because God is "our Rock," as Isaiah 26:4 says. Why do you think this truth can help us walk forward in courage? Why is having God as our "Rock" a good thing?



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Week 30: Small Troubles, Big Future

Read the devotion and Bible verses from *Jesus Listens for Kids*, January 5th (or listen, if you have the *Jesus Listens for Kids* audiobook). Then answer the questions.

1. God is working on us to be kinder and more patient to others. How do you think He's doing this for you?

2. The joy that comes from freedom in Jesus is a joy you can't wait to share with others. Who in your life needs that freedom? How can you share your joy and freedom in Jesus with someone who needs it?

3. Second Corinthians 5:17 reminds us that in Jesus, we are a new creation. As one of these "new creations," what are you glad to be rid of? And what kind of "new" are you excited about? That you're kinder, more patient, or more willing to help others, perhaps?



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Healing and Growing: Weeks 31–35

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WEEK 32: DEALING WITH DISAPPOINTMENTS
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Week 31: Standing Firm

Read the devotion and Bible verses from *Jesus Listens for Kids*, January 5th (or listen, if you have the *Jesus Listens for Kids* audiobook). Then answer the questions.

1. When we build our lives on the solid rock of Jesus, the storms that come our way are no match for His power. What type of storms try to threaten your peace and joy?

2. When storms come, who do you normally run to with your fear or concerns? What would it look like if you turned to God for strength through these hard times?

3. Is it hard for you to rely on God's rock-solid foundation? If so, why? What's a small first step to depending on Him for wisdom and help?



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Week 32: Dealing with Disappointments

Read the devotion and Bible verses from *Jesus Listens for Kids*, January 5th (or listen, if you have the *Jesus Listens for Kids* audiobook). Then answer the questions.

1. Think about a time when you felt everything was going all wrong. How did you deal with your disappointment?

2. The next time you mess up (and you will mess up—because we all do!), are there different ways you can lean on God and trust His good plan for your life?

3. Do you ever find yourself doubting God’s good plans when you can’t see the big picture? How do you remember to walk by faith and not by sight? Does it help you to remember that He knows what you’re going through?



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Week 33: Balancing a Busy Season

Read the devotion and Bible verses from *Jesus Listens for Kids*, January 5th (or listen, if you have the *Jesus Listens for Kids* audiobook). Then answer the questions.

1. Think about a time when you were really, really busy. How did it feel to have so much stuff you had to do? Were you able to talk to God much during that season?

2. Do you find it hard to take time out to talk to God, especially when you're busy? Why do you think it's important to pause for a second and spend some time just with Him?

3. Psalm 105:4 reminds us to always look to God, especially when we need help with something. How do you think God can help us tackle our busy seasons and make time for rest for time with Him?



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Week 34: Forgiveness

Read the devotion and Bible verses from *Jesus Listens for Kids*, January 5th (or listen, if you have the *Jesus Listens for Kids* audiobook). Then answer the questions.

1. Joshua 1:5 shares that God will never leave us, no matter what we do. Do you struggle with accepting God's free gift of forgiveness? If so, why do you think that's hard for you?

2. Have you ever messed up and needed forgiveness in a big way? How did it feel to need that forgiveness? After you were forgiven, how did your heart feel changed?

3. Forgiveness is a big gift. We need forgiveness, but so do the people around us. Is there someone you need to forgive today? How would choosing forgiveness change your heart toward them?



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Week 35: Journey with God

Read the devotion and Bible verses from *Jesus Listens for Kids*, January 5th (or listen, if you have the *Jesus Listens for Kids* audiobook). Then answer the questions.

1. God’s presence means that you can’t go anywhere in the world where He is not. Does this give you a greater understanding of your safety in Him?

2. On your journey to know God better, it’s so comforting to know that He is with you wherever you go! How could you share this with others and help them have the same peace you do?

3. Along the path of growing in God, there will always be hard or scary things that come up along the way. How does it feel to know you’ll face everything with God by your side? Does that give you a bit more confidence?



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Listening to His Voice: Weeks 36-40

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Week 36: Praise Him in the Wait

Read the devotion and Bible verses from *Jesus Listens for Kids*, January 5th (or listen, if you have the *Jesus Listens for Kids* audiobook). Then answer the questions.

1. Think about a time when you prayed for something really good to happen. How did that waiting for an answer make you feel? Was it so hard to wait, not knowing how long the wait would be?

2. Do you ever look around while you're waiting and notice others who seem like they never have to wait for God to answer their prayers? Did you know praising God while you wait is a mark of growing your faith? How could you praise Him as you wait on His answer today?

3. It's easy to get wrapped up in our own wants and needs instead of thinking about what God might want for us. What do you think God might be trying to teach you as you wait? How can you help your mind be strong to listen to God's plan for you?



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Week 37: Shining with the Light

Read the devotion and Bible verses from *Jesus Listens for Kids*, January 5th (or listen, if you have the *Jesus Listens for Kids* audiobook). Then answer the questions.

1. What do you think it means to be someone who is full of “God’s light”? How do you see God’s light shine in other people around you?

2. When Jesus saves us from our sins, the Bible says that He wraps us in His clothes of salvation and goodness. Does this make you feel safe and secure in His protection?

3. What can you do to share the good news of God’s rescue plan with others? How can you live so that others will see Jesus shining through you and want His love, too?



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Week 38: Depending and Listening

Read the devotion and Bible verses from *Jesus Listens for Kids*, January 5th (or listen, if you have the *Jesus Listens for Kids* audiobook). Then answer the questions.

1. When it comes to depending on God, do you struggle to trust what He's doing in your life? Do you ever feel like His plans are confusing because you can't see them all the way?

2. What thing has God done in your life that would have been impossible to do if you tried it on your own?

3. Philippians 4:13 says, "I can do all things through Christ because he gives me strength." Do you truly believe you can do anything and everything in the power of God? How do you think your faith would grow if you lived like this every single day?



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Week 39: The Kindness of God

Read the devotion and Bible verses from *Jesus Listens for Kids*, January 5th (or listen, if you have the *Jesus Listens for Kids* audiobook). Then answer the questions.

1. God knew and loved you before time began. How does it feel to know that the Creator of the whole world loved you long before you were even born?

2. Can you list a few ways that God has shown kindness to you and your family?

3. In what ways can you share kindness with others and pass on the love that God has given to you?



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Week 40: Trusting the Mystery

Read the devotion and Bible verses from *Jesus Listens for Kids*, January 5th (or listen, if you have the *Jesus Listens for Kids* audiobook). Then answer the questions.

1. Sometimes when we don't understand everything God is doing, we can get impatient and want to see how things will all turn out. How could turning our questions over to God bring us comfort?

2. Does it give you peace to know that there are many mysteries that God has revealed to us in the Bible? Do you need to spend more time "digging for these treasures," in His Word?

3. Proverbs 3:5 says to "trust in the Lord with all of your heart." Once you give Him your trust, it's easier to rest in His power without needing to understand everything. What steps do you need to take in order to trust Him?



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Your Part in His Plan: Weeks 41–46

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Week 41: Praying for Your Community

Read the devotion and Bible verses from *Jesus Listens for Kids*, January 5th (or listen, if you have the *Jesus Listens for Kids* audiobook). Then answer the questions.

1. God wants good things for everyone, and that includes the people in your life. Is there someone you know who's feeling afraid or disappointed? How can you help be a light to them during their hard time?

2. The Bible tells us that God's love is a shield to those who look to Him for protection. How does it make you feel to know He's always watching out for you and always has your back?

3. As Christians, we cover those who don't know Jesus yet in lots of prayer. Take a minute to pray for people in your community, and brainstorm some ideas to reach them with love. Remember that God's way is perfect, and He can use us to share His peace with those who need it.



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Week 42: Praying for Your Leaders

Read the devotion and Bible verses from *Jesus Listens for Kids*, January 5th (or listen, if you have the *Jesus Listens for Kids* audiobook). Then answer the questions.

1. All throughout history— even when things look shaky and a little scary— we can always know that God is in control of the smallest details. What kinds of prayers could you pray over leaders? How do you think that kind of prayer could make a real difference?

2. How could praying for a leader to be protected by God be an important thing, even when you don't always agree with their decisions?

3. When things don't go the way we'd like in our countries and cities, it's important to think that God may have a bigger picture in mind. How would remembering this truth help you be at peace, no matter what happens?



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Week 43: Praying for Your Church

Read the devotion and Bible verses from *Jesus Listens for Kids*, January 5th (or listen, if you have the *Jesus Listens for Kids* audiobook). Then answer the questions.

1. Loving others is a huge blessing, and one place we can see a lot of love is in our church! If you go to church, do you find it easy or hard to remember to pray for your church family?

2. First Thessalonians 5:17 says to “never stop praying.” So say a prayer right now! Pray for some people in your church that everyone knows, like your pastor. Now pray for some people who serve quietly and could still use an extra dose of encouragement.

3. Do you feel God’s love overflowing from you to share with others? Ask God to fill you full to the brim with His love so that you can allow it to spill out and bless others in your church family.



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Week 44: Praying for Your Country

Read the devotion and Bible verses from *Jesus Listens for Kids*, January 5th (or listen, if you have the *Jesus Listens for Kids* audiobook). Then answer the questions.

1. God's Word says that He will one day make everything new, but sometimes we need to be reminded of the new things He is doing right here and now in our world. Do you see good things that He is doing in your country?

2. God asks us to love and pray for everyone—including people who don't seem like they're on our side. Why do you think He asks us to do this?

3. The world around us can be very discouraging, but God has given us a part in His special mission to love everyone. How can our prayers help us have a part in this while we wait for Him to make all things new?



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Week 45: A Very Close Friend

Read the devotion and Bible verses from *Jesus Listens for Kids*, January 5th (or listen, if you have the *Jesus Listens for Kids* audiobook). Then answer the questions.

1. God is our very best and closest friend. Think about your friends on earth. What similarities do you see between your friendship with them and your friendship with God? What makes them all a good friend to you?

2. Has God ever brought a friend into your life just when you needed them? How did that make you feel? How could you show that same kindness to someone else?

3. What does it look like to be a good friend to God? Can you think of a few ideas that would help you remember to thank God for all the ways He cares for you each day?



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Week 46: Praying For Your Part In It All!

Read the devotion and Bible verses from *Jesus Listens for Kids*, January 5th (or listen, if you have the *Jesus Listens for Kids* audiobook). Then answer the questions.

1. Does it excite you to know that God has chosen you to have a part in His work in the world? What gifts do you see in your life that God gave you just for this very thing?

2. Are there things you struggle with that you wish God would grow in you so that you can serve Him better?

3. There are two parts to serving God: praying for His help and then being obedient to His call. How can you ask for His help in both of these areas?



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Obedience to God: Weeks 47–51

WEEK 47: GOD'S STRENGTH IN YOU
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Week 47: God's Strength in You

Read the devotion and Bible verses from *Jesus Listens for Kids*, January 5th (or listen, if you have the *Jesus Listens for Kids* audiobook). Then answer the questions.

1. Are there things you wish God would give you super-strength for? When you get tired or sad, how would you like to be reminded of His never-ending love for you?

2. When you remember that God is with you and that His strength is more than you could ever need, does it make you feel brave to do whatever He asks of you?

3. Psalm 105:4 reminds us to ask for and accept God's strength. Do you believe He has the power to make big changes in your life? Name a time you have seen Him do this before.



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Week 48: Never-Stopping Love

Read the devotion and Bible verses from *Jesus Listens for Kids*, January 5th (or listen, if you have the *Jesus Listens for Kids* audiobook). Then answer the questions.

1. Do you ever wonder if God's love will really never leave you? What about when you sin or struggle with wanting to sin? Do you feel like He might be super disappointed in you?

2. Philippians 4:8 tells us to think about things that are "true and honorable and right and pure and beautiful and respected." Why do you think God tells us to think about these things in particular? How would training your mind on these kinds of things help you when you're tempted to stray away from His way?

3. The Bible tells us that His love for us will never fade and will never shake or leave us. No matter what! How does it make you feel to know that His love is never based on what we do?



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Week 49: Being a Cheerful Giver

Read the devotion and Bible verses from *Jesus Listens for Kids*, January 5th (or listen, if you have the *Jesus Listens for Kids* audiobook). Then answer the questions.

1. Do you find it hard to always have a good attitude when faced with a job you don't particularly want to do?

2. How can being grateful for God's blessings cause you to thank Him—even for the days full of hard work?

3. The Bible says that God will give us the strength to do good work if we do it like we're doing it for Him. What would this look like as you complete your chores or schoolwork?



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Week 50: Prince of Peace

Read the devotion and Bible verses from *Jesus Listens for Kids*, January 5th (or listen, if you have the *Jesus Listens for Kids* audiobook). Then answer the questions.

1. When you spend time with Jesus every day, do you notice how He gives you an extra bit of peace to do the hard things? Why do you think this is?

2. What are some ways that you can turn to hear God’s voice of peace when all around you is busy and loud?

3. How do you think spending more time with Jesus will in turn give you greater peace? What is one way you can choose not to rush through your time with Him?



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Week 51: Living in Obedience

Read the devotion and Bible verses from *Jesus Listens for Kids*, January 5th (or listen, if you have the *Jesus Listens for Kids* audiobook). Then answer the questions.

1. Obedience isn't just about following all the rules. It's about staying in line with what's important to God. What kinds of things need to change in your life so that you can live the way God wants you to?

2. Isaiah 30:18 says that, "Everyone who waits for his help will be happy." Why do you think it's worth it to wait for God's help instead of trying to do it on your own?

3. Waiting on God is super hard, but He still blesses us in the moment. Name a few of the blessings from God in your life. How can you know He will continue to bless you?



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Week 52: Courage in Christ

Read the devotion and Bible verses from *Jesus Listens for Kids*, January 5th (or listen, if you have the *Jesus Listens for Kids* audiobook). Then answer the questions.

1. When was the last time you had to be courageous? Was it hard to take heart and be brave? Were you able to quickly turn to God as your source of courage?

2. Matthew 14:27 is a great reminder to not be afraid—even of God Himself. Have you ever been afraid of God? How did you talk to Him about your feelings?

3. Why does courage even matter in hard times? Does your courage impact only you or other people also?

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