

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 1 Peter 1:3-5 (Certain Hope)

This passage speaks of the certain hope believers have because Jesus rose from the dead. Not only are our sins forgiven and our friendship with God restored, but God has something even more wonderful in store for us...

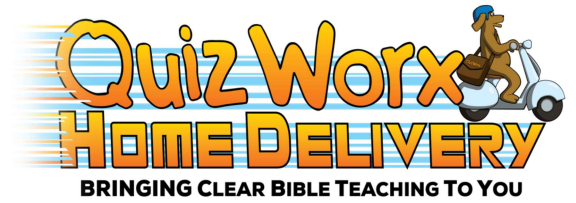
1. What has God already done for those who trust Jesus? What is our certain hope based on?
2. Peter tells us that God has something wonderful stored up in heaven for his people. What do you think that could be? Some clues can be found in 1 Corinthians 2:9, Revelation 21:4, 10-11, 21-23 22:1-5, Hebrews 11:16.
3. When you read about the amazing things that God has done and will do for his people, how does it make you feel?

Pray

Thank God for the certain hope we have because of Jesus.

Pray for those in your life who don't yet trust Jesus. Ask God for opportunities to tell them about how they can have their friendship with God restored and one day live with God forever in a perfect world.

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Devotion 2 – Read John 14: 1-4 (Living forever with Jesus)

The Bible doesn't just tell us that we can have our friendship with God restored. It also speaks of our new life- eternal life- with him, where we will enjoy a perfected friendship forever. This is only possible through faith in Jesus.

1. After Jesus died on the cross and rose again, he went back to be with his Father. What is Jesus doing now? What does Jesus promise?
2. What do you think it will be like to live with God forever?
3. What does Jesus say is the way for people to live with God? Check out vs. 1 and John 14:6. Is there anyone you could share this great news with?

Pray

Thank God that Jesus is preparing a forever home for us with him.

Thank God that he has shown us the way to him through trusting Jesus.

Devotion 3 – Read Zephaniah 3:16-20 (A Perfected Friendship with God)

We have seen that God has something wonderful in store for everyone who trusts Jesus. It's going to be amazing and we can be certain that God will keep his promise to us. This passage shows us that God has always promised to be with his people, to save them and to bless them...

1. From this passage, write a list of all that God has done and promised to do for his people.
2. What does this tell you about what God is like? How does this make you feel?
3. There are many wonderful ways that we can respond to God for all he has done for his people. Can you see any in the passage? Can you think of others yourself?

Pray

Spend time praising God for who he is and what he's done.

Thank God that he is the God who saves and blesses his people.