



Summer Devo Guide

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this guide belongs to:

Dear students,

Before you jump into this guide, here are a few things you should know! First, it's designed to be used daily, five days a week, *but* this is not homework or another daily assignment; this is an *opportunity* to spend time with God and learn what it means to have a regular routine around that time. We have been reading Ephesians 3:14–21 and praying that over all of you, and we want to share it here. It says:

For this reason [because I love and care for you!], I kneel before the Father, from whom every family in heaven and on earth derives its name. I pray that out of his glorious riches he may strengthen you with power through his Spirit in your inner being, so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith. And I pray that you, being rooted and established in love, may have power, together with all the Lord's holy people, to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ, and to know this love that surpasses knowledge—that you may be filled to the measure of all the fullness of God.

Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever! Amen.

This is our prayer for you as you embark on this journey! We are thankful to know all of you, and excited to see the ways God works in your life this summer!

We are so excited to see where this takes you!

Lots of Love,
Your Student Ministries Team



Nathan Richards



Harper Tice

HELPFUL RESOURCES AS YOU GO THROUGH THIS GUIDE!

Before you dive into your daily time with God, spend some time in prayer. This is just one example of a guided prayer exercise you can use!

Adoration – tell God how awesome He is

Confession – ask for forgiveness for how you've fallen short

Thanksgiving – thank God for His forgiveness and goodness

Supplication – ask for what you want and need

Then jump into the daily Scripture passage! Here is a guide for how to read through Bible passages.

Ask – ask that the Holy Spirit would guide you and reveal Himself to you through these words

Scripture – read the Scripture passage for your given day (And you can keep using this method with other Scripture passages once you're done with this guide!)

Questions

- What stood out to you from this passage?
- What did you learn about God?
- What did you learn about people?
- How does this affect your life?
- What questions do you have?

Application – how does this affect your life going forward?

Then spend some time silently listening and reflecting on what God might be speaking to you!

These resources above are just ideas and suggestions made to help you. But feel free to use this guide however works best for you! And always know you have your small group leaders as well as Harper and Nathan as resources if you want to talk about anything in here! We are praying that this is a transformational summer, one overflowing with God's power and mercy in your life!

Now it's time to begin!

*Draw near to God
and He will draw
near to you.*

James 4:1

Week 1

God is a creator, and we are created by Him!

Day 5

ACTIVITY

God is a creator. We are created by Him and we are created in His image.

Use God's creation to create something new! Go find rocks outside and paint them or draw on them with markers (you could even hide these around your neighborhood for other people to find); collect leaves and make a collage; build a miniature log cabin out of twigs; or anything else you think of!

As you create, thank God for being a great creator! Thank Him for creating the things and people you love, and thank Him for creating you!

RECOMMENDED SONG:
"So Will I" by Hillsong United

*To know God as our
Father our almighty,
loving Father is the
highest, richest,
and most rewarding
aspect of our whole
relationship with Him.*

J.I. Packer

Week 2

God is Father, and we are His children!

Day 8

GALATIANS 3:23-4:7

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Day 9

JOHN 1:9-13

NOTES:

Day 10

ACTIVITY

Sometimes we talk about the idea of God as our Father, but we don't always let that soak in. Go to **fathersloveletter.com** and listen or read the letter. It uses Scripture to write a love letter from our Heavenly Father to us! Then use this page to write a letter back to God, your Father.

RECOMMENDED SONG:
"Good Good Father" by Chris Tomlin

*I'm a little pencil in
the hand of a writing
God, who is sending a
love letter to the world.*

Mother Teresa

Week 3

God is an author, and we are written into His story with purpose!

Day 11

HEBREWS 12:1-3

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Day 12

PHILIPPIANS 1:4-6

NOTES:

Day 13

EPHESIANS 2:8-10

NOTES:

Day 14

ROMANS 8:28

NOTES:

Day 15

ACTIVITY

In the space below, take a minute to write out parts of your life story, the big moments, the little moments, and anything in between that comes to mind. Now, next to those things, write some of the ways you think God might have written your story specifically for that moment. Then, write some of the ways you hope God continues to work in your story!

RECOMMENDED SONG:
"Write Your Story" by Francesca Battistelli

*Love is not affectionate
feeling, but a steady
wish for the loved
person's ultimate good
as far as it can be
obtained.*

C.S. Lewis

Week 4

God is love, and we are loved!

Day 16

1 JOHN 4:7-21

NOTES:

Day 17

JOHN 15:9-17

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Day 18

JOHN 13:1-17

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Day 19

1 CORINTHIANS 13:4-13

NOTES:

Day 20

ACTIVITY

Grab a pen and take one minute to make a list of all the people you love. Then spend one minute to make a list of all the people who love you! Then spend some time thanking God for giving you these examples of what it means to love and be loved. And thank Him that His love is perfect and so much greater than any love we could experience on earth!

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RECOMMENDED SONG:
"Reckless Love" by Cory Asbury

*Let the redeemed of
the Lord say so!*

Psalm 107:2

Week 5

God is a redeemer, and we are redeemed!

Day 21

HEBREWS 9:11-28

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Day 22

JOHN 3:16-21

NOTES:

Day 23

ZEPHANIAH 3:14-20

NOTES:

Day 24

PSALM 107

NOTES:

Day 25

ACTIVITY

Redemption: *"the action of regaining or gaining something in exchange for payment, or clearing a debt."*

Take some time to journal or draw in the space below while thinking about what it means that you are so valuable to God that He traded His Son for you!

RECOMMENDED SONG:
"Mercy's Tree" by Firma Collective

But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for his own possession, that you may proclaim the excellencies of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light.

1 Peter 2:9

Week 6

God is a savior, and we are chosen by Him!

Day 26

1 PETER 2:4-10

NOTES:

Day 27

EPHESIANS 1:3-14

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Day 28

LUKE 19:1-10

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Day 29

ISAIAH 43:1-13

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Day 30

ACTIVITY

Go for a walk and try to name how many things you can see that are made by God. Then think about how even among all the things God created, He chose to save you and bring you into His family! How special! If you want, take some time to journal about how this feels to you!

RECOMMENDED SONGS:

- “King of My Heart” by John Mark McMillan
- “Called Me Higher” by All Sons and Daughters

And He departed from our sight and we might return to our heart, and there find Him. For He departed, and behold, He is here.

St. Augustine

Week 7

Christ is resurrected, and we are made alive!

Day 31

JOHN 11:1-44

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Day 32

EPHESIANS 2:1-7

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Day 33

GALATIANS 2:19-20

NOTES:

Day 34

2 CORINTHIANS 5:16-21

NOTES:

Day 35

ACTIVITY

Spend some time brainstorming what it really means to be alive. Like more than just not dead ... like really, truly, alive in Christ. Journal your thoughts below! You can write your questions, ideas, anything! Maybe even share your ideas with your small group leader, a parent, or anyone else who you feel comfortable sharing this with!

RECOMMENDED SONGS:

“Death was Arrested” by North Point Worship
“King of Kings” by Hillsong Worship

*There are far,
far better things
ahead than any we
leave behind.*

C.S. Lewis

Week 8

God is a chain breaker, and we are made free!

Day 36

ACTS 16:16-40

NOTES:

Day 37

2 CORINTHIANS 3:17

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Day 38

EXODUS 5:22-6:12 AND EXODUS 14:5-31

(Also read the chapters between these two passages for the full story!)

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Day 39

GALATIANS 5:1

NOTES:

Day 40

ACTIVITY

Sometimes when we talk about this idea of freedom, we talk more about what we are free from, but what about what we are free to? Read this list below of different things we are free to when we are in Christ, and circle or underline the ones that stand out to you. Then spend some time thinking, journaling or drawing about what it means to be free to experience all that the Lord has for us!

free to hope free to be silly free to have good friendships

free to be joyful free to be kind free to be patient

free to dance free to trust free to love people

free to have peace free to know God free to be you!

Add your own to this list as well!

RECOMMENDED SONGS:

“Break Every Chain” by Jesus Culture

“Chain Breaker” by Zach Williams

*Sing out raise your
hands and shout out
awesome is our strong
God; mighty is our God.*

Strong God by Meredith Andrews

Week 9

God is strong, and He gives us strength!

Day 41

JUDGES 7

NOTES:

Day 42

ISAIAH 41:8-10

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Day 43

2 CORINTHIANS 12:9-10

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Day 44

PSALM 18:1-2

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Day 45

ACTIVITY

Read Ephesians 3:14-21. Circle or underline any words or phrases that sound like strength to you. Note what types of words or phrases you associate with strength. Add other thoughts or associations you have to that list. Then take some time to ask God to give you this strength.

RECOMMENDED SONGS:

“Strong God” by Vertical Worship

“Stronger” by Hillsong Worship

God never said that the journey would be easy, but He did say that the arrival would be worthwhile.

Max Lucado

Week 10

So now what?

Day 46

PSALM 121

NOTES:

Day 47

ROMANS 12:9-13

NOTES:

Day 48

1 PETER 4:7-11

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Day 49

PSALM 96

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Day 50

ACTIVITY

For the last activity, simply take some time to reflect on this devotional guide. What parts stood out to you? What are you taking away? Where do you plan to go from here? Use the rest of this page and the next few pages if you need. Just ask God to guide your time and see what He has for you!

RECOMMENDED SONGS:

- “Who You Say I Am” by Hillsong Worship
- “What a Beautiful Name” by Hillsong Worship
- “Raise a Hallelujah” by Bethel Music

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*You made it
to the end!*

What a journey! We hope you found this guide to be helpful and encouraging. But most of all, we hope it has given you a taste of what it looks like to spend time every day with God!

This is the end of this particular devotional, but this is not the end of your walk with God! There are so many places to go from here, and we hope you will take time to pray, ask small group leaders, and talk to your family about what you might do next as you continue to pursue God and all the richness of life that He has in store for you! We are thankful to get to walk alongside you in your relationship with Christ!



STAY CONNECTED THIS SUMMER

Join an Online Small Group!

Throughout the summer, meet up with students your age and awesome volunteer leaders to hang out, play games and grow together in faith.

To get more information and get plugged in with a group, contact Harper Tice at htice@firstprescos.org for Middle School and nrichards@firstprescos.org for High School.

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