

# My Devotionals

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## Day 1

The Bible was written by ordinary people who, with God's leading, wrote down stories and truths that are still important in our lives. Their worlds were different than ours today, but by knowing the context in which they lived, we can learn a lot about ourselves. What's one character in the Bible you want to learn more about?



## Day 2

God knows that sometimes the Bible can be difficult for us to comprehend. That's why the Bible says that we should ask God to help us understand His words. Before you read the Bible this week, ask God to help you understand what it says.



## Day 3

Light is one of those things you don't really think about until it's missing. Like when you're trying to find the bathroom or get a glass of water in the middle of the night. Without light, you stumble around, knocking things over and stubbing your toes. But flip the lights on, and everything becomes clearer. You can see your way. And the Bible is like a light when you can't see your way. This week, talk to your Small Group Leader or parent about something you feel in the dark about, and ask them for ideas about a Bible verse that addresses what you're facing.



## Day 4

As we learn what God says in the Bible, we grow in our knowledge of what's wrong and right. Maybe you recently heard about something in the Bible that you know you should do— like forgive a friend or help a neighbor who's hurting— but you haven't done it yet. Stop stalling and make a plan today for how you'll do that thing you've been avoiding.



## Day 5

If you step into your backyard or walk through a nearby park, chances are good you won't see much that's been around for more than a few years. The flowers were probably planted recently, the grass was trimmed last week, and even the trees are relatively young compared to earth's history. But God's words have been around since time began. All the way back to Genesis, God has been communicating through His words and He still does today through the Bible. By reading it, we can learn more about what God has to say—not just yesterday or today, but tomorrow as well. Take a moment to look outside today and thank God for this truth.

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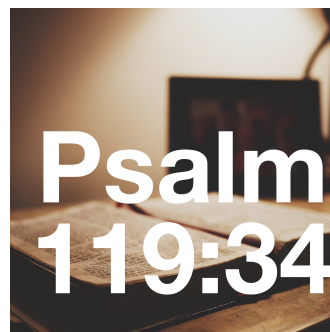
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## **S.O.A.P.**

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**Observation** - What do you see in Scripture? What do the people do (or what are they told to do)? What does God do (or promise to do)? What is being said? Any repetition?

**Application** - This is when it gets personal. What is God saying to you through these verses? How can you apply this to your life right now?

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