

Week 6

Welcome to our *Way Out West* Devo for week 6! 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 We can Choose to Do What God says! *Let's Saddle Up,* we know you will learn so much!

Day 1: We Can Choose to Listen to God

Scripture Reading: Exodus 19:3-8

Devotional:

God had done some amazing things for the Israelites. He rescued them from Egypt, protected them, and brought them safely through the wilderness. Now God wanted His people to learn how to live as His people. God told Moses to remind the Israelites of everything He had done for them. Then He told them to listen to His voice and obey His commands. When Moses shared God's words with the people, they had a choice to make. Would they listen to God and follow Him? The people answered, "We will do everything the Lord has said." We have that same choice! God has given us His Word to teach us how to live. We can choose to listen to what God says and obey Him. We won't always get it right, but every day we can make the choice to say, "God, I want to follow You."

Discussion:

1. What did the Israelites say they would do when they heard God's instructions?
2. What is one way you can choose to listen to God this week?

Prayer:

God, Help me listen to You and choose to do what You say. I want to follow You. Amen!

Day 2: Choose to Put God First

Scripture Reading: Exodus 20:1-7

Devotional:

God began giving His people commands that would teach them how to live. The first commands were all about their relationship with Him. God reminded the Israelites that He was the One who had rescued them from Egypt. He told them not to put any other gods before Him or make idols to worship [an idol is anything that you love, value, or obey more than God, like a physical statue or something in your heart]. God wanted His people to understand something important: He should come first. Choosing to obey God means choosing to put Him first. We can spend time talking to Him, learn what His Word says, worship Him, and think about what would please Him when we're making decisions. God loves us, and we can choose to love and follow Him too.

Discussion:

1. Why did God remind the Israelites that He had rescued them from Egypt?
2. What is one way you can show that God is important to you?

Prayer:

God, Help me put You first and not let other things become more important than You. I choose to follow You. Amen!

Day 3: God's Commands Help Us Love Others

Scripture Reading: Exodus 20:8-25

Devotional:

God's commands didn't only teach the Israelites about their relationship with Him. His commands also showed them how to treat other people. God told His people to honor their parents. He told them not to murder and not to steal. God wanted His people to live differently because they belonged to Him. God's commands help us understand what it looks like to love Him and love the people around us. Sometimes doing what God says is easy. Other times, we might really want to make a different choice! We might want to disobey our parents, take something that isn't ours, or treat someone badly because we're angry. In those moments, we have a choice. We can ask, "What does God say I should do?" Then we can choose to obey Him, even when another choice seems easier or more desirable.

Discussion:

1. What are some of the ways God's commands teach us to treat other people?
2. Can you think of a time when you don't want to do the "right thing"? What could help you choose to obey God?

Prayer:

God, Help me to do the right thing even when it is hard, help me remember what You say and choose to obey You. Amen!

Day 4: Choose God's Way Every Day

Scripture Reading: Deuteronomy 26:16–19

Devotional:

Following God wasn't something the Israelities did only once. They were choosing to be God's people and live His way every day. The same is true for us. Every day gives us opportunities to choose God's way. When we're tempted to lie, we can choose truth. When we want what someone else has, we can choose to be grateful for what we already have. When someone is unkind, we can choose kindness. When our parents ask us to do something, we can choose to obey. We won't make the right choice every single time. When we mess up, we can talk to God, ask for forgiveness, and try again.

Activity: "God's Way or My Way"

As a family, come up with three everyday situations where you have to make a choice. For example: Your parent asks you to put away your toys, but you want to keep playing. For each situation, talk about two possible choices: "My Way" and "God's Way." Have your child act out what each choice might look like. Then talk about which choice follows what God teaches us and why. At the end, let everyone in the family name one "God's Way" choice they want to make this week.

Prayer:

God, thank You for showing me how You want me to live. Help me choose Your way when I have decisions to make. 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