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PROVERBS 30:24-28

WISDOM FROM LITTLE CREATURES

A gur, the writer of these Proverbs, listed four little creatures that God created and how much wisdom can be learned from each of them.

Ants are very tiny and weak. It can be crushed with a single toe of a human. In summer, they work diligently to accumulate as much food as possible so that during winter they won't be starving. Let's be hardworking and diligent.

The rock badgers are not strong and powerful yet they know how to live in the rocks and survive harsh conditions. Hide yourself wisely when there is threat or danger and avoid sins.

Locusts have no king but they can be very orderly and disciplined. We can learn from them that it is crucial to live in unity in the society, to be selfless and disciplined even when there is no one who supervises you.

A lizard is small and can be easily caught, yet, it is able to sneak into the kings' palaces which are heavily guarded by men. Be persistent and perseverant like a lizard.

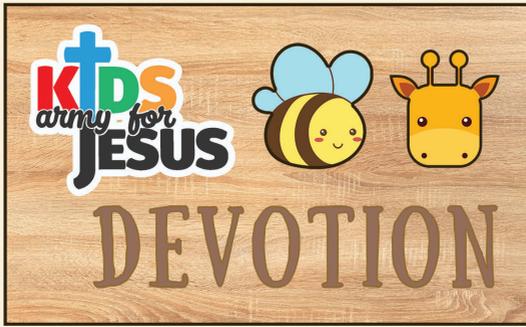
Key verse:

*Proverbs 1:5
Let the wise listen and add to their learning, and let the discerning get guidance*

Prayer

Dear God, I want to be diligent like ants, to hide myself wisely from sins like rock badgers, to be disciplined like locusts and to be persistent like lizards. Amen.





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ECCLESIASTES 3:1-17

TIME FOR EVERYTHING

The festive season of Christmas is followed by the festive celebration of New Year. It will last for about a week or two. After that, a new season will happen, followed by the Chinese New Year celebration.

During festive seasons, surely there are lots of happy moments, laughter, dance, love and merriest spirit. Let's enjoy every moment to the full with a grateful heart to God.

However, there are times when you and I are in a low season of life, for example, during the current Covid19 period. It creates lots of worries, anxiety and stress. Fear not! Just like all the other season, this Covid19 time will not last forever. It will stop. It will disappear.

Just like what King Solomon wrote, there is time for everything and everything happens for a reason. Bad times and good times will come and go. Seasons and people change. But, one thing for sure, God will never leave you. God's love never changes.

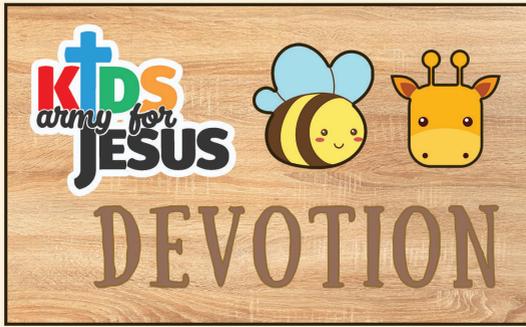
Key verse:

*Ecclesiastes 3:1
There is a
right time for
everything, and
everything on
earth will happen
at the right time.*

Prayer

*Dear God, I know
that in every
season of my life,
You are there
with me. You
never leave me.
My heart is filled
with thankfulness.
Amen.*





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ECCLESIASTES 4:9-12

TOGETHER IS BETTER

It is easier to break one stick than two or three sticks that are bundled together. It will be more fun to watch a movie at the cinema with your friends rather than watching it alone. It will be merrier to have a meal at the restaurant with your family rather than having it alone.

Having friends is not only fun, but it is also important. Your friends will help to encourage you when you are down. Encouraging friends will lift you up when you are down and always put you in a brighter mood.

When you are about to give up or turn away from God because you are too down, your true friend will help and pick you up so that both of you will be able to stand stronger in God. It is easier to stand up from being stumbled when someone helps you.

Two are better than one because they are stronger together and harder to fall apart. God made you and me to encourage one another so that we can show care and remind and encourage one another.

Key verse:

*Ecclesiastes 4:9
Two people
are better than
one. When two
people work
together, they
get more work
done.*

Prayer

*Dear God,
thank You for
my friends who
encourage and
care about me.
Help me to show
Your love to
others through
my friendship.
Amen.*





ECCLESIASTES 5:1-7

BE CAREFUL AND BE TRUTHFUL

When you come to Church, it is not only about singing, praying and sitting down nicely for the sake of listening to the Bible lesson. It is more about your attitude and your heart.

The Bible says when you come to worship Him, you need to ensure that you have a heart that is ready, attentive and receptive to God's word. Sometimes, while we are physically at Church, our heart is miles away. God knows our heart. He appreciates our sincerity and truthfulness.

When you pray to God, it is not about giving beautiful yet meaningless words. It is more about your heart. Do not say something for the sake saying it, but in the end, you fail to keep your words to God. When you talk to God, be sincere and truthful.

Key verse:

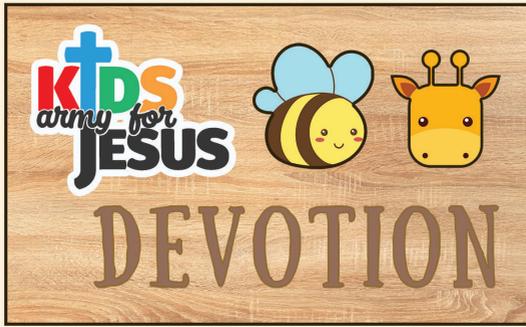
Ecclesiastes 5:2a

Think before you speak. Be careful about what you promise to God...

Prayer

Dear God, let my prayers always be sincere and truthful. You know my heart. Guide and teach me, oh Lord. Amen.





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ECCLESIASTES 6:7-9

ONLY GOD CAN TRULY SATISFY

If you are a chocolate lover, you will always want to eat chocolate. Each time you see chocolate, no matter how full you are, you will still want to eat a bit of it. Even sometimes one chocolate bar is not enough for you. You'll end up eating more than one chocolate bar! Eating too much chocolate will not be good for your health. It is important to control your desire.

Just because you like something, it does not mean that you may have it as much as you want it. We must train ourselves to have a contented heart, or to be happy with what we already have.

The TRUTH is only God can fully satisfy your need and desire. This is why it is crucial to always stay connected to God through prayer, worship and reading His Words. His love and His presence in your life will make you feel content.

Key verse:

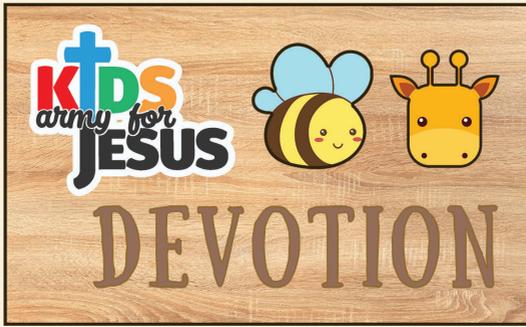
*Ecclesiastes
6:9a*

*So it is better
to be happy
with what
you have than
always to be
wanting more...*

Prayer

*Dear Jesus,
You Dear God,
capture my heart
with Your love
and bring me
deeper in Your
presence. Only
You can satisfy
my soul, heart
and desire. Amen.*





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ECCLESIASTES 9:7-12

LIVE LIFE TO THE FULLEST

Have you ever heard or seen or even experienced something that was totally surprising and unexpected before? It was so unexpected that you started to think that life was so unpredictable.

Scientists may be able to calculate time or gravity but no one will ever know about his or her future. No one knows what will happen to them in a year ahead, in a week ahead or even in the next hour as no one can predict the various circumstances or opportunities in life.

This is why we should live life to the fullest with God being at the center of it all. King Solomon writes that we should see the length of our days on earth as a gift from God thus we should maximize the gift of life and enjoy each moment God has granted us. We should cherish and treasure every moment we have.

Be kind to your dad and mum. Be caring to your brother or sister. Be thoughtful to your friends. Be helpful to your teachers and neighbours.

Key verse:

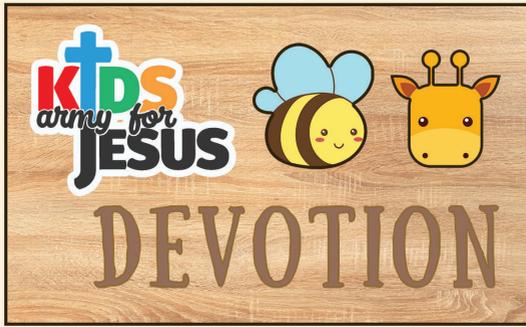
Ecclesiastes 9:9b...

Enjoy all the days of this short life God has given you here on earth.

Prayer

Dear God, I want to maximize every moment that I have on earth to the fullest and to enjoy every second of it with thankfulness. Amen.





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ECCLESIASTES 11

WHAT GOES AROUND COMES AROUND

Indeed, nobody knows their future.

Thirty years ago, who knew the Internet would become as worldwide as it is?

Who would have imagined the way we celebrated Christmas in 2020 would be totally different from the previous years?

In the beginning of 2020, who would have thought Covid19 would spread widely to all the nations worldwide and affect the world badly?

You will never know, maybe one of your classmates is going to be the president of Singapore!

This Bible verse tells us to do good wherever you go and wherever you are because the good things you have done in the past, will come back to you and help you when you are in need.

What goes around comes around. Childhood and youth are such a wonderful phase that will only be around for a limited period of time. Cherish your childhood and youth with good deeds and don't waste it with bad deeds. God gives the gift of childhood and youth, so rejoice and be glad in it. With God holding your future, in addition to all the good deeds you do, surely a bright future awaits you.

Key verse:

*Ecclesiastes 11:1
Do good things everywhere you go. After a while the good you do will return to help you.*

Prayer

Dear God, let me live my childhood and youth by doing what You want me to do. Let me use this opportunity to spread kindness to others. Amen.

