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ISAIAH 30:12-18

OUR VICTORY COMES FROM RELIANCE ON GOD

Judah refused God and thought that they could gain victory by forming an alliance with Egypt to overcome Assyria. However, the Holy One of Israel told them that their victory comes from their repentance and full reliance on God. The victory would not be found in their military strategy but in turning to Him with all their heart.

Isaiah assured Judah that God would patiently show His compassion on them as long as they truly repent and turn to Him in trust, and it was not too late to experience His deliverance. He is a gracious God.

In your daily life, you might face some struggles at times. When you run on your own strength, you tend to have a lot of worries and fear about things that you cannot control. Your victory would only be found in resting and staying quietly in God. Your victory comes from reliance on God. He will give you a way out and He will give you victory.

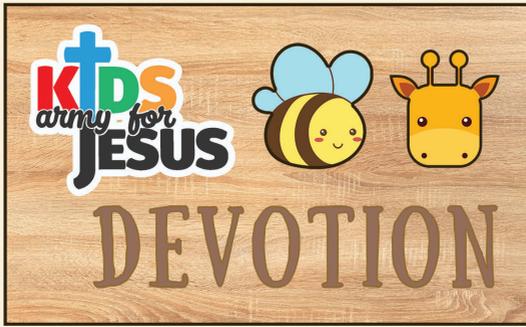
Key verse:

*Isaiah 30:18
Therefore the LORD waits to be gracious to you, and therefore He exalts Himself to show mercy to you. For the LORD is a God of justice; blessed are all those who wait for Him.*

Prayer

Dear God, may Your power and grace sustain me and lead me to rely on You more than on my own strength or other things that the world offers. Amen.





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ISAIAH 32:1-8

KING JESUS

A great king and leader should be able to bring justice, make fair decisions, protect his people, listen to them and bring peace upon the nation. A great leader also has to come up with purposeful plans to help, encourage, and build up the needy, and would stick with his plans until they are fulfilled. Wow, it seems too perfect to be true. Is there such a king in this world?

This all comes down to only one mighty leader and king! He is Jesus Christ who is the perfect leader, commander and king. Jesus the Messiah will bring about justice, righteousness and peace.

As the precious children of God who have acknowledged Jesus Christ, we are truly His privileged people. We now come under His righteous kingdom. He has become our shelter and refuge from the storm and tempest of life. He provides everything we need. His peace is upon us 24/7. His kingdom will be the happiest kingdom ever known!

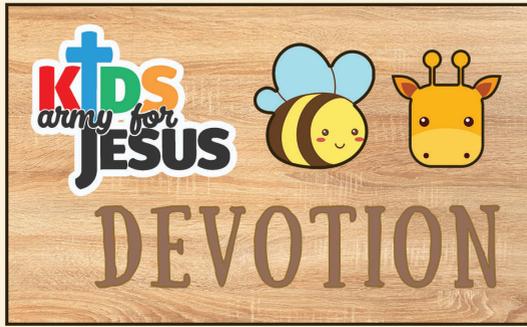
Key verse:

*Isaiah 32:8
But a good leader plans good things to do. And those good things make him a good leader.*

Prayer

Dear Jesus, I am thankful for the privilege to live in Your Kingdom. Your reign is the best and Your kingdom is the happiest. Amen.





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ISAIAH 33:1-6

GOD IS MY SAFETY

In some areas, locusts have been known to swarm inside houses and eat the furniture. Once a swarm of locust has invaded a place, it will be very difficult to control. They can destroy the furniture and house. In an area where it is likely to happen, it is important for the owner of the house to take a precautionary measure in order to prevent it from happening.

God describes that evil and sins are like the swarm of locusts. Once you let it invade your life, it will be very difficult to stop. You will fall into a cycle of sins.

It is important that our heart and mind stay close to God, so there is no way for sin to develop in us. You are safe under His mighty wings as God is our best safety.

When we sin, we must quickly repent and come to God, God will surely clean us from our sins. God would never leave His people who come humbly to Him in their desperation.

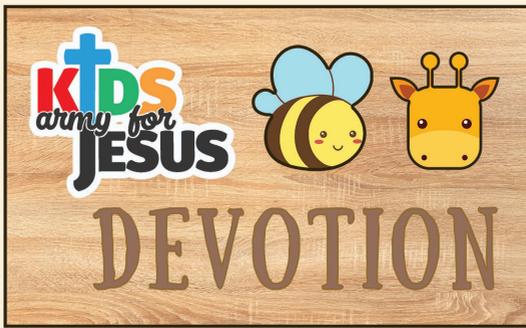
Key verse:

*Isaiah 33:6
The Lord will be your safety. He is full of salvation, wisdom and knowledge. Respect for the Lord is the greatest treasure.*

Prayer

Dear God, I find refuge under Your wings. Protect me and keep evil far from me. Amen.





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ISAIAH 35

GOD OF RESTORATION

Have you tried to fix a broken mug or jug? If you carefully and patiently put the broken pieces back together, it can look almost as good as new. It means you restore the broken mug or jug. Restoration is an act of returning something to its original condition.

God is a God of restoration. Things that He restores are not as simple as a broken mug. It is more about nature restoration, physical restoration or healing and even spiritual restoration as in turning our mourning into joy.

To restore something, you have to know which part is broken. For example, to restore a broken relationship in family, there needs to be forgiveness, support and loving among one another. God is surely able to turn the brokenness into a whole new loving family.

When your heart is filled with sorrow, God is able to lift up that sorrow and restore the joy in your heart.

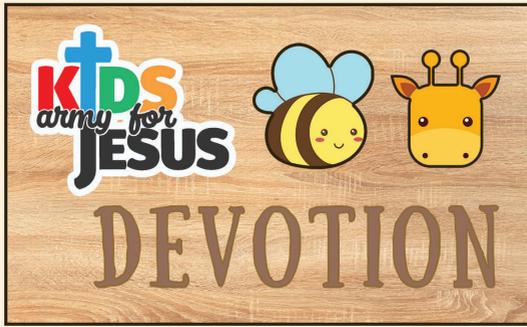
Key verse:

*Isaiah 35:10b
... Gladness
and joy will
overtake them,
and sorrow and
sighing will flee
away.*

Prayer

*Dear God, thank
You for never
leaving me alone
and broken.
Thank You for
coming to restore
me back to Your
original design.
Amen.*





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ISAIAH 38:9-20

HELP ME, LORD!

Isaiah visited King Hezekiah who was sick. He conveyed a message from God that King Hezekiah was going to die due to his illness. Hezekiah turned his face to the wall and prayed. He shed many tears as he prayed to God to help him without hesitation. He begged God to heal him and let him live again.

God heard Hezekiah's prayer and saw his tears. His prayer moved God's heart. God answered his prayer. God granted Hezekiah fifteen more years of life.

Be like Hezekiah. Go to God straightaway. There is power in prayer. Prayer cannot ever be underestimated. Don't be tempted to lean on your own understanding. Do not take matters into your own hands. Show God a humble, repentant attitude and heart. This is what pleases Him.

The more we read the Bible, the better we will know God and the easier it is for you to trust God. Let GOD be the first name that pops up in your mind in every situation you are having.

Key verse:

*Isaiah 38:16
Lord, use this
hard time to
make my spirit
live again.
Help my spirit
become strong
and healthy.
Help me
become well!
Help me live
again!*

Prayer

*Dear God, I want
You to be my
number one in my
heart and mind.
I know You will
help me each
time I call You.
Amen.*





ISAIAH 39

THE GIVER, NOT THE GIFTS

The news of King Hezekiah's life being extended by 15 years had reached Babylon. The king of Babylon sent some of his men to come to visit Hezekiah. When they met Hezekiah, Hezekiah gave them a tour around his magnificent palace, glamorous wealth and shining gold. He did not even talk about God, who was the giver of all those great things, who had healed him and who had extended his life! Hezekiah did not acknowledge God in front of the king of Babylon.

People have the tendency to forget God when things go perfectly well.

It's human nature to become overjoyed with the gifts God gives us. The lesson for us today is that we must always be grateful to the giver of the gift, and do not just focus on the gift itself. Acknowledge the Giver and do not brag about the gifts, because they all come from God alone.

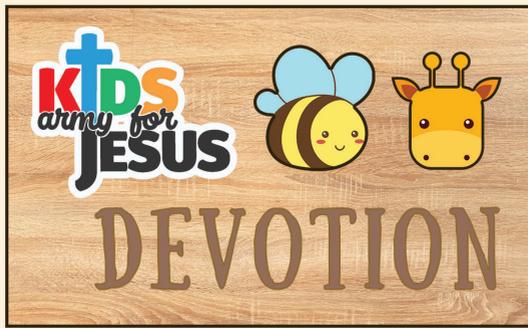
Key verse:

*James 1:17
Every good and perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of the heavenly lights, who does not change like shifting shadows.*

Prayer

Dear God, I recognise that anything good in my life is a gift from You. You are the merciful Giver of my blessings. Amen.





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ISAIAH 40:1-5

DOSE OF COMFORT

When you have a toothache, you will need a painkiller to comfort you from the pain. Or when you trip while playing in the playground, the warm comfort from your parents would be the most-wanted-comfort that works well to cheer you up. A thick wool jacket will comfort you on a cold and rainy day.

According to the dictionary, comfort is a pleasant condition that comes from not having physical pain or from having an easy life with little worry. Each of us needs a healthy dose of comfort from time to time.

A comforter is a person or thing that comforts us. Jesus is our ultimate Comforter. He is a compassionate God. No matter what problems you may be going through today, you can find comfort in Him

God's comfort is unique, infinite, boundless, unchangeable and ever-present. There's nothing too hard for Him to do for us. We don't have to go through any problem or situation alone, the Comforter is with us.

Key verse:

*Isaiah 40:1
Comfort,
comfort my
people, says
your God.*

Prayer

*Dear Jesus, You
are the daily
dose of comfort
that I need to
strengthen
me. Thank You
for being my
Comforter.
Amen.*

