

Week 5

Welcome to our *Way Out West* Devo for week 5! Throughout this series, we are learning that the Lord is always working for the good of those who love Him! This week, we are learning that God Shows Us What to Do!
Let's Saddle Up, we know you will learn so much!

Day 1: Remember What God Has Done

Scripture Reading: Exodus 18:1-7

Devotional:

The Lord had led Moses through a lot, like leading the Israelites out of Egypt, across the Red Sea, and into the wilderness. When Moses' father-in-law, Jethro, heard about everything God had done, he came to visit Moses. When Jethro arrived, Moses was excited to see him. Moses had an amazing story to share about how God had helped His people. Sometimes when we aren't sure what to do next, it helps to remember what God has already done. We can think about times God has helped us, answered our prayers, or used someone to encourage us. Remembering God's faithfulness can help us trust Him with what comes next. If God has helped us before, we can trust that He will continue to guide us.

Discussion:

1. What had Jethro heard about God and the Israelites?
2. How can remembering something God has done help you trust Him today?

Prayer:

God, thank You for all the ways You have helped me. When I don't know what to do, help me remember that You are with me. Amen!

Day 2: Tell Others What God Has Done

Scripture Reading: Exodus 18:8-14

Devotional:

Moses told Jethro all about what God had done. He shared how God rescued the Israelites from Pharaoh and how God had helped them through the difficult things they faced along the way.
When Jethro heard the story, he was filled with joy! He praised God for rescuing His people. God was showing Moses what to do step by step, and Moses didn't keep those stories to himself. He shared them with someone else. We can do the same thing! When God answers a prayer, helps us make a good choice, gives us courage, or teaches us something, we can tell others about it. Our stories can remind other people that God is good and that they can trust Him too.

Discussion:

1. What did Moses tell Jethro about?
2. What is something God has done in your life that you could share with someone else?

Prayer:

God, thank You for helping me and showing me what to do. Help me to be willing to tell others about Your goodness. Amen!

Day 3: God Can Use Others to Guide Us

Scripture Reading: Exodus 18:15-21

Devotional:

Jethro noticed that Moses was trying to help all the Israelites by himself. From morning until evening, people stood around waiting for Moses to help solve their problems. Jethro knew this wasn't a good plan. Moses was going to become exhausted! So Jethro gave Moses some wise advice. He told Moses to continue teaching the people God's instructions, but he also told Moses to choose trustworthy people who could help lead.

God doesn't always show us what to do by giving us the answer all by ourselves. Sometimes God uses other people to help guide us. Our parents, teachers, pastors, leaders, and other wise people can help us see things we might not notice on our own. That's why it's important to listen when trustworthy people give us wise advice.

Discussion:

1. What problem did Jethro notice with the way Moses was leading the people?
2. Who are some trustworthy people you can go to when you need help knowing what to do?

Prayer:

God, thank You for putting wise people in my life. Help me listen when they teach me and give me advice. Amen!

Day 4: Listen And Do What is Right

Scripture Reading: Exodus 18:22-27

Devotional:

Jethro helped Moses understand what he could do differently. Then Moses chose leaders who could help him care for the people. Instead of trying to do everything himself, Moses followed the wise advice Jethro had given him.

Sometimes God shows us what to do through His Word, prayer, or wise people. But once we know what is right, we have another important choice to make. Will we actually do it? Knowing the right thing isn't enough. God wants us to trust Him and obey. When God shows us what to do, we can have courage to take the next step.

Activity: "My Wise People"

Give each child piece of paper and have them trace their hand. Around their hand, have them draw or write the names of 3–5 trustworthy people they can go to when they need help knowing what to do. It can be parents, grandparents, teachers, pastors, coaches, or other trusted adults. For each person, talk about one way that person helps them make wise choices. Finish by reminding your child that God gives us people who can help guide us, just like Jethro helped Moses.

Prayer:

God, thank You for showing me what to do and for giving me people who can help me make wise choices! Amen!

Memory Verse

"We know that God is always at work for the good of everyone who loves Him. They are the ones God has chosen for his purpose."
Romans 8:28 CEV