

 **Think About It:**

When has God helped you before?

How can remembering that help you trust Him today?

 **Prayer:**

God, thank You for always helping me. Help me remember how good You are so I can trust You more every day. Amen.

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EXPLORING FAITH #1

1 **What is Faith?**

“Now faith is confidence in what we hope for and assurance about what we do not see.” — Hebrews 11:1

Have you ever played a game where you had to close your eyes and trust someone to guide you? It can feel a little scary, right? That’s what faith is like! We trust God even though we can’t see Him. Faith means believing that God is working in our lives, even when we don’t know exactly what He’s doing.

 **Think About It:**

Can you think of something you believe in but can’t see? (Like the wind or love!)

How do you know God is real, even though you can’t see Him?

 **Prayer:**

God, help me trust You even when I can’t see what You’re doing. I know You have a great plan for my life! Amen.



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2 *God's Plan is Always Good*

"For I know the plans I have for you, declares the Lord, plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future." — Jeremiah 29:11

Have you ever put together a puzzle? At first, the pieces seem all mixed up, and you can't see the full picture. But when you keep going, the picture becomes clear! That's how God's plan works. Sometimes, life feels confusing, but we can trust that God is putting all the pieces together for something good!

Think About It:

Have you ever been confused about something, but later it made sense?

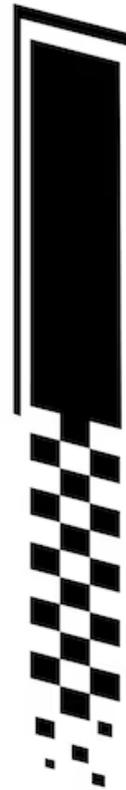
What's one way you can trust God's plan today?

Prayer:

God, I know You have a good plan for me. Even when I don't understand, help me to trust You. Amen.

3 *Stepping Out in Faith*

"Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged, for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go." — Joshua 1:9



Imagine standing at the edge of a swimming pool, ready to jump in. It's a little scary at first, but when you take that step, it's fun! That's what stepping out in faith is like. God asks us to trust Him, even when we feel nervous. He promises to always be with us, no matter what.

Think About It:

What is something that feels a little scary to do?

How can you trust God when you feel nervous or unsure?

Prayer:

Dear God, help me be brave and trust You. I know You are always with me! Amen.

4 *Remembering God's Faithfulness*

"I will remember the deeds of the Lord; yes, I will remember Your miracles of long ago." — Psalm 77:11

Have you ever been scared to try something new, but then it turned out great? Maybe you were nervous about riding a bike, but now you love it! When we look back at how God has helped us before, it helps us trust Him more in the future. God has been faithful before, and He will be faithful again!

 **Race Track Thought:**

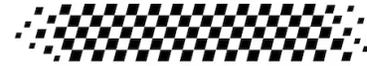
Who can you tell about Jesus this week?

What's one way you can show His love to someone at home or school?

 **Prayer:**

God, thank You for the treasure of knowing Jesus. Help me to be brave and share His love with others. Amen.

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EXPLORING FAITH #2

1 **Eyes on the Goal**

"I want you to know... that what has happened to me has actually served to advance the gospel."—Philippians 1:12

Have you ever tried to ride your bike in a straight line? If you look all around instead of ahead, you might wobble or even fall. Paul was in jail, but he didn't let that stop him. He stayed focused on telling others about Jesus. Like Paul, we can keep our eyes on Jesus—even when things don't go as planned!

 **Race Track Thought:**

Can you think of a time when something didn't go the way you wanted?

What helped you keep going and not give up?

 **Prayer:**

Jesus, help me keep my eyes on You. Even when things feel hard, I want to stay focused on loving You and others. Amen.



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2 *Don't Let Distractions Win*

“Let us keep looking to Jesus. He is the one who started this journey of faith. And he is the one who completes the journey of faith.”— Hebrews 12:2

Imagine you're in a race and someone waves a giant ice cream cone at you from the side. Yum! But if you stop to look, you might slow down or even crash. Life is full of distractions—games, worries, or even arguments—but Jesus wants to be our main focus. When we remember Him first, everything else makes more sense.

Race Track Thought:

What are some things that distract you from spending time with Jesus?

How can you choose to focus on Him today?

Prayer:

God, sometimes I get distracted. Help me to focus on You and remember what matters most. Amen.

3 *Steady Hands, Steady Heart*

“Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged, for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go.” — Joshua 1:9



Steady hands help you race faster. When life gets bumpy, it's easy to “overcorrect”—trying to fix things ourselves or getting frustrated. But God wants us to stay steady and trust Him. We can do that by praying, reading our Bible, and remembering He's always with us!

Race Track Thought:

What do you do when something goes wrong or feels hard?

How can you “stay steady” and trust Jesus in those moments?

Prayer:

Jesus, help me to stay calm and trust You when things are tough. I know You're with me. Amen.

4 *Share the Victory*

“Go and make disciples of all nations...”— Matthew 28:19

Imagine someone gave you a treasure chest filled with gold! Would you keep it all to yourself—or share it with people you care about? Jesus gave us something even better than gold—His love! Paul didn't keep this treasure to himself. He shared it with everyone, even when life was hard. And you can too!

 **Race Track Thought:**

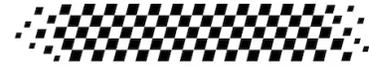
Are you open to God's surprises, even if they're different from what you expected?

What's one small step of faith you can take this week?

 **Prayer:**

Jesus, thank You for the great things You want to do in my life. Help me trust You and be ready for Your awesome surprises. Amen.

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EXPLORING FAITH #3

1 God Said "Go!"

"The Lord had said to Abram, 'Go from your country... to the land I will show you.'" — Genesis 12:1

Imagine packing your bags to go on a trip—but you don't know where you're going! That's what happened to Abraham. God just told him, "Go!" And guess what? Abraham said "Yes!" even though he didn't have all the answers.

God loves when we trust Him—especially when we don't know everything that's ahead. That's called faith!

 **Race Track Thought:**

Has there ever been a time you had to do something without knowing how it would turn out?

How can you trust God when things feel uncertain or new?

 **Prayer:**

God, help me to say "yes" to You even when I'm not sure where we're going. I know You'll be with me every step. Amen.



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2 *Obedience First, Blessings*

“I will make you into a great nation, and I will bless you.” — Genesis 12:2

Abraham didn’t get a reward *before* he obeyed—he obeyed first! Then God promised to bless him. Sometimes we want good things right away, but God asks us to listen and trust Him first.

When we do what God says—like being kind, telling the truth, or praying for someone—He’s working on something wonderful in our lives, even if we don’t see it yet.

Race Track Thought:

Can you think of something God wants you to do that might feel hard?

What could happen if you obey Him even when it’s not easy?

Prayer:

Jesus, help me to obey You—even when it’s tough. I know You have something good planned. Amen.

3 *When Things Get Tough*

“Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged, for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go.” — Joshua 1:9



Abraham probably had tough days—walking a long way, missing his old home, and not knowing what was next. But he kept going because he trusted God.

Sometimes we face hard stuff too—like a tricky math test, a lost game, or being kind to someone who’s not so kind. But remember: you’re never alone. God is with you and helps you grow stronger through the tough stuff.

Race Track Thought:

What’s something hard you’ve gone through recently?

How did you see God help you?

Prayer:

God, help me remember that You are always with me, even when life is hard. Make me strong and brave! Amen.

4 *God’s Surprises Are the Best*

“Trust in the Lord with all your heart... and He will show you which path to take.” — Proverbs 3:5-6

God didn’t tell Abraham everything right away. But He had big surprises planned—like making Abraham’s family super big and blessing the whole world through him!

When you trust God and take that first step, He may do something amazing—like helping you make a new friend, grow in courage, or bless someone else. God’s surprises are better than anything we can plan!

 **Race Track Thought:**

What's one dream you think God might have for your life? How can you start chasing it with Him?

 **Prayer:**

God, thank You for the dreams You put in my heart. I want to follow You and trust You to do great things. Help me be full of joy as I walk with You. Amen.

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EXPLORING FAITH #4

1 God Can Do Big Things

"God can do much, much more than anything we can ask or imagine."

Ephesians 3:20

Have you ever dreamed of something really big? Maybe building a rocket, becoming a famous artist, or helping people all over the world? Sometimes we think those dreams are too big—but they're not too big for God! The Bible tells us that God can do way more than we can ever ask or even imagine. So don't be afraid to dream big and ask Him for help. He loves to surprise us with what He can do!

 **Race Track Thought:**

What's one BIG thing you'd love to see God do in your life?

How might He use your dreams to help other people know Him?

 **Prayer:**

God, thank You that You can do amazing things. Help me trust You with big dreams so more people can know you. Amen.



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2 *Don't Put God in a Box*

"Nothing is impossible with God." – Luke 1:37

Have you ever tried to squeeze a big toy into a small box and it just wouldn't fit? That's what it's like when we try to fit God into a box! Sometimes we think, "God won't help with this," or "That's too hard, even for God." But God is way bigger and stronger than we can understand. When things feel too hard—like making a new friend, being brave at school, helping your family, or telling someone about Jesus—we can trust that nothing is too hard for Him. So let's stop putting God in a box and start believing He can do anything!

Race Track Thought:

Is there something in your life that feels too hard for God?

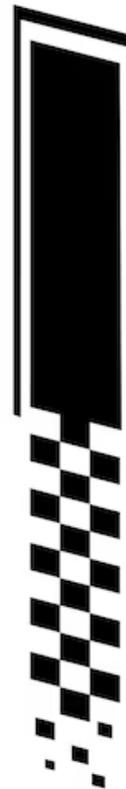
What would it look like to trust Him with it?

Prayer:

God, I don't want to keep You in a small box. I know You are big and strong. Help me remember that You can do anything. Amen.

3 *Say It Out Loud!*

"If you believe, you will get what you ask for when you pray." – Matthew 21:22



Sometimes we have dreams or worries we keep inside and don't talk about. But God wants us to speak to Him out loud and from our hearts! When we pray big prayers out loud, it helps us really believe that God hears us. Saying things like, "God, help me be a kind friend," or "God, I want to do something amazing for You!" can help us grow stronger in our faith. Even Jesus prayed out loud! So don't be shy—talk to Him like He's right next to you... because He is!

Race Track Thought:

What's a big prayer you can say out loud today?

Prayer:

Dear God, thank You for always listening. Help me be brave and talk to You out loud. I know You care about what's in my heart. Amen.

4 *Let's Dream Big Together*

"The Lord has done great things for us, and we are filled with joy." – Psalm 126:3

When we trust God and dream big with Him, amazing things happen! Maybe it's helping a friend know Jesus, being brave in front of a crowd, or starting something that helps others. He doesn't just want adults to do big things—He loves to use kids too! When we believe in God's power and follow His lead, we'll see Him do things that make us smile, laugh, and feel full of joy. So grab onto your God-sized dreams and remember that He is with you every step of the way.

 **Race Track Thought:**

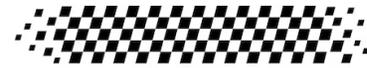
What makes your love different from the world around you?

How can you shine brighter this week by showing God's love?

 **Prayer:**

God, I want to be different in the best way—just like You. Help me shine Your light by loving others big and bold. Amen.

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EXPLORING FAITH #5

1 **What Did Jesus Say About Enemies?**

“But I tell you, love your enemies and pray for those who treat you badly.”

Matthew 5:44

Wait, love your enemies?! That doesn't sound right, does it? We usually love people who are kind, fun, or friendly. But Jesus said to love even the people who are mean to us. Why? Because that's exactly what He did! Jesus loved everyone, even those who hurt Him. When we love like Jesus, it shows others how amazing God really is.

 **Race Track Thought:**

Who is someone that's been hard to get along with lately?

What's one nice thing you could do for them this week?

 **Prayer:**

Jesus, help me love people who aren't always kind to me. Teach me to be more like You, even when it's hard. Amen.



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2 *Don't Put God in a Box*

"Be perfect, just as your Father in heaven is perfect." - Matthew 5:48

Imagine a race car zooming down the track—but something's off. Maybe a tire's too soft or a part is out of place. Even small problems can mess up the whole race! That's kind of how love works. If we only love the people we *like*, our faith is missing a really important part. Jesus wants us to love everyone—especially when it's hard—because that's what makes our faith *really* work.

Race Track Thought:

What's something that's hard for you when it comes to loving others?

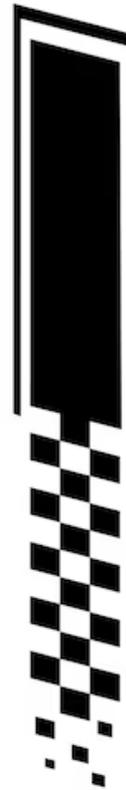
Can you ask God to help you "tune up" your heart like a race car?

Prayer:

God, please fix the parts of my heart that need help. Show me how to love better and trust You to make me stronger. Amen.

3 *Say It Out Loud!*

"Love your enemies, do good to them, and lend to them without expecting anything back." - Luke 6:35



Loving someone who's mean isn't weak—it's *super strong*. Anyone can be nice to their best friend, but loving someone who's not so nice? That takes real courage. When we do that, we show God's power working in us. It's like giving someone a gift they never expected—and that can change everything.

Race Track Thought:

Have you ever surprised someone by being kind when they didn't expect it?

What did it feel like?

Prayer:

Lord, give me the courage to be kind when I don't feel like it. Help me surprise others with Your love. Amen.

4 *Let's Dream Big Together*

"Don't let evil defeat you, but defeat evil by doing good." - Romans 12:21

God didn't make you to fit in. He made you to stand out—to be "wildly out of the ordinary." That means choosing kindness when others choose anger, and love when others choose hate. When you do, you're like a shining light on a dark night, helping others see Jesus through your actions.

 **Race Track Thought:**

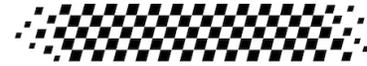
What's one new way you can let God guide your choices this week?

Is there something "comfortable" you might need to leave behind to follow Him?

 **Prayer:**

Lord, thank You for guiding me on the best path. Help me follow You even when it's new or a little scary. I know You're always with me. Amen.

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EXPLORING FAITH #6

1 **God Thinks Bigger Than We Do**

"My thoughts are not like your thoughts, and your ways are not like my ways," says the Lord. — Isaiah 55:8 (ICB)

Have you ever made a plan—like building a Lego set or drawing a picture—only for it to turn out completely different than you thought? That's kind of how life works. We make plans, but sometimes God has something even better in mind. His plans are bigger, smarter, and filled with love—even when they don't look like ours.

 **Race Track Thought:**

Can you think of a time something didn't go your way, but it turned out okay (or even better)?

What does it mean that God's ways are *higher* than ours?

 **Prayer:**

God, sometimes I don't understand Your plan. Help me trust that You know what's best, even when I don't see it yet. Amen.



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2 *“My Way” Isn’t Always the Best Way*

“Trust in the Lord with all your heart. Do not depend on your own understanding.” — Proverbs 3:5 (NLT)

Have you ever gotten upset when someone did something that wasn’t *your way*—but a little differently? Maybe a friend didn’t play the game exactly how you like it. We all have ways we like things done! But sometimes, what *we* want gets in the way of what *God* wants. That’s when we need to stop and say, “Okay God, I’ll follow Your way, not just mine.”

Race Track Thought:

When do you feel like saying, “I’ve got this!” instead of asking God for help?

How can you trust God instead of trying to do everything your way?

Prayer:

Jesus, I like doing things my own way, but I know Your way is better. Please help me listen to You and follow Your lead. Amen.

3 *Living with Open Hands*

“Take delight in the Lord, and He will give you your heart’s desires.” — Psalm 37:4 (NIV)



Pretend you’re holding something really tight in your hands—like a toy or snack. If your hands are closed, you can’t pick up anything new! But if you open your hands, you’re ready to receive something even better. That’s how God wants us to live—with *open hands*, ready to let go of what we want so we can receive what *He* wants for us. His gifts are always better!

Race Track Thought:

What’s something you’re holding on to really tightly?

How can you show God that you’re ready to trust Him with open hands?

Prayer:

God, I want to hold on to Your plan, not just my stuff. Help me open my hands and trust You more. Amen.

4 *God’s Way Leads to Amazing Things*

“The Lord says, ‘I will guide you along the best pathway for your life. I will advise you and watch over you.’” — Psalm 32:8 (NLT)

When you go on a hike or a trail, it’s good to follow a guide who knows the way. If you wander off on your own, you might get lost! That’s why God wants to lead us. His way may not always look easy or familiar, but it always leads to something good. When we follow Him, we’re choosing the best adventure ever.