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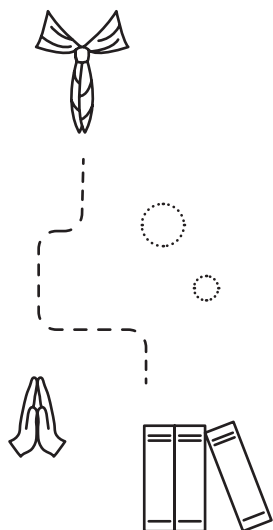
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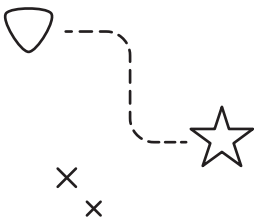
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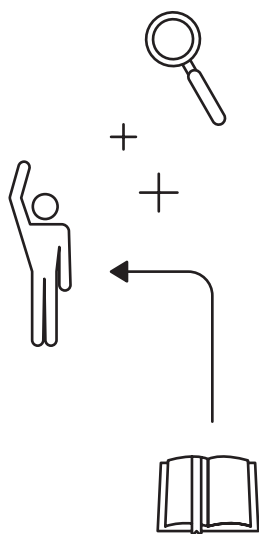
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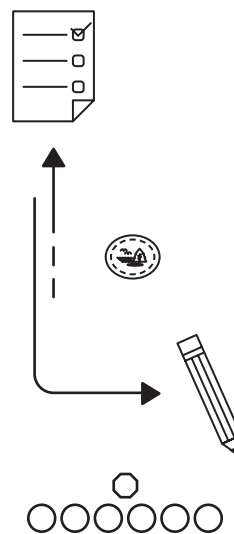


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→ INTRODUCTION ←

The Pathfinder Bible Experience (PBE) devotions for Mark, 1-2 Peter, and 1-3 John are designed to help your team do more than simply memorize words—they invite Pathfinders to connect Scripture to their daily lives. Each devotion provides a short explanation of the chapter, highlights a key verse, and applies the message in a way that junior high Pathfinders can understand and share. The goal is to strengthen both Bible knowledge and spiritual growth while preparing for PBE testing.

As a leader, you can use these devotions in several ways. They may serve as a meaningful opening thought during team practice, a personal reading guide for individual Pathfinders, or a discussion starter to deepen group reflection. Encourage your Pathfinders not only to recall the facts but also to consider what the message means for their faith, choices, and service today.

Remind your team that success in PBE is not measured only by scores, but by how God's Word shapes their hearts. By guiding them through these devotions, you will help them see the Bible not as distant history, but as living truth that points to God's justice, mercy, and hope.

→ MARK 1 ←

Jesus begins His ministry and calls His disciples to follow Him.

INTRODUCTION

Jesus begins His ministry by calling people to follow Him and live a new life with purpose.

KEY VERSE

Mark 1:17— *“Then Jesus said to them, ‘Follow Me, and I will make you become fishers of men.’”*



WHAT’S HAPPENING?

John the Baptist appears in the wilderness preaching repentance and preparing the way for Jesus. People come to the Jordan River confessing their sins and being baptized. Jesus is baptized by John, and the heavens open as the Spirit descends on Him like a dove. God the Father declares that Jesus is His beloved Son. Jesus then spends 40 days in the wilderness being tempted by Satan but does not sin. After this, Jesus begins preaching that the kingdom of God is near and calls people to repent and believe the gospel. He calls Simon, Andrew, James, and John to follow Him, and they immediately leave their work behind. Jesus teaches in the synagogue with authority, amazing the people. He casts out demons, showing His power over evil. He heals many sick people and shows compassion to those in need. Early in the morning, Jesus goes to pray alone, showing His dependence on the Father. He continues preaching and heals a man with leprosy, showing both power and compassion.



WHAT DOES THIS MEAN FOR ME?

Jesus still calls us today to follow Him. Following Jesus means choosing Him over distractions, pressure, and popularity. It requires obedience even when it is not

easy. Jesus shows me that prayer is important because He made time to pray alone. He also gives me strength to overcome temptation when I trust Him. Jesus cares about my struggles at school, home, and with friends. My life should look different because I belong to Him. Following Jesus is not just a moment but a daily decision. I can trust that He has a purpose for my life.



THINK ABOUT IT

1. What is one distraction that keeps you from following Jesus fully?
2. How can you make prayer part of your daily routine this week?



PRAYER

Lord Jesus, help me to follow You with all my heart. Give me strength to obey You even when it is hard. Help me to let go of anything that pulls me away from You. Teach me to pray and trust You daily. Let my life show others that I belong to You. In Jesus' name, Amen.

→ MARK 2 ←

*Jesus shows His authority to forgive sins
and restore broken lives.*

INTRODUCTION

Jesus shows that He has authority not only to heal the body but also to forgive sins.

KEY VERSE

Mark 2:5— “When Jesus saw their faith, He said to the paralytic, ‘Son, your sins are forgiven you.’”



WHAT’S HAPPENING?

A paralyzed man is brought to Jesus by his friends, but the crowd is too large to enter the house. They lower him through the roof in faith. Jesus sees their faith and forgives the man’s sins. Religious leaders question this because only God can forgive sins. Jesus then heals the man so he can walk, proving His authority. The man gets up and walks out in front of everyone. Jesus calls Levi, a tax collector, to follow Him, and Levi leaves everything behind. Jesus eats with sinners, showing His mission to reach the broken. Religious leaders criticize Him for this. Jesus teaches that He came to call sinners, not the self-righteous. He also teaches about fasting and the meaning of the Sabbath. Throughout the chapter, Jesus shows authority, compassion, and grace.



WHAT DOES THIS MEAN FOR ME?

Jesus cares about both my spiritual and physical needs. I should bring my problems to Him with faith. Like the friends, I should also help others come to Jesus. Jesus forgives me when I come to Him honestly. No one is too far from His grace. He can change anyone’s life, just like He changed Levi. I should not judge others but point them to Jesus. Following Jesus means leaving behind my old way of life. He gives me new purpose and direction.



THINK ABOUT IT

1. Who in your life needs you to bring them closer to Jesus?
2. What area of your life needs healing or forgiveness?



PRAYER

Lord Jesus, thank You for forgiving my sins and healing my heart. Help me to trust You like the friends who brought the paralyzed man. Give me courage to bring others to You. Change my life like You changed Levi. Help me to follow You with faith and obedience. In Jesus' name, Amen.