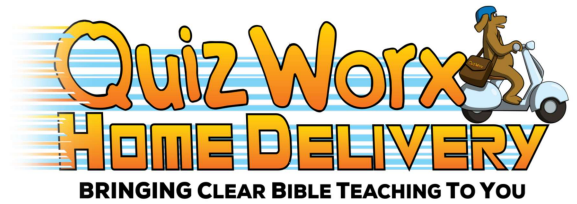


Digging Deeper

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/V3YJKAuLFs>

Devotion 1 – Read Romans 5:1-11

In this passage, the apostle Paul tells us what it looks like to be friends with God...

1. What does Paul say about what God has done for us in verses 1-5? (read v1-5) What might this look like in your own life?
2. Who did Jesus die for? How does this make you feel?
3. The Bible says that God sent Jesus to make a way for our friendship with him to be restored. What does being 'at peace' with God mean? (v 10-11)

Pray

Thank God for sending Jesus to die for us even when we were his enemies.

Pray that we can continue to celebrate the peace we have with God through the death & resurrection of Jesus.

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Devotion 2 – Read Mark 10:46-52

This passage reminds us that all kinds of people can come to Jesus in faith, no matter who they are. Knowing Jesus, trusting Jesus and following Jesus is the only way to have our friendship with God restored.

1. Why did Bart cry out to Jesus?
2. Some people told Bart to be quiet. Why do you think they did that?
3. How did Jesus respond to Bart? What does this tell you about who can come to Jesus in faith?
4. How did Bart respond to Jesus after his sight was healed?

Pray

Praise God that anyone can come to Jesus in faith, and when they do, their friendship with God is restored.

Ask God to help you to keep following Jesus, just like Bartimaeus did.

Devotion 3 – Read Luke 19:1-10

In this passage Jesus meets a man who has done lots of bad things. But even people who have done lots of bad things and whom nobody likes can have their friendship with God restored through faith in Jesus

1. Why did the crowd grumble when Jesus went to Zacchaeus' house?
2. How did Jesus show that Zacchaeus' friendship with God was restored?
3. Why did Jesus come to earth? (v10) What does this mean for you and for the people in your life?

Pray

Thank God that no matter who we are or what we have done, we can have our friendship with him restored by trusting Jesus.

Pray for the 'lost' people in your life; family, friends, neighbours. Think of ways that you can tell them about Jesus who came to 'seek and save the lost.'