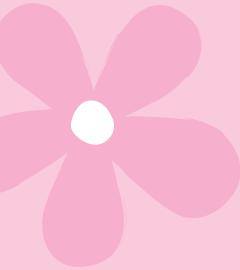
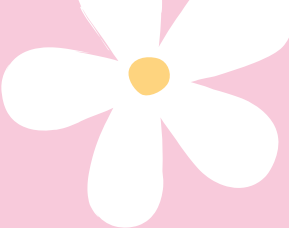
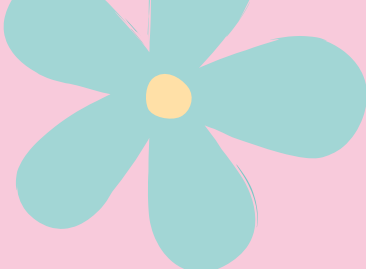




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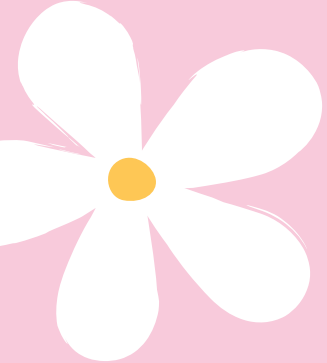
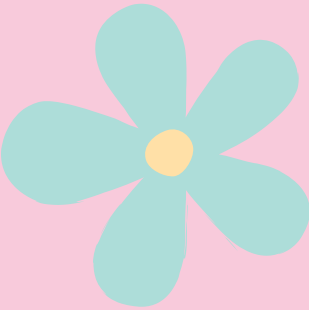
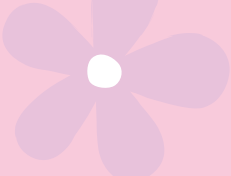


Heart



treasure

**Lord, Thank You
that I am Guided.**





Reflections journal

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Week one day 1

THE GIRLS WERE ON A MISSION TO SOLVE THE MYSTERY OF THE MISSING PEARLS! Ansley told her sisters, "With God's help, we'll solve this case!" The Maker of heaven and earth is your helper, so when you face conflict, remember that God is strong and is right by your side to help You.

"I lift up my eyes to the mountains—where does my help come from? My help comes from the Lord, the Maker of heaven and earth."

PSALM 121:1-2

Heart  treasure

Lord, Thank You that I am Guided.

Thank You that You will always
lead and help me.

In Jesus' name, amen.

DO YOU NEED THE LORD'S HELP OR GUIDANCE WITH SOMETHING?

Write a prayer to God about it. And know that the One who made heaven and earth is by your side helping and leading you.



Week one day 2

LENA PRAYED, *"Please, Lord, if it be Your will, help us to find Miss Cynthia's pearls and get them back to her."*

"But seek first His kingdom and His righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well."

MATTHEW 6:33

Heart  treasure

Lord, Thank You that I am Guided.

Please give me Your wisdom in making decisions. Let me always seek Your wisdom first.

In Jesus' name, amen.

When the girls needed help and guidance what did they do?

Is there a time you didn't seek God's guidance in something?
What happened?

When is a time you sought God's guidance in prayer about something? What happened?

What are some benefits of praying about something you're going through?



Week one day 3

JESUS OFTEN SOUGHT GOD'S GUIDANCE BY PRAYING ALONE. When the time was approaching to give His life on the cross for you and me,

"He withdrew about a stone's throw beyond them, knelt down and prayed, 'Father, if You are willing, take this cup from Me; yet not My will, but Yours be done.' An angel from heaven appeared to Him and strengthened Him."

LUKE 22:41-43

Heart  treasure

Lord, Thank You that I am Guided.

In both smooth and difficult situations, thank You for leading me and strengthening me.

In Jesus' name, amen.

JESUS PRAYED FOR GOD'S WILL TO BE DONE.

What is a situation in your life where you can ask for God's will and way to be done?

Why do you think Jesus says to pray for God's will above our own?

In Luke 22:43, what happened after Jesus prayed for God's will to happen?



Week one day 4

THE GIRLS TRUSTED GOD TO GUIDE THEM. They relied on Him to be their light and to show them what to do. They also followed their dad's wisdom as they tried to find the pearls and their mom's wisdom from years past.

"Keep your father's command and do not forsake your mother's teaching. Bind them always on your heart; fasten them around your neck. When you walk, they will guide you; when you sleep, they will watch over you; when you awake, they will speak to you. For this command is a lamp, this teaching is a light, and correction and instruction are the way to life."

PROVERBS 6:21-23

Heart  treasure

Lord, Thank You that I am Guided.

I pray that I would listen and follow Your wisdom, and that it would be a light to guide me.

In Jesus' name, amen.

PROVERBS 6:21-23 tells us to keep your _____
_____ and do not forsake your
_____.

You are to _____ them always on
your heart.

And _____ them around your neck.

What do you think the proverb means when it says to bind and
fasten them to your heart and neck?

If you do this, what does the Scripture say will happen:

When you walk, they will _____.

When you sleep, they will _____.

When you awake, they will _____.

Correction and instruction can be really hard. But, what does the
last part of the Scripture say about correction and instruction?

They are the _____.





Week one day 5

GOD'S WORD SHARES SOMETHING ELSE that we should bind around our neck like a necklace:

*“Let love and faithfulness never leave you;
bind them around your neck, write them
on the tablet of your heart.”*

PROVERBS 3:3

Heart  treasure

Lord, Thank You that I am Guided.

I pray Your love and faithfulness cover
my heart and guide me always.

In Jesus' name, amen.

What does this verse say we should do with love and faithfulness?

What happens if love and faithfulness are in your heart and close to you as this Scripture says?

Color in the words love and faithfulness below (and the necklaces!) as a reminder to fasten them close to you.



Week two day 1

IN WEEK 1, DAY 5 WE LEARNED ABOUT BINDING LOVE AND FAITHFULNESS TO OUR NECKS and writing them on our hearts. The Scripture continues and says to:

“Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways submit to Him, and He will make your paths straight.”

PROVERBS 3:5-6

Heart  treasure

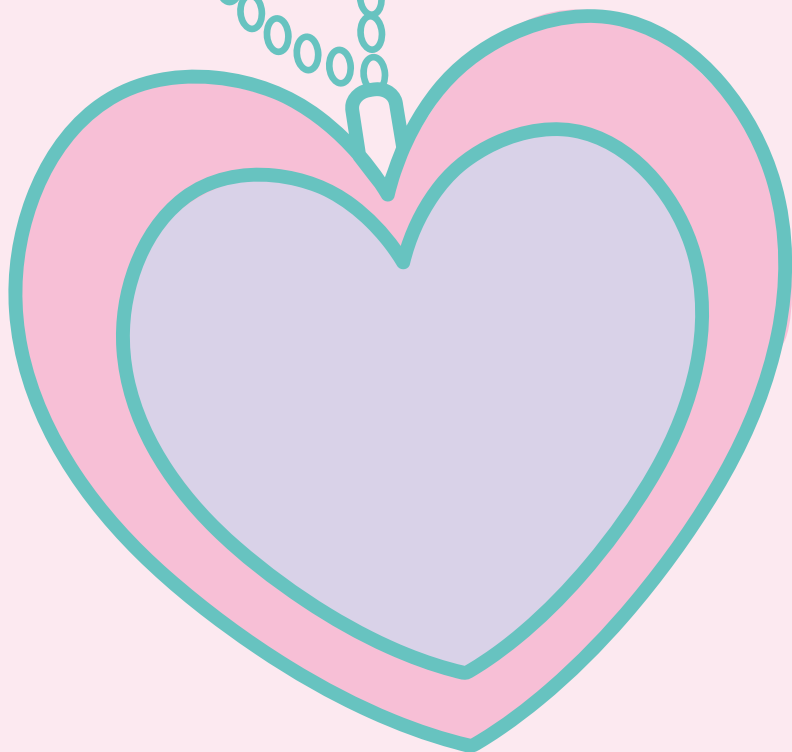
Lord, Thank You that I am Guided.

As I seek You today, Jesus, help me to trust You with all my heart.

In Jesus' name, amen.



WRITE PROVERBS
3:5-6 IN THE HEART
NECKLACE BELOW
AS YOU PRAY THE
VERSE BACK
TO GOD.



Week two day 2

LENA PRAYED: "WE ALSO ASK FOR THE GUIDANCE OF THE HOLY SPIRIT ON THIS CASE, IN JESUS' NAME, AMEN." Did you know that when Jesus went back to heaven after rising on the third day, He said that He would send us an advocate, which is a supporter and helper?

"But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in My name, will teach you all things and will remind you of everything I have said to you."

JOHN 14:26

Heart



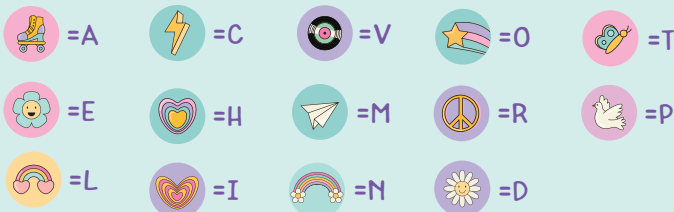
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Lord, Thank You that I am Guided.

How awesome that You give us the Holy Spirit to remind us of Your Word and truth, and to guide us. Thank you!

In Jesus' name, amen.

DECODE THE PUZZLE to discover four roles of the Holy Spirit:



Week two day 3

ONCE THE GIRLS HAD PRAYED, THEY GOT TO WORK TRYING TO SOLVE THE MYSTERY. Once you've prayed about something, trust that God goes ahead of You. You don't need to look back and keep wondering or be at a stand still. Walk forward in confidence.

"The Lord Himself goes before you and will be with you; He will never leave you nor forsake you. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged."

DEUTERONOMY 31:8

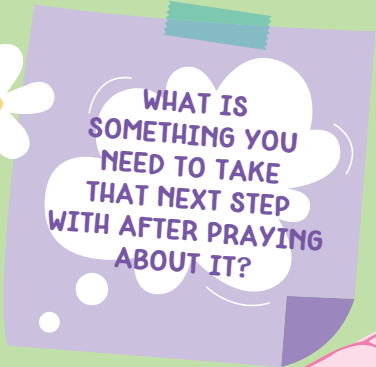
Heart  treasure

Lord, Thank You that I am Guided.

I praise You that You are with me and lead me. Help me to walk forward in confidence knowing that.

In Jesus' name, amen.

WRITE THE ANSWER TO THE FOLLOWING QUESTION ON
THE PATH BELOW AS YOU REMEMBER THAT
GOD GOES AHEAD OF YOU.



WHAT IS
SOMETHING YOU
NEED TO TAKE
THAT NEXT STEP
WITH AFTER PRAYING
ABOUT IT?

Week two day 4

JUST AS THE GIRLS TRUSTED GOD TO GUIDE THEM

in their *Case of the Missing Pearls*, we can trust the Lord to guide us each day. One of the names the Lord is given in the Bible is *Shepherd*. A shepherd tends, guides, feeds, and guards his sheep. The Lord is our Shepherd.

*"The Lord is my shepherd, I lack nothing.
He makes me lie down in green pastures,
He leads me beside quiet waters,
He refreshes my soul. He guides me along
the right paths for His name's sake."*

PSALM 23:1-3

Heart  treasure

Lord, Thank You that I am Guided.
And thank You for being my Shepherd
who guides me and takes care of me.
In Jesus' name, amen.

FILL IN THE BLANKS TO COMPLETE PSALM 23:1-3.

After that, say it with a poetic rhythm or sing it to a beat to help you remember that the Lord is your Shepherd. Then, share it with someone!

"The Lord is _____,

I lack _____ .

He makes me _____

in _____,

He _____

beside quiet _____,

He refreshes

_____ .

He _____ me along the

_____ for His

_____ ."

Week two day 5

LET'S LOOK AT PSALM 23:1-3 AGAIN TODAY. The more we settle this Scripture into our hearts, the more we will believe it.

*"The Lord is my shepherd, I lack nothing.
He makes me lie down in green pastures,
He leads me beside quiet waters,
He refreshes my soul. He guides me along
the right paths for His name's sake."*

PSALM 23:1-3

Heart  treasure

Lord, Thank You that I am Guided.

Settle the truths into my heart that You
are my Shepherd and guide me and
restore my soul.

In Jesus' name, amen.

FOR _____ 10

HE _____ 8
ME _____

THE _____ 9

HE _____ 7
MY _____

6 QUIET

4 IN

HE _____ 5
ME _____

3 HE MAKES ME

2 I LACK

1 THE LORD IS

FILL IN THE HOP
SCOTCH SQUARES
WITH PSALM 23:1-3.
THEN, PRACTICE
OUTSIDE WITH YOUR
OWN CHALK VERSION!

Week three day 1

ANSLEY SAID, "THERE, ON THE SPACE ABOVE THE FRENCH DOORS TO MY FATHER'S OFFICE, was a Bible verse painted directly on the wall. I read it every day going up and down the stairs. But that morning, it really stood out to me. It read:

*"Commit to the Lord whatever you do,
and He will establish your plans."*

PROVERBS 16:3

Heart  treasure

Lord, Thank You that I am Guided.

Help me to commit all I do to You so You can lead me, guide me, and establish my plans for Your glory. *In Jesus' name, amen.*



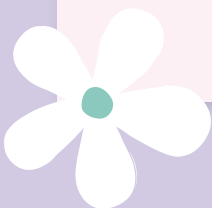
THIS VERSE SAYS TO COMMIT TO THE LORD WHATEVER YOU DO.

What would you like to commit to the Lord?

What do you think it means to commit something to the Lord?

Look up the definition of commit if you aren't sure.

What does it say will happen when you commit to the Lord whatever you do?



PAINT PROVERBS 16:3 ON A CANVAS OR WRITE IT ON A LARGE PIECE OF PAPER TO REMIND YOURSELF THAT WHEN YOU COMMIT TO THE LORD WHATEVER YOU DO HE WILL GUIDE YOU. THEN, PUT THE VERSE IN A PLACE YOU WALK BY OFTEN LIKE THE DANIELS FAMILY DID.



Week three day 2

ANSLEY SAID, "THAT WAS IT! I REALIZED. WHAT WE DETECTIVES NEEDED WAS A PLAN OF ACTION."

As you pray about something in your life, the Lord will direct and guide your steps so you can make a plan of action too.

"A person's steps are directed by the Lord."

PROVERBS 20:24

Heart  treasure

Lord, Thank You that I am Guided.

Please always direct my steps.

In Jesus' name, amen.

**JUST LIKE THE GIRLS ARE CREATING A PLAN OF ACTION TO
FIGURE OUT WHO TOOK THE MISSING PEARLS,** what is a problem
you are trying to solve?

Since you just prayed and asked the Lord to direct your steps,
you can trust that He is leading you. **Create a plan of action to
find a solution to the problem.**











Week three day 3

ANSLEY SAID, "We needed God to literally let us know what our next steps should be."

*"Direct my footsteps according to Your word;
let no sin rule over me."*

PROVERBS 16:3

Heart  treasure

Lord, Thank You that I am Guided.

Forgive me when I sin and fall short of
loving You and others. Help me to be
led by You alone.

In Jesus' name, amen.

This verse says to direct my footsteps according to Your Word.

Lets look at God's Word in Matthew 22:37-29. What two commands are there?

What is a sin, or something that you are struggling with, or as the verse says is "ruling over you"?

How do you think that affects the decisions you make?

Since we all sin, the good news is that Jesus can forgive us, make us new, and redirect us. Write a prayer below asking the Lord for help and to guide your footsteps according to His Word.

Week three day 4

IN / AM YOURS, WYNTER PITTS SAYS how she would get lost trying to find her way somewhere. But then GPS would help her find the right way again. In the same way, God will guide us when we are lost. If we look to Him, He will guide our paths.

*“Stand at the crossroads and look;
ask for the ancient paths, ask where the
good way is, and walk in it, and you
will find rest for your souls.”*

JEREMIAH 6:16

Heart  treasure

Lord, Thank You that I am Guided.
Help me to walk in the good way and to
have Your rest and peace.
In Jesus' name, amen.

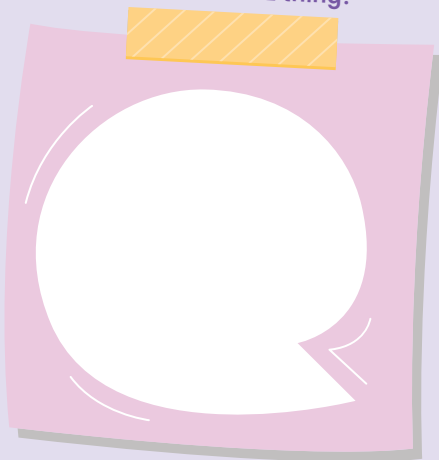
1. How do you feel after you know you
have done the **WRONG** thing?



2. How does it affect your heart
and your spirit?



3. How do you feel when you do the
GOOD or **WISE** thing?



4. How does that affect your heart
and your spirit?



What does this verse say will happen when you walk the good way
that God has guided you to?

Week three day 5

IN THE I AM YOURS BOOK, WYNTER ALSO SAYS,

“God never gets mad at us when we are headed the wrong way. He doesn’t yell at us or make us feel stupid or ashamed. Instead, He lovingly turns us around.” When we look to God, He’ll guide and lead us, especially into His loving arms. It can be easy to get more focused on our steps and our plans than on God. But, the biggest plan we need to know for our lives is that God wants to be in a relationship with us.

“Surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.”

MATTHEW 28:20

Heart  treasure

Lord, Thank You that I am Guided.

Help me to keep my biggest focus on You.

Thank You for always loving me.

In Jesus’ name, amen.

YOUR HEART IS WHAT MATTERS MOST TO THE LORD.

When the prodigal son in Luke 15 made some really bad decisions but then came back to his father, the father had open arms for him.

He was filled with compassion and celebrated big time when his lost son was found. In the same way, God celebrates big time when our hearts turn to Him.

Why do you think God celebrates when we turn to Him?

What would you like to talk to God about? He has open ears to you and is waiting for you. Write a prayer to Him below.

Week four day 1

ANSLEY PRAYED, “I know the only way to be a good detective is to listen to Your guidance.” If we know which way the Lord is telling us to walk and we do what He says, we will experience the freedom and fruit that come from following Jesus.

“Anyone who listens to the word but does not do what it says is like someone who looks at his face in a mirror and, after looking at himself, goes away and immediately forgets what he looks like. But whoever looks intently into the perfect law that gives freedom, and continues in it—not forgetting what they have heard, but doing it—they will be blessed in what they do.”

JAMES 1:23-25

Heart  treasure

Lord, Thank You that I am Guided.

Help me to do what Your Word says.
Thank you for the freedom I have to love
You and others. *In Jesus' name, amen.*



TAKE A LOOK IN THE MIRROR. After you looked, did you forget what you looked like? Of course not. In the same way, when God's Word is planted in our hearts, it can help us remember it and follow it. **What two things does James say to do to be blessed?**

1
2

Sometimes following rules and laws can seem tiring.

But remember that Jesus summed up the law, or rules, that James talks about in the two greatest commandments: **LOVE GOD AND LOVE OTHERS.** What does James say the "perfect law" gives?

How would it feel to be forced to be kind and to do good things?

Now, think about having the freedom to be kind or to love someone because you want to—out of love. How does that feel?

We feel free when we love like Jesus tells us to, from our hearts.



WHEN WE ARE UNSURE OF WHAT TO DO AND HAVE TO MAKE A CHOICE, WE CAN ASK OURSELVES: IN THIS CHOICE, AM I LOVING GOD? AM I LOVING OTHERS?

Week four day 2

ANSLEY ALSO PRAYED, "Please be our light and lead me and my sisters the way we should go. In week 3, Day 3, **PROVERBS 16:3** said to listen to the word and do what it says. The verse today says that God's Word is a lamp to our feet.

*"Your Word is a lamp for my feet,
a light for my path."*

JAMES 1:23-25

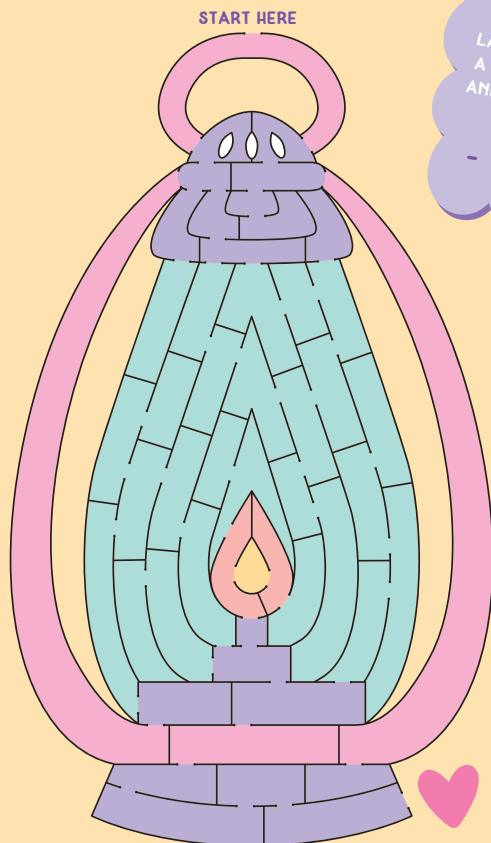
Heart  treasure

Lord, Thank You that I am Guided.

Thank You that Your Word guides me and shows me what to do. *In Jesus' name, amen.*

WHAT DOES IT MEAN THAT GOD'S WORD IS A LAMP TO OUR FEET?

What does it mean that it's a light for my path?



LET GOD'S WORD BE A
LAMP TO YOUR FEET AND
A LIGHT FOR YOUR PATH
AND FIND YOUR WAY OUT
OF THE MAZE TO
THE HEART!



Week four day 3

ANSLEY SAID, "In mystery books, detectives carried around lanterns, candles, or flashlights. I didn't need any of those if I had Jesus!" You have nothing to fear. Ever. When Jesus is your light.

*"When Jesus spoke again to the people,
He said, 'I am the light of the world.
Whoever follows Me will never walk in
darkness, but will have the light of life.'"*

JOHN 8:12

Heart  treasure

Lord, Thank You that I am Guided.

Be my light and guide me always.

In Jesus' name, amen.

JOHN 9:5

FILL IN THE LANTERNS
WITH REMINDERS THAT
JESUS IS OUR LIGHT OF
LIFE. LOOK UP THE VERSES
IN YOUR BIBLE AND WRITE
EACH VERSE IN THE
LANTERNS.

PSALM 27:1

PSALM 18:28

Week four day 4

ANSLEY SHARED, "Sometimes I even wanted to get away from them for a little bit and just have some alone time. Mom used to need this, too. She called it 'God and Me Time.'" Time with the Lord helps us be more aware of the light of God to find our way.

"For you were once darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Live as children of light."

EPHESIANS 5:8

Heart  treasure

Help me to spend time with You so I can see You brighter in my life.

In Jesus' name, amen.

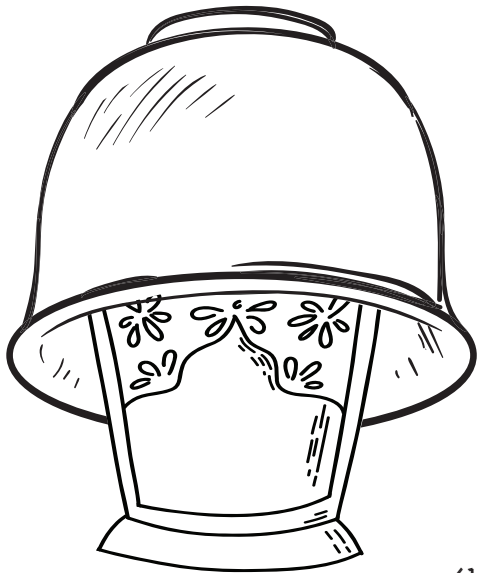


IF WE ARE IN THE DARK AND DON'T TURN THE LIGHT ON, it can be difficult to see, right? Since God is our light, what are some ways we can turn His light on in our lives?

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Color both the lanterns below yellow and the bowl in picture on the right blue. Both of them have bright lights, but one is covered by a bowl so you can't see it as well. The other is uncovered and shining bright. When we let God's light shine bright in our lives, everything is brighter and easier to see.



Week four *day* 5

WE'VE TALKED ABOUT GOD GUIDING US AND BEING OUR LIGHT.

When we believe in Jesus, He is in our hearts, and guess what shines from within us? His light! Jesus tells us in Matthew 5 that YOU are the light of the world and that when people see the way you love others and the Lord, they will glorify your Father in heaven. When God is our light, we can be a light to others.

"You are the light of the world.

A town built on a hill cannot be hidden.

Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a bowl. Instead they put it on its stand, and it gives light to everyone in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven."

MATTHEW 5:14-16

Heart



treasure

Lord, Thank You that I am Guided.

Be the light that shines through me so others will know Your awesome love.

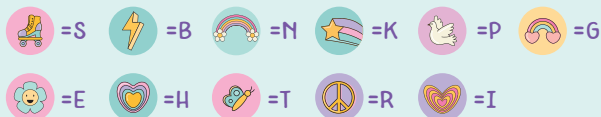
In Jesus' name, amen.

WHO IN YOUR LIFE ARE YOU HOPING WILL SEE THE LIGHT OF THE LORD IN YOU AND COME TO KNOW JESUS?

Remember that it's not up to you to get people to know Jesus. That's in God's hands. What is up to you is to be God's light by following His two most important commandments. What are they?

1. _____ God.
2. _____ others.

As you do things out of love for God and others, the Lord's light will shine bright in you. Decode the puzzle for a word of encouragement:



*Read chapter 44 in the *I am Yours* book to hear a great example of loving well and being guided by God.*

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Lord,
Thank You that
I Am Guided.

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