

Week 8

Welcome to our *Way Out West* Devo for week 8! 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 My Life Has a Purpose!
Let's Saddle Up, we know you will learn so much!

Day 1: God Has a Purpose for My Life

Scripture Reading: Exodus 2:1-5

Devotional:

When Moses was born, he was living in a very dangerous time. Pharaoh had ordered that Hebrew baby boys be killed. But Moses' mother loved him and wanted to keep him safe. She placed Moses in a basket and carefully put it among the reeds along the Nile River. Pharaoh's daughter came down to the river and found the basket. Moses was just a tiny baby. He couldn't talk, walk, or do anything on his own yet. But his life already mattered. Moses didn't know it, but God would one day use him to do incredible things, including leading the Israelites out of Egypt! The same is true for you. You may be young, but your life matters to God right now. You don't have to wait until you're older to have a purpose. God made you, loves you, and can use your life to make a difference.

Discussion:

1. What did Moses' mother do to help keep him safe?
2. Why do you think it's important to remember that your life matters to God, even while you're young?

Prayer:

God, thank You for making me and loving me. Help me remember that You have a purpose for my life, even while I'm young. Amen!

Day 2: God Can Use My Life in Unexpected Ways

Scripture Reading: Exodus 2:6-10

Devotional:

When Pharaoh's daughter opened the basket, she found baby Moses crying. She felt sorry for him and decided to help. Moses' sister, Miriam, was nearby and offered to find someone who could take care of the baby. Guess who she brought? Moses' own mother! Moses' mother got to care for him, and when he grew older, he went to live with Pharaoh's daughter. Moses' story reminds us that we don't always know how God will use our lives. Sometimes things happen that we don't expect, and we might not understand what comes next. But God can work through all kinds of people and situations. We don't have to figure out our whole future right now. We can trust God and look for ways to follow Him today.

Discussion:

1. What was surprising about the way Moses was rescued and cared for?
2. Why is it okay that we don't know everything God might have planned for our future?

Prayer:

God, thank You that You know me and care about my future. Help me trust You even when I don't know what will happen next. Amen!

Day 3: I Can Make a Difference Right Now

Scripture Reading: Exodus 2:16-20

Devotional:

When Moses grew older, he eventually left Egypt and went to a place called Midian. One day, Moses was sitting by a well when seven sisters came to get water for their father's sheep. But some shepherds came and chased the sisters away! Moses stood up for the sisters and helped give their animals water. Moses didn't know all the incredible things God would later call him to do. But he saw people who needed help, and he chose to do something good. Sometimes we think having a purpose means doing something really big or important. But God can use us in small ways too! You can make a difference by helping someone who is struggling, including someone who feels left out, showing kindness, or standing up for what is right.

Discussion:

1. How did Moses help the sisters at the well?
2. What is one small thing you could do this week to make a difference in someone else's life?

Prayer:

God, thank You that I can make a difference right now. Help me notice people who need kindness or help. Amen!

Day 4: God Can Use Me to Leave a Lasting Difference

Scripture Reading: Deuteronomy 34:5-9

Devotional:

Moses' life was coming to an end. After Moses died, the Israelites were sad. They had loved their leader, and they would miss him. But Moses' story wasn't the end of God's work! God had prepared Joshua to become the next leader of the Israelites. Moses had helped prepare Joshua, and now Joshua would continue leading God's people. Moses' life had made a difference that would last even after he was gone. God has given your life purpose too! Every time you choose kindness, help someone, share God's love, or encourage a friend, you have an opportunity to make a difference.

Activity: "My Purpose in Action"

As a family, think of one person you could encourage or help today. It might be a neighbor, friend, grandparent, teacher, or someone in your family. Choose one simple way to make a difference together. You could write an encouraging note, make a small gift, help with a chore, or do something kind for someone who needs it. Afterward, talk about how your small act of kindness might have made that person's day better.

Prayer:

God, thank You for giving my life a purpose. Help me use my life to love You and make a difference in the lives of others. 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