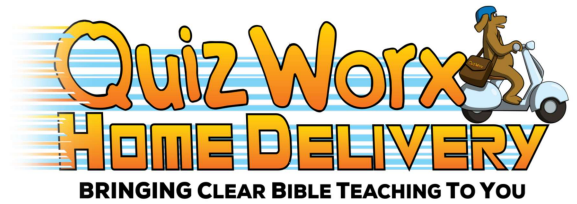


Digging Deeper

Family Devotions



How to use 'Digging Deeper' for the 'Friendship with God (an overview of the Bible)' series.

To help you through our 'Friendship with God' series, each week we will provide three devotions. We encourage you to read these passages with those in your household at a time that suits, and use the questions to guide you as you talk about and reflect on how followers of Jesus are to live God's way.

We looked at several different Bible translations when creating these questions. Feel free to use any version as you work through them as a family.

Memory Verse Challenge

The Memory Verse for our 'Friendship with God (an overview of the Bible)' series is from Luke 24:46-47. We've created a fun music video to help you learn these words of Jesus! You can find the memory verse video in the 'Friendship with God (an overview of the Bible)' folder on the Google Drive or you can watch it at: <https://youtu.be/V3YJKKAuLFs>

Devotion 1 – Read Genesis 3:6-13, 22-24

In Genesis chapter 3 we read about the sad day when sin entered the world. Adam and Eve chose to disobey God by eating the fruit from the tree that God had instructed them not to eat from. Because of this, the special friendship between God and people was broken.

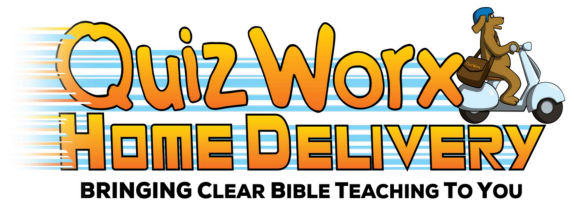
1. Have you ever been tempted to do something that you have been told not to do? What decision did you make and why? Were there any consequences?
2. Why do you think Adam and Eve disobeyed God and ate the fruit? What happened after they ate it and how did that change their relationship with God?
3. How does it make you feel that God punished Adam and Eve this way? Can you see any evidence of God's grace, love and mercy in these verses?

Pray

Spend time saying sorry to God for disobeying Him.

Thank God that the broken friendship between God and people isn't the end of his story.

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Devotion 2 – Read Romans 3:10-12; 23

In the book of Romans, the Apostle Paul is explaining to the Jews and the Gentiles (non-Jews) that no one deserves to be friends with God, because no one can be good enough.

1. What is the reason Paul gives for the sad truth that no one deserves to be friends with God?
2. How do you feel when you read these words telling us that we all disobey God and turn away from Him?
3. Why do you think disobeying God ruins our friendship with God?

Pray

Ask God to remind you that no one is better than anyone else. We are all sinful and need rescuing.

Read Romans 3:24 and give thanks that God made a way for our friendship with him to be restored through Jesus.

Devotion 3 – Read Isaiah 53:1-6

The book of Isaiah was written roughly 600 years before Jesus. Here the prophet Isaiah speaks about the coming Messiah who would bring salvation.

1. What kind of saviour does Isaiah describe? Who do you think this Saviour might be?
2. What is the 'good news' in these verses? Circle/underline the parts that help you see that.
3. From these verses, can you see how God planned to fix our broken friendship with him? How does this make you feel?

Pray

Give thanks that God had a plan, years before Jesus was even born, to restore our broken friendship with him.

Give thanks that anyone can come to Jesus for forgiveness so they can be friends with God.

Do you know anyone who needs to hear the Good News of the Bible? Pray for them. And then you could invite them to watch Quiz Worx Home Delivery with you.