**Personal Devotion**

**Day 1**

**Engage**

Read John 1:1–18.

**Consider**

Notice in John 1:1–4 that “Word” is capitalized. This is because the author is calling Jesus by the title of the *Word*. It reveals that His purpose was to deliver God’s messages of love, truth, and ultimately salvation to humanity.

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| **QUESTION**What are some things the first five verses tell you about Jesus? |

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| **QUESTION**How long has Jesus been around? (John1:2) |

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| **QUESTION**What was Jesus’ involvement in creation? (John 1:3–4) |

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| **QUESTION**What happens to those who believe and accept Jesus? (John 1:12–13) |

**Reflect**

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| **QUESTION**What is significant about Jesus, the Word, making His home among us? |

**Activate**

Take a few moments to think about your beliefs about Jesus as you close in prayer.

**Pray**

God, I believe the Son, Jesus, existed before all things. I believe He is God. I believe everything was created and given life through Him. I also believe Jesus is the Light that shines in the darkness, and darkness can never conquer You. I also believe because You are full of love and faithfulness. You make me one of Your children because I believe You and have accepted You fully. Please help me to be a light in the darkness as well. Use me to create change in the world. Use me, a human,

to demonstrate Your great love and faithfulness. Amen.

**Personal Devotion**

**Day 2**

**Engage**

Read Matthew 2:1–12.

**Consider**

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| **QUESTION**How does the visit from the Wise Men point us to who Jesus was? |

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| **QUESTION**What was the response of the Wise Men when they saw the Baby Jesus? (Matthew 2:11) |

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| **QUESTION**Why did the Wise Men take an alternate route home? |

**Reflect**

Read Isaiah 7:14.

About 735 years prior to the birth of Jesus, the prophet Isaiah prophesied about His birth.

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| **QUESTION**What is significant about this? |

**Activate**

Talk with a pastor or youth leader if you’re not sure of the significance of the Isaiah prophecy.

**Pray**

Father God, I know You have promises and plans for my life. Help me to be righteous, devoted, and prepared for them. Help me to have an eager, patient, and hopeful heart while I wait for Your plans to unfold. And by Your Holy Spirit, lead me into Your plans for me. Direct me to the right places at the right times. Amen.

**Personal Devotion**

**Day 3**

**Engage**

Read Isaiah 53:1–12.

In this passage, the prophet Isaiah prophesied about Jesus suffering and dying.

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| **QUESTION**How does the prophet Isaiah describe Jesus in Isaiah 53:2–3? |

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| **QUESTION**Why does Isaiah tell us Jesus suffered? (Isaiah 53:4–6) |

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| **QUESTION**What does Isaiah 53:12 tell us about what Jesus did? |

**Reflect**

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| **QUESTION**Which description of Jesus grabs your attention? Why? |

**Activate**

In your Bible, underline all the descriptions of Jesus and the things Jesus did for us according to this passage.

**Pray**

Wonderful God, You made a way for me to have eternal life with You, and I am forever grateful. Help those who don’t yet know who You are to hear the gospel. Draw them to You and Your forgiveness. I ask that every person be given at least one more chance to accept what You did, that they might receive forgiveness. In Christ’s name. Amen.

**Personal Devotion**

**Day 4**

**Engage**

Read John 14:15–30.

**Consider**

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| **QUESTION**Who is the Advocate, and what does Jesus promise He will do? (John 14:16–17) |

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| **QUESTION**What is Jesus’ promise to us in John 14:18? |

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| **QUESTION**What does the Holy Spirit do for us according to John 14:26? |

**Reflect**

Read John 16:7.

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| **QUESTION**Why is it good that Jesus went away? |

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| **QUESTION**How has the Holy Spirit helped you recently? |

**Activate**

We don’t walk with Jesus as the disciples did, but we do walk with the Holy Spirit. He is always with us.

Take time to thank God for His Holy Spirit’s work in your life. Even during times when you weren’t aware, He was with you.

**Pray**

God, I welcome Your Holy Spirit into my life in a whole new way. I want to walk with You and You with me. Help me, teach me, counsel me, and guide me throughout my life. I ask for power to do what is right. I pray that the Church will welcome the Holy Spirit in greater ways in order to do greater things. Amen.

**Personal Devotion**

**Day 5**

**Engage**

Read Matthew 28:1–20.

**Consider**

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| **QUESTION**What’s going on in Matthew 28:1–10? |

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| **QUESTION**What did Jesus command His followers to do in Matthew 28:19–20? |

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| **QUESTION**What was His promise in Matthew 28:20? |

**Reflect**

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| **QUESTION**How are you doing at making disciples? |

**Activate**

Have a talk with Jesus about how you’d like to be better at making disciples. Ask a pastor or youth leader for suggestions about how you can learn to do that.

**Pray**

Jesus, I’m grateful that You are always with me. Your call is on me to make disciples. Help me to do just that. I also pray that Your followers would obey this Great Commission to go and make disciples everywhere. Thank You. In Your mighty Name I pray, amen.