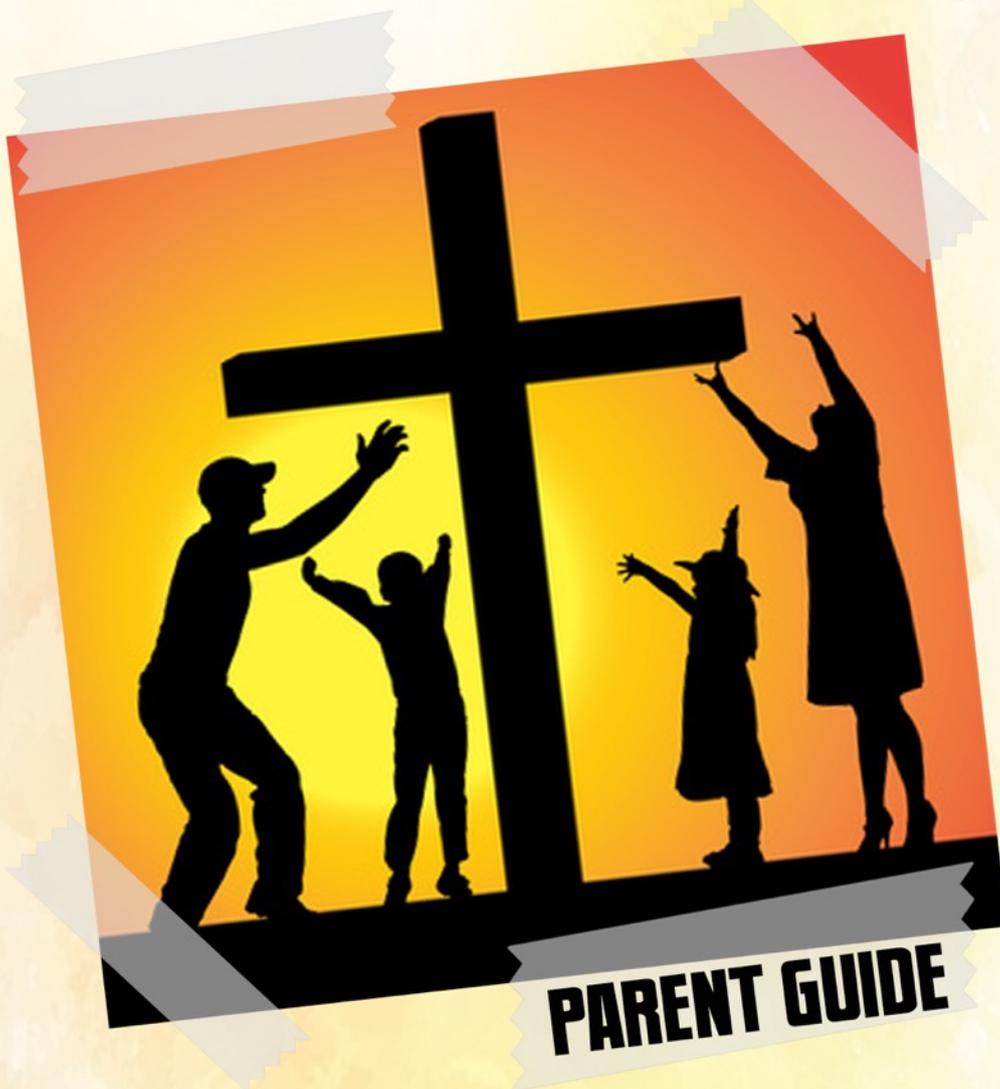


# FAMILY

# SEEK & SOAK

## ENCOUNTERS *With* GOD



Family "SEEK & SOAK" Encounters with God are some powerful moments that you will create as you bring your family into God's Presence.

### **How do we soak?**

We soak like a sponge. Put a dry sponge in a bucket of water and slowly the water permeates the sponge. This is the same as soaking in God's presence. The more we soak and saturate ourselves in His Presence, the more we become filled with His Spirit. It is God's Heart that EVERY GENERATION ENCOUNTERS His Presence & Power. In this Training Manual are many Creative ways for your family of all ages to Encounter God. They are practical and easy to do. Some will require pre preparation. Get all of your family members involved in setting up your "Encounter Room"

Prepare with EXPECTANCY. EXPECT God to Encounter each of your family members. ENCOURAGE Hungry and Thirsty Hearts: Many of the promises of God are the result of OUR RESPONSES to His Heart. We will learn more about this through this Training manual.

### **What do we need?**

**Prepare a Room** that will become known as your "Encounter Room" This could be your lounge or similar room. Make it a comfortable place to be in. Remove as many of the distractions as possible: ANYTHING that would sidetrack members of your family from entering in and participating.

Have a number of **Bibles** in the room. Have each member of your family **create an "Encounter journal"** You will note that there are pages created for your children in this Training manual. These can be glued into their "Encounter Journals"

**Music:** For many of these encounters I would suggest using Worship or prophetic music that has no words: Instrumental. This way your children will not be distracted by the words of the songs. There will be exceptions to this when you will need songs that have a THEME i.e: the Seek & Soak "at the Throne" will need songs that draw attention to God's Throne. I have given you a number of "YouTube" links for these.

Allow the Children time to complete the pages provided for each teaching. Once completed, create the atmosphere by putting on the music on your TV or similar. Let these SUPERNATURAL Encounters BECOME Natural for your family.

As you use the teachings each week, you will be giving your family new "language" and ways to encounter God. His promise to us is "Draw near to God and He WILL DRAW NEAR to You" James 4:8

Teach your Family this that is said at Every Seek & Soak: **GO DEEPER - COME CLOSER - GROW STRONGER**

**It is all about our HEART Responses to God's Presence: Lord I want to GO Deeper - COME Closer - GROW Stronger**

I would love to hear how your family uses this resource.

God Bless you as you begin the journey of Encountering God as a Family.

Blessings

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## ENCOUNTERING GOD

At the core of our faith are ENCOUNTERS with God. It has been said that “Worship extols God for WHO HE IS in contrast to Praise which eulogises God for WHAT HE HAS DONE.”<sup>1</sup> If this is true then worship is always limited to our knowledge of God. We cannot praise God beyond our concepts of Him. It is through ENCOUNTERS that we learn more of WHO GOD IS. Throughout the Bible we find men and women who encountered God and through those revelations their faith grew and their relationship deepened. Today we look back at these Biblical examples and we too learn from their testimonies. They did not discover God but God revealed Himself to them as they came with hungry and thirsty hearts. These revelations were then lived out in their daily lives. Abraham met a covenant keeping God, Joshua met a Mighty God, Isaiah met a Holy God, Ezekiel met the Glory of God, Peter met the God-Man, John met a Loving God while Paul met the Indwelling God. Each of these encounters revealed another aspect of WHO God IS.

What about your own Encounters with God? As you reflect and create new Encounters they become a timeline of miracles both big and small.

Beyond our salvation experience (which was a miracle all on its own), can you think back on some of your Encounters with God?

Do you remember:

When God provided...

When God did....

When God showed....

He was there when...

Has God ever showed up in your life? Has there ever been a time when only He could've answered your prayers?

What if you encounter God today...what would you do?

What have you done with the encounters you have had with God?

What's an encounter with God you've had that has marked your life?

For our Faith to be ever growing and deepening each of our family members NEED their OWN Encounters with God.

We need to be intentional about providing spaces to encounter Jesus. To create spaces to hear from God. To encounter Him together and to share our stories and encounters with each other.

This is what SEEK & SOAK will be. Creating Encounter Moments.

### **Why are ENCOUNTERS WITH GOD so important in the faith formation process?**

Encountering God is not exclusive to an elect group of “spiritual people”, but rather it's an all inclusive invitation to a life with God.

Jesus said: “I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly.” John 10:10

This verse proves the purpose of Jesus' heart. His desire is for all men to be saved and have an abundant life with God here, and in the age to come.

The Christian life is not a dry and dusty life, but rather an extraordinary life filled with wonder.

**Encountering God is necessary for Seeds to be planted:** It is a time when God can speak into your spirit. They are like seeds being planted into your spirit man.

**Encounters Build your Faith and Expectation:** Seeds are never meant to stay seeds; they are made to grow. There is an expectancy when a seed is planted. Likewise, faith isn't meant to stay a seed in your heart, but is destined to grow. In order for a seed to grow into a healthy tree you need good soil and water. Encounters are like the water for your heart, they increase your faith. Every person we see Encounter God in the Bible moved beyond their present horizon. Not one of them were the same. Their faith was built.

## **Encounters will CHANGE you:**

In Isaiah 6:1-8, is recorded an account of when Isaiah had an encounter with God.

In his Encounter he says "I SAW the Lord...." As you read his Encounter, the only response he has "Woe to me, I am ruined..."

Every Encounter with God will Change each family member that meets with God.

Our hearts cry is that each would have real life changing encounters. God wants to meet with each of us MORE than we could ever imagine BUT no encounter will leave you the same. Expect to be changed. Who can ever meet the Living God and be the same!

The LORD is *near* to all who call upon Him, to all who call upon Him in truth. – Psalm 145:18

## **What Is "Soaking"?**

During many of the revivals people referred to it as "waiting on the Lord" or "tarrying" as they lingered expecting God to send revival. To "soak" in God's presence is to rest in His love rather than to "strive" or begging in prayer. God hearts desire is to meet with you and your family.

## **Draw Near**

"Intimacy with God begins when we chase after Him with our whole heart. King David wrote, "When You said, 'Seek My face,' my heart said to You, 'Your face, O Lord, I shall seek'"(Psalm 27:8). God invites us in James 4:8 to "Draw near to God and He will draw near to you."

Experiencing the manifest presence of God is not to be our goal, but it is a by-product of pressing in to knowing God. It is also a gateway into the supernatural realm where we can see God, hear His voice, walk with Him, and be filled afresh with His Spirit.

The key is learning to wait on the Lord until you experience His manifest presence. This is something that you can do daily.

Another result of spending time with God is that He releases His power through us as we dwell / live in close relationship with him. The outworking of His presence through seeking & soaking prayer includes signs, wonders, and miracles.

These seek and soak times are moments when God meets with you and your family members. You can EXPECT Supernatural to be evident in these Encounters.

Many wonderful things can happen in God's presence. There have been those filled with hope, joy, love, and power. Physical and emotional healings can happen spontaneously.

We can experience God through words, pictures, visions, and His still, small voice -- or just His peace and His love.

## ***The Supernatural becomes Natural.***

The main street of the Bible is a Supernatural God doing Supernatural things. we can EXPECT these as we Encounter and press into God.

The Bible is clear that these sorts of supernatural experiences can be an ongoing part of life for the New Testament believer. You can experience dreams (Genesis 28:10-16; 37:5-11; Daniel 2; Matthew 1:20; 2:12; Acts 2:17), visions (Genesis 15:1; Number 12:6; 2 Samuel 7:4-17; Daniel 7:1-3, 9; Acts 9:10-16; 10:3; 16:9-10,) angelic visitations (Luke 1:11-17, 1:57, Acts 12:7-10), and being transported in the Spirit (Acts 8:39-40) to name but a few.

## **Preparing your Room**

You will be preparing a Room where your family are able to Encounter God's Presence & Power.

It is important that the room is accessible for all members of your family including the very young.

Make it a comfortable. You may want to have some pillows or large cushions on the floor for family members to sit on. Remove any distractions such as phones, electronic media etc, anything that would be a noise that hinders your family from entering in.

### **Preparing Music:**

If you are a musician then you should minister to the Lord with your instruments etc. Not everyone has that as a possibility. An ALTERNATIVE is to use your LARGE TV connected to Youtube where you are able to Download or play a number of songs. I have given you a list of suggested songs for each "Seek & Soak" Another ALTERNATIVE is to play C.D.'s of music. Some will be instrumental so as to not distract with the words of songs. Others will require words as they become declarations. Music also helps create atmosphere.

### **Preparing your Heart**

**Invite** the Holy Spirit to soak you in His presence. Pray and surrender yourself to the Holy Spirit – Have a YES heart to everything that God wants to do.

**Expect** God to Show up. The Bible says "ASK and you shall receive, KNOCK and it shall be open, SEEK and you shall find.." Come EXPECTING to RECEIVE.

**Put on** your "Listening Ears" This will not only be a time where you speak BUT where you wait to HEAR God speak to you.

### **SEEK & SOAK Encountering Journals**

Have each member of the family create their own SEEK & SOAK Encountering Journal. You will find some Blank pages in the Kids manual that you can photocopy or print out to be added into each members Journals. These pages will give you a guideline to help you be aware of what you are experiencing as you seek & soak.

### **WHAT to Do in your Encounter ROOM**

#### **Position**

- Find a comfortable place;
- You may want to lie down;
- Settle down and open your heart to the Lord;
- Relax and just enjoy being still;
- Listen to worship music and invite the Holy Spirit to speak to you;
- Invite the Holy Spirit to soak you in His presence;
- Pray and surrender yourself to the lordship of Jesus Christ -- spirit, soul (mind, will, and emotions) and body;
- Focus on the Lord's presence within you;
- Rest in faith, believing He is working in you;
- Respond to the direction of the Father;
- Watch with expectancy as God moves in your life.

### **How to use the SEEK & SOAK Pages**

Begin by creating ONE Seek & Soak a week.

Each week the Seek & Soak page will inform you of what is needed for that teaching.

Each of these Seek & Soaks will build upon each other creating tools and language for your family to encounter God's Presence & Power. This Parent Guide will give you Direction for each Seek & Soak.

As you progress through a number of these weeks, it will become more and more easy regarding preparation.

The goal is for each week to be a fresh Encounter of God's Presence & Power for each of your family members.

## SEEK & SOAK #1

### God's Attributes

(Page 20 in your Kids Journal and Page 4 in your Adult Journal)

We are beginning with God's Attributes BECAUSE it helps us get to know WHO HE IS. In order to TRUST someone we need to KNOW THEM.

The one thing we know that is TRUE: God cannot GO AGAINST His own Nature and Character. He is ALWAYS TRUE to HIMSELF. "God is not a man that He should lie nor the son of man that he should repent. Has he not said it and shall it not come to pass." (Numbers 23:19) WHAT God says, He means. He stands by His Word. As we get to know His Nature and Character, we to can TRUST Him without doubt.

What are God's attributes? When we talk about the attributes of God, we are trying to answer questions like, *Who is God, What is God like, and What kind of God is he?* An attribute of God is something true about him

Some are known as "incommunicable" (qualities possessed by God alone) and others are "communicable" (qualities that both God and we possess, though only he possesses them perfectly).

### For an EXTRA Study of God's ATTRIBUTES

<https://www.biblestudytools.com/bible-study/topical-studies/15-amazing-attributes-of-god-what-they-mean-and-why-they-matter.html>

Each one mentioned here has a description of the Attribute.

in this first Seek & Soak, take a large piece of Butcher Paper. Have a number of permanent markers or pens available for your family members to use. Follow the instructions on the sheet provided.

The Bible verse highlighted in this Seek & Soak is 1 John 4:16 "And so we KNOW the love that God has for us, and we TRUST that Love....."

The Emphasis is that we can KNOW and TRUST God's Love for us. This same principle can be applied to every Attribute of God.

**FAMILY SEEK & SOAK**  
With **GOD'S ATTRIBUTES**

**1 John 4:16**  
"And so we know the love that God has for us, and we trust that love. God is love. Whoever lives in love lives in God, and God lives in Him."

To trust God, we need to get to know him. When we know God, and when we know and understand his character, we can love and trust him.  
What is God really like? What does the Bible tell us about his character? What does that mean for us? What does the Bible have to say about his nature and character?

Get to know God more through His Nature and Character. This is just a beginning list:

- Deuteronomy 6: 4-5 (God is one)
- Genesis 1:1, Deut. 9:5; 26-27, Psalm 104: 1-5 (God is creator)
- Psalm 90: 2, Romans 1: 20, 1 Timothy 1: 17 (God is eternal)
- Psalm 139: 7-12 (God is present everywhere, at all times) (Omnipresent)
- Psalm 139: 1-6, Matthew 8: 8, 1 John 3: 20 (God knows everything that happens) (Omniscient)
- Psalm 115: 3, Matthew 18: 26, Luke 18:7 (Nothing is impossible for God) (Omnipotent)
- Malachi 3: 6; James 1: 17 (God is unchanging in character)
- John 4: 24 (God is spirit)
- Psalm 89: 8, 1 Peter 1: 15-16 (God is holy)
- Deuteronomy 32: 4; Matthew 5: 48 (God is perfect)
- Matthew 18: 17 (God is good)
- Psalm 136, John 3: 16, 1 John 4: 15-16 (God is love)
- Psalm 52: 1, 2; Psalm 86: 5; Psalm 103: 9 (God is forgiving)
- Luke 6: 36 (God is compassionate)
- Psalm 91: 5; Psalm 88: 8, Lamentations 3: 23 (God is faithful, he keeps his promises)
- Romans 3: 25-26 (God is just)
- Ephesians 2: 4-5, 2 Corinthians 1: 3; 2 Peter 3: 9 (God is merciful)

Create a Large Butcher Paper Poster where you are able to write down each of the Attributes of God. Have each member of your family choose One Attribute and write it on the Board  
As you SEEK & SOAK, begin calling out Each of the Attributes and GIVE God PRAISE for that Attribute. Encourage family members to personalise each Attribute with what God is doing in their lives.

**WHAT YOU NEED**

- Worship Instrumental
- Butcher Paper
- Bible
- Colour Markers/Pens

**GOD IS**

**FAMILY SEEK & SOAK**  
With **GOD'S ATTRIBUTES**

**FOCUS ON WHO GOD IS**

This is PRAISING GOD for WHO HE IS

**The Only God (Isaiah 45:5)**  
"God, I praise You because You are 'the LORD, and there is no other, apart from You there is no God'"

**The Almighty God (Psalm 89:8)**  
"O LORD God Almighty, who is like you? You are mighty, O LORD, and your faithfulness surrounds you"

**A Living God (1 John 4:16)**  
"I praise you because you are a living God, whose very nature is love"

**A Faithful God (Deuteronomy 7:9)**  
"Living Heavenly Father, I give you my praise and admiration, because you are a 'faithful God, keeping your covenant of love to a thousand generations of those who love you and keep your commands'"

**A Merciful God, (Nehemiah 9:31)**  
"You are a gracious and merciful God and I praise you for your Great Mercy."

**God, My Refuge, My Fortress (Psalm 61:7)**  
"I praise you, Lord, for you are 'my mighty rock, my refuge'"

**A Patient, Persevering God (1 Peter 3:9)**  
"Father, I praise you because you are 'patient with your children, not wanting anyone to perish, but everyone to come to repentance' Thank you for your patience with me."

**Journal of Praise**

I ADORE YOU  
I SEEK YOU  
I LOVE YOU  
I TRUST IN YOU  
I LONG FOR YOU  
I THIRST FOR YOU  
I BLESS YOU

Write out a PRAISE to GOD using ONE of God's ATTRIBUTES

Create a PRAISE Journal in which you will write ALL of God's ATTRIBUTES & CHARACTER Traits.

These will help you create a vocabulary of PRAISE. WRITE out the Scripture in FULL. Spend some time finding multiple verses that speak of that ATTRIBUTE or CHARACTER Trait. USE ONE SESSION of ENCOUNTER focusing on ONE ATTRIBUTE or CHARACTER Trait. You will note that these do NOT focus on WHAT God DOES but rather on WHO HE IS.

WHICH ATTRIBUTE of GOD do you NEED RIGHT NOW in your life?  
LORD I NEED YOUR \_\_\_\_\_

GO DEEPER - COME CLOSER - GROW STRONGER

**SEEK & SOAK #2**  
**With PRAISE HALAL**  
 (Page 14 in your Kids Journal and Page 5 in your Adult Journal)

ONE of the powerful GATEWAYS into God's Presence is through Praise & Worship. The Bible tells us in Psalm 22:3 that God INHABITS the Praises of His People. He LIVES in their Praise. For this reason there are a number of Seek & Soak Encounters in this first series that will highlight an aspect of PRAISE & WORSHIP. This first one is one of the Seven (7) Hebrew Words used for Praise in the Bible. It is the Word "HALAL" This is Page 5 in your Journal. The BIG IDEA here is that HALAL Praise is "CRAZY PRAISE" It is ACTIVE PRAISE. What Does CRAZY PRAISE Look Like? (Read the List on the page)

Read also the MEANINGS of Halal. Use this Seek & Soak to PRACTICE EACH of the ideas of Halal Lifting Hands, Waving Hands, Jumping etc.... Use PRAISE MUSIC for this Session: Lively, nice and loud as you begin to Praise God.

It is ALWAYS ACTIVE BOASTING with ACTIVE ACTIONS and WORDS  
**Halal + Jah (Yahweh) = Praise directed to Yahweh (God)**  
 Hallelujah = Praise the Lord!  
 An exclamation  
 Praise = "active boasting in the acts of God"  
 Praise is active – action words  
 Boasting – Psalm 96 "Great is the Lord and greatly to be praised"  
 God's acts – acknowledging what he has done and what only He can do

**HALAL Praise is DEMONSTRATIVE – it is to be seen and heard.**

Encourage them to look up all the Bible verses and write them out in their Journal.  
 Encourage them to fill in the page.  
 Have a camera ready to do some "Selfies" of your Family members - kids and YOU demonstrating Halal.  
 Print out the photos and place them in your Journals.

**GO DEEPER - COME CLOSER - GROW STRONGER**

**SEEK & SOAK #3**  
**With PRAISE BARAK**  
 (Page 15 in your Kids Journal and Page 6 in your Adult Journal)

This Seek & Soak will focus on another of the Seven (7) Hebrew Words for Praise called BARAK

There are TWO Highlights about BARAK  
 It gives us WHEN and WHY we should Praise God with BARAK

**WHEN:** At **ALL TIMES DAILY** ( See the two scriptures on your page 9) in your journal

**WHY:** Because of God's **LOVING KINDNESS** (Psalm 63: 3-4)

The **BIG IDEA** of BARAK has a **POSITION:** On your knees or **BOWING** Down in **REVERENCE** - **ADORING** God. It is **BLESSING** GOD

Before approaching the throne to have an audience with a king or queen. You would bow low as a sign of reverence and respect to their power. You are coming in an attitude of Humbleness.

Kings and Queens of YESTERYEAR Held **ABSOLUTE POWER.**

For someone being called before the King or Queen could have been a **LIFE & DEATH** situation. But there have been many countries and many times throughout history that approaching royalty in the wrong way could get you killed.

Kings & Queens in those day made decisions on EVERY Aspect of the lives of their subjects. When the King sat on His Throne, it was his seat of Power.

Go back to Session #1 on God's Attributes to **REMIND** your family of **GOD'S GOODNESS**

**BUY** or **Make** a **CROWN** that will represent God as the **GOOD KING** over **EVERYTHING.**

**The Woman who anointed Jesus feet**

Luke 7:36-50

Woman who washed Jesus feet with her hair and anointed His feet with Perfume

She **BOWED** Down **ADORING** Jesus

This was an Expensive perfume - a whole year of salary worth. her inheritance yet she poured it out over Jesus feet.

Bring a beautiful smelling "Perfume" aroma to fill the room like the woman who poured out the perfume onto Jesus feet.

Encourage them to look up all the Bible verses and write them out in their Journal.

Encourage them to fill in the page.

Have a camera ready to do some "Selfies" of your Family members - kids and YOU demonstrating Barak.

Print out the photos and place them in your Journals.

**GO DEEPER - COME CLOSER - GROW STRONGER**

**SEEK & SOAK #4**  
**With an AUDIENCE OF ONE**  
 (Page 31 in your Kids Journal and Page 7 in your Adult Journal)

The Emphasis in this Seek & Soak will be an AUDIENCE of ONE.  
 We want to FOCUS all of our attention on GOD in this session.

The Bible Verse we are highlighting is Romans 8:31-38 that states that NOTHING can separate us from God's Love. Even while we were ENEMIES of God, He loved us (Romans 5:7-8)

Colossians 1:17 talking about Jesus says "He is BEFORE ALL THINGS and IN HIM ALL THINGS hold together"

The Highlights here: God loves us NO MATTER WHAT and He has EVERYTHING HELD TOGETHER.

Use the questions from the page to discuss.

Use Sticky notes to write down what they appreciate about God and what He has done through Jesus for us.  
 Once your Family members have written their "Appreciation" Sticky Note, let them share it and have everyone say "AMEN" - which means "WE AGREE" with that TRUTH  
 Audience with One is found on page 31 in your Kids Journal and Page 7 in your Adult Journal.

As you Prepare to Praise & Worship in His Presence: Use some of Halal & Barak for actions from the last Sessions.

Use the Youtube Clip  
**"You are AWESOME in this Place"**  
<https://youtu.be/a9vwyRTQZh4>

**How Great is our God**  
<https://youtu.be/yoWdAqp5Xww>

**Good Good Father**  
[https://youtu.be/gFayN\\_nkzaU](https://youtu.be/gFayN_nkzaU)

**For older Children**  
 Lauren Daigle (Audio only)  
 Rescue  
<https://youtu.be/3U4Q2R7ZZAE>

**GO DEEPER - COME CLOSER - GROW STRONGER**

**FAMILY SEEK & SOAK**  
 With An AUDIENCE OF ONE

Every Encounter we have with God are NEVER about us BUT HIM. It is an "AUDIENCE OF ONE". It means we can come before Him without any pretense or shame. The amazing Love of God found us when we were enemies of Him. NOTHING can separate us God's Love (Romans 8:31-38) But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us" (Romans 5:7-8)

This should give us ENOUGH reason to want to "SEEK & SOAK" in His Mercy, Goodness and Grace. Psalm 99:6 "Come, let us worship and bow down, Let us kneel before the LORD our Maker;" Psalm 99:5 "Exalt the LORD our God And worship at His footstool; Holy is He." Ephesians 3:14 "For this reason I bow my knees before the Father...."

Teaching children to Encounter God is not just sitting and listening, but is actively thinking about God, appreciating God for who He is, thanking God for what He has done, giving back to God, and praising God through song and other expressions.

Spend a few moments allowing your family members the opportunity to EXPRESS by writing down on "Sticky Notes" what they Appreciate about God, Thanking God for what He has done through Jesus etc... These could INCLUDE: Forgiveness, Love, mercy and Grace. Encourage your Family to share their Stories of Encountering our AWESOME GOD.

**WHAT YOU NEED**  
 Bibles  
 Encounter Journals  
 Pens / Pencils  
 Sticky Notes

Colossians 1:17 talking about Jesus says "He is BEFORE ALL THINGS, and IN HIM ALL THINGS hold together."  
 What does this Mean for your Family?  
 How does this give you confidence and HOPE?  
 OPEN UP the PRAISE GATES of your hearts and.....

Read the Following Bible Verses Together  
 Psalm 99:6-8  
 Psalm 119:4-8  
 Isaiah 40:25-26

**You're Awesome**

I AGREE the TRUTH there is NO ONE LIKE GOD and He is FOR ME. The greatest thing in my life is spending time WITH HIM

**AUDIENCE OF ONE**

At the end of today's "SEEK & SOAK" Write in your "Encounter Journal" what you Discovered and What God Spoke to you about. THANK HIM for Speaking to you.

Exodus 15:1  
 Who among the gods is like you, Lord?  
 Who is like you majestic in holiness, awesome in glory, working wonders?

**SEEK & SOAK #5  
AT THE THRONE**  
(Page 32 in your Kids Journal and Page 8 in your Adult Journal)

Follow the instructions on your Journal page 8 to create a "THRONE" that will represent God's Throne for this encounter. Turn the lights low or use "Candles" which could be electronic to create atmosphere. The THRONE is the centre of all Heavens attention.

Have family members read the two Bible verses: Revelation 7:11 and Revelation 5:9-14

Use your Journal page as notes to explain what is happening in heaven as EVERYONE including Angels are WORSHIPPING at the Throne of God. They are BOWING DOWN, lying PROSTRATE (Flat on their faces before the King of the Universe. They are giving Homage (RESPECT & TRIBUTE) to their King

Use the BARAK Session to begin to Worship God around the Throne you have created.

Have Worship music without words playing.

There are a few video clips of songs with lyrics that can also be used.

**To Him who sits on the Throne**  
<https://youtu.be/j1Fw9-qUr7o>

**How Great is our God**  
<https://youtu.be/d5rjyDPWAck>

**Here as in Heaven**  
[https://youtu.be/a0C\\_IPro\\_xk](https://youtu.be/a0C_IPro_xk)

**Soaking Instrumental Music**  
<https://youtu.be/6BUNVofaA-U>

**GO DEEPER - COME CLOSER - GROW STRONGER**

**FAMILY SEEK & SOAK**  
*At The THRONE*

**Revelation 7:11**  
And all the angels were standing around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures; and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God.

**Revelation 5:9-14**  
"To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be blessing and honor and glory and might forever and ever!" And the four living creatures said, "Amen!" and the elders fell down and worshiped."

Create a "Throne Room" You can use one of your Dining room chairs as the throne. Decorate it with Gold and Red material. Make it as regal as possible. Allow your children to help make the Throne and then make a Crown and Scepter. Place it at the Centre of your meeting room.

**Music:** Find songs that speak about the KINGSHIP of God. See the recommended list provided: These are YouTube Clips with the lyrics on the screen. These will become declarations as you begin to ENTRONE THE KING.

**Oh Worship the King**  
Throne room worship involves moving towards to the throne. There is only ONE who sits on this Throne: God Himself.  
In heaven, everything is based around God's throne which is at the centre.  
When John had his vision of heaven, the first thing he is shown is the throne and the One sitting on it those that are Worshipping keep saying "You are worthy oh Lord" (Revelation 4:8)  
All of heaven bows in worship. The Greek word used to describe the "act" of worship is Proskuneo and means to bow, prostrate oneself in homage to a king, to reverence, to adore.  
When we begin to Worship and Allow the KING on His Throne to be the CENTRE of our lives GOD Responds. James 4:8 "Draw near to God and He will Draw near to You."  
SEEK & SOAK at the Throne. Begin to APY in all the other ways you have learnt to SEEK & SOAK. Each of these will give a new dimension of connecting to God's Presence & Power.

**WHAT YOU NEED**

- Worship Instrumental
- Throne & Crown
- Gold & Red Material
- Bible

**YouTube**

- 3 Hours of Soaking Music (Instrumental)  
<https://youtu.be/Xt1MjhzKcYw>
- To Him who sits on the Throne  
<https://youtu.be/j1Fw9-qUr7o>
- How Great is our God  
<https://youtu.be/d5rjyDPWAck>
- Here as in Heaven  
[https://youtu.be/a0C\\_IPro\\_xk](https://youtu.be/a0C_IPro_xk)

**SEEK & SOAK #6**  
**With JEHOVAH RAPHA (Healer) Pt #1**  
**(Page 16 in your Kids Journal and Page 9 in your Adult Journal)**

There are two parts to this teaching on Healing. We are focusing on ONE of the Compound COVENANT Names of God: Jehovah RAPHA which means “The Lord our Healer”

We are able to come into God’s Presence believing for Healing.

On this first page (Page 12 in your Journal) and (Page 16 in your Children’s Journal)

There are FOUR (4) Bible Verses we want to Highlight. They are written next to the RED Blocks with the words: Will of God - Authority of God - Father Says & We Are Like

Have the family turn to each of these verses and write them out in their Journals.

There are also a number of Bible Verses relating to Healing. Again have each of your family members Look up the verses, read them and finally write them out during the upcoming week. Have them UNDERLINE or Highlight overtime the word Heal or Healed is mentioned.

**Point of Contact**

**“A point of contact is something you do... and when you do it, you release your faith to God.” Oral Roberts**

Jesus used different methods to minister healing to people. He told a lame man to “rise, take up your bed, and walk,” and the crippled man was healed. A blind man was healed after he washed mud from his eyes in the pool of Siloam. Jesus told 10 lepers to show themselves to the priest, and as they went, they were healed. A deaf man who could hardly talk was healed after Jesus put His fingers in the man’s ears, spit, and then touched the man’s tongue. The most prominent way Jesus healed was by the laying on of hands. People also sought to touch Him. And the woman with the issue of blood was healed after touching the hem of His garment. A point of contact is anything God instructs us to do to help release our faith.

Our point of contact could be the prayer of faith...the laying on of hands...**an act of faith that causes you to move outside your comfort zone.**

The woman with the issue of blood that touched the hem of HIS (Jesus’) garment (also mentioned in Matt 14:36; Mark 6:56).

Matthew 9:20-22: “And suddenly, a woman who had a flow of blood for twelve years came from behind and touched the hem of His garment. For she said to herself, “If only I may touch His garment, I shall be made well.” But Jesus turned around, and when He saw her He said, “Be of good cheer, daughter; your faith has made you well.” And the woman was made well from that hour.”

The emphasis was on the woman having faith that she would be healed and Jesus acknowledged this.

When she touched Jesus with the touch of faith, He was instantly aware of an outflow of virtue, or power. And the woman knew immediately that she had been healed. This shows us that the healing power of God is a tangible substance. It can be felt.

Both the woman’s faith and the power of God were apparent, because Jesus told her,



“Your faith has made you whole” (see Mark 5:25–34.) Her faith activated God’s power.

Acts 19:11-12:

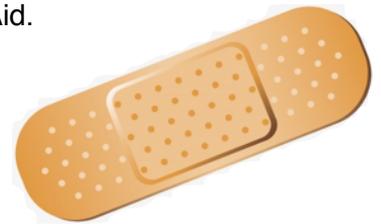
*“Now God worked unusual miracles by the hands of Paul, so that even handkerchiefs or aprons were brought from his body to the sick, and the diseases left them and the evil spirits went out of them.”*

In this Seek & Soak we are going to **use Anointing Oil as the Point of Contact.**

As you apply the Anointing Oil which is symbolic of the Holy Spirit, you are going to believe God to heal those of your family who you are praying for.

### **Band Aid Prayers**

Have a box of Band Aids ready to pray for others, write their name on a Band Aid. Place it on your Prayer Wall. Begin to Pray for Healing over those on your wall.



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## SEEK & SOAK #7

With JEHOVAH RAPHA (Healer) Pt #2

(Page 17 in your Kids Journal and Page 10 in your Adult Journal)

This is Week #2 that we focus on God as Healer. There is a list of miracles that Jesus did during his ministry.

You will need a few rolls of Butcher Paper so that your family will be able to Draw a number of these stories.

These will be created in Cartoon type pages (See the Samples on this page) You can google "Comic Page Templates" for more ideas.

Create Frames on the Butcher paper where the story will be drawn.

#1 Choose a Miracle Story

#2 Read the Story together.

Then Create 6-8 Frames of the Story. It doesn't matter if you are not professional artists. Give it a go.

You may want to ACT out the story rather than Draw it.

**FAMILY SEEK & SOAK**  
With Jehovah Rapha (Healer)

**JESUS HEALING MIRACLES**  
Nobleman's son, (John. 4:46).  
Peter's mother-in-law healed, (Mark. 1:28; Luke. 4:38).  
Peter's mother-in-law healed, (Matthew. 8:14; Mark. 1:31).  
Cleansing the leper, (Matthew. 8:5; Mark. 1:41; Luke. 5:13).  
Paralytic, (Matthew. 9:2; Mark. 2:5; Luke. 5:18).  
Impotent man healed, (John. 5:5).  
Withered hand, (Matthew. 12:10; Mark. 9:1; Luke. 6:6).  
Centurion's servant, (Matthew. 8:5; Luke. 7:2).  
Raising the widow's son, (Luke. 7:11).  
Raising of Jairus' daughter, (Matthew. 9:18; Mark. 5:42; Luke. 8:49).  
Issue of blood, (Matthew. 9:20; Mark. 5:25; Luke. 8:43).  
Blind men, (Matthew. 9:27).  
Peter's mother-in-law healed, (Mark. 1:29).  
Deaf and dumb healed, (Mark. 7:31).  
Blind man, (Mark. 8:23).  
A lunatic child, (Matthew. 17:14; Mark. 9:26; Luke. 8:57).  
Sam Lepers, (Luke. 17:21).  
Blind man, (John. 9:1).  
Lazarus raised, (John. 11).  
Heals the woman with the spirit of infirmity, (Luke. 13:11).  
Man with dropsy, (Luke. 14:2).  
Blind men, (Matthew. 20:29; Mark. 10:46).  
Malchus healed, (Luke. 22:51).

**JESUS HAS NOT CHANGED**  
Jesus is the SAME Yesterday, Today and Forever (Hebrews 13:8)  
This means what He did in the Bible, He is STILL doing today. There is not one place in the Bible where Jesus refused to heal. SOMEONE says He healed them ALL. The only instances where He didn't heal people was where He couldn't BECAUSE of their UNBELIEF.  
This means that there were places Jesus went where people did not believe in His ability to heal them, so Jesus hands were tied in a way. Jesus heals us when we believe.

**RECENT HEALING**  
There is an incredible testimony of healing. Josh, severely damaged broken ankle and foot... prepared for surgery... X-ray shows... nothing!! bones healed! Tendons and ligaments attached and strong.  
We had Children pray and Anoint Josh in San Antonio Texas

**WHAT YOU NEED**  
Bibles  
Encounter Journals  
Pens / Pencils  
Prayer Cloths  
Points of Contact

**ACTS 19:11-12**  
If you know of others who are SICK, use a PRAYER CLOTH to pray over and send it to the person who is sick. Tell them to Place it on their Body and Believe for Healing. During your SEEK & SOAK, time pray over the Cloth and PRAISE GOD in ADVANCE for healing.

Choose one of the healing Miracles of Jesus and PRAY it or Write a REPORT of what happened. ALSO Write about a HEALING you have experienced or someone YOU KNOW who has been healed.

"By Whose Stripes (wounds) You WERE healed"  
1 Peter 2:24

### Point of Contact

This week you will use Pray Cloths. Follow the instructions of your Journal. EACH WEEK of Seek & Soak there will be opportunity to Prayer for the sick. Each session you will be equipped with a new way to pray or minister.

This will create a LANGUAGE and a SKILL Set that your family will be able to use outside the walls of your home.



The Following Video clips on Youtube are examples of People getting healed spire and build faith to believe when you pray for the sick.

Play them to your family. This will in

### Blind Woman Healed

<https://youtu.be/uBIWpLrOMOk>

### Blind Girl begins to see

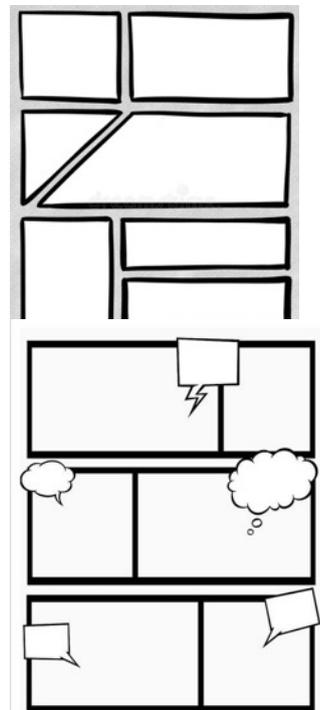
<https://youtu.be/MaSd9Me6ZO8>

### Deaf Baby Healed

<https://youtu.be/A2jYKGxAlms>

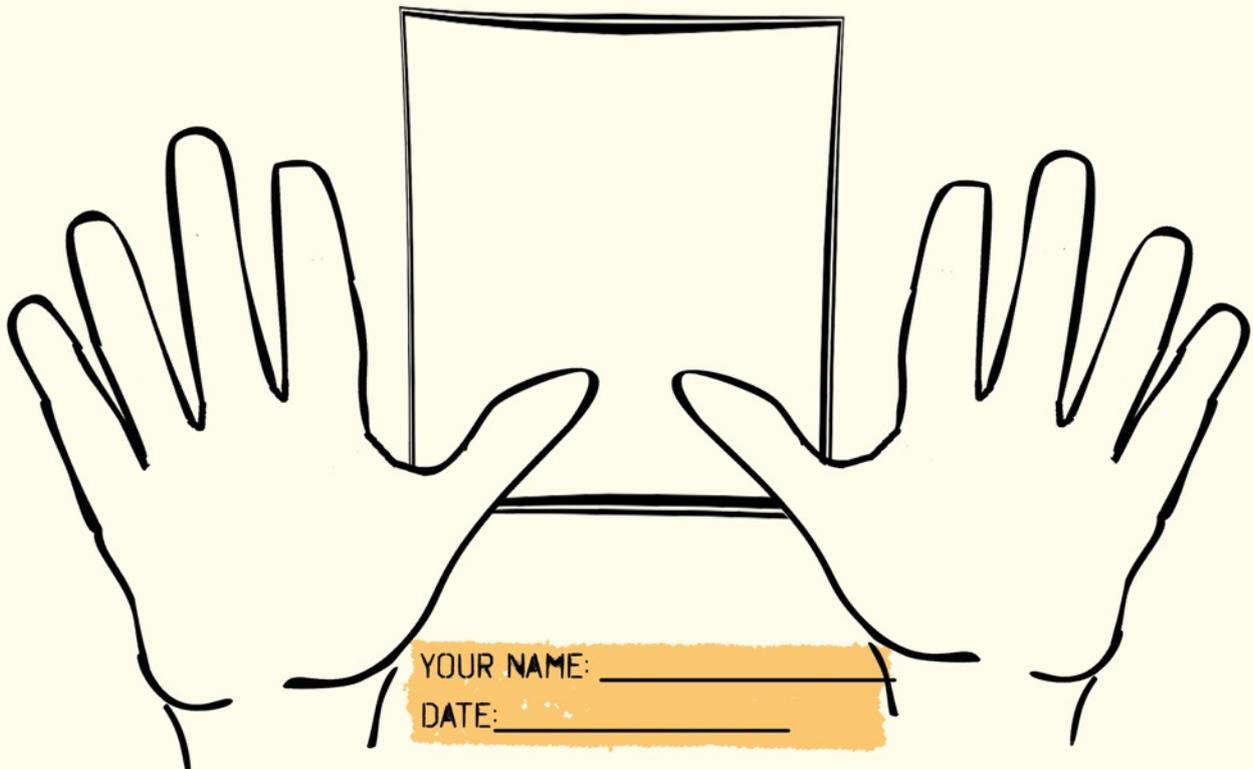
### The Healing power of God working through Children

<https://youtu.be/1nHmfMLTEBg>



NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

NEED: \_\_\_\_\_



**This page is for you to place a photo in the frame of the person you are praying for. There is an A4 size page to create a full page or you can use these half size pages.**

**You will need to write the persons name that you are praying for and what they need prayer for.**

**Write your name and the date you prayed. When the answer comes you can write the date of the answer to prayer.**

**These are on page 11 & 12 of your Seek & Soak Journal.**

**Print some off for your children to use as well.**

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## SEEK & SOAK #8

### Praying in your Heavenly Language

(Page \_\_\_ in your Kids Journal and Page 13 in your Adult Journal)

It is God's WILL that every person is filled with the Holy Spirit and the evidence of this is speaking in Tongues - your heavenly language.

I have seen possibly thousands of children and adults being filled with the Holy Spirit and begin speaking in their Heavenly language.

*What does it mean to receive the gift of the Holy Spirit? (2) How do we receive the gift of the Holy Spirit?*

Can I receive the Holy Spirit without speaking in tongues?" Answer:

"It comes with the package!" Speaking in tongues is not the baptism in the Holy Spirit, but it is what happens when and as you are baptised in the Spirit and it becomes an important resource to help you continue, as Paul says, to . . . "keep on being filled with the Holy Spirit" (Ephesians 5:18).

Spend some time today going through "THE REASONS" WHY we should pray in the Holy Spirit.

There is no begging for the Holy Spirit.



### Teaching Kids about the Baptism of the Holy Spirit by Becky Fischer

<https://youtu.be/YE-sZYqteAE>

This is powerful teaching on HOW to be Filled with the Holy Spirit. You may want to watch this as parents THEN you teach it to your children.

### Speaking in Tongues Medical Evidence

<https://youtu.be/NZbQBajYnEc>

### Explaining about the Holy Spirit

<https://youtu.be/KwJJJoSGw84>

### 7 year old filled with the Holy Spirit

<https://youtu.be/cfFVSejYVcg>

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**FAMILY SEEK & SOAK**  
Praying in Your Heavenly Language

What a wonderful privilege that God has given to His Children: The ability to speak to him. Prayer is simply speaking to God and allowing God to speak to us. When we speak about Praying in THE SPIRIT, it simply means we speak to God with the heavenly language He has given us. It has been said that JESUS is God's Gift to the WORLD and THE HOLY SPIRIT is God's Gift to the BELIEVER / FOLLOWER of Jesus.

There are times when we just don't know what to pray we seem to be lost for words. Praying in your Heavenly Language opens the Presence and Power of God into your situation. Take a moment to look at the Reason why we should pray in the Holy Spirit. Each of these opens the Supernatural of God.

**THE REASONS**  
we should Pray in the Spirit  
You ALWAYS PRAY the WILL OF GOD  
Romans 8:26-27  
You speak DIRECTLY to God  
1 Corinthians 14:2  
Praying in Tongues EMPOWERS you in Spiritual Warfare: Ephesians 6:18  
Praying in Tongues Builds Your Faith  
Jude 20  
Praying in Tongues OPENS SUPERNATURAL  
Praying in Tongues gives Spiritual Refreshing  
Isaiah 28:11-12  
Praying in Tongues is Praying WITH your Spirit  
It is God's Desire that every follower of Jesus would pray in their heavenly language  
1 Corinthians 14:5  
Praying in Tongues gives you access to Revelatory Gifts  
1 Corinthians 12:8-10

As Parents TAKE the INITIATIVE and begin to Pray in your Heavenly Language. Encourage your Children to do the same. For many, the Supernatural is an EVENT which takes place once in a while. As you SEEK & SOAK, you are wanting to make the Supernatural your NATURAL.  
To Begin, play your instrumental music rather loud so that your children are not focused on the sound of their voices.  
Pray ONLY in your Heavenly Language:  
Pray over needs  
Pray over decisions  
Pray over those you know who don't know Jesus  
Be open to the PROMPTINGS of the Holy Spirit regarding INSTRUCTION, DIRECTION or GUIDANCE He may want to bring.

**TUNE IN**

God SPEAKS  
GOD Speaks in many Different ways. He wants to DOWNLOAD SUPERNATURAL INSTRUCTIONS into YOUR WORLD

**WHAT YOU NEED**  
Bibles  
Encounter Journals  
Pens / Pencils  
Worship Instrumental

**SEE FAMILY "SEEK & SOAK" DOWNLOADS FROM THE HOLY SPIRIT**

1 Corinthians 14:15  
"I will pray with the spirit and I will pray with the mind also; I will sing with the spirit and I will sing with the mind also"

## SEEK & SOAK #9

### in God's Glory

(Page 19 in your Kids Journal and Page 14 in your Adult Journal)

God's Presence ALWAYS changes those who enter it.

Wherever Jesus went He carried the Glory of God with him and In him.

The Glory of God was revealed in Jesus.

Jesus showed us ALL WHO GOD IS

We Behold HIS GLORY

We have seen God's Glory in Jesus

### What did they SEE?

John 5:19

They SAW

God in ACTION

I Do what I see my Father DO

John 12:49

They HEARD God Speaking

I Say what I hear my Father Say

Hebrews 1:3 "The Son is the radiance of God's Glory and the exact representation / imprint of His Nature / Being."

The Works of Jesus were not only a demonstration of the Power of God BUT also of the Presence of God. Wherever God's Presence is present so too is His Glory.

The Greek Word for Glory is *Doxa* means Appearance or being made apparent (Visible, Manifested, visible, unmistakable, evident and recognisable. It carries the idea of Glorious, something so good it makes one want to Boast about it. It is derived from the verb *dokeo*, meaning to mentally estimate or value.

The Glory of God was made VISIBLE in Jesus BUT NOT EVERYONE Valued what they saw or heard.

James 2:1 Jesus is called the "Lord of Glory"

Jesus was the glory of God, the *shekinah*. According to the Old Testament, the *shekinah* was the visible manifestation of the invisible God. The *shekinah* was a radiant cloud or brilliant light within a cloud that signaled the immediate presence of God. For Jesus to be identified with the *shekinah* was to be equated with the presence of God Himself. In Jesus we see the full manifestation of the majesty of God.

Spend some time going over the following Bible verses about Jesus and the Glory of God

Acts 7:55

John 1:14

Luke 9:32

John 2:11

John 12:41

Hebrews 2:9

2 Peter 1:16-17

2 Peter 1:17

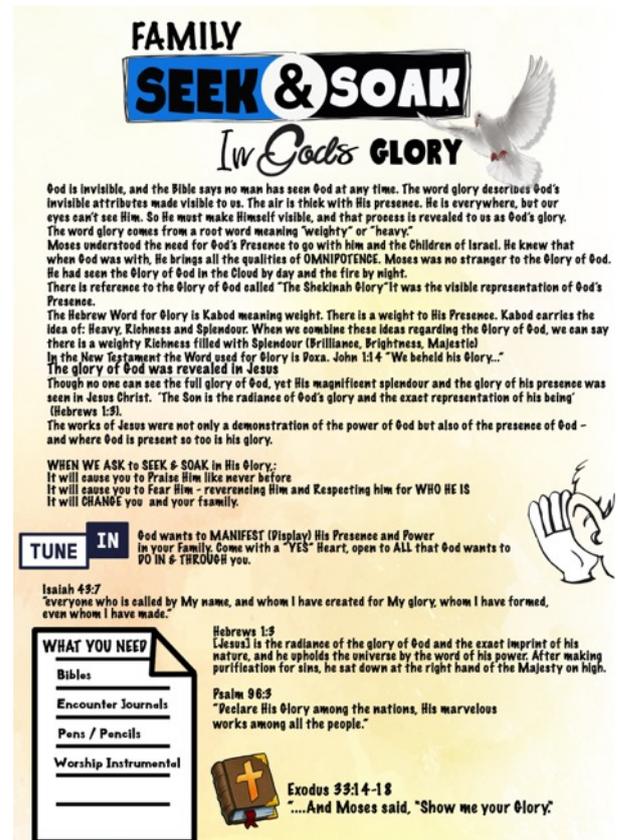
John 12:23

Matthew 17:2

Mark 9:3

Luke 9:29

Colossians 2:9



**FAMILY**  
**SEEK & SOAK**  
*In God's* **GLORY**

God is invisible, and the Bible says no man has seen God at any time. The word glory describes God's invisible attributes made visible to us. The air is thick with His presence. He is everywhere, but our eyes can't see Him. So He must make Himself visible, and that process is revealed to us as God's glory. The word glory comes from a root word meaning "weighty" or "heavy."  
Moses understood the need for God's Presence to go with him and the Children of Israel. He knew that when God was with, He brings all the qualities of OMNIPOTENCE. Moses was no stranger to the Glory of God. He had seen the Glory of God in the Cloud by day and the fire by night.  
There is reference to the Glory of God called "The Shekinah Glory" It was the visible representation of God's Presence.  
The Hebrew Word for Glory is Kabod meaning weight. There is a weight to His Presence. Kabod carries the idea of: Heavy, Richness and Splendor. When we combine these ideas regarding the Glory of God, we can say there is a weighty Richness filled with Splendor (Brilliance, Brightness, Majestic)  
In the New Testament the Word used for Glory is *Doxa*. John 1:14 "We beheld his Glory..."  
The glory of God was revealed in Jesus  
Though no one can see the full glory of God, yet His magnificent splendour and the glory of His presence was seen in Jesus Christ. "The Son is the radiance of God's glory and the exact representation of his being" (Hebrews 1:3).  
The works of Jesus were not only a demonstration of the power of God but also of the presence of God - and where God is present so too is His glory.

**WHEN WE ASK to SEEK & SOAK in His Glory:**  
It will cause you to Praise Him like never before  
It will cause you to Fear Him - reverencing Him and Respecting him for WHO HE IS  
It will CHANGE you and your family.

**TUNE IN** God wants to MANIFEST (Display) His Presence and Power in your Family. Come with a "YES" Heart, open to ALL that God wants to DO IN & THROUGH you.

Isaiah 49:7  
"Every one who is called by My name, and whom I have created for My glory, whom I have formed, even whom I have made."

**WHAT YOU NEED**

- Bibles
- Encounter Journals
- Pens / Pencils
- Worship Instrumental

Hebrews 1:3  
[Jesus] is the radiance of the glory of God and the exact imprint of his nature, and he upholds the universe by the word of his power. After making purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high.

Psalms 96:3  
"Declare His Glory among the nations, His marvelous works among all the people."

Exodus 33:14-18  
"...And Moses said, "Show me your Glory."

**Moses said “Show me your Glory” Exodus 33:14-18**

Moses was no stranger to the Glory of God. He had experienced and seen God’s Glory on a number of occasions. In the Wilderness both day and night God’s Presence was seen in the Cloud by day and Fire by night.

The Hebrew word for Glory is Kabod which gives the idea of a heavy weight, Richness filled with Splendour (Brilliance, Brightness and Majestic.)

**The Tabernacle**

**Exodus 40:34-38** “Then the cloud covered the tent of meeting, and the glory of the Lord filled the tabernacle. Moses was not able to enter the tent of meeting because the cloud had settled on it, and the glory of the Lord filled the tabernacle. Throughout all their journeys whenever the cloud was taken up from over the tabernacle, the sons of Israel would set out; but if the cloud was not taken up, then they did not set out until the day when it was taken up. For throughout all their journeys, the cloud of the Lord was on the tabernacle by day, and there was fire in it by night, in the sight of all the house of Israel.”

**The Building of the Temple**

**2 Chronicles 7:1-3** Now when Solomon had finished praying, fire came down from heaven and consumed the burnt offering and the sacrifices, and the glory of the Lord filled the house. The priests could not enter into the house of the Lord because the glory of the Lord filled the Lord's house. All the sons of Israel, seeing the fire come down and the glory of the Lord upon the house, bowed down on the pavement with their faces to the ground, and they worshiped and gave praise to the Lord, saying, "Truly He is good, truly His lovingkindness is everlasting.”

God wants to DISPLAY His Presence and Power through your family.

All of God’s creation is to be absorbed with putting God’s glory on display.

God created you and me for one purpose: to showcase His glory — to enjoy it, display it, and demonstrate it every day to everyone we encounter.

2 Corinthians 3:18 “As the Spirit of the Lord works within us, we become more and more like Him and reflect His glory even more.”

Jesus said - the works I do, you will do and even greater...

Come with YES hearts that the Glory of God will be demonstrated and displayed in and through your lives. EXPECT God’s Glory to be manifest.

**Isaiah 60:1-2** “ ....but the Lord will arise over you and His Glory will be seen upon you.”

Page 19 in your Children’s Seek & Soak Journal

**Answers:**

Kabob means Weighty  
DOXA means Manifested

Omni = Potent = All Powerful  
Omni = Scient = All knowing  
Omni = Present = All Present Everywhere

**FAMILY SEEK & SOAK**  
With GOD'S GLORY

**WHAT Happens**  
**GODS GLORY MANIFESTED**

SOMETHING FORCEFUL  
WEIGHTY. MIGHTY is PRESENT  
in the SPIRITUAL Realm

**DISCOVERER'S CORNER**  
God's GLORY SHOWN in the BIBLE

Exodus 33:14-18  
Numbers 14:21  
Leviticus 2:9  
Isaiah 60:1-4  
John 11:40-44

**GODS GLORY**  
Describes  
Splendour  
Fame  
Reputation  
Holiness  
Greatness  
Honour  
Brightness

**HEBREW Word**  
**KABOD**  
MEANS  
**W**

**GREEK Word**  
**DOXA**  
MEANS  
**M**

**ALL WHO GOD IS**  
ALL of GOD'S ATTRIBUTES  
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**SHEKINAH GLORY**

**MANIFESTED PRESENCE**  
PRAISE FILLS OUR HOUSE  
HIS PRESENCE HIS PERSON HIS POWER

Exodus 33:17-19  
The Moses Said,  
"I Pray You, SHOW ME YOUR GLORY"

**the BIBLE is FULL of GOD'S GLORY**

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## SEEK & SOAK #10

### Praying for Others

(Page 12 in your Kids Journal and Page 15 in your Adult Journal)

In this Seek & Soak you will find THREE (3) different ways to pray for Others. Choose ONE of them. The others can be used over the coming weeks.

### The Question one might ask “WHY Should we pray for others?”

Praying for others is important because it fulfils a New Testament command. We are to pray for all people (1 Timothy 2:1). We are to pray for government leaders (1 Timothy 2:2). We are to pray for the unsaved (1 Timothy 2:3). We are to pray for fellow Christians (Ephesians 6:18). We are to pray for ministers of the gospel (Ephesians 6:19–20). We are to pray for the persecuted church (Hebrews 13:3). Praying for others gets our focus off of ourselves and onto the needs around us

When Jesus was praying for others, He prayed for their faith (Luke 22:32), He prayed against temptation in their lives (Luke 22:40), He prayed for their unity (John 17:11), and He prayed for their sanctification (John 17:17). Paul prayed for the salvation of the lost (Romans 10:1); he prayed that the brothers would stay on the right path (2 Corinthians 13:7); he prayed that believers would be strengthened by the Spirit, rooted and grounded in love, able to comprehend God’s love, and filled with the fullness of God (Ephesians 3:14–19). These are all prayers for *spiritual* blessings;

### Prayer Is Always Fruitful

It's never us doing something in someone else's life. It is God.

It is He who is in us. It is when we live in Christ that His light shines through us and on others.

Our love for God and others is displayed through prayer. (1 John 4:7-10)

God delights in hearing our all our prayers. (Psalms 147:1)

*If sinners be damned, at least let them leap to Hell over our bodies. If they will perish, let them perish with our arms about their knees. Let no one go there unwarned and unprayed for.* - **Charles H. Spurgeon**

The Bible is clear when it says OUR Prayers make an impact.

"Our prayers may be awkward. Our attempts may be feeble. But since the power of prayer is in the one who hears it and not in the one who says it, our prayers do make a difference." - Max Lucado

James 5: 16 “The earnest prayer of a righteous person has great power and produces wonderful results.”

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**SEEK & SOAK #11  
with Communion  
(Page 29 in your Kids Journal and Page 17 in  
your Adult Journal)**

The Bible uses the word "Remember" many times. the reason is that we can so easily forget. Jesus told us to REMEMBER Him. The are 3 "R's" for this Seek & Soak

We **REMEMBER**  
We **RETELL**  
WE are **REMINDED** of His **RETURN**  
Use the points on your Journal Sheet (Page 20)  
Your Children have a Fill in page (Page 13) in the Kids Journal.

Open to 1Corinthians 11:23-26. Have members of your family read the Bible verses then Share the 3 "R's"  
Follow the instructions from your Journal.

**Before doing communion.** 1 Cor. 11:27-29 says that we must examine ourselves before participating in communion. A simple way to explain this is that if they know they have done something wrong that they need to apologise for, then they need to do that before taking communion.

Use the Youtube links below to help your children understand communion.



**Dot & Bouncy explain Communion**  
<https://youtu.be/kOB88AwwMVl>

**Communion for Kids**  
<https://youtu.be/a5zqtsiwKDw>

**Jesus serves His Last Supper**  
<https://youtu.be/eqI5wEkPb-Q>

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**FAMILY SEEK & SOAK** With Communion

1 Corinthians 11:23-26  
"For this is what the Lord himself has said about his Table, and I have passed it on to you before: That on the night when Judas betrayed him, the Lord Jesus took bread, 24 and when he had given thanks to God for it, he broke it and gave it to his disciples and said, "Take this and eat it. This is my body, which is given for you. Do this to remember me." 25 In the same way, he took the cup of wine after supper, saying, "This cup is the new agreement between God and you that has been established and set in motion by my blood. Do this in remembrance of me whenever you drink it." 26 For every time you eat this bread and drink this cup you are retelling the message of the Lord's death, that he has died for you. Do this until he comes again."

**3** As you Share Communion with your Family, remind them of these THREE Thoughts: **REMEMBERING - RETELLING & REMINDING**  
We **REMEMBER** WHAT JESUS DID on the Cross  
Every time we Take Communion we **ARE RETELLING** HIS STORY to ourselves and to others.  
WE are **REMINDED** that Jesus IS COMING BACK AGAIN.

As we do the physical act of eating and drinking, we are to do the mental act of remembering. That is, we are to consciously call to mind what his death on the cross means for the forgiveness of our sins.

Begin to "SEEK & SOAK" in God's Presence with Instrumental Worship playing in the background. Begin to **REMEMBERING** what Jesus did on the Cross and begin to **THANK HIM**. **RETELLING** His Story in your family as you Seek & Soak. **REMINDING** yourselves that Jesus IS COMING BACK. This is the **HOPE** of every follower of Jesus.

**WHAT YOU NEED**  
Worship Instrumental  
Communion elements  
Bible  
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**THANK YOU FOR THE CROSS**

**SEEK & SOAK** With Communion

**AT THE CROSS**

1 John 4:10  
Write out this Bible Verse

1 Corinthians 11:23-26  
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**THANK YOU FOR THE CROSS**

**JESUS IS COMING**

Acts 1:9-11  
1 Thessalonians 4:16  
1 Corinthians 11:26  
John 14:1-4

Write these Bible verses out in YOUR "SEEK & SOAK" Journal

**SEEK & SOAK #12**  
**Around an Altar of Stones**  
 (Page 30 in your Kids Journal and Page 18 in your Adult Journal)  
 The Full message is in this Parent Guide  
 Pages 44-63

As you read through my sermon on "Altar of Stones, you will discover how to share each of these stones.

You will need: a Bowl of River stones or similar. Have enough for all your family members to use a few to begin with. You will also need 18-20 stones to illustrate this session of Seek & Soak.

If you have a garden at your home, you may consider creating a Stone Altar in your outside garden!

Another way of creating your Altar is with Cardboard Stones.

**FAMILY**  
**SEEK & SOAK**  
*Around an ALTAR OF STONES*

One of the ways that many people in the Bible REMEMBERED DIVINE ENCOUNTERS with God was by BUILDING ALTARS of STONES or ROCKS. They were a REMINDER of WHAT GOD HAD DONE but also PLACE to MOVE ON IN GOD.

**BUILD AN ALTAR OF 'STONES'**  
 Name each Stone as you build your altar as a family

- #1 The CORNERSTONE
- #2 The CAPSTONE
- #3 ROCK of SALVATION
- #4 The STONE of GOD'S PROMISE
- #5 STONES of TESTIMONY
- #6 STONES of RENEWING
- #7 The ROLLING STONES
- #8 The STONE of HELP
- #9 STONES of FAITH
- #10 STONES of PEACE
- #11 STONES of HEALING
- #12 STONES of FORGIVENESS
- #13 STONES of PROMISE

For the full teaching on "Altar of Stones" Use the PROPOBOX LINK provided. This is a sermon I preach in Family Services around the world.

You can APP in others that you create yourself.

The REASON Joshua had these stones placed: It was to ANSWER the NEXT GENERATION'S QUESTION "WHAT DO THESE STONES MEAN?"  
 Everytime they asked, the people of Israel would tell of WHAT GOD HAD DONE.

Let this Altar of Stones BECOME your families Testimonies of ALL that GOD is DOING in your lives. SHARE the GOD STORIES with your family and others.

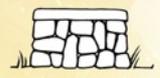
The MAIN Street of the BIBLE is a SUPERNATURAL GOD POINT SUPERNATURAL THINGS.

WRITE on EACH STONE  
 WHAT they REPRESENT  
 Write the DATE you prayed  
 Write the Date of the Answer

**STONES OF TESTIMONY**  
 RAHAB'S TESTIMONY  
 JOSHUA 2:9-11

**JOSHUA 4:24  
 TESTIMONY TO OTHERS**

People in the Bible that Built Altars



**JOSHUA, JOSHUA 24:25  
 SAMUEL, 1 SAMUEL 7:12**

WHAT DO THESE STONES MEAN?  
 JOSHUA 4:1-7



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**SEEK & SOAK #13**  
**as Warriors**  
 (Page 20 in your Kids Journal and Page 13 in your Adult Journal)

We're in a battle in this world. We may not see it, we might forget it's there. But the enemy would love nothing more than to fill our minds with discouragement and defeat.

Spiritual warfare is making ourselves more attentive to what God is doing and remembering to stand firm and let Him fight our fiercest battles.

We will discover from David's Life that He was a Worshipper - Warrior - Witness for God.

This Seek & Soak will focus on "Warrior"

David used an impossible weapon when he face Goliath. It was more than the sling in his hand. He went into an impossible battle "In the Name of the Lord" There was a SUPERNATURAL Element in this battle.

2 Corinthians 10:4-6 says "The weapons of our warfare are not carnal or earthly But MIGHTY in GOD pulling down Strongholds.." There are Six (6) Supernatural Weapons mentioned on this (page 26) in your Journal and (Page 18) in your Kids Journal:

**Blood of Jesus - Name of Jesus - Holy Spirit - Testimony - Praise - Faith. (Some of these will be dealt with in more detail is "Seek & Soak series #2)**

Each of these has incredible power. I have heard and known people who have experienced the POWER of these weapons when they are used. Over future Seek & Soaks we will cover each of these Supernatural Weapons.

Do you have any stories of God doing amazing things as you have used these weapons?

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**SEEK & SOAK #14**  
**Using the Name of Jesus**  
 (Page 18 in your Kids Journal and Page 19 in your Adult Journal)

When we study God's Word, it teaches us about the spoken word of God. It talks about what we, "say." It is the words we speak out that are powerful! The strongest word we can possibly speak out is the name of Jesus. One word. One name—the name of our Lord and Savior. In Proverbs 18:10, "The name of the Lord is a strong tower; the righteous run to it and are safe." He has given you power and authority. We have to know the power and authority we have been given in His name. Like a person who awards power of attorney to another person to make decisions and act on his behalf, Jesus Christ has given us power of attorney and power and authority to operate in His name.

Jesus called His twelve disciples and commanded upon them power and authority to cast out devils and heal disease – Luke 9. He superseded this by declaring: "If ye shall ask ANYTHING in My Name it shall be done." – John 14:14

The first was a limited "power of attorney". The second was unlimited. This unlimited "power of attorney" was authorised before His crucifixion. It was to become effective when the Holy Spirit came – Luke 24:49 and Acts 1:8.

On the day of Pentecost this "power of attorney" was made fully operative. The Holy Spirit came.

Peter and John understood the Power of the Name.

Acts 3:6 Then Peter said, "Silver or gold I do not have, but what I have I give you. In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, walk."

Acts 3:16 "By faith in the name of Jesus, this man whom you see and know was made strong. It is Jesus' name and the faith that comes through him that has given this complete healing to him, as you can all see"

**ACT OUT THE STORY**

Have your family ACT out the Story of Acts 3:6

**WHAT ELSE HAPPENS THROUGH the NAME JESUS:**

"For where two or three are gathered together in MY NAME, there am I in the midst of them" (Matthew 18:20).

"And these signs shall follow them that believe; In MY NAME shall they cast out devils; they shall speak with new tongues" (Mark 16:17).

"And whatsoever ye shall ask in MY NAME, that will I do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son" (John 14:13).

"For whosoever shall call upon THE NAME OF THE LORD shall be saved" (Rom. 10:13).

"And whatsoever ye do in word or deed, do all in THE NAME OF THE LORD JESUS..." (Colossians 3:17).

"Is any sick among you? let him call for the elders of the church; and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in THE NAME OF THE LORD" (James 5:14).

**FAMILY SEEK & SOAK**  
 Using the **NAME OF JESUS**

During this SEEK & SOAK, you will Discover the **POWER** of the **NAME OF JESUS**. When we Understand the **POWER** that His name Carries, it **CHANGES** how we live. Even the youngest Child in your family is able to effectively Use His Name.

Everytime we use the Name of Jesus we are **REMINING** the devil and **EVERYONE OF WHAT JESUS DID ON THE CROSS**. He destroyed **ALL** the works of the devil and made it possible for us to be **RIGHT** with God.

Jesus has given us **AUTHORITY** to use His name

We apply the name of Jesus as a policeman uses a badge. A policeman can step out into traffic and stop all the cars. They are not physically using their strength to make sure the cars don't move, but as they stand they're confident in their protection because of the authority that comes with the badge they wear. They know if the cars don't stop, a greater authority will come down on that driver and enforce the demands of the police officer

**ACTS 3:6**  
 Then Peter said, "Silver or gold I do not have, but what I have I give you. In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, walk."

Read the rest of this Story to see what happened Have you Children Act out the story.

**PHILIPPIANS 2:10**  
 "AT THE NAME OF JESUS EVERY KNEE SHALL BOW."

Play this song at the same time be **DECLARING HIS NAME** over THESE

**YouTube**  
<https://youtu.be/pkR390svJSs>

Break every Chain in the Name of Jesus

**POWER TO SAVE ALL MANKIND ACTS 2:21**

**POWER TO FORGIVE EVERY SIN & WRONG DOING LUKE 9:23-24**

**POWER TO HEAL THE SICK MARK 16 17-18**

**POWER TO DESTROY THE WORKS OF THE DEVIL 1 John 3:8**

**EVERYTIME** we use **HIS NAME** it is a **REMINPER** of **WHAT JESUS DID** on the **CROSS**.

The Name of **JESUS** IS NOT A **MAGIC FORMULA**

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Follow the instructions as you USE the NAME  
OF JESUS DECLARING: HIS Power to SAVE-  
FORGIVE - HEAL - DESTROY the works of the  
devil.

## SEEK & SOAK #15

### Resist - Grieve - Quench

(Page 28 in your Kids Journal and Page 21 in your Adult Journal)

If we are going to Have God's Presence & Power in our lives: we need to Make sure we DON'T DO THESE THREE (3)

Each one relates to the Holy Spirit. There are many reasons why this is so important. EVERYTHING God wants to do IN & THROUGH comes Through the Holy Spirit.

**Quench** means: to Suffocate, Extinguish (Smother) or suppress (Overturn)

Read 1 Thessalonians 5:19 in a number of translations.

#### Object Lesson: a Fire Extinguisher

Fire is used to describe the Holy Spirit and His Work.

Don't Snuff out what God wants to do in your life  
Don't Suppress, Suffocate.... This what a Fire Extinguisher does when it is applied to a fire. It takes the air out of the fire.

**Grieve** means: to make sad or offend Him. To refuse to Listen to what The Holy Spirit says to you.

**Resist** means When we Reject the Holy Spirit leadings or guidance in our lives

Bible examples of those who Resisted What God was Doing.

Matthew 12:25-31 People resisted by saying Jesus did miracles by the power of the devil

Acts 24:25-26 Felix resisted by dismissing Paul and what God was doing in his heart.

Acts 7:51 - 57 The people who were listening to Stephen resisted what he was preaching.

#### Object Lesson

When police officer is trying to put a pair of handcuffs on someone and says "Don't try & RESIST"  
Don't fight it.

How do we NOT Quench - Grieve - Resist the Holy Spirit

Come with

YES Hearts

Listening Hearts

Surrendered Hearts

Allow God to search your Hearts

Psalm 139:23-24 "Search me oh God and know my heart..."

James 4:8 "Draw near to God and He will draw near to you."

Isaiah 29:13 "This people draw near with their words BUT they remove their hearts from it."

## GO DEEPER - COME CLOSER - GROW STRONGER



## SEEK & SOAK #16

### Worshipping

(Page 21-22 in your Kids Journal and Page 22-23 in your Adult Journal)

When we worship, the invisible God is at work doing invisible and powerful things. We get realigned, refreshed and refuelled.

We ought to witness the spectacular hand of God. We are supposed to witness something beyond ourselves. We are to be in awe and taken with wonder and captivated by the life-giving, life-flowing, power of God. Worship causes God to reveal and manifest His Glory & Presence.

David wrote, "He put a new song in my mouth, a hymn of praise to our God. Many will see and fear and put their trust in the LORD" (Psalm 40:3), the New Century Version translates **"will see this and worship him."**

**Isaiah 6:1-8.** "I saw the Lord seated on a high and lofty throne, and His robe filled the temple . . . my eyes have seen the King, the LORD of Hosts. . . Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying: Who should I send? Who will go for Us? I said: Here I am. Send me" (Isa. 6:1, 5, 8).

Isaiah was commissioned to go and speak to his people only after he saw the Lord in worship. God's Glory is always connected to Worship.

Isaiah **saw, he heard, and he responded.**

Worship is meant to change us.

Take a few moments in this Seek & Soak to talk about the POWER of Music in the Bible. SUPERNATURAL things happened when Worship was given in the Bible. Worship is RESPONDING to what God reveals about Himself.

Worship is a DOORWAY to The Presence & Power of God = the entry of God's Rule in your family and everything you are facing.

This week will also be an INVENTORY of Have each member of your family do an inventory of what they are listening to on their devices. Does it speak life and invite the Presence of God?

**GO DEEPER - COME CLOSER - GROW STRONGER**

**FAMILY**  
**SEEK & SOAK**  
**WORSHIPPING**

**WORSHIP**

**15** **Check out YOUR MUSIC:**  
Spend 15 minutes listening to the songs on your iPod or music device. As you listen WRITE DOWN what the WORDS of the songs are telling you to DO, THINK or SAY.

Do you HAVE any songs that HELP YOU WORSHIP GOD?

Do THESE songs speak about GOD?  
WHAT do they mostly talk about?

Do these songs help you WANT TO WORSHIP GOD?

**THE HEART OF WORSHIP**

When we WORSHIP we are GIVING / DECLARING ALL THAT GOD IS WORTH

What is GOD WORTH in your life?

WORSHIP IS ALWAYS GOD FOCUSED  
**God's**

W  
A

**TRUE WORSHIP**  
WHEN WE TREASURE GOD ABOVE ALL THINGS

**FAMILY**  
**SEEK & SOAK**  
**THE POWER of MUSIC**

**WORSHIP**

**The POWER of MUSIC in the Bible**

**1 Samuel 10:1-11**  
WHEN did the SPIRIT of the LORD come upon SAUL? Verses 5-7 will give you the answer. WHAT Song were they SINGING?

**1 Samuel 16:13-15**  
HOW DID David Cause an evil spirit to leave King Saul? Verse 23 will give you the answer. WHAT Song was David SINGING?

**1 Kings 3: 14-17**  
When three Kings came to see the Prophet Elihu WHAT did he ask to be done? Verse 13 will give the answer. WHAT HAPPENED when this was done?

WORSHIP IS RESPONDING to WHAT GOD REVEALS ABOUT HIMSELF

WHAT kind of Words could we USE to RESPOND in Worship to God?

**SOMEONE ELSE wants WORSHIP**  
When Lucifer was originally created, Ezekiel 28:15-16 tells us that he had a special gift for music as "flutes" and "pipes" were created in him as part of his creation. He held a very high position in heaven as the Anointed covering cherub. Satan is a musician and a musical instrument. His job before he fell was to lead all heaven in worship; he is a musical leader. He is still musical and inspires music.

WHO would be the FOCUS of songs that the devil inspires?

**SEEK & SOAK #17**  
**with Praise (SHABACH)**  
 (Page 23 in your Kids Journal and Page 25 in your Adult Journal)

This Seek & Soak will focus on another of the Seven (7) Hebrew Words for Praise called SHABACH

This is going to be a NOISY Seek & Soak.

**It MEANS**

to address in a loud tone  
 to shout in triumph  
 to command  
 to shout

**To SHOUT OUT LOUD**

**It is NOT a SCREAM BUT A SHOUT**

**Shabach praise is testimonial as it commends God for who He is, what He has done, what He is doing and what He will do.**

You can PRAISE (SHABACH) out LOUD BECAUSE You have **Confidence in God's ABILITY**

God's ABILITY is linked to HIS Attributes or WHO HE IS.

Omnipotent (All-powerful) Jeremiah 32:17,27  
 Omnipresent (Ever-present) Psalm 139:7-12  
 Omniscient (All-knowing) 1 John 3:20

We could say it is DECLARING Praise. We EXPECT Triumph BECAUSE of WHO we are coming to in Praise. God is ABLE therefore we are CONFIDENT.

We SHOUT with BOLDNESS and AUTHORITY. The kind of praise that Shuts the enemies mouth. Like the word *Halal*, *Shabach* reminds us that our God is worthy of singing and shouting our loudest praise for what He has done for us!

**Remembrance.** Our praise flows naturally from our remembrance of what God has done. In Psalm 63:3 David say "because your steadfast love is better than life, my lips with praise (Shabach) you.

Psalm 145:4 says "One generation shall commend (Shabach) your works to another, and shall declare your mighty acts.

**The more we recognise the greatness of God's work in our lives, the more we will be SHOUTING /TESTIFYING of His Triumph.**

You will need VICTORY MUSIC. These songs can have the Words displayed helping your children to SHOUT out in VICTORY.

Encourage them to view it as a wholehearted expression of praise. One of the best comparisons for this is the spontaneous, electric cheers and yells that fans at a sporting event utter when something good happens to their team.

Healing of Sick Bodies - COMMAND Sickness to leave bodies,  
 Difficult situations - Shouts of TRIUMPH over every Difficult situation  
 The IMPOSSIBLE - Omnipotent (All-powerful) Jeremiah 32:17,27

**SHABACH**

**MEANS**  
 TO ADDRESS IN A LOUD TONE  
 TO SHOUT IN TRIUMPH  
 TO COMMAND  
 TO SHOUT

**REASONS FOR SHABACH**  
 You can PRAISE (SHABACH) out LOUD BECAUSE You have Confidence in God's ABILITY God's ABILITY is linked to HIS Attributes or WHO HE IS.

**WORD WATCHER**  
 Read EACH of the following Bible verses to learn more about SHABACH  
 Psalm 47:1  
 Psalm 63:1-4  
 Psalm 145:4  
 Isaiah 12:6

**Shout Out LOUD**

**BIBLE EXAMPLE**  
 Joshua 6:20  
 Walls of Jericho

**shout out WITH A VOICE OF TRIUMPH**  
 Psalm 63:3-4  
 BECAUSE your lovingkindness is better than life, My lips shall PRAISE (SHABACH) you.

**PRAISE HIM FOR HIS ATTRIBUTES**  
 He is incomparable 2 Samuel 7:22  
 Unchangeable Malachi 3:6  
 Unequaled Isaiah 40:13-25  
 Infinite 1 Kings 8:27  
 Eternal Isaiah 57:15  
 Good Psalm 73:1  
 Love 1 John 4:8,16  
 Merciful Lamentations 3:22,23  
 Truth Psalm 117:2  
 Omnipotent (All-powerful) Jeremiah 32:17,27  
 Omnipresent (Ever-present) Psalm 139:7-12  
 Omniscient (All-knowing) 1 John 3:20

**WHAT DOES SHABACH PRAISE LOOK LIKE**  
 This is NOT Quiet BUT LOUD. We could say it is DECLARING Praise. We EXPECT Triumph BECAUSE of WHO we are coming to in Praise. God is ABLE therefore we are CONFIDENT. We SHOUT with BOLDNESS and AUTHORITY. The kind of praise that Shuts the enemies mouth.

On the last day of walking around the walls of Jericho, the children of Israel, blew the trumpets then SHOUTED. A SHOUT of Praise. The Walls came down.

**SEEK & SOAK #18  
With Praise (TEHILLAH)  
(Page 24 in your Kids Journal and Page 27 in  
your Adult Journal)**

This Seek & Soak will focus on another of the Seven (7) Hebrew Words for Praise called TEHILLAH

WHAT Does TEHILLAH Praise LOOK LIKE?

A spontaneous new song.

Singing from a melody in your heart by adding words to it.

This refers to a special kind of singing-it is singing unprepared, unrehearsed songs

This type of Praise is out of an OVERFLOWING Heart, it bubbles up inside and is given expression in song.

This type of Praise attracts God's Presence

You are singing the LANGUAGE of Heaven

**a special kind of singing that is unrehearsed, unprepared and which today is referred to as "singing in the spirit".**

**TEHILLAH**

**WHAT DOES TEHILLAH PRAISE LOOK LIKE**

**MEANS**  
TO SING  
TO LAUD  
TO VOCALISE OUR PRAISE

*tehillah*  
**A NEW SONG**

A spontaneous new song. Singing from a melody in your heart by adding words to it. This refers to a special kind of singing-it is singing unprepared, unrehearsed songs

**SINGING IN THE SPIRIT**

**BIBLE EXAMPLE**  
Psalm 34:1  
**David**

We can speak in Tongues which is speaking mysteries to God BUT DID YOU KNOW, you can also SING in the Spirit. Sometimes it can be done with a known Melody BUT it can also BECOME a NEW SONG from your spirit.

**A NEW SONG IN MY MOUTH**

**WORD WATCHER**  
Read EACH of the following Bible verses to learn more about TEHILLAH

Psalm 42:4-5  
Psalm 50:23  
Psalm 116:17  
Psalm 40:3  
Psalm 9:14  
Psalm 51:51  
Psalm 66:2

David is on the run from King Saul. What a story: He Acts "Crazy" before the King of God! While in the Cave at Adullam David writes this Psalm "I will bless the LORD at all times: his praise (tehillah) shall continually be in my mouth.

**A TEHILLAH IS A CELEBRATION, A LAUDING OF GOD'S PRAISEWORTHINESS; THE PRAISE, ADMIRATION OR EXALTATION OF GOD.**

**PRACTICE**

This type of Praise is out of an OVERFLOWING Heart, it bubbles up inside and is given expression in song.

#1 Create a SEEK & SOAK Place  
#2 Put on a PRAISE & WORSHIP Instrumental (no singing on it)  
#3 Begin to Sing in your Heavenly Language to the tune of the song  
#4 Begin to allow the Holy Spirit to give you words in your home language still singing to the tune of the music.  
Over time God will even give you other tunes as you seek after Him.  
Don't be afraid to "SING OUT" what you are sensing in your spirit.

Psalm 34:1  
"His praise (tehillah) shall continually be in my mouth."

We can speak in Tongues which is speaking mysteries to God BUT DID YOU KNOW, you can also SING in the Spirit. Sometimes it can be done with a known Melody BUT it can also BECOME a NEW SONG from your spirit.

He has put a NEW Song in my Mouth

Psalm 22:3 (these are **the types of "praises" that God enthrones or inhabits, which is interesting because it's so specific: God literally lives in the SPONTANEOUS praises of His people!**);

When Isaiah talks about trading garments of ashes and mourning for garments of joy and praise, the word praise there literally means SPONTANEOUS praises!

A Tehillah is a celebration, a lauding (Admiring and acclaiming) of God's praiseworthiness; the praise, admiration or exaltation of God

**This is not just a singing to the lord. It is not just any song to the Lord. It is a prophetic song.**

**GO DEEPER - COME CLOSER - GROW STRONGER**

**SEEK & SOAK #19**  
**With Praise (TOWDAH)**  
 (Page 25 in your Kids Journal and Page 26 in your Adult Journal)

This Seek & Soak will focus on another of the Seven (7) Hebrew Words for Praise called

An extension of the hand in **adoration**, Thanking God for things not yet received. **This is a Praise of FAITH.**

This is **THANKFULNESS** and **AGREEMENT** with **WHAT** God Says rather than what you **SEE**. When offering a Towdah to God, we are accepting His Word as truth just because we know that it is true.

We are giving thanks and praise before we receive from the Lord, and/or before being delivered out of a situation. We rejoice and thank God for His promises.

It is Offering a **SACRIFICE of PRAISE** as you Agree and line up with God's promise for your moment

An attitude of sacrificial praise.

This kind of Praise **MAKES ROOM** for God to Move. You may not see it **BUT** you **GIVE** God Room to Work.

This is Putting God First (Colossians 3:2)  
 It Flows from Friendship with God  
 It is a **CHOICE** you make (Act of your Will)  
 An **EXPRESSION** of Faith

Psalm 42:4 When I remember these things, I pour out my soul in me: for I had gone with the multitude, I went with them to the house of God, with the voice of joy and praise( towdah), with a multitude that kept holy day.

This is **NOW FAITH** Praise  
 Hebrews 11:1 **NOW Faith IS.**

Now faith is the **assurance of things hoped for**, the **conviction of things not seen**. Faith **shows the reality of what we hope for**; it is **the evidence of things we cannot see**  
**NOW FAITH is POSITIVE FAITH**

**GO DEEPER - COME CLOSER - GROW STRONGER**

**TOWDAH** WHAT DOES TOWDAH PRAISE LOOK LIKE

**MEANS**  
 AN EXTENSION OF THE HAND IN ADORATION  
 THANKING GOD FOR THINGS NOT YET RECEIVED

IT IS OFFERING A SACRIFICE OF PRAISE AS YOU AGREE AND LINE UP WITH GOD'S PROMISE FOR YOUR MOMENT

**BIBLE EXAMPLE**  
 2 Samuel 24:24  
**David**

WHEN OFFERING A TOWDAH TO GOD, WE ARE ACCEPTING HIS WORD AS TRUTH JUST BECAUSE WE KNOW THAT IT IS TRUE.

**WORD WATCHER**  
 Read EACH of the following Bible Verses to Learn more about TOWDAH  
 Psalm 42:4-5  
 Psalm 50:23  
 Psalm 116:17

**TOWDAH**  
 This is different to "YADAH" which was Raising Hands in Surrender. TOWDAH is Lifting Hands in THANKS as you AGREE with God's PROMISES even though you have not seen them yet. It is Thanking in ADVANCE.  
**PSALM 100:4**  
 Enter His gates with Thanksgiving (Towdah) and His courts with praise. Be Thankful unto Him and Bless His Name.

**PRAISE MAKES ROOM FOR GOD**  
 Put God FIRST (Colossians 3:2) FLOWS from Friendship with God A CHOICE (Act of the WILL) An EXPRESSION of FAITH  
 Psalm 22:3 "You are Holy, You LIVE in the PRAISES of Your People"

**SEEK & SOAK #20**  
**With Praise (YADAH)**  
 (Page 26 in your Kids Journal and Page 28 in your Adult Journal)

This Seek & Soak will focus on another of the Seven (7) Hebrew Words for Praise called YADAH

This is an ACTION Word - a VERB - a DOING Word. Praise cannot be passive. It involves MOVEMENT

**YAD** which means the open hand, direction, power. And **AH** which has reference to Jehovah. Together they are rendered Hands to God.

**MEANS**

To Extend the Hand  
 to throw out the hand  
 to lift up your hands

There is a **Sacrifice of Praise** when you Give Yadah Praise.

[Jeremiah 17:26](#); [33:11](#) and [Hebrews 13:15](#)).

**YADAH**  
 AN ACTION (VERB) WORD

**BIBLE EXAMPLE**  
**Jehosaphat**  
 2 Chronicles 20:19-21  
 "As they went out before the army and were saying: "Praise (YADAH) the LORD For His mercy [endures] forever."  
**HERE IT MEANS TO "LET GOD BE KNOWN IN PUBLIC"**

**MEANS**  
 TO EXTEND THE HAND  
 TO THROW OUT THE HAND  
 TO LIFT UP YOUR HANDS

**Extended Hands**  
 Picture of a Child Running with Arms Extended wanting to be picked up in their parent's Arms

**WORD WATCHER**  
 Read EACH of the following Bible Verses to Learn more about YADAH  
 Psalm 134:2  
 Psalm 141:2  
 Psalm 107:15  
 2 Chronicles 20:19-21

**Our HANDS are making a SOUND in the HEAVENLIES the Spirit Realms**

**WHAT DOES YADAH PRAISE LOOK LIKE**  
 Lifting Hands in Surrender or Thanksgiving  
 Psalm 63:4 -- "Thus I will bless You while I live, I will (YADAH) lift up my hands in Your name"

**REASONS TO LIFT HANDS IN PRAISE**  
 Raised to Praise  
 Raised to Confess  
 Raised to Give Thanks  
 Raised in Surrender to God  
 Used when we are in desperate trouble and need Victory  
 We Raise our Hands In SURRENDER to God

This is worship with extended hands and it a mark of deep surrender to God and a heart that desires / wants to pay tribute to Him. IT IS MEANT TO BE A "THANK YOU" TO OUR HEAVENLY FATHER.

The word pictures associated with the root words for this type of praise is **shooting an arrow** or **throwing a rock**. It literally means to extend the hands, or to shoot and arrow.

**OBJECT LESSONS**

White Flag (Used for Surrender)

Raising the hands is an international sign of surrender. A worshiping person raises hands in adoration and surrender to God.

Reasons why we RAISE our Hands

- Raised to Praise
- Raised to Confess
- Raised to Give Thanks
- Raised in Surrender to God

Used when we are in desperate trouble and need Victory  
 We Raise our Hands In SURRENDER to God

Your Children have a Seek & Soak Page for this lesson on (page 26 seen here) in their Seek & Soak Kids Journal - it is the same page as your Journal

**GO DEEPER - COME CLOSER - GROW STRONGER**

**SEEK & SOAK #21**  
**With Praise (ZAMAR)**  
 (Page 27 in your Kids Journal and Page 29 in your Adult Journal)

This Seek & Soak will focus on another of the Seven (7) Hebrew Words for Praise called ZAMAR

**MEANS**

- to pluck the strings of an instrument,
- to sing with instruments
- To Prune
- to celebrate in song
- make music accompanied by voice

**WHAT Does ZAMAR Praise look like?**

We can Praise God with all kinds of instruments. The wind, stringed, and percussion instruments are the main types mentioned in the Bible.

Jubal was the first musician mentioned in the Bible. (Genesis 4:21) He played the harp and the flute — a stringed instrument and a wind instrument. .

To pluck the strings of an instrument, to sing, to praise; a musical word which is largely involved with joyful expressions of music with musical instruments

It carries the idea of making music in praise to God as in Psalm 92:1.

Zamar Praise mostly incorporates a full-scale rejoicing in God's presence, using just about every available mechanical and artificial objects that when jangled, shaken, twang, strummed, beaten or blown, produces a form of organised and melodious sound, each expressing Praise

Find "Instruments" around the house. Anything that can be used to make a joyful noise to the lord. Use both Praise and Worship music both with and without lyrics. Enter into the Presence of God making a joyful noise.

**GO DEEPER - COME CLOSER - GROW STRONGER**

**ZAMAR**

**DID YOU KNOW?** JUBAL WAS THE FIRST MUSICIAN MENTIONED IN THE BIBLE. (GENESIS 4:21) HE PLAYED THE HARP AND THE FLUTE — A STRINGED INSTRUMENT AND A WIND INSTRUMENT..

**MEANS**

- TO PLUCK THE STRINGS OF AN INSTRUMENT.
- TO SING WITH INSTRUMENTS
- TO PRUNE
- TO CELEBRATE IN SONG
- MAKE MUSIC ACCOMPANIED BY VOICE

**Make a Joyful Noise**

*Psalm 147:1, "Praise ye the LORD; for it is good to sing praises unto our God; for it is pleasant; and praise is comely."*

**BIBLE EXAMPLE**  
*David with Saul*  
 1 Samuel 16:23

**WORD WATCHER**

Read EACH of the following Bible verses to learn more about ZAMAR

- 1 Chronicles 16:9
- Psalm 21:13
- Psalm 7:7
- Psalm 18:49

As David played the Instrument, evil spirits left Saul. What kind of songs can cause evil spirits to leave someone? Many times there can be more than one TYPE of Praise mentioned in a Bible Verse. There can be a Blending of TWO: Example ZAMAR & Tehillah which means Spirit songs with musical instruments They almost become Prophetic songs that bring God encounters into the moments.

**WHAT DOES ZAMAR PRAISE LOOK LIKE**

We can Praise God with all kinds of instruments. The wind, stringed, and percussion instruments are the main types mentioned in the Bible.

**SONGS OF PRUNING**

"Songs of pruning will bring you in harmony with God." These ZAMAR pruning songs bring us into harmony with God as it causes us to enter a place where all we see is God and his desires.



**5 Hours of Seek and Soak Instrumental Music**

<https://youtu.be/SOHP0el-zMQ>

**Prophetic Intercession Music**

<https://youtu.be/MnX24KWTgkA>

**To Him who sits on the Throne**

<https://youtu.be/j1Fw9-qUr7o>

Use the Lyrics on screen on your Large TV to "Sing Along"

**How Great is our God**

<https://youtu.be/d5rjyDPWAdk>

**How Great is our God (Kids Version)**

<https://youtu.be/yoWdAqp5Xww>

**Here as in Heaven**

[https://youtu.be/B\\_axfUUWOuQ](https://youtu.be/B_axfUUWOuQ)

**This is the air I breathe**

<https://youtu.be/K-0EgzOWkvc>

**Draw me Close to You**

[https://youtu.be/a\\_tdG9yM93A](https://youtu.be/a_tdG9yM93A)

**Above All Other**

[https://youtu.be/hmxb3F7rb\\_0](https://youtu.be/hmxb3F7rb_0)

**Love Like this**

<https://youtu.be/U7eyU9EPGWo>

**Heart of Worship**

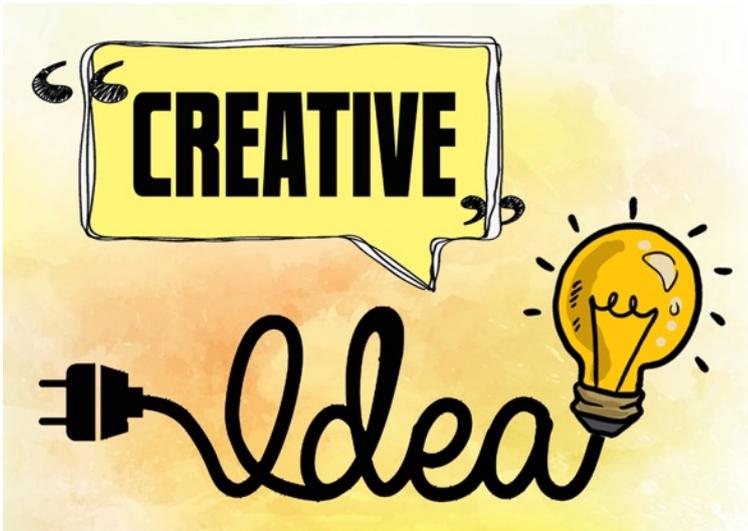
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=P-Zp586pvZg>

**Open the Eyes of my Heart**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=idQ1n3cdgfo>

**Let it Rain**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=AG7v8jJKAOk>



**PRAYER & PRAISE CARDS**

You will find the Template on PAGE \_\_\_\_ for these cards. You will need to **PRINT OFF** these cards. Once printed, use these with your PRAYER WALL / BOARD in your Encounter Room.

There is a space for a photo of the person you are praying for. Every-time you see these cards, they will be reminders to keep praying for the need written on the card.

**PRAISE CARDS:** These are for ANSWERED PRAYERS. These are a wonderful way to track Answered prayers. They also encourage your family knowing that God is moving and working in the lives of those you are praying for.





**PRAYER STATIONS:** Here is a Creative way to pray for the many needs of people. Create a number of Prayer Stations. Prayer Stations are hands-on activities that help you focus on talking to God or listening for His voice. You can create different rooms around your home for each station:

You can create different ambiances for each room to set the atmosphere desired for that room.

Lower the lights, if you can, and play some soft music. Have different songs for each room.

Explain the different sort of activity that will be in the room and how they need to interact with the room.

### **Some ideas for Prayer Stations:**

As you set up prayer stations

EVERYTHING relates to TWO Kingdoms, two Powers, two Fathers and two gardens.

There are always Two kingdoms and Powers involved: Kingdom of God & Darkness; Two Fathers: God the Father & the father of lies; Two gardens: In the first garden it was "MY Will" as Adam & Eve gave over rulership & authority to the enemy. In another garden Jesus prayed "NOT MY WILL but YOUR WILL BE DONE" When we speak about The Kingdom of God / Heaven, it is about bringing God's Rule into operation in circumstances and situations. Jesus spoke about this in what we know as the "Lords Prayer" Your Kingdom come - Your Will be Done on earth as it is in heaven. As you take your family through these Prayer stations, you will be involved in SPIRITUAL WARFARE.

**THOSE THAT DON'T KNOW JESUS:** Create a wall of those you are believing for to come to know Jesus. If you have their photos, place them on the wall on a Praying Card.

**WORLD NEEDS:** Use newspapers and TV News etc to find out what are the needs. Create a Station where you will be praying for these needs. You may want to CREATE a World Globe to identify the countries and the needs. You can also buy a large plastic blow up World Globe.

**COMMUNITY NEEDS STATION:** Includes schools, Neighbourhoods.

**PRAISE STATION:** All the answers to Prayer. Praise is THANKING in ADVANCE EVEN BEFORE the answer has come. Have some Butcher Paper and Permanent Markers available so you can draw or write as you sense God speaking life over what you are praying.



**ENCOUNTER STATION:** This could simply be a room where there is prophetic / instrumental music playing. Have your family members choose a "position" in which to encounter God i.e.: Standing, kneeling, lying prostrate etc. They may choose to use a number of ways. There is no right or wrong way. This is a time to listen for God's voice to speak rather than you speaking. Have your Seek & Soak Encounter Journals open ready for God to speak to you.

Another idea: Have a Cross set up. This could be a wooden one or one made out of Card. As God speaks about different areas of your life - family members life, they can write it down on a card or Sticky Note THEN place it on the Cross saying: Not my will but YOUR WILL LORD.

**CHURCH FAMILY STATION:** Praying for your Church Family - Leadership, members, needs etc

**HEALING WALL STATION** – A poster board is mounted to a wall and a large box of Band-aids is provided. Write the names of people who need healing on the Band-aids, then stick them to the poster board. Prayer over the band-aid as you stick them on the wall. Have a number of scriptures written out regarding Healing. Praying for those who are sick who are in need of healing. You may want to have anointing oil, prayer cloths and photos of those you are praying for.

**TRAFFIC LIGHT STATION** The Holy Spirit speaks to us and leads us, a little like a traffic light. He can show us what we need to STOP doing, He can WARN us of who and what to be cautious of, and He often tells us to Go and do things. Have kids pray about these 3 different things and write what God puts on their heart on the different traffic light colours.

**FAMILY STATION:** There are many families that are hurting, some are broken families, divorced etc. Have some Bandages, anointing oil: Prayer for marriages to be strong, heal broken relationships, siblings would love one another, heal broken hearted family members. Pour oil on the bandages as you pray for families  
Don't forget to pray for YOUR OWN family needs, each member of the family. Pray Blessing over your family

## **Creative Ideas for Prayer**

### **J.O.Y. Prayer**

Jesus - (A Characteristic of Jesus / God)

Others - pray the above Characteristic over SOMEONE

You - Pray and Believe this Characteristic / Attribute over your life

### **The Lord's Prayer**

Stop on each line and prayer

### **A.C.T.S.**

**A** - Adoration

**C** - Confession

**T** - Thanksgiving

**S** - Supplication

### **P.R.A.Y.**

**P**raise

**R**epent

**A**sk for others

**Y**our own needs

### **Complete the Sentence Prayer:**

"Lord, you are...(praise and worship);

"Lord, forgive me for...(confession of sin);

"Lord, thank you for...(thanking God);

"Lord please help...(praying for other's needs);

"Lord, I need...(pray for your needs)

### **ABC Prayers:**

Take turns offering a prayer about something starting with each letter of the alphabet.

### **Headline Prayer:**

With older kids, lay out the newspaper and let each person choose a story to pray about.

### **Washed Away:**

Each person is given a washable marker to write on their palm one sin they want washed away.

Pray a prayer of confession. Bring out a basin of water, soap and a towel. Have each person wash their own hand OR another person's.

Through Jesus' death on the cross, our sins are forgiven! Pray a prayer of thankfulness as you raise your clean hands!

### **Prayer Journal:**

Designate a notebook as your family's prayer journal to track prayer concerns and joys

### **Anointing Prayer:**

This can be done as you pray for each part of your body, you anoint it with oil which is a symbol of the Holy Spirit.

- On the ears (that I might listen for God's voice and hear God's Word)
- On the eyes (that I might see God's glory in all of life)
- On the lips (that I might say the name of Christ and speak of God to others)
- On the heart (that I might remember that I am loved by God and belong to Him)
- On the hands (that I might show God to others through my work and deeds)

- On the feet (that I might follow Jesus and walk in His way)

### **Highs & lows**

Have your children share their daily “highs” and “lows” each night before bed. Share yours, too, and then pray about all of them together.

### **Prayer Walking**

Prayer walking focuses intercessory prayer on the neighbourhoods, homes and people encountered while walking. Christians who practice prayer walking simply walk their communities, block by block, earnestly interceding for the people living on those streets. Don't forget to do this as a family.

### **Family Gratitude Circle**

After dinner every day, go around the table and have each person share something they are grateful for. After you have gone around three times, and everyone has shared three things they are grateful for, have someone lead a prayer of thanks to God.

### **Hot Seat Prayer**

Have everyone in the family get together in the living room once a week. Choose one member of the family as the prayer subject. Ask them what they would like prayer for and have everyone pray over them. It is a wonderful way to build family unity, and a great way to encourage each other, and to keep in touch with each other's needs.

### **Lunch Box Surprise**

Make a prayer card for your children, print it out and stick it in their lunch box once a week to remind them not only that you are praying for them, but that God is with them. (Or you can make a card for your spouse and put it in their lunch box or briefcase.)

### **Family Prayer and Share**

Meet once a week with the whole family and take some fun Bible time together. Encourage your children to use skits, games or anything interactive that will illustrate or draw attention to a Bible story or principle. Use this time to share special needs, prayer requests, new revelations, or scriptures that you like.

### **Character Work**

During family worship ask each person to share one character trait they would like to work on. Then have the other members of the family pray for that person's character everyday. Next week, report on the progress and continue to pray, or move on to another trait.

### **Fridge Prayer**

Make a list of things to pray for with your family and post it on the fridge. Pray for each need, and check them off as the answers come through. A great reminder to your kids and yourself that God does answer prayer!

### **Workplace Prayer**

#### **Post-a-Prayer**

Make a card, print it out and stick it on the bulletin board at work. Choose a funny photo to get everyone's attention, and a scripture that will bless them.

### **Give God a Break**

Take your coffee break with God. Get your coffee and take a walk around your office building and pray. Or take your coffee out of the lounge and into your office, shut the door, and pray. Or even better, invite others at your job to join you for coffee time prayer. Pray for your boss, company finances, your family, co-workers, etc.

**Email God**

If you have trouble keeping a daily journal, try sending an email to God each day. After writing your email, instead of sending it, just print it, and put it in a binder. Before you know it, you'll have a daily record of your personal journey.

**Red Light, Green Light**

Pick a topic for prayer each day, Then whenever you come to a red light, let that be your reminder to pray for that need.

**Divine Date**

Set aside a block of time (2 hours or more) each week to get alone with God, apart from your regular prayer time. Let this time be just for you to hang out with Him. Go to a park, or the beach, or somewhere you don't often go. Make sure you won't be interrupted. Leave your cares and worries behind, don't bring any prayer needs with you. Keep this time free from other concerns. Just enjoy God and allow Him to speak to your heart.



You want to have a number of supplies on hand for your family to RESPOND to what they are Seeing - Hearing - Sensing.

**Butcher Paper:** You can buy this on the roll or small rolls of it. It comes in White or Brown. There may even be other colours. This is great for many Seek & Soak encounters. This can also be used for Story Boarding, sharing ideas regarding the Seek & Soak Encounter.

**Sticky Notes:** These are good for writing down names of people God is bringing to mind. They can place these on the Prayer wall or the Cross. They can be used for other applications. Your kids may want to WRITE or DRAW as a response to God's Presence. They can be used as Reminders or to make a short list. A list may be the distractions you are experiencing during this Seek & Soak. Write them down to deal with later. They come in various shapes and colours.



**Colour Markers & Pens:** Have a variety of Colours, Thickness etc. These have many applications: Creating Stories, Writing lists in different categories, Colour pencils can be used to mark in Bibles or Journal.

**Seek & Soak Encounter Journals:** Make sure all your family members have their Journals. You will create these as a family. Print out the pages as per instructions in the Parent Guide. You should print out at least 10 - 30 sets of the required pages for each of your Family. One set will be used each week. These will then be Glued or punch holed to place in their journals.

## **WHY write a Journal?**

Time flies by so quickly and writing down the date of your entry serves as a guidepost on your life journey. When rereading a journal you will be amazed how God speaks to you through these encounters written down. These Journals can be the place where you express your emotions and feelings BOTH good and bad. The Bible is really a Journal of many different people who wrote down their experiences with God. We see from the life of David someone who went to the Mountains and the Valley's and in the process we learn by his example for our own lives. Journalling is really prayer. It is our conversations with God and HIS Responses. It is a way of expressing our relationship with God. You DON'T have to write EVERYDAY. This is not a test. It is about deepening our walk with Father God.

Our Journals are our Voice and the Responses of God to our voice.

Allow yourself to write or draw whatever comes to your mind. Don't criticise or censor your journal entries. Don't worry about trying to stick to grammar or spelling rules, trying to be logical, comparing yourself to others, or avoiding the expression of troubling thoughts or feelings. Simply write, to get what's on your mind out on paper or on the computer screen. Write what's true and real, keeping in mind that God loves you unconditionally. We will learn about "**Spontaneous Thought**" allowing God to speak as we write.

Start a conversation with God by writing something to Him in your journal, then praying and listening for any response He might speak to your mind. Write down whatever you think you heard God say.

Read a story from the Bible and imagine yourself in the scene, observing and listening. As you imagine the story unfolding, write down extra details that could have been part of what happened. Ask the people in the biblical account whatever questions you may have, and write down what you imagine their responses to be.

Go beyond the Surface of just recording daily experiences. Look out for your reactions to what you are seeing - feeling or hearing. Write down what you sense God saying to you about HOW you should respond to these areas of your life.

## Personal Spiritual Development

### The GREAT CONNECTION

We cannot GROW Spiritually without Being CONNECTED to JESUS.

John 15:4-5, "**Abide in Me, and I in you.** As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in Me. I am the vine, you are the branches. He who abides in Me, and I in him, bears much fruit; for without Me you can do nothing."

EVERYTHING about Spiritual Growth and Development is connected to Jesus.

It is ALL ABOUT JESUS.

John 5:39, "You search the Scriptures, for in them you think you have eternal life; and **these are they which testify of Me.**"

### How do we stay CONNECTED?

We are going to **ONLY Deal with TWO** in this Seek & Soak Training regarding your own spiritual growth:

**EAT & BREATHE.**

1. In order to grow we need to eat—The Bible
2. In order to grow we need to breathe—Prayer
3. In order to grow we need good spiritual hygiene—Confession of sin
4. In order to grow we need a caring family—Fellowship
5. In order to grow we need regular exercise—Service
6. In order to grow we need protection—Temptation
7. In order to grow we need to give—Stewardship

### Eating Right - The Bible

#### ***Have you got an Eating Disorder Spiritually?***

There are many Word Pictures that describe the EFFECT and IMPACT of the Word of God on Spiritual Lives.

God's Word is a LIGHT and GUIDE: 2 Peter 1:19 "And we have something more sure, the prophetic word, to which you will do well to pay attention as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts"

Do an Internet search to see all the wonderful Word Pictures that describe the Bible and it's impact in our lives.

God's Word gives us the POWER to fight Sin

Psalm 119:11 "Your word I have hidden in my heart, that I might not sin against You."

### **S.O.A.P.**

Let me introduce you to the **S.O.A.P. method of studying the Bible** for yourself.

It's a great way to delve more deeply into your Bible reading, and record your thoughts, emotions and connections when studying scripture. S.O.A.P. is meant to be a journal you create with your regular Bible reading, using the process as you read each day, but it can also be an effective tool to help you connect with particular passages. It is a form of journaling with emphasis on connecting with the Bible.



You can use this method in your Seek & Soak Journal, your Bible, pen and highlighters. A Bible Reading Plan

The word SOAP is an acrostic for

S = Scripture

O = Observation

A = Application

P = Prayer

**Scripture:** Write out the full verse of passage that was you are studying.

**Observation:** What are some of the Observations you can make about the passage. What is God saying in this passage? What did you learn?

- Which character in the passage do you most identify with and why?
- How would you respond if you were one of the characters in this passage? What would you do, how would you feel, what would you be thinking etc.
- Think of a situation you are in now, how would one of the faithful characters in this story act in that situation?
- What would it be like for you to act like the faithful characters in the story in your own life?

Many Bible study experts have broken the process of Bible study into three stages:

- 1) observation
- 2) interpretation
- 3) application.
- 4) We read the bible text
  - 1) asking what is it saying?
  - 2) what does it mean?,
  - 3) how does it make an impact today?

**Application:** How can you make this passage personal? What is something you can do to apply it to your life? Application is a very important step because it makes it come alive in your own life.

Some questions you should ask as you seek to apply the verse: Is there something I must **observe, a command I must obey**; is there **a sin to avoid**, is God telling me to stop doing something I am doing; ; Is there **a correction of wrong thinking or behaviour**; Is there **an example to follow**, the Bible is full of people whose godly lives are recorded as an example for us to follow (Romans 15:4). As we imitate their lives, their walks of faith reveal God's track to us. Is there a **promise to claim**? The Bible is filled with promises from God to His children—to bless, to enrich, to satisfy. Is there **a principle to follow**? A principle in the Bible is a timeless truth tightly stated. Is there a **comparison and contrast** that highlights what we should be like and not be like? Is there a **Cause and Effect** in this passage? Many biblical passages describe what happens when someone makes a terrible error, or makes a truly good decision or commitment.

**Coloured Texta's:** You could use a different colour texta to highlight each of the Above Question ACTIONS: This way you will be able to know at a glance some of the things God is speaking to you about.



**Prayer:** Write out a prayer to God. Ask Him to help you with your application or to reveal more things about this passage or verse.

**W.O.R.D.**

This is another simple way to APPLY the Word of God to your life:

- W** - WRITE
- O** - OBSERVE
- R** - RELEVANT
- D** - DECLARE

For full details you can go to the website: [www.TheFelicityBee.com](http://www.TheFelicityBee.com)

**Verse Mapping**

Another form of studying the Bible is called Verse Mapping.

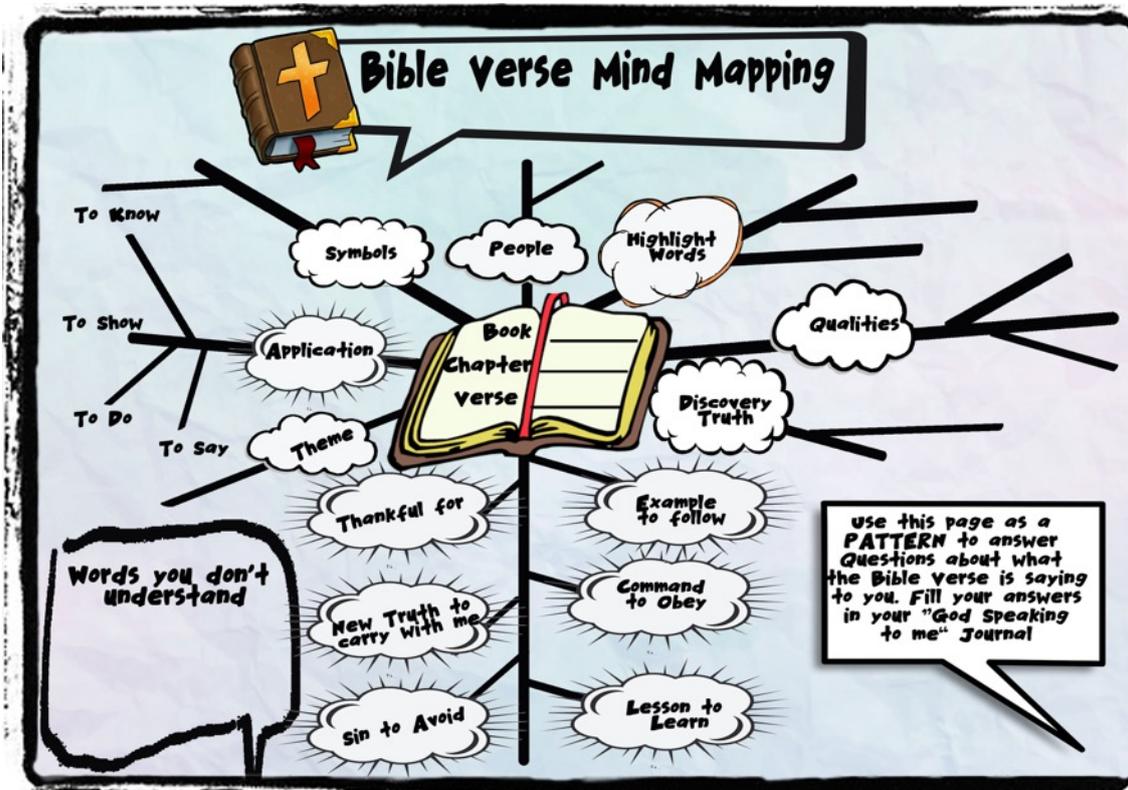
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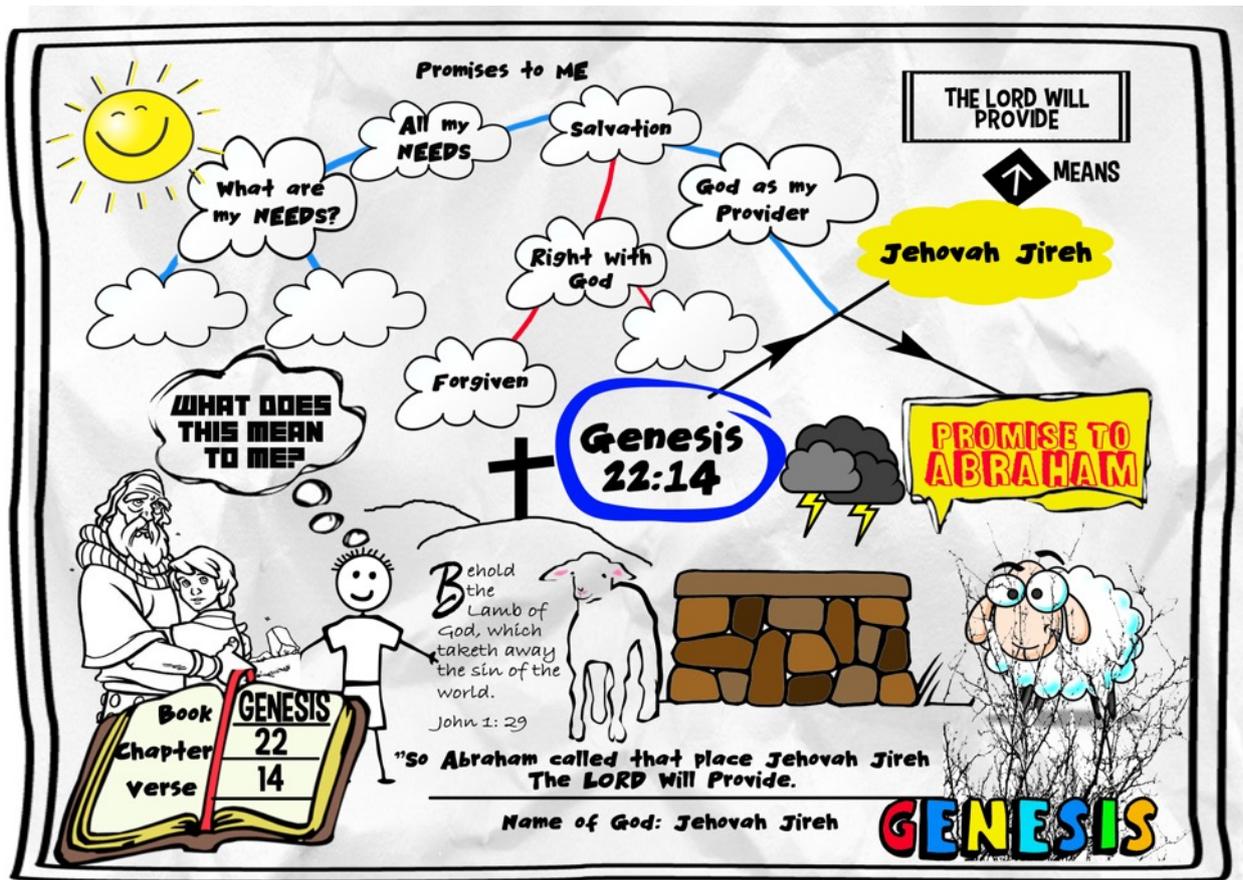
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Use the Page below to Mind Map a Bible verse.





**Bible Verse Mind Mapping 4 Kids**

Available from: [www.shanecookeministries.com](http://www.shanecookeministries.com)



## Ways to Study the Bible

**Bibles:** If you have a number of translations, have these in your Encounter Room. With Technologies you have access to every translation at the push of a button. DON'T Let this become a distraction. You may want to have the Website open to Bible Translations:

<https://www.biblegateway.com/versions/>

**Read through the Bible in a year.** There are several good resources available to help you do this. If you've already done it, do it again, but in a different translation. (Even better, team up with a friend to do this with you and hold each other accountable).

**Choose a book of the Bible to study.** The next step after simply *reading* the Bible is to *study* it, go beneath the surface, uncover the truths, principles and insights in Scripture. You may want to study one book of the Bible each quarter...or one for the entire year. Try picking up the *New Inductive Study Bible* which actually teaches you how to study the Bible on your own. Make sure you regularly share with others what you are learning.

**Study a topic that will help you grow.** Ask yourself where you want to be in your relationship with the Lord by the end of the year and then set tangible goals for getting there. For instance, if you want to know Him better, consider a study of His names in the Old Testament and Jesus' "I am" statements in the New Testament. If you need to slow down and learn to listen for His voice, study all the Word says about "rest" or "hearing" or His "voice." If there are character traits you know you need to work on, consider an in-depth study of some or all of the fruits of the spirit (**Galatians 5:22-23**).

**Participate in a weekly small group Bible study** or lead one among your friends, neighbours, or co-workers. We can grow at a faster rate in community because we are able to share our experiences with one another and hold each other accountable.

**Saturation Study:** A saturation study is when you decide to completely saturate your mind with a specific portion of scripture. The idea here is that you pull out a specific passage, and then you read that passage over and over and over until your mind is completely filled with every meaning and every variation from the selected verses. For instance, you might pull Romans 12 out for special study. In this type of study, you might read the chapter perhaps every day for 30 days or so. Or you might choose a short (or long) book of the Bible to saturate your mind. Some have chosen books such as the book of James to read 10, 20, 30 or more times in order to completely soak their minds with those truths.

### Word Study

The word study is when you take a specific word in the Bible and discover every single way that it is used throughout the Old and/or New Testaments. For instance, you may decide to study how the term Spirit is used in the Bible. And you may find differentiations between the ways that it is used in the Old Testament as compared to the New Testament. Likewise, there are many, many great words that would be helpful for you to study: grace, peace, faith, courage, discouragement, sin, devil, idolatry, etc. The list of great words is never-ending.

### Personalising God's Word

As you read His Word, God will often use verses and passages to prompt you to action. You'll see where you've fallen short of His standards, a prayer to cry out, or a promise to claim. Here are five ways to respond to what you're reading.

### Praise

There are thousands of reasons to praise God each day. And the more you read the Bible, the more reasons you'll find. When you read about His grace, don't miss the opportunity to praise Him for it.

(I have written a Mini Series on PRAISE called “Praise **Works** 4 Families” which you can order to take your Family on Adventures in PRAISE) This is a powerful series of 20 lessons.

### **Promises**

God makes many promises in the Bible to those who follow Jesus. Each time you come across a promise, be sure to highlight it or write it down. That way, when you face difficult trials, you’ll have God’s promises right at hand.

### **Reflection**

Sometimes, we just need to stop and reflect on what the Bible teaches and how we’re living our lives. Are we living the life Christ called us to? Are we straying into the errors that Scripture points out? What does this passage say about who God is?

### **Correction**

In the letter James wrote, he explains an important aspect of reading Scripture: “Do not merely listen to the word, and so deceive yourselves. Do what it says” (1:22). God's Word helps us see the areas where we need to make a course correction.

### **Prayer**

Quite a bit of God’s Word is dedicated to prayer. Whenever you run across a passage that cries to God, let that passage be your prayer, too. Even passages that aren’t explicitly prayers can lend themselves to your conversation with God.

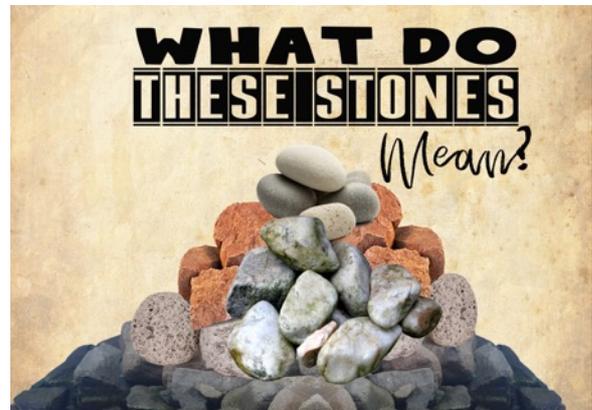
**Let the words come off the page and shape your life.** Keep in mind that God's Word is alive and Active, not dead and stagnant. It has the power to change you as you read, discuss, interpret, and apply it with others. Learn how to practice and embody Scripture's messages in your own life.

### **Journalling the Bible**

Write out verses. Another method of study that some people find helpful involves copying Scripture in a notebook. It can be a slow process, but you might be surprised how well you connect with what you are writing.

# THE FULL TEACHING ON “STONES” BELOW

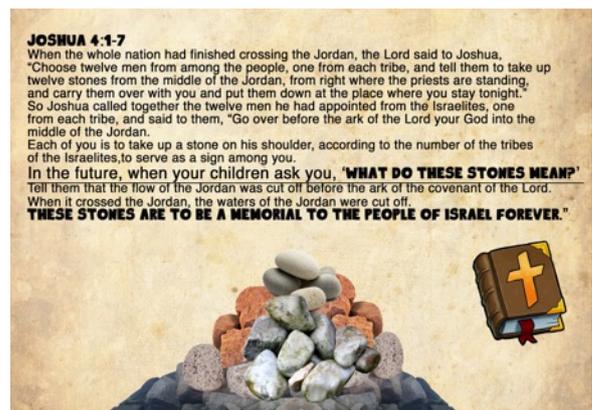
What Do these Stones mean?



Joshua 4:1-7

When the whole nation had finished crossing the Jordan, the Lord said to Joshua, **2** “Choose twelve men from among the people, one from each tribe, **3** and tell them to take up twelve stones from the middle of the Jordan, from right where the priests are standing, and carry them over with you and put them down at the place where you stay tonight.”

**4** So Joshua called together the twelve men he had appointed from the Israelites, one from each tribe, **5** and said to them, “**Go over before the ark of the Lord your God into the middle of the Jordan. Each of you is to take up a stone on his shoulder, according to the number of the tribes of the Israelites, 6 to serve as a sign among you. In the future, when your children ask you, ‘What do these stones mean?’ 7** tell them that the flow of the Jordan was cut off before the ark of the covenant of the Lord. When it crossed the Jordan, the waters of the Jordan were cut off. These stones are to be a memorial to the people of Israel forever.”



Children have the art of asking a **THOUSAND Questions** =always looking for **ANSWERS**

I remember many times driving in the car with our children when they were little. It was a bombardment of questions

One question rolls into another - in the end - you are not sure which one you are answering?

They were **ENQUIRING QUESTIONS, PROBING QUESTIONS** = wanting answers.

I wonder if your children have ever asked **QUESTIONS Of Your FAITH** in God?

**Is it real enough to warrant QUESTIONS about it or is it a CLOSED BOOK**

**FAITH IS NEVER PASSIVE**

**FAITH is DEMONSTRATIVE**

James 2:18

[New Living Translation](#)

Now someone may argue, "Some people have faith; others have good deeds." But I say, "How can you show me your faith if you don't have good deeds? **I will show you my faith** by my good deeds."

Show me your faith!



**IT IS A MULTI SENSORY ENCOUNTER with GOD**

There is a **LIVING** out of **FAITH** that is **REQUIRED**  
There is **no such things as a Silent Christian**  
A Secret Believer

It is **SEEN FAITH**

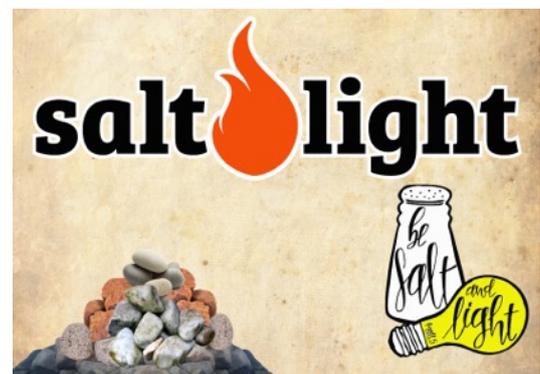
It is seen in **FAITHFULNESS**

“Well done **GOOD** and **FAITHFUL** Servant”

Faith **TRANSFORMS** and **INFORMS** the life of the God Carrier

You are **LIGHT & SALT**

It **IMPACTS** wherever it Goes.



We are Containers, Carriers and Connectors of God's Presence and Power.

A moment by moment DAILY Encounter of the SUPERNATURAL

## OBJECT LESSON

Bread & YEAST

It is like **YEAST** in Bread  
It **ALTERS, AFFECTS, MODIFIES**

The YEAST CAN BE PRESENT  
WITHOUT EXPRESSION  
but that is not the PURPOSE of it.  
It is there to **TRANSFORM** what it is  
**ADDED** to.



**Our spiritual practices serve to mix and knead faith into the dough of our children.**

Oh taste and see that the Lord is Good  
**TASTE** - personal experience. Everyone has their own personal taste.

**SEE** - You can interpret and qualify  
**BUT** when **EVERYONE SEES** something,  
it cannot be **ALTERED**.

It is a RECORD of EVIDENCE.

Is your version of GOD - GOOD?

**You are designed to carry the PROPHETIC VOICE - the ACTIVE VOICE of God**

Not the God who WAS or who WILL BE **but Who IS**  
The **NOW VOICE** of God **ACTIVE** in your life.

**To HEAR HIM, KNOW HIM and DEMONSTRATE HIM in your Daily Life.**

**Living in the FRESH REVELATION of God for your life and the overflow into your Families.**

**What you RECEIVE you MANIFEST / demonstrate -**

to ALTER, AFFECT and MODIFY

The Culture of the KING is your Culture

The Demonstration of the Kingdom is your practical living.

**This JOURNEY is TO IMPORTANT to MIS STEP what God has for you and your Family**

IN JESUS LIFE:

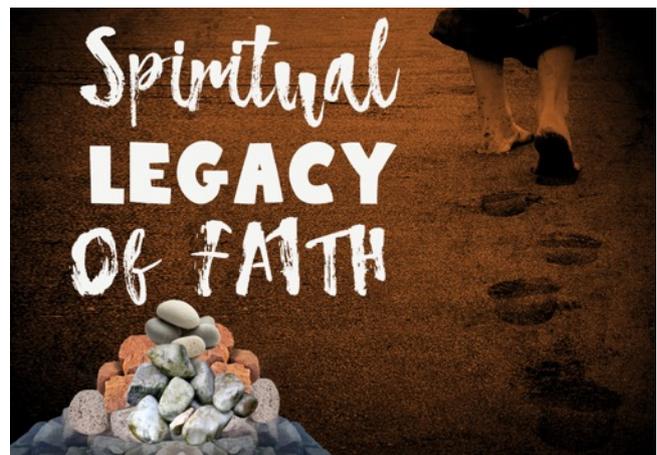
“Father, the hour has come. Glorify your Son, that your Son may glorify you (Jn. 17:1).” Significant, isn’t it, that even the Son did not seek glory for Himself, but to glorify the Father? Why should the Father glorify the Son? Because as He said, **“I have brought you glory on earth by completing the work you gave me to do.** And now, Father, glorify me in your presence with the glory I had with you before the world began (Jn. 17:4-5).” **Jesus glorified the Father by obeying Him,** yet He did more than just obey; He focused His obedience as He declared when He stated, **“I have revealed you to those whom you gave me out of the world (Jn. 17:6).”**

That is our Spiritual Parenting LEGACY - **Completing the Work you Gave me to Do**

**Revealing you to those whom you Gave me.**

A spiritual legacy is a **legacy of faith.**

**The most valuable legacy we can pass to our children, grandchildren, and other children in our lives is a spiritual legacy – the legacy of faith in Christ.**



**Your Legacy of Faith are your spiritual journey markers that your put in place for your children to observe and take a hold of as a beacon of example to follow.**

**What will the record of your life journey look like?**

**What are your stories of God in your journey?**

**How will they know what was of value to you?**

**Will they understand what was surface and what was substance in your experiences?**

**How will they know the God who wants to walk their paths with them?**

**A spiritual legacy should be a clear record or testimony of your walk of faith,**

That is exactly what Joshua must have been thinking about as He instructed those men to choose a Rock / stone from the dried up River Jordan.

**What do these stones mean?**

**We all need TRIGGERS & REMINDERS (promptings)**

## **Object Lesson**

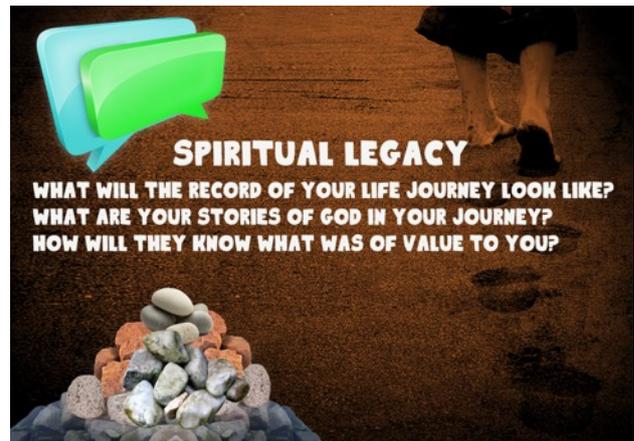
**Have a Table of Mementos from your life that you can share with your family.** Explain what they mean to you and WHY they are part of your memory collection

**HIGHLIGHT** some the your **SPIRITUAL** Mementos as well. (This could be a family Bible)

God remembers -

**The greatest ALTAR ever created was when Jesus Died on the Cross. This was an Altar where God sacrificed His Son so we could be made right with God = it is a REMINDER of HIS LOVE towards us**

**God remembers us. His eye is on us, his face is toward his, his ear inclines to us, and his hand is on us.**



**God's Hands are HIS ALTAR = as He has you and I engraved on the palm of His Hands.**

**One of the ways that was used in the Bible to REMEMBER DIVINE Encounters =**

**Building Altars of Rocks and Stones**

**What STONES have you placed in your LIFE THAT your Children & Grand Children will ask "WHAT DO THESE STONES MEAN?"**

Some rocks that will be placed that have been in BATTLE  
Some have EYE WITNESSED the GREATNESS and GOODNESS of GOD  
Some have .....seen you at your lowest  
Some will be broken Stones & Rocks

Let's have a quick look through the Bible of Rocks & Stones

Remember when **Jacob wrestled with an angel in Penuel** who turned out to be the Lord?

After serving his father-in-law in exchange for his wives, Jacob faced his brother, Esau, who wanted to kill him. He was in a desperate place wrestling with the Lord himself. After gaining God's favor, the Lord gave him the new name of Israel.

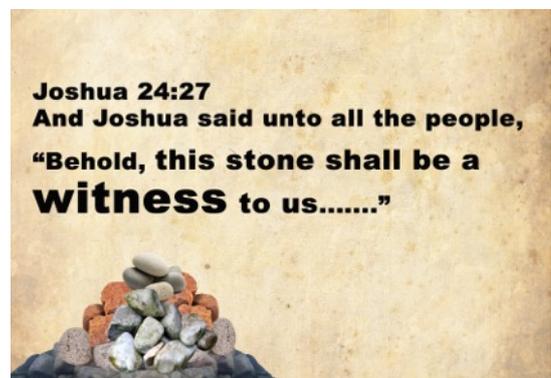
**I won't let you go UNTIL YOU BLESS ME**

How did Jacob remember?

**Jacob stacked rocks to commemorate his 'God moment'.**

**Memorials are important**

**Joshua 24:25:** So Joshua made a covenant with the people that day, and set them a statute and an ordinance in Shechem.



Josh 24:26 And Joshua wrote these words in the book of the law of God, and **took a great stone, and set it up there under an oak, that was by the sanctuary of the LORD.**

Josh 24:27 And **Joshua said** unto all the people, Behold, **this stone shall be a witness unto us;** for it hath heard all the words of the LORD which he spake unto us: it shall be therefore a witness unto you, lest ye deny your God.

What About SAMUEL?

I Sam 7:12: **Samuel used a stone after God helped them in a battle with the philistines.**

### **It was a Testimony of God's Divine Intervention**

#### **STONES TO REMEMBER**

##### **Memorials Tell of God's Past Activity**

They **helped in the communication** of the history of Israel, This was especially true in this time when the **people needed visible reminders of God's activity.**

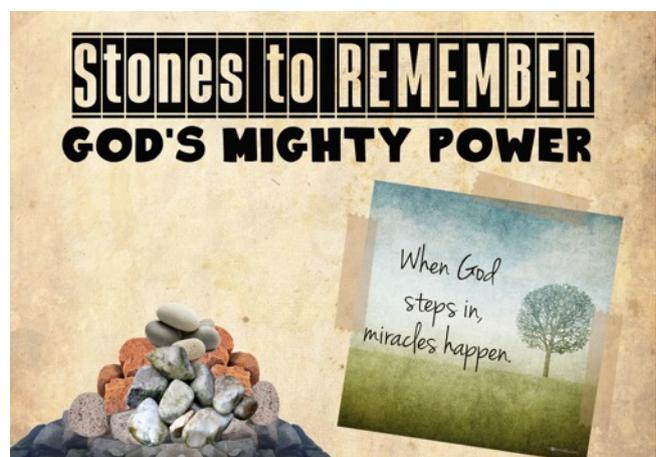
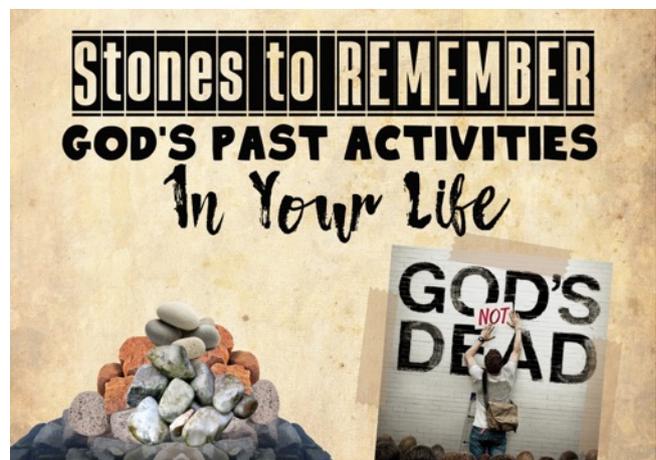
How many of you know that we sometimes need visible reminders of Gods activity

We need to be **constantly reminded of God's past activity.** **gives meaning to our history** **gives hope for the present and future activity of God.**

##### **Memorials Tell of the Mighty Power of God,**

**God was not working in a vacuum**

**it was to be a teaching tool for future generations.**



Joshua knew that the children would look at that pile of stones and say, **“What’s this all about?”**

And their fathers would say, “Those stones came from the Jordan River on the day God worked a miracle so our people could walk across on dry ground.”

**"What do these stones mean?"**

**Parents what are we teaching our children?**

**Are we leaving them spiritual markers that they can be proud of? That give them direction and hope in God?**

**The same God who dried the Red Sea and the Jordan River is active today...he has not changed.**

It is not only for us that we have memorials. **It is for those that follow us.** The memorial stones were **placed for the benefit of generations to come.**

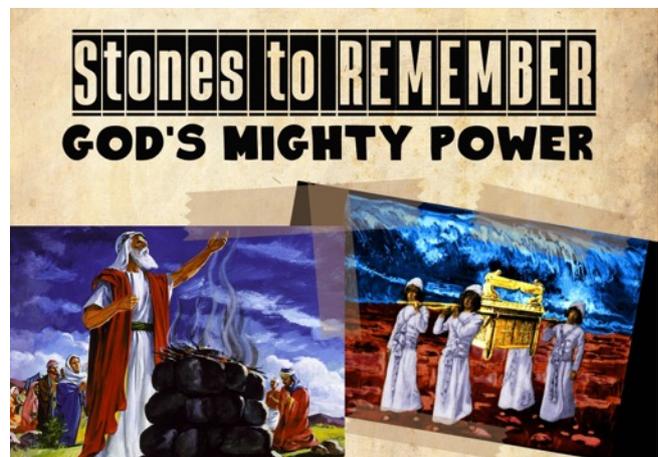
What were the Israelites to tell them when the children and grandchildren asked, **“What do these stones mean?”**

**The Red Sea miracle met the need of the older generation; the Jordan River miracle met the need of the younger generation. And the same God performed both miracles.**

Joshua 3 tells us that **the Jordan River was at flood stage, which meant it was far too deep and far too swift for the several million (Possibly 2 million) and their livestock to safely cross over.**

**So this is how it happened. Joshua told the priests to lift the Ark of the Covenant on their shoulder and step out into the water.**

**It was not about them but what they were carrying: Presence and Power**



**The moment their feet touched the swirling muddy water, the river stopped flowing and the ground beneath their feet dried up.**

**The whole nation passed in front of the priests and the Ark, crossing on dry ground into the Promised Land.**

It was a mighty miracle of God—a moment to be remembered forever.

But Joshua knew that even mighty miracles could be forgotten unless we do something to remember them.

**Be careful lest you forget**

So he instructed 12 men—one from each tribe—to **take a large stone from the middle of the riverbed where the priests were standing with the Ark of the Covenant.**

**Joshua had them build a monument—a memorial—from those 12 stones.**

There is a lesson here if we will receive it. **We have a sacred responsibility to take the truth of God and see that it is passed down to the next generation. = our Children & Their Children**

Psalms 102:18 says, “**Let this be written for a future generation, that a people not yet created may praise the LORD.**”

“Even when I am old and gray, do not forsake me, O God, **till I declare your power to the next generation, your might to all who are to come**” (Psalm 71:18).

**When they ask you, “What do these stones mean?” what will you say?**

We must tell them what God has done for us—and then we must tell them again and again **until the stories are tattooed on their souls.**

These stones will be YOUR Letter to the Future

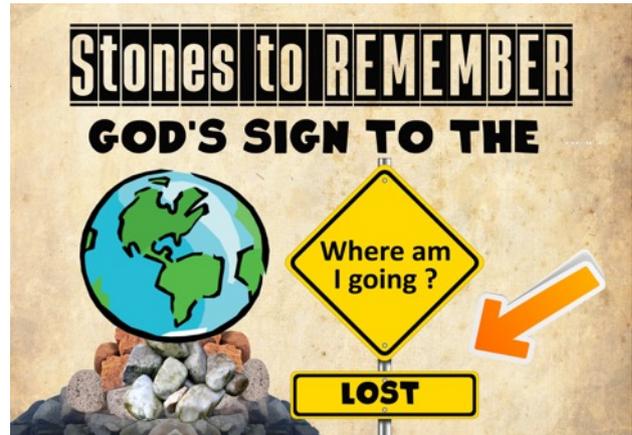
**As His Carrier of PRESENCE & POWER** = thank the Lord for His multitude of blessings. We share the thoughts of the psalmist: “**Thy kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, and thy dominion endureth throughout all generations**” (Psalm 145:13 KJV).

“That in all things He might have the preeminence” (Colossians 1:18b KJV).

it was a testimony to the watching world.

The memorial stones were to be a signpost to a lost world.

v. 24 “He did this so that all the peoples of the earth might know that the hand of the LORD is powerful and so that you might always fear the LORD your God.”



It has always been God’s plan that the whole world should “know” that He is the only living God.

They testified to God’s faithfulness in the past so that future generations would know that they too could trust the Lord.

His power and activity was known throughout the area, :  
Rahab’s Testimony = Joshua 2:9-11

Other peoples would see this stone memorial and be told of God’s power

"All the people of the earth"

Joshua 4:24 (KJV) That all the people of the earth might know the hand of the LORD, that it is mighty: that ye might fear the LORD your God for ever.

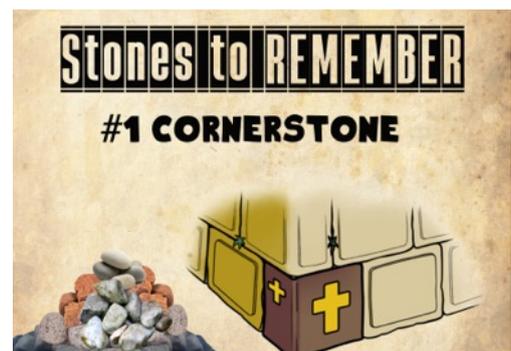
What Memorial Stones will you CREATE in your Altar?

#1 the CORNERSTONE

Ancient cornerstones were the FIRST stones of a building laid. It had to be cut and placed to absolute perfection because all the walls of the building would get their angles from that one stone.

This is the stone that makes or breaks a building. Every Angle of the building is matched up to the CORNERSTONE

Jesus the CORNERSTONE



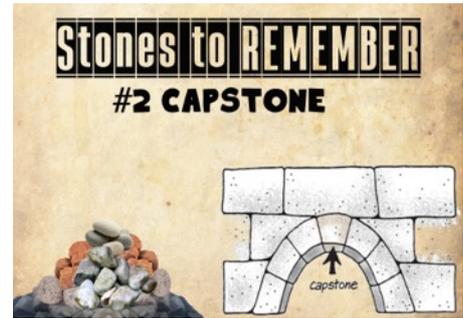
Everything in our lives should be matched by HIS LIFE.

## #2 The CAPSTONE

In some circles the capstone is also known as the “keystone”.

It is the stone in the centre of an arch that holds the arch in place by withstanding the pressure from both sides.

Peter quotes in Vs 7 - Psalm 118:22 – “Now to you who believe, this stone is precious, But to those who do not believe, the stone the builders rejected has become the capstone.”



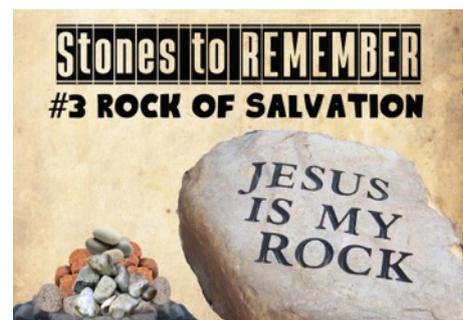
Jesus is the capstone, the keystone that hold us our lives together

Our lives have no value or purpose without the CORNERSTONE & CAPSTONE = called Jesus

## #3 THE ROCK OF SALVATION

JESUS IS The ROCK of our SALVATION  
He IS GOD HIMSELF

God Himself is the Rock, the solid, safe, secure and permanent base on which everything rests, the foundation of eternity.



The ROCK of SALVATION is the foundation laid by God.

The stone is an inconvenient, awkward stone which fits no human structure but forms a firm and wonderful and perfect basis for the outworking of the purpose of God.

There is power in this Stone: power to save and power to destroy.

Matthew 21:44

“Whosoever shall fall on this stone shall be broken.”

These are those who are saved.

They come to Jesus with **broken and contrite hearts**, with their past life confessed and rejected, and he receives them to himself as parts for the new temple of the Lord. And the others? “On **whomsoever *it shall fall***, it will **grind him to powder**” —

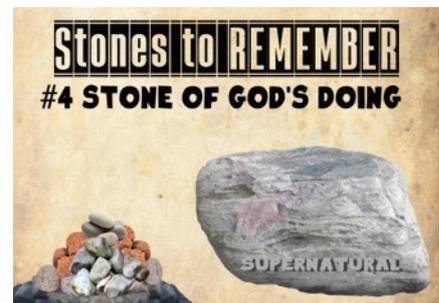
## THE BLOOD STAINS THOSE WHO REFUSE TO BE CLEANSED

### #4 The STONE of GOD's DOING

**This is my story - this is my song...**

This is the Lord's doing and it is marvellous in our eyes.

Is the Supernatural an EVENT or DAILY Occurrence in your life  
The Stone of GOD'S DOING



### #5 STONES OF TESTIMONY

**Testifying Stones**

**Testimony Stones**

Did not our hearts BURN within us - 2 on the road to Emmaus

**Share YOUR STORY with your kids -**



**“What kind of memorials do you have in your life that TESTIFY of GOD's ACTIVITIES?**

**Whether you realize it or not we all have memorials in our lives, no not a monument of stones, but one built of memories.**

There are **memories of places, places that trigger memories just as the memorial stones in Gilgal.**

There are some **significant places in your life that draw out memories.**

**I'm at an Altar: I remember the place - I got saved - I close my eyes and I'm back there 44 years ago**

**I can smell the place.**

**LOOK WHAT the Lord has DONE**

**I'm at an ALTAR - 3 months later - A Word of KNOWLEDGE is given - CONFIRMING the CALL of God in my life = I'm 14 years of Age**

**I'm at an Altar - I'm 22 years of Age - I'm waiting for a beautiful girl to walk down that Aisle. It is 36 years ago Diann and myself said "I DO" as we shared vows and promises.**

Special place for me.

**It reminds me of things that God had done in my life.**

You no doubt have such a place in your life.

There are memories of people.

**These are memories of people who God has used in your life.**

**For me many of them are the people who encouraged me to pursue the ministry.**

**Your story - is HIS-story**

**Your kids are being introduced to many versions of Jesus!**

**They need to SEE THE REAL ONE lived through you**

**INCARNATIONAL LIVING**

**Flesh it or Flush it**

**If you don't praise me, the very ROCKS will cry out -**

**Touch the Stones**

**These stones will be Physical reminders**

**Virtual stones are wonderful BUT they can get lost in the cloud**

**When it is virtual = we can get it lost in all the other things that have been seeking your attention**

**Tell your children how God answered your prayers in times of trouble.**

**Tell them how Jesus rescued you from a life of sin.**

**Tell them how you saw God do amazing things—tell the stories and then tell them again.**

**Every generation needs its own stories.**

**They can only have THEIR STORY if they ENCOUNTER GOD for themselves**

**Your stories GIVE FOUNDATIONS**

- **Joshua 2:10 = first generation SAW**
- **Second Generation HEARD**
- **Third Generation = serving other gods**

Visible REMINDERS

**The blood of Jesus can wash away every sin. That hasn't changed.**

**God is faithful. That hasn't changed.**

**His mercies endure forever. That hasn't changed.**

**Jesus is the way, the truth and the life. That hasn't changed.**

**God's Word is true. That hasn't changed.**

**The Lord reigns. That hasn't changed.**

**I am with you always. That hasn't changed.**

**All things work together for good. That hasn't changed.**

**Nothing can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus. That hasn't changed.**

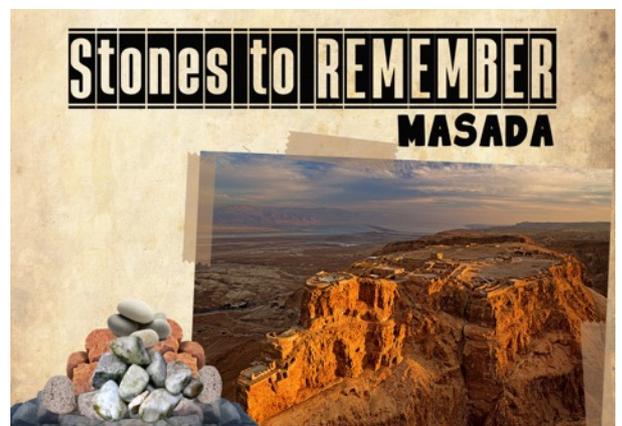
**Jesus is coming again. That hasn't changed.**

**WITHOUT THEM = we are apt to forget**

**MASADA = Jewish zealots gave their lives in the ultimate sacrifice refusing to give into their oppressors. Every Israeli soldier receives their weapons on Mt MASADA = NEVER AGAIN....**

**Joshua saw to it that there would be a CONSTANT REMINDER**

**So that each time the Israelites saw to it they would be reminded that they had not crossed the Jordan on their own ability, their own strength but because of God.**



## #6 STONES of RENEWING

### 2. IT WAS TO BE A TIME OF RENEWING PERSONAL COMMITMENT

v. 8 “So the Israelites did as Joshua commanded them. They took twelve stones from the middle of the Jordan, according to the number of the tribes of the Israelites, as the LORD had told Joshua; and they carried them over with them to their camp, where they put them down.”

**Joshua not only issued the order for the men to go back but he personally joined them as they made their journey back to the centre of the riverbed.**

vs.9

**“Joshua set up the twelve stones that had been in the middle of the Jordan at the spot where the priests who carried the ark of the covenant had stood.**

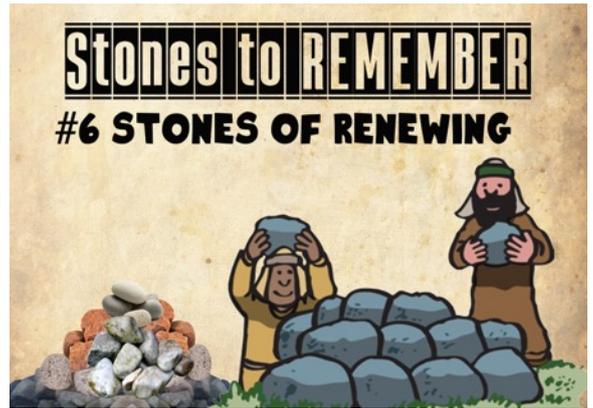
And they are there to this day.”

Joshua, while the men were carrying their stones back to the shore, **personally picked up twelve stones and built a memorial in the centre of the riverbed, as a personal act of worship.**

For Joshua this was a **private act**. It was also representative of a central point in his walk with God.

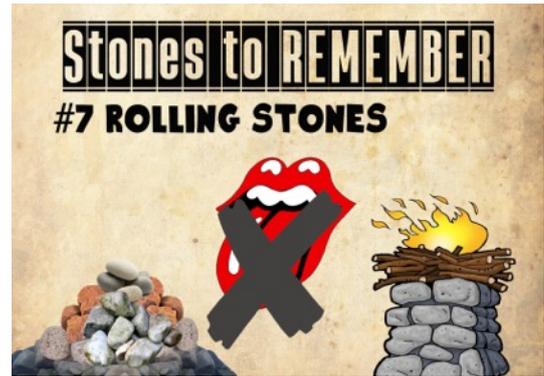
Once the twelve men had carried twelve stones to the shore of Canaan, and after Joshua had built his altar in the middle of the river, he commanded the priest to finished crossing the river with the Ark of the Covenant. Vs.15-18, “Then the LORD said to Joshua, “Command the priests carrying the ark of the Testimony to come up out of the Jordan.” So Joshua commanded the priests, “Come up out of the Jordan.” And the priests came up out of the river carrying the ark of the covenant of the LORD. **No sooner had they set their feet on the dry ground than the waters of the Jordan returned to their place and ran at flood stage as before.**”

The moment that the feet of the priest touched the other side, the wall of water that had piled up for miles back up the river came crashing back into place. Not only was it a time of renewing personal commitment but ...



## #7 ROLLING STONES AWAY OLD DEFEATS

vs. 19-20 “On the tenth day of the first month the people went up from the Jordan and camped at Gilgal on the eastern border of Jericho. And Joshua set up at Gilgal the twelve stones they had taken out of the Jordan.”



It is significant that this happened on **the tenth day of the first month, because that is exactly forty years to the day, since Israel marched out of Egypt.**

Leaving the edge of the river, the Israelites went to a place called Gilgal to make their camp.

Gilgal was “on the eastern border of Jericho **Gilgal means “the reproach has been rolled away.”**

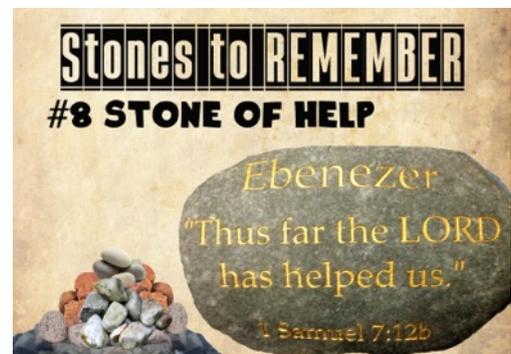
**Rolling Stones**

**Reproach is rolled away**

**Forty years of spiritual defeat and failure have been rolled away. It was the dawn of a great new beginning in a new land.**

## #8 Stone of HELP

1 Samuel 7:12, Samuel is setting up a stone to memorialize **the fact that God had routed the Philistines before the Israelites in a seemingly impossible situation.**



**“Ebenezer” means “stone of help,”** and

Samuel gave it that name **because**

**whenever the people saw that stone they would remember how God had helped them.**

**, in your personal life there are blessings and benefits you enjoy that**

**CAME BECAUSE of GOD’S HELP = IMPOSSIBLE made POSSIBLE**

**BECAUSE of GOD’s HELP**

**The Stone of EBENEZER**

## Psalm 103:1-2

Of David. Bless the LORD, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless His holy name. **2 Bless the LORD, O my soul, and do not forget all His kind deeds—**  
**3 He who forgives all your iniquities, and heals all your diseases,...**  
**Forget not His Benefits**

**As long as the stone was set up, the people, for generations, would remember.**

### What do these stones mean?

I. It's all about God

Seeing that **rock pile and hearing the story**, the people of Israel would know clearly that they had not crossed Jordan on their own. **Those stones cried out, "God did this!"**

Let it remind us that **Unless the LORD builds the house, its builders labor over it in vain (Ps. 127:1).**

Let the hallowed act of our devotion come back to strengthen us that it truly is **"Not by strength or by might, but by My Spirit,"** says the LORD of hosts. (Zech. 4:6).

let God be all in this place!

We have a mission purpose

**We Have the Great Commission. Our MISSION is to SHOW & TELL**

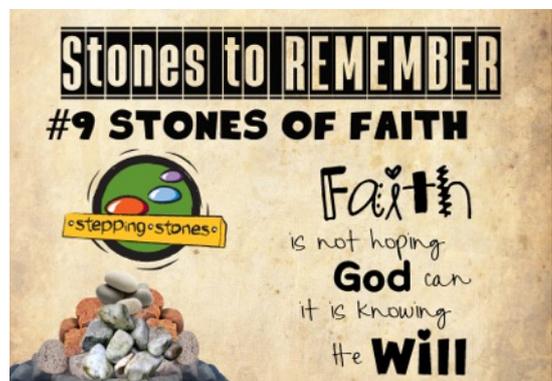
These stones **aren't memorials to us, but to Him!** We exist to know God and make Him known.

### #9 STONES OF FAITH

**The stones out of the Jordan marked the movements of God among His people.**

**They testified of the willingness of a people to leave what they had known in order to go with God,**

- Face challenges to their Faith
- Step into UNKNOWN WATERS
- Believe what they COULD NOT SEE



**We cannot yet see how God will do it, but we believe He is faithful.**

**It's time to venture with God into His future for us.**

**There needs to be some FAITH STONES**

Abraham had these stones as He looked for a City whose BUILDER & MAKER was God.

**His was a GROWING JOURNEY of FAITH**

Joshua as He had those Stones placed - it was not to stay there forever and only REMEMBER BUT it was a REMINDER = **That God would take them FURTHER**

When you

Rehearse, recount, recall, repeat, recite, review, remember, tell and retell  
**YOUR GOD STORIES =**  
It Builds FAITH =

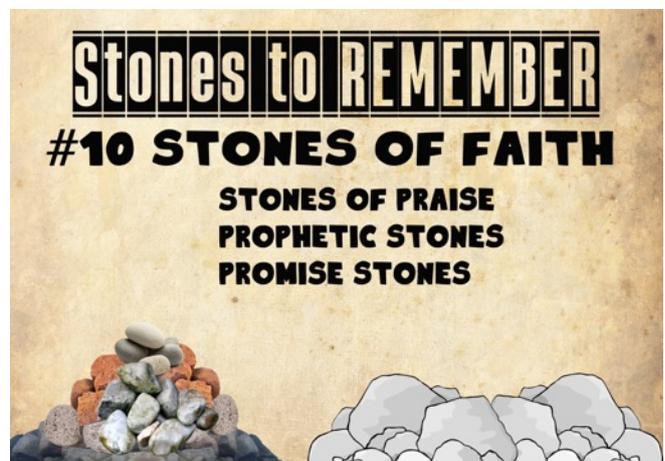
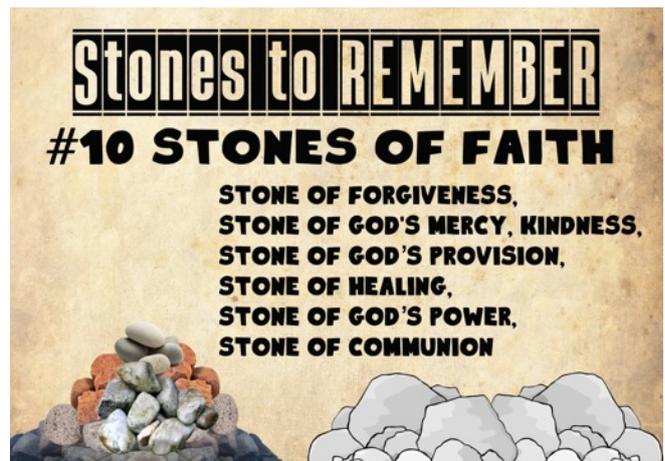
Hebrews 11:1 “NOW FAITH IS...”  
It is always ACTIVE & Present.

**OUR CHILDREN need to see the  
GOD WHO IS - not only who WAS.**

Some other Stones and Rocks in  
your Memorial

Stone of Forgiveness,  
Stone of God's Mercy, Kindness,  
Stone of God's Provision,  
Stone of Healing,  
Stone of God's Power,  
Stone of Communion

Stones of Praise  
Prophetic Stones  
Promise Stones



**The reason we can BELIEVE God with these stones is BECAUSE THERE IS AN ARM that can never fail**

### **Psalm 98:1**

O sing to the LORD a new song, **For He has done wonderful things, His right hand and His holy arm have gained the victory for Him.**

### **Psalm 89:21**

With whom My hand will be established; My arm also will strengthen him.

### **Deuteronomy 26:8**

and the LORD brought us out of Egypt **with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm** and with great terror and with signs and wonders;

### **Isaiah 53:1**

Who has believed our message? **And to whom has the arm of the LORD been revealed?**

### **John 12:38**

This was to fulfill the word of Isaiah the prophet which he spoke: "LORD, WHO HAS BELIEVED OUR REPORT? AND **TO WHOM HAS THE ARM OF THE LORD BEEN REVEALED?**"

**“The arms of his hands were made strong by the hands of the mighty God of Jacob;**

**What do these stones mean?**

**What STONES have you placed in your LIFE THAT your Children & Grand Children will ask “WHAT DO THESE STONES MEAN?”**

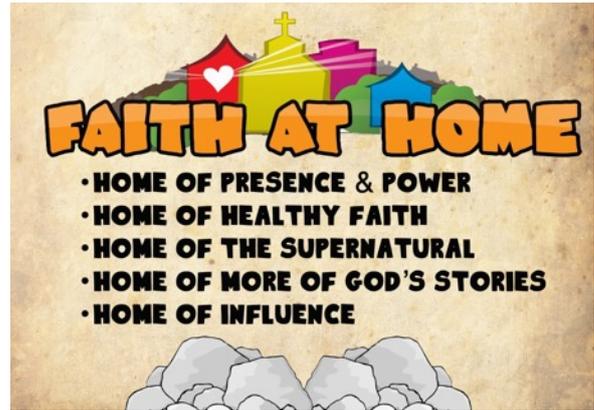
**God wants to do a NEW THING in your lives today  
He wants to MOBILISE your family**

Jesus story is YOUR STORY

**He is looking to make your life and house**

- HOME of PRESENCE & POWER
- Home of Healthy FAITH

- Home of the Supernatural
- Home of MORE of God's Stories
- Home of Influence



**John 10:10** “the Thief comes to steal kill and destroy BUT I am come to give you life and life to the overflow

Is your home a **story of Jesus or the Thief** who has come to wreck

**Today: You MAY BE in TWO Different positions:**

**#1 You don't have ANY STONES of FAITH in your life**  
**For a FAITH LIFE = you need THE CORNERSTONE = the ROCK of SALVATION**

**You know all about Him but you DON'T KNOW HIM**

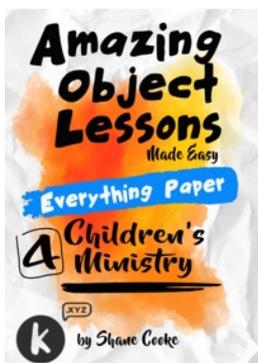
**#2 You are in Faith BUT there are MISSING Stones = Stones that are needed to FLESH out JESUS to your family. You have a broken altar that needs repair**

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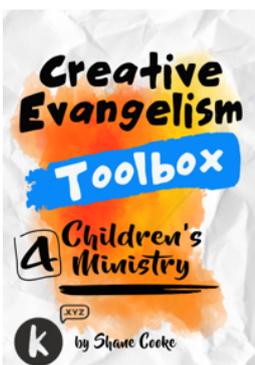
### 10 Quick Object lessons on the power of words

**The Power of Words.** 10 Object lessons to teach your children the power of words. The Bible tells us that the power of life and death are in the tongue. We speak blessings and burdens by the words we say.



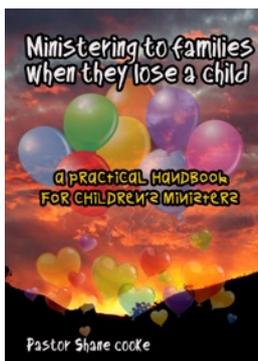
### Amazing Object Lessons made easy "EVERYTHING PAPER" .

Teach you children how to share the Gospel using Object Lessons. This manual has EVERYTHING PAPER. Most simply need a sheet of paper to creatively share the Good News of the Gospel with friends.



### Creative Evangelism ToolBox

Sharing the Gospel Creatively will help your children with more practical tools. Included are the four (4) components needed to share the whole message of the Gospel.



### Ministering to families when they lose a child

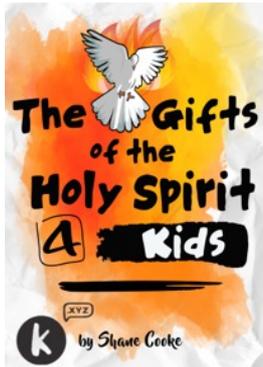
Written for Children's Ministers, this can also be a powerful practical tool to your family when you are confronted with families that have lost a child.



### School of the Prophetic 4 Kids

A very practical hands on curriculum that can will help you Equip, Nurture and Train your family & children in the Prophetic including the Gifts of the Holy Spirit. There are 12 lessons including practical object lessons, activation exercises.

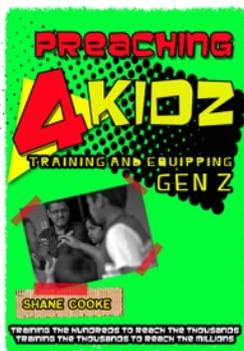
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### The Gifts of the Holy Spirit 4 Kids

There is no Junior Holy Spirit. The SAME Holy Spirit that gives Gifts to adults makes them available to Children. Learn about the suitcase of Gifts that God wants to see operate in your children

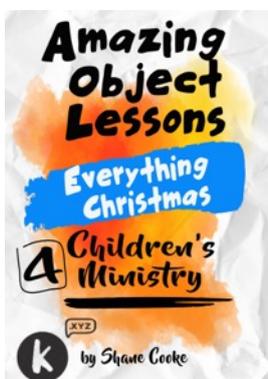
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### Preaching 4 Kids

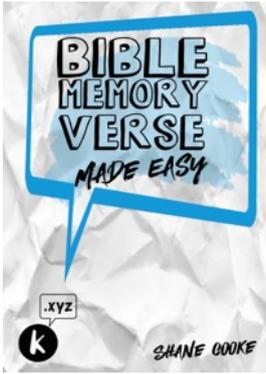
Training and Equipping your children to preach effectively. How to prepare sermons, how to deliver a message, how to lead others to Jesus. Training Little Saints to minister.

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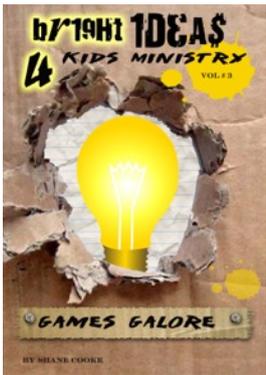
### Amazing Object Lessons made easy "Everything Christmas"

Some great fun ways to bring the Christmas story alive to your children. in the midst of all the hustle and bustle of the season, some powerful tools to bring the focus back on the CHRIST of Christmas



### **Bible Memory Verse made easy**

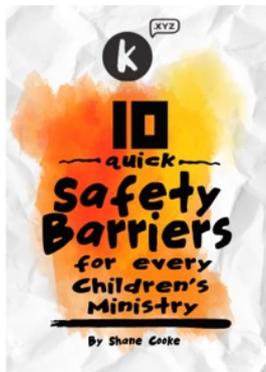
The Bible tells us the value of hiding God's Word in our hearts in Psalm 119. This training manual is filled with loads of creative ideas to bring the Word of God alive. They are memory hooks to help your children remember the Word of God.



### **Bright Ideas Series: Games Galore**

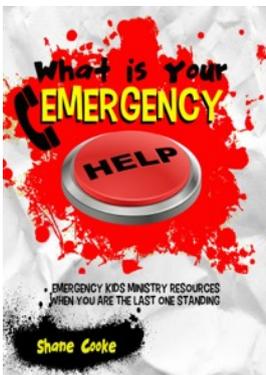
Some great fun crowd breakers and loads of games ideas. Written for Kids Ministry, these games are easily adaptable to your family environment.

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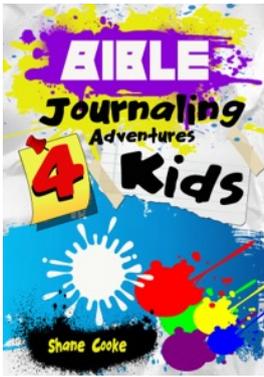
### **10 Quick Series: 10 Safety Barriers for every Children's Ministry**

Written for Kids Ministry. These are 10 vital safety barriers that every children's Ministry must have.



### **What is your Emergency?**

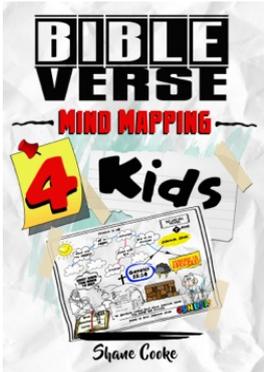
For those days when you are called upon to step into a room full of kids and you are IT. A Quick resource to give you tools and lessons to minister at a moments notice. Tools include lessons, Object Lessons, Sign In sheets, Crowd Control tactics, and much more.



### **Bible Journaling for Kids**

A Powerful tool to help kids encounter God through hearing His Voice through His Word and responding.  
Practical tools on how to Journal, receive and respond.

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### **Bible Verse Mind Mapping 4 Kids**

A Creative way to help your Children connect with the Bible. Mind Mapping has been around for a long time used for many subjects. How do you apply this to learning the Bible?

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