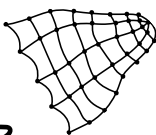
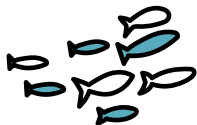


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VERSE-BY-VERSE STUDY OF



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PSSSST! Kids!

Have you ever wanted to study the Bible for yourself? Maybe your parents, a teacher, or a pastor have helped you learn about God, and now you're ready to take the next step. You want to discover what the Bible says for yourself and grow closer to Jesus. If so, you've come to the right place!

As you journey through the Gospel of Mark, you'll practice asking questions, identifying key words, following cross-references, exploring Bible maps, and discovering the meanings of important words and names. These simple study tools will help you understand Scripture in a deeper way and discover that Jesus wants to be your best friend.

I encourage you to interact with your Bible in a meaningful way. Don't be afraid to underline verses, highlight passages, write notes in the margins, and record what God is teaching you. One of my favorite things is looking back through my own Bible and seeing the many ways God has spoken to me through His Word.

My prayer is that as you study the book of Mark, you won't just learn facts about Jesus—you'll come to know Him as your Savior, your Friend, and the One you want to follow each and every day.



Note to Parents:



As a mom, my greatest desire is for my children to know Jesus for themselves. I want them to discover that studying the Bible is much more than learning stories or gaining knowledge. It is spending time with our loving Savior, listening to His voice, and growing in a personal relationship with Him.

That desire inspired me to create this devotional journal. My goal is to help young people develop the habit of asking questions, searching the Scriptures, and discovering truth for themselves. Although this journal is designed for ages 10-14, it can be enjoyed by anyone who wants to learn simple Bible study skills and is able to read and write independently.

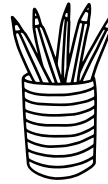
Whether you use this journal for personal devotions, family worship, or a small group study, I hope the questions and activities encourage meaningful conversations and help each participant not only learn more ABOUT Jesus, but that they will know Him personally, trust Him completely, and joyfully follow Him wherever He leads.

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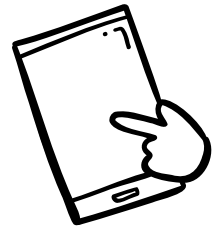
☐ Highlighters/Colored Pencils/Pens

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☐ Concordance & Dictionary
(or Bible App/Dictionary App)



☐ New King James Version Bible

To mark and highlight

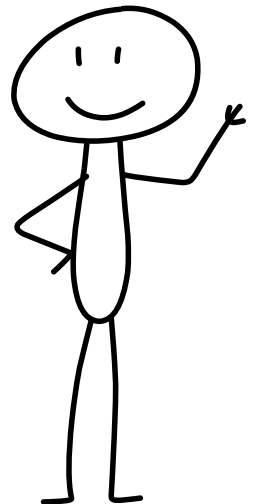


☐ Bible Map



☐ Desire of Ages

Optional: Humble Hero,
Modern Version



Prayer List

Praying for God to work in specific ways in the lives of your friends and family can make your prayer time even more meaningful.

1. Choose three people (friends, family members, or church members) you would like to pray for.

2. Next to each name, write a word or short phrase that describes a need in their life.

3. Find a Bible promise that matches that need. Write down the verse and pray it for that person each day. You can even insert their name into the verse to make it more personal.

For example, you might pray for - Safety (Deuteronomy 33:12) - Peace (Isaiah 26:3) - God's provision (Philippians 4:19)

Example:

Brody - Friend

Afraid of the dark

Whenever Brody is afraid, let Him trust in You. Ps. 56:3



1

Name

Pray About

Bible Verse

2

Name

Pray About

Bible Verse

3

Name

Pray About

Bible Verse

Mark 1:1-8

ALWAYS pray #1
Pray for God to help me to see and
understand the lessons that are just
for ME today!

1

Mark has lots of descriptions for what John is doing.
Highlight in **YELLOW** the action words that John does. i.e.
preached, taught, etc

2

John is quoting from the "Prophets" can you use a concordance
and find where in the Old Testament he is quoting from and write
it down?

3

Are there any words you don't understand? Look them up and write down their definition

○

○

4

Things to think about:

Use a blue highlighter/pencil to underline the answers in our Bible text.



Was John
just trying to
become popular?

LOOK

What was
John doing?

~~~~~

How were  
people  
responding?

Who was he  
pointing people  
to look for?

~~~~~

5 Apply It:

Who in my life can I point to Jesus? Write down 3 names of people/friends to share Jesus with them.

1.
2.
3.

John the Baptist told others about Jesus. I can do that too! I will list 3 actions I can DO to share Jesus with others.

#1

#2

#3

Think about it...John was doing what God called him to do. What does God want ME to do?

PRAYER TIME

Pray for those on my prayer list.

Pray for God to give me a love for sharing Jesus with those around me!

Pray for wisdom for God to show me what I can do for Him.

Mark 1:9-15

I will pray before studying today that the Holy Spirit will lead me and guide me to understand His Word in a deeper way.

1

Look up this story that is also told in the Matthew 3:13-17. Highlight in **YELLOW** the details in our Bible passage that Matthew shares but that Mark left out.

2

Highlight with **RED** the clue word(s) that tells us Jesus was immersed in the water and not sprinkled in baptism.

3

How many other stories that talk about doves can you find in the Bible? Write some of them down. (Hint: use a concordance/Bible app to search for the word "dove" or "doves")



4

Things to think about:

Use a blue highlighter/pencil to underline the answers in our Bible text.

Where had Jesus been coming from?



What was John's response to Jesus' request?



Did John obey Jesus?



What happened as soon as Jesus was baptized?



What clues tell you that it was God speaking?

5

Apply It:

God spoke in an audible voice at Jesus' baptism. But He speaks in other ways too.

How have I heard God speak to me ?



John obeyed Jesus even though he didn't want to. How DO I respond when Jesus wants me to do something I don't want to do?

How SHOULD I respond?



Read Psalm 37:5

In what way did John follow this advice?
Can I do the same thing? How?

PRAYER TIME

Pray for those people on my prayer list and the verse to claim for them.

Pray that I will say "YES" when Jesus asks me to do something for Him.

Pray for ears to hear God speaking to me.

Mark 1:12-20

I will pray for my heart to be changed
so I can have ears to hear and a
willingness to do what God tells me to
do today.

1

Highlight in **YELLOW** everything that Jesus says in this passage.

2

Underline all the actions that Jesus did
i.e. walked, said, etc

3

Notice this timeline of events. Think about the importance of the way it took place. Baptism came before ministry. Angels ministered after Jesus was tempted. Etc. Does anything stand out to you from these events?



4

Things to think about:

Use a blue highlighter/pencil to underline the answers in our Bible text.

When Jesus was tempted, who came to minister to Him?



What is Jesus doing when He comes to Galilee?

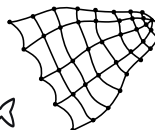


What first 2 disciples did Jesus call in our verses today?



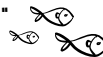
Who were the next two Jesus called to be His disciples?

How do the the fishermen respond to Jesus call?



5 Apply It:

Just like the disciples, Jesus calls me to be a "fisher of men" too. What are things I can do to "fish for men?"



Simon & Andrew immediately left their nets to follow Jesus. What do I have in my life that I might need to "leave behind" to follow Jesus?

Read 1 Corinthians 10:13

After Jesus was tempted by Satan, God provided angels to minister to Him. Who are some people in my life who minister to me? How can I thank them?

PRAYER TIME

Pray for those on my prayer list.

Pray that God will help me to be a fisher of men.

Pray that Jesus will help me to "leave behind" the things that keep me from following Him.

Mark 1:21-28

I will pray for God to quiet my mind so I can hear His voice speaking to me today.

1

Imagine yourself in today's story. Think about what you would hear, smell, see, & touch. What emotions would you feel as this is happening right in front of you? Highlight some key words that would make you feel this way.

2

Underline with one color what the **unclean spirit** cries out.

Highlight with another color what **Jesus** said.

3

The people are marveling about this Jesus. They use the word "Authority" in two places in our passage to describe what Jesus had. Find those two places and circle the word.

He had authority compared to who? ○ _____

He had authority over what? ○ _____

4

Things to think about:

Use a blue highlighter/pencil to underline the answers in our Bible text.



What does Jesus do on the Sabbath day?

Who or what had control of the man and his voice?



Using a map of Israel, can you find Capernaum?



What was a synagogue?

Did Jesus leave that man controlled by Satan? What did He do?

5 Apply It:

Check out Luke 4:16!

It appears Jesus had a Sabbath routine. What was his usual practice?
Was he following it in this story?

7Th

Do I have my own Sabbath tradition?
Describe it below.



The man was controlled by an evil spirit. What are some things in my life that control me or influence me to make bad choices?



PRAYER TIME

Pray for those on your prayer list.

Pray that Jesus helps me to find
ways to make the Sabbath special.

Pray for freedom from controlling
influences.

Mark 1:29-34

I will pray for God to give me
His Holy Spirit to lead and
guide me in my study today.

1

Mark gives us clues about Peter. Write down some clues you learned about him from our passage today.









2

This passage doesn't have any words that Jesus spoke, but rather actions He did. Underline/highlight the actions Jesus did.

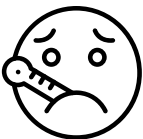
3

Jesus waited until evening to help the people in the city, instead of doing it on the Sabbath. He also stopped the demons from talking and telling who He was. Write down some guesses as to why He might have done that.

4

Things to think about:

Use a blue highlighter/pencil to underline the answers in our Bible text.



When did Jesus heal
Peter's mother-in-
law?



How did Jesus heal
her?

Why do you think
the people waited
until it was night to
come to Jesus?



Who came to
Jesus that night?