

Origin Story — When Our Story with God Begins

DAY 1

Read Genesis 28:15.

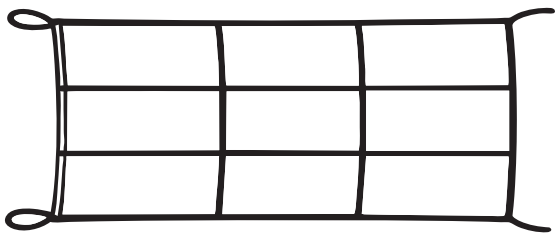
"I am with you. I will watch over you everywhere you go. And I will bring you back to this land. I will not leave you until I have done what I have promised you" (NirV).

God tells Jacob, "I am with you." Jacob wasn't perfect; at the moment he heard this, he was in a huge mess. But God says, "I am with you." It's comforting to hold onto this. Often, we can get so caught up in so many things in life that we actually forget that God is with us.



CAUGHT IN A NET

It's easy to get focused on certain things and forget God is with us! In the spaces between the net, write down things that you get caught up in. It could be drama, a tablet or phone, games, fighting, worries, and much more.



Give those things over to God. Get out of the net and trust and remember that God is with you.

DAY 2

Read Romans 3:23.

"Everyone has sinned. No one measures up to God's glory" (NirV).

What do I do when I sin? 1 John 1:9 says: "But God is faithful and fair. If we confess our sins, he will forgive our sins. He will forgive every wrong thing we have done. He will make us pure."

If we confess our sins, God will then forgive them. Confess means to tell or make known. So basically, say it. You could even say something like this. "Lord, I have done _____. I'm so sorry. Would you forgive me?" He will make us clean.

Here's a good example of what happens when God forgives us. Try this at home!

What you'll need—

A dirty penny (or any dull/old coin)

Small bowl

Vinegar (or lemon juice)

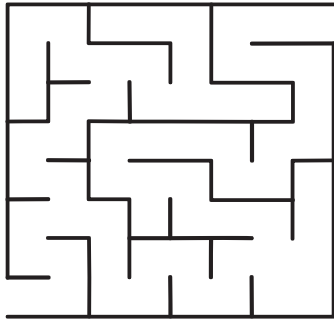
A sprinkle of salt

Paper towel

Mix vinegar and salt in the bowl. Then drop the dirty penny in. Wait about 30 seconds. Take the penny out and wipe it off. The penny will look shiny and new again! God forgives us and makes our hearts clean, just like this penny!

Read Proverbs 3:5–6.

Here's an example!

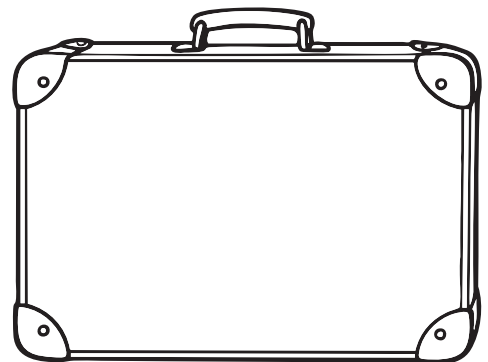


Today, just know that God knows everything, so trust Him.

Read Joshua 1:9.

If you know Jesus as your Savior, trust that God is with you wherever you go. That's our reading for today! You can be strong and brave, you don't have to be afraid, and you can have hope because he is the Lord your God, and He is with you wherever you go!

On the suitcase, write down places God can be with you. It could be on the school bus, at home, at the dentist, on the playground, and so much more!



Trust that God is with you!

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