

A note about **GodTime**

As you greet parents,
hand them a copy of one of the following pages
(black & white or color)
and explain how to use the GodTime card.

Encourage parents to help their children have some "God time" this week.

There are four different devotions on the GodTime card. Each devotion is designed to be done on a different day. Bedtime can be a good time for devotions.

Ease any guilt parents may feel (tell them doing one devotion a week is better than none!) or fears that they can't lead their child to spend time with God (following GodTime cards is easy!):

- (1) Find and read the Bible verse(s) in a Bible. Use the table of contents to locate hard-to-find verses in the Bible.
- (2) Read the devotion paragraph.
- (3) Read and do the activity.
- (4) Pray a simple, short prayer, using the last sentence on the card as a guide. Note that this prayer suggestion always begins with T, A, L, K: thank God for something; ask God about something; look or listen for God to do something; and know that God will do something.

GODTIME for 4th-5th Graders

weekly devotionals for kids

1

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2

Read this paragraph.

GODTime **Day 1**
Week 1 01

→ **Read Ecclesiastes 7:8**

Imagine if Taylor Swift had given up the first time she hit a wrong note. Don't get impatient when you first try something and don't succeed. You're probably not very good at most things when you start them, but you may end up doing something really well—and using it for God—if you stick with it.

Write 3 things you've never done before, like skating, knitting, or writing songs. Then pick one and do it!

1 2 3

252 BASICS® **THANK** God for helping you to be patient.

3

Read and do the activity.

4

Pray a simple, short prayer using this sentence as a guide.

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Read Proverbs 17:17

God created friendship, He's an expert on it, and He wants to tell us how to be a true friend in the Bible. If you want to have and be a true friend, who better to advise you than God? A TRUE friend loves you and is there for you, even when trouble comes. If you want a TRUE friend, you have to **CHOOSE** to be that kind of friend.

Who are you choosing to love right now even though it's challenging? It might be someone who's really getting on your nerves or has said or done something that's hurt you. Write **I will choose to love** and that person's name on 3 index cards and put them where you can see them daily.

I will choose to love _____

252 BASICS® *THANK God for your friends.*

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