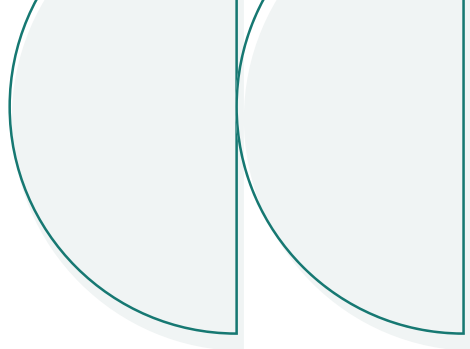


DAY 6

John 15:13 NLT

How do the people in your life show you love? Do they spend time with you? Say nice things to you? Give you hugs? Buy you gifts? Tell you they love you often? Whatever it is, when someone important to you expresses their love for you, it makes you feel good. It makes you feel loved. There is no greater expression of love than Jesus's death on the cross. He laid down His life for all of us—His friends, the people He loves. That should certainly make you feel loved by Him!

Spend time today listening to your favorite worship songs. As you do, pay attention to what they say about the love God has for you. Choose a lyric from a song that you connect with most and write it down to remember it throughout your week!



DAY 7

John 3:16 NIV

Easter is about remembering the greatest act of love: Jesus' death and resurrection that saved us from our sins. This was God's plan all along—because God loves us! During the Easter season and always, it's important to remember what Jesus did for us on the cross. It's the foundation of our faith!

So, start this Easter season by working to memorize this verse. Write it down somewhere you'll see it often. Maybe in your locker, your mirror, your hand, or on a piece of paper in your room.

Each time you see it, focus on trying to memorize just a little more of it! And of course, think about what God's love means to you!

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DAY 1

John 3:16 NIV

One of the most famous Scriptures in the world is probably John 3:16. And maybe it's so popular because it's so important. It's the foundation of our faith as Christians. This verse reminds us that God didn't just talk about love; God demonstrated that love with the ultimate sacrifice: Jesus. That is a love worth remembering and celebrating, both at Easter and beyond.

Is there someone you know who could use this reminder of God's love for them? Share this verse with them this week.

DAY 2

1 Peter 2:24 NLT

Because of Jesus, our past mistakes don't have to hold us back. No matter what regrets you may have about choices you've made in the past, the truth is that Jesus came to set us free from any and all of it. On the cross, Jesus took on the weight of every bad choice, difficult circumstance, and regret we could ever have so that we could be free. That's what we remember at Easter every year. And that's what we celebrate in our faith every day!

This week, take time to confess some of your regrets to God in prayer. Then, thank God for the freedom and forgiveness you have from all of those things because of Jesus.

DAY 3

1 Corinthians 15:57 NLT

Everybody struggles with something. And sometimes, we struggle with the same thing over and over again. Maybe it's telling a lie, speaking harshly to others, or looking at things online we know we shouldn't. No matter what the struggle is, we sometimes feel as though we can't get through it. We aren't strong enough to fight it on our own. But we can find hope in knowing that Jesus has already won the fight for us. His death on the cross was a victory, and, because of that, we can call on Him to help us as we struggle with anything in this world.

This week, talk to your small group leader about how God has helped them overcome a struggle in their life. Then, pray that God will do the same for you.

DAY 4

Romans 6:23 NLT

When was the last time you received a free gift? You probably loved it simply because it was free, right? Even if it wasn't that amazing of a gift, you were still excited because you received it without having to do anything to earn it. Well, the same is true with God—only God's gift is the most valuable gift we could ask for. It's the gift of our salvation, and the best news of all is that all we have to do is receive it!

Spend time in prayer today, thanking God for the gift of salvation given to you through Jesus.

DAY 5

Romans 5:8 NLT

Written by Anna, age 19, from Shawnee, Kansas, USA

Do you remember what life was like when you were just a baby? Most people can't remember anything from that time in their life, but I bet the adult who was taking care of you remembers all that they did for you. Whether it was working hard to provide you with a home, preparing your food, changing your diaper, or helping you write your name for the first time, they did a lot to help you grow into the person you are today.

Just like that adult has done so much for you, so has Jesus. Over 2,000 years ago, God sent Jesus to Earth to die for us to show us how much God loves us. How amazing is that! Even while we were still sinners, God still chose to save us! What Jesus did on the cross is the greatest demonstration of God's love for you. And the best news? Jesus didn't stay in the grave! He rose again to show us His power, and that power lives in you, too!

Today, go outside and take a walk. As you walk and look at all God has created around you, think about what Jesus has done for you and remember how much He loves you!