

CALVARY  
**Kids**

**SACRED SEASON  
2024 DEVOTIONAL**

**UPSIDE  
DOWN**

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# January 7

## Dear Calvary Kids,

We are so excited that you have chosen to participate in the Calvary Kids Sacred Season devotional for 2024. The theme for this year is "Upside Down" and will go along with six lessons that we will be learning about at Calvary Kids. From this devotional, you will gain an understanding that God's way is usually opposite or Upside Down from the way the world says to do things. Through prayer, fasting and daily time with God, we believe amazing things will happen in your heart and life as you draw closer to Jesus and understand His ways like never before.

**Turn It Upside Down daily activity:** You will receive a two-minute timer along with your devotional. Use your timer for this daily activity.

**Fasting:** Along with your daily devotional, we encourage you to also consider fasting. Fasting is a way that we can show God we are serious about putting him first in our lives by setting aside something else that may be important to us. You could fast foods like candy or treats, your favorite snacks or maybe something else important to you such as TV, video games, certain toys etc. Pray and ask the Holy Spirit to show you what to fast and talk about it with your parent or guardian.

**Sacred Sunday, January 28:** Sacred Season ends with a very special service that we have planned to present ourselves to God through worship and prayers. We will also have a special offering for missions on this day.

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# January 8

**Topic:** If you want to be strong, admit you are weak.

**Bible Story:** Samson's Final Victory (Judges 16)

**Power Verse:** 2 Corinthians 12:9

**Written by:** Ronnie Woods (Calvary Kids Pastor)

## Devotion:

A lot of grown-ups have a hard time admitting when they are weak. We try to pretend like everything is fine and just "push through". Can you imagine walking into class at school and pretending like you knew all the answers even though you really didn't? It would be tough to learn anything! The first step to learning something is admitting that you don't already know it. Sure, you can learn from your mistakes, but it's so much quicker and easier to learn something once you admit you need help. There was a time in my life when I was trying to take on way more than I could handle on my own without asking for help. My health got really bad, and it was scary. I was forced to admit the areas that I was weak before I could get back healthy, and eventually strong enough to tackle those tasks. Admitting you need help is not a weakness, it's actually a strength. God is there to help us in our times of weakness, we just have to be strong enough to admit that we are weak.

## Talk about it:

1. Can you think of an area in your life that you might be a little weak in? Who can help you get stronger in that area?

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2. Can you think of another person in the bible who needed to rely on God's strength instead of their own?

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## Turn it upside down!

Look up today's power verse. Turn your timer upside down and say the verse as you do jumping jacks. Instead of counting, say one word of the verse for every jumping jack you do. If you want to push yourself, you can do the same thing while doing pushups and sit-ups.

**Pray:** Heavenly Father, help me to admit the area's that I am weak so that I can get stronger. Thank you for being my strength in times of weakness. In Jesus' name, Amen.

# January 9

**Topic:** If you want to be strong, admit you are weak.

**Bible Story:** Samson's final victory (Judges 16)

**Power Verse:** 2 Corinthians 12:9

**Written by:** Krystal O'Dell (Calvary Kids Prek Director Ormond)

## Devotion:

In January, I ran a race that required me to run a total of 48.6 miles. It took me 10 months to train for it. Some days I questioned my strength and ability because I felt weak. On race day, with 10 miles to go, I was lacking strength mentally, physically and emotionally. My friends and family began texting me prayers and scripture as I confessed my desire to abandon the race.

2 Corinthians 12:9 says "My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness. Therefore, I will boast all the more gladly of my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may rest upon me." God gave me strength to finish that race when I was at my weakest just as He did Samson in Judges 16.

## Talk about it:

1. What makes you feel weak? How would you ask God for His strength?

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2. What happened when Samson pled to God for strength one last time? (Judges 16)

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## Turn it upside down!

Look up today's power verse. Grab 2 canned foods (one for each hand) as you lift them in the air, above your head, and back down to your shoulders, repeat the scripture while your time runs for two minutes. See how many times you can lift the cans in the air until the end of the scripture. You can also see who gets the most by doing it together with a friend or family member.

**Pray:** Heavenly Father, help me to recognize when I am feeling weak. Teach me to ask for your grace and strength during these times. In Jesus name, Amen.

# January 10

**Topic:** If you want to be strong, admit you are weak.

**Bible Story:** Samson's final victory (Judges 16)

**Power Verse:** 2 Corinthians 12:9

**Written by:** Destiny Dukes (Nursery Director Ormond)

## Devotion:

I remember always being in school and having the best snacks given to me. The only thing is, we were fasting during this time so I had to say no. Also, when I wanted to do something but my mom had already told me "no," this was another hard decision I had to make. Then I remembered something my mom always told me, "Jesus Gives you power to overcome when you feel weak!" That's it! Whenever it felt hard to make a decision I didn't have to worry about trying to find strength. 2 Corinthians 12:9 reminds us we are made strong through Christ. So, Jesus would help me when it felt hard to say "No". If I wanted to be strong, I had to admit I was weak.

## Talk about it:

1. What is one way you can rely on God for strength today?

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2. How can you share with your friends about the strength you get from God?

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## Turn it upside down!

Look up today's power verse, Turn your timer upside down! Look for a water bottle and flip it! Every time you land it, say the power verse. When the time is up, let the next person go. Whoever lands it the most, wins!

**Pray:** Heavenly Father, help me to look to you every time I feel weak. When I don't know what to do, let me always remember, my strength when I feel weak comes from you! In Jesus' name, Amen.

# January 11

**Topic:** If you want to be first, put yourself last.

**Bible Story:** The Prideful banquet (Luke 14:7-11)

**Power Verse:** Luke 14:11

**Written by:** Lauren McCray (Elementary Service Director Ormond)

## Devotion:

I used to believe that people with pride were obnoxious, snooty, and mean people who thought they were all that! I didn't think of myself in any of those ways. An important thing to remember is prideful people can show these traits of being mean or obnoxious; but those are not always telling if someone is full of pride. As I got older and reflected on my life, I began to look at how everything I thought about and wanted to do was to serve me. However, when it comes to humility, it's all about serving others. Now that doesn't mean you are a slave to everyone in your life and you lose your life. It's seeing, how can you be a blessing to those around you and being aware of others around you. If you see your parent is upset, ask if you could pray for them. If you hear your younger sibling struggling with homework, ask if they would like you to help them. It's taking the time to think about others around you and their needs.

## Talk about it:

1. How can pride get in the way of your relationship with others?

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2. How can you serve others this week?

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## Turn it upside down!

Pride can lead to people getting "puffed" up. Get your family to think of examples for 2 minutes on how people show pride and after each example is spoken, blow once in the balloon. See how "puffed" up your balloon gets after 2 minutes! For extra fun draw a face on your balloon and see it expand as you blow.

**Pray:** Lord, I pray you would take away any pride in my heart. Let my heart be full of humility. Help me to be like you Jesus, a servant to all. Amen!

# January 12

**Topic:** If you want to be first, put yourself last.

**Bible Story:** The Proud banquet (Luke 14:7-11)

**Power Verse:** Luke 14:11

**Written by:** Jennifer Woods (Calvary Kids Pastor)

## Devotion:

I always loved going to my friend Nicole's house to play. She would let me pick the food we ate, the games we played, and then she always let me go first. It made me feel very loved and very valued as a friend when she did this. She became first on my list of people I liked to spend time with and I learned to treat others the same way when they would come to my house. Pride says "I want to go first or I want to have the best seat." Jesus taught us through the parable in Luke 14:7-11 that instead we should be humble and let others go first. "For those who lift themselves up will be humbled and those who humble themselves will be lifted up."

## Talk about it:

1. What is one way you can allow someone else to go first at home or at school?

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2. How did Jesus live as an example of putting yourself last to become first? (Mark 10:45)

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## Turn it upside down!

Look up today's power verse. Turn your timer upside down and say the verse over and over for 2 minutes while moving to a different seat or chair every time you say it. For extra fun, do this activity with your whole family. Put the chairs in a row and everyone moves to the next chair every time you say the verse. Whoever is in the last chair when the time is up, wins!

**Pray:** Heavenly Father, help me to live by your example and to prefer others before myself. Take away any pride in my heart and give me a heart that is humble. In Jesus' name, Amen.



# January 13

**Topic:** If you want to be first, put yourself last.

**Bible Story:** The Proud banquet (Luke 14:7-11)

**Power Verse:** Luke 14:11

**Written by:** Lissy Rodriguez (NSB Kids Director)

## Devotion:

Growing up my family would go to the stores and I would watch my dad always hold the door open for others so they could go inside before him. He'd always have a smile on his face while doing so. My dad would always help others in whatever and whenever needed, even when he was tired, and he did it with such grace. My parents would always tell me to treat others how we would like them to treat us and to always have humility. Through that I learned to put others' needs before mine. Now I find great joy when putting others before myself. Acts 20:30 says "It is more blessed to give than to receive." When we put others first, we create an atmosphere of warmth, love and kindness that make us truly special. So wherever and whenever you can, always put others before yourself.

## Talk about it:

1. What is an example of how we can show humility and put others first in our daily lives?

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2. How can putting others first benefit us in our own lives?

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## Turn it upside down!

I challenge you to do something nice for someone today, for example: maybe let someone go ahead of you in line, or clean up somebody else's mess. Then take your timer, turn it upside down and on a paper, write about the completed challenge and how it made you feel. Or you can draw a picture about it instead of writing.

**Pray:** Dear heavenly father, thank you for everything you do in our lives. We pray that you guide us into making good choices in our life. Help us remember to always put others before ourselves, and help us to be more selfless as you are. In your precious name we pray, Amen!

January 14

**Notes from Today's Calvary Kids service:**

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**This week, I am praying for:**

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**This week, I am fasting:**

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# January 15

**Topic:** If you have an enemy, love, and pray for them

**Bible Story:** Ananias Prays for Saul (Acts 9:1-19)

**Power Verse:** Matthew 5:44

**Written by:** Kenetha Flynt (Palm Coast Kids Director)

## Devotion:

Have you ever watched something be transformed right in front of your eyes? Whether we are watching a caterpillar or seeds and plants transform. God can transform our lives as well. God's love can change the life and heart of anyone, even the school bully. Our job is to share that love with others and pray for them. Imagine being told you need to go find and talk to the school bully. It would be scary! You'd probably try to hide and refuse. That's probably how Ananias felt when God told him in a vision to go find Saul who was hurting Christians and was very wicked. Why would God want you to talk to your enemy? God loves your enemy just as much as he loves you. It's our job to show the love of God even when we don't understand why. Acts 9:1-19 "But the Lord said to Ananias, "Go! This man is my chosen instrument to proclaim my name to the Gentiles and their King and to the people of Israel."

## Talk about it:

1. What is a way you can show the love of God to a bully at school?

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2. How did God use Ananias to help Saul? (Acts 9:17)

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## Turn it upside down!

Turn your timer upside down while writing down the names of bullies to pray for so God can transform their lives. Put the names in your bible and pray for them every day.

**Pray:** Heavenly Father, help me to Love my enemies just as you do. Take away any fear that would try to keep me from loving others. In Jesus' name, Amen.

# January 16

**Topic:** If you have an enemy, love and pray for them

**Bible Story:** Ananias Prays for Saul (Acts 9:1-19)

**Power Verse:** Matthew 5:44

**Written by:** Joyce Stuckey (Hospitality Leader Ormond)

## Devotion:

I once knew a boy who had the biggest heart and loved making new friends. As he got older, he was constantly being bullied. Because of this, our young boys heart began to harden. He started being unkind to his friends but realized this was no way to be. He began to pray for his bully. He prayed daily that whatever was going on in his life that caused him to bully others would be cured and he told this bully that he was praying over him. Soon after, this bully faced an unfortunate event that would affect his life. His first thought was to ask the young boy that he always bullied to pray with him. As Matthew 5:44 states, this young boy loved and prayed for his enemy. In doing so he brought another person to Jesus and made a new friend. "But I say unto you, love your enemies, bless them that curse you, do good to them that hate you and pray for them which despitefully use you and persecute you".

## Talk about it:

1. Do you have or do you know someone who needs to be loved and prayed upon? Can you be that person?

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2. Who in the bible lived the example of loving and praying for their enemy? (Acts 9:1-19)

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## Turn it upside down!

Turn your timer upside down. Use your creativity by drawing a picture or writing down a few words expressing kindness and give it to someone. This small act of kindness is sure to make that someone smile.

**Pray:** Dear Lord, help me to open my heart so I can love and pray for all others, even my enemy. Take anger from my heart and bless me with a heart that is kind. In Jesus' name, Amen.

# January 17

**Topic:** If you have an enemy, love and pray for them

**Bible Story:** Ananias Prays for Saul (Acts 9:1-19)

**Power Verse:** Matthew 5:44

**Written by:** Pastor AJ (Calvary Youth pastor)

## Devotion:

In Acts chapter 9 we saw an awesome change beginning to happen in the heart of Saul. Before this chapter, Saul was living an evil lifestyle with no hope of changing. During this chapter, he meets Jesus and his life is changed forever! After this moment, God tells Ananias to help Saul on his new journey. But Ananias was scared because he knew what Saul used to do, and how he wasn't so nice to Jesus' friends. But God told Ananias that he had big plans for Saul, so Ananias went to Saul and laid hands on him. Something amazing happened! Saul could see again, and he felt the love of God in his heart. So, what happened? Ananias began to pray for Saul even though they were enemies!

## Talk about it:

1. What is one way you can pray for your enemies?

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2. What's one way you can show love to people you don't like (buy them a happy meal)?

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## Turn it upside down!

Turn over your timer. Write down all the things that you can think of that Jesus has forgiven you of. Ask Him to show you if there is someone you need to forgive.

**Pray:** Lord, I thank you for this day and I pray that you would help me to love my enemies. Teach me how to pray for them, lead me and guide me into this. I love you and thank you for all that you're doing in my life. In Jesus' name I pray, amen.

# January 18

**Topic:** if you want to live, you must die.

**Bible Story:** Jesus Predicts his death (John 12:20-36)

**Power Verse:** Romans 8:13

**Written by:** Melodie McCoy (Elementary Service Director Ormond)

## Devotion:

I want you to picture a butterfly; the most beautiful butterfly you have ever seen. Maybe it's colorful or maybe it has big wings. You have that picture? Good. Now, I want you to picture a caterpillar. Is it small? Brown? Green? No matter what you pictured, I think we can all agree that a butterfly is much prettier than a caterpillar. But a butterfly wasn't born a butterfly. It had to go through some serious changes to become one. To become a butterfly, its old self has to die inside the cocoon. When it comes out of the cocoon, it lives the rest of its life as a beautiful butterfly. Our Power Verse says that if you "put to death the deeds of your sinful nature, you will live." When we accept Jesus as our Savior, the old, sinful part of us, dies and we become a new, beautiful creation in Christ.

## Talk about it:

1. What do you think it means to be a "new creation" in Christ?

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2. What is one thing you can give up to be a new creation?

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## Turn it upside down!

Write down the Power Verse. Take away one word at a time and see if you can remember the whole verse!

**Pray:** God, thank you for creating me! Help me to live by what your Word says and become a new creation. In Jesus' name, Amen.

# January 19

**Topic:** If you want to live, you must die.

**Bible Story:** Jesus Predicts his death (John 12:20-36)

**Power Verse:** Romans 8:13

**Written by:** Jessica Bunn (Haven director) & Kayla Assef (Calvary Youth Pastor)

## Devotion:

Have you ever read *The Very Hungry Caterpillar*? He just crawls around eating and doing whatever he wants! He keeps eating and eating! But for him to become a butterfly, he has to stop enjoying his life as it is to follow the process for change. He then goes into a cocoon and out comes a new creature- a butterfly. When we give up our old life- especially things we know we should not do- to follow Jesus, He gives us a NEW life! I'm sure the caterpillar really enjoyed eating the cake and ice-cream! But if he continued to eat this way he wouldn't have been able to become a butterfly, he may have even died. All those foods may have been delicious, but it wasn't good for him. At the end, we see him making a good choice to only eat a leaf, going into his cocoon and becoming a butterfly. Romans 8:13 says for if you are living according to the [impulses of the] flesh, you are going to die. But if [you are living] by the [power of the Holy] Spirit you are habitually putting to death the sinful deeds of the body, you will [really] live forever. Jesus wants us to live life with Him and to be with Him one day in heaven forever. We have to put away the bad things in our life- we change the way we live! This new life with Jesus is SO much better! Not only is our life better, but when we die to ourselves, we get to live with Jesus forever!

## Talk about it:

1. What is one thing in your life that needs to change?

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2. How can we have eternal life with Jesus?

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## Turn it upside down!

Turn the timer over to practice the verse for 2 minutes. Parents say short parts of the verse and have your kids repeat you! While you are doing this, each kid can fly around like a butterfly!

**Pray:** Heavenly Father, help me to die to myself every day! Help me to make good choices and live according to your word. I do not want what this world has for me, instead I want to live with you forever! In Jesus' name, Amen.

# January 20

**Topic:** If you want to live, you must die.

**Bible Story:** Jesus Predicts his death (John 12:20-36)

**Power Verse:** Romans 8:13

**Written by:** Jesus Rodriguez (NSB Kids Director)

## Devotion:

I've always liked to play video games. One of my favorite games was Super Mario World. You know the one with Yoshi. As I played the game, I would always collect the 1up mushroom to give me an extra life. I knew I could continue playing the game as long as I had collected the 1up. This reminds me of the time when Jesus predicted his death in John 12:20-36. Jesus explains that by surrendering our life to God, we gain everlasting life. Jesus gives us the ultimate eternal 1UP!

## Talk about it:

1. Can you think of a time when you had to make a choice between what you wanted and what God wanted? How did it make you feel?

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2. Why do you think Jesus said that those who love their life will lose it, but those who hate their life in this world will keep it for eternal life?

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## Turn it upside down!

Ready to get your art skills going! Grab a piece of white paper and write down the power verse at the top. Then draw or paint your masterpiece picture that depicts you as a Super Hero reaching for the ultimate eternal 1UP as you fight the wickedness of the world! Get creative, maybe you are in a big city like NYC, or on a ship in the middle of the ocean surrounded by your enemies. Remember you only have 2 minutes. When the timer runs out, take a moment to share your masterpiece and talk about what you created with your family. Don't forget to share with Calvary Kids on social media. I cannot wait to see your masterpiece.

**Pray:** Dear God, thank you for showing us the way to true life through Jesus. Help us trust in your plan and let go of our own desires. Guide us, so we may experience the joy and purpose you have for us. In Jesus' name, Amen.



January 21

**Notes from Today's Calvary Kids service:**

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**This week, I am praying for:**

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**This week, I am fasting:**

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# January 22

**Topic:** if you want to be free, choose the right master

**Bible Story:** Zaccheaus climbs a tree (Luke 19:1-10)

**Power Verse:** Romans 6:18

**Written by:** Mya James (PreK / Admin team)

## Devotion:

When we are young, we have so many different choices we can make. We can choose to listen to our teachers' directions at school because we know that it is the right thing to do. We can choose to listen to our parents when they tell us to eat our fruits and vegetables because we know they are good for us. We can even choose to do the right thing when we think no one is watching, because we know that God is watching. In the Bible story we saw that Zaccheaus chose to climb the tree so that he could see Jesus. Even though there were so many people, he did all he could to see Him. Jesus honored Zaccheaus' sacrifice and decided to have dinner with him. Salvation came to Zaccheaus through Jesus, and he was then set free from all his sins. Romans 6:18 tells us "and, having been set free from sin, have become slaves to righteousness." Choosing to follow Jesus, will always lead us to righteousness and freedom. If we want to be free, we must choose the right master, which is Jesus.

## Talk about it:

1. Is it possible to have more than one master? (Matthew 6:24-26)

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2. What are some things you are willing to give up, so that you can be free in Jesus?

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## Turn it upside down!

Turn your timer upside down. While doing jumping jacks for two minutes say, "I will choose to follow Jesus"! You could even have your family join in and see who can do this the longest!

**Pray:** Heavenly Father, help me to always choose the path of righteousness. Lead me and guide me in the way that I should go. In Jesus' name, Amen.

# January 23

**Topic:** If you want to be free, choose the right master

**Bible Story:** Zaccheaus climbs a tree (Luke 19:1-10)

**Power Verse:** Romans 6:18

**Written By:** Yolanda Boone (Calvary Kids Palm Coast Elementary Teacher)

## Devotion:

My fifth-grade teacher allowed us to pick our own seats at the start of the school year. I chose a desk in the very first row. A few of my friends asked me why I wanted to sit so close to the board. I'd been given the freedom to sit wherever I wanted, and I knew my reasons behind choosing my seat. A front row seat meant I could see everything! I was short; so, I also wouldn't have to struggle to see over anyone taller than me. I could avoid distraction and the temptation to talk to my friends. I made the same choice over the years at school, home, and church. Today we can choose to get away from things that stop us from seeing Jesus. We can get close to Jesus in prayer, worship, and Bible study. And like Zacchaeus, the closer we get to Jesus—the closer he gets to us. The moment Jesus spotted Zaccheaus he forgave him, changed his heart, and drew close to him. Zaccheus knew his reason for climbing the tree. Choose today to sit close to the greatest teacher of all time—your Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. Others will choose to sit close to Jesus because you did!

## Talk about it:

1. Zaccheus' was willing to climb a tree to see Jesus. Jesus was so moved by this that he came to eat with him. What is one thing you can do to get closer to Jesus today?

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2. What's one way you can encourage those who do not know Jesus to get close to him?

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## Turn it upside down!

Each family member gets two minutes to ask as many Would You Rather questions to your family. Life is full of choices, make sure to choose the right master!!

**Pray:** Heavenly Father, thank you for giving me the desire to choose you. Thank you for setting me free from my past and drawing me near to you. Help me to lead others to choose the right Master.

# January 24

**Topic:** If you want to be free, choose the right master

**Bible Story:** Zacchaeus climbs a tree (Luke 19:1-10)

**Power Verse:** Romans 6:18

**Written by:** Carissa Helle (Pre-K Co-Lead Ormond)

## Devotion:

Zacchaeus was so short he had to climb up in a tree to see Jesus! I imagine he was really shocked when Jesus called him down out of the tree so he could go to Zacchaeus' house. A lot of people had mean things to say about this. Zacchaeus was a sinner who got rich by taking other people's money. They couldn't believe that Jesus would choose to go to his house! But one encounter with Jesus changed everything. Zacchaeus confessed his sins and was instantly saved by Jesus.

One encounter with Jesus has the power to completely change all of us. Romans 6:18 says "you have been set free from sin and have become slaves to righteousness." Because of Jesus- and His work on the cross- we are free from our sin. Not only are we free from our sin, but we become slaves to righteousness. This means we want to live a life pleasing to God and obeying His Word.

## Talk about it:

1. In what way has Jesus shown up for you in a time when you didn't deserve it?

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2. What happened after Zacchaeus had an encounter with Jesus? (Luke 19:8-10)

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## Turn it upside down!

Find a friend or family member. Turn your timer upside down and play "Simon Says" together. In the same way you obey what "Simon" says, we must always choose to obey Jesus.

**Pray:** Heavenly Father, I love you. Thank you for your son, Jesus. Thank you that His sacrifice on the cross freed me from my sin. Help me to always choose to love, serve, and obey you in my words, thoughts, and actions. In Jesus' name. Amen.

# January 25

**Topic:** If you don't want to worry about money, give it away

**Bible Story:** Jesus Teaches about worry (Matthew 6:25-34)

**Power Verse:** Matthew 6:33

**Written By:** Mason Wells (Elementary Service Director Ormond)

## Devotion:

Have you ever thought about what commercials, Tiktoks, social media, YouTube, magazines and other sources are trying to encourage you to buy? I know I personally have been tempted to buy things even after seeing them on tv shows, and it can be tempting to hold on to all of my money tightly, worrying about how I am going to get everything I want. However, holding onto our money tightly with greed in our hearts is not how Jesus tells us to live. Matthew 6 talks about how we should not store up for ourselves treasures on this earth, but instead store up treasures in heaven. Matthew 6:24-34 further tells us that we do not need to worry about money, but instead we should seek Christ.

## Talk about it:

1. What are some ways you can honor God with your money in your own life?

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2. How does the Bible say we should act when we give? (2 Corinthians 9:7-8)

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## Turn it upside down!

Look up today's power verse. Turn your timer upside down and each person should take turns saying the verse in different accents (Southern, British, Robot's etc). See how many accents you can use to say the verse in two minutes!

**Pray:** Heavenly Father, help me to live by your example and to use the money and resources you have provided me to glorify you. Please help me not to worry about tomorrow and to trust in You. Take away any greed in my heart and give me a cheerful spirit in giving. I love you and thank you that I do not have to worry. In Jesus' name, Amen.

# January 26

**Topic:** If you don't want to worry about money, give it away

**Bible Story:** Jesus Teaches about worry (Matthew 6:25-34)

**Power Verse:** Matthew 6:33

**Written by:** Faith Bryant (Nursery Director Palm Coast)

## Devotion:

When I was a little girl, I always wore hand-me-down clothes. Hand-me-downs are clothes worn by other people before you get them. Parents would give our family clothes that their kids didn't wear anymore. We would get nice clothes from those families who donated to our family. I remember I would get so excited to look through the bags of clothes given to my family. That was my back-to-school shopping. When I grew up and became a parent, I always wanted to make sure that I could do the same thing for families who were like mine when I grew up. I wanted to give away nice things so that the kids who received them feel loved and taken care of by God like I did.

## Talk about it:

1. How can you show someone in your life that God cares about them?

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2. How does God show that He cares for you?

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## Turn it upside down!

Look up today's power verse. Turn your timer upside down and say the verse over and over for 2 minutes. Look through your room and see if you can find something that was given to you by someone else or see if you can find something you want to give to someone else (be sure to ask your parents for permission before removing anything from your home).

**Pray:** Heavenly Father, help me show your love to others around me by giving to those in need. And if there is a need in our home, I trust that you will provide everything we need. In Jesus' name, Amen.

# January 27

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**Bible Story:** Jesus Teaches about worry (Matthew 6:25-34)

**Power Verse:** Matthew 6:33

**Written by:** Jennifer Woods (Calvary Kids Pastor)

## Devotion:

God is a loving father who takes good care of his children. He does not want us to worry about anything, but to trust in him to provide what we need. Worry causes us to want to hold on tightly to what we have. When our fists are tightly wrapped around what we have, then we are not able to receive anything else. But if we open up our hands and generously give away what we have, we are showing God that we trust in him to provide more, and our hands are open to receive his many wonderful blessings. Give what you have to God, put Him first and don't worry about it!!

## Talk about it:

1. What is a time in your life that you worried about someone or something?

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2. How can you choose to trust in God instead of worrying?

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## Turn it upside down!

Turn your timer upside down, turn on some music and play a game of Hot Potato with your family. Pass the item around and when the music stops whoever has the item in their hands has to say today's power verse in order to stay in the game.

**Pray:** Heavenly Father, thank you for taking good care of me. Help me to not worry about anything but to be generous and trust you with everything. I put you first in my life. In Jesus' name, Amen.

# January 28

Today is Sacred Sunday at Calvary Kids!

Come ready to give your  
very best worship, prayer and offering to God  
as we join together in putting Him first.











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