

DAY 6

“By faith we understand that the entire universe was formed at God’s command, that what we now see did not come from anything that can be seen.”

Hebrews 11:3 NLT

Go outside and take a look around you. What do you see? Maybe the clouds above you, trees reaching up to the sky, or even a city full of people. Have you ever thought about the way those things were formed? Every single detail of the world around you was created by God. Even though you didn’t see them form right in front of your eyes, you still know there is a Creator behind the creation. There’s an entire universe out there that God created—including you!

So, as you take in the creation you see around you this week, take a moment to reflect on the powerful Creator who made it all with love and care.

DAY 7

“He was there before anything was made, and all things continue because of him.”

Colossians 1:17 NCV

Memorizing Scripture helps us remember what’s true. When we find ourselves faced with questions or doubts about our faith, we can look back to the verses on our hearts to be reminded of who God is and all God made.

This week, memorize this verse using some creativity. Grab some crayons and a piece of paper and draw your idea of God’s creation. Then, write this verse on the picture as a way to start memorizing it.

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DAY 1

“You placed the world on its foundation so it would never be moved.” Psalm 104:5 NLT

The next time you’re outside, think about how your feet are planted on the ground. Isn’t it crazy that we can actually stand firm on the Earth? In a similar way, God can be the foundation that keeps us steady and stable in the middle of difficult things. When it seems like the craziness of life is trying to pull you in all kinds of directions, remember that God, who loves you, has you on solid ground.

Take some time today to step outside. Feel your feet on the ground. As you feel the foundation beneath your feet, remind yourself that in the same way you can stand firm on God’s creation, you can stand firm knowing God loves you.

DAY 2

“For every house is built by someone, but God is the builder of everything.” Hebrews 3:4 NIV

Building a solid and stable house requires a solid and stable foundation, structure, and layout. In other words, the strength of the house depends on the builder and the design! Now imagine having the Creator of the universe as the builder of your life. God has laid the foundation for your life and drawn the plans for your future. Even when we can’t see God’s design for our lives, we can trust that something is being built strong in us. And best of all, it’s sitting on the best possible foundation: God’s love!

Is there an area of your life you can see God building or working on? Thank God for that and celebrate one way you’ve grown in that specific area.

DAY 3

“Look up into the heavens. Who created all the stars? He brings them out like an army, one after another, calling each by its name. Because of his great power and incomparable strength, not a single one is missing.” Isaiah 40:26 NLT

Take a look at the sky tonight. Maybe you can see a million stars. Or maybe the glow of stars where you live is dimmed by the glow of city lights. No matter what you see before you, know that there are so many stars in the sky, it's nearly impossible to keep track of every single one. Well, God knows each and every star—by name and location! And if God can keep track of all that, then surely God knows every detail of who you are, too. Nothing about you is lost to God.

As you look for the stars in the sky tonight, remember that the very same God who can keep track of all those lights is the One who cares and watches over you, too.

DAY 4

“Then the Lord God formed the man from the dust of the ground. He breathed the breath of life into the man’s nostrils, and the man became a living person.” Genesis 2:7 NLT

Take a breath in and out. Now another. And another. Seems simple, right? We all need air to fill our lungs to live! Now, read this verse again. Pause on the words “living person.” We know that we need air for life, but we have so much more than that inside of us! God breathed life into us so that we could live for God by following the example of Jesus. And I don't know about you, but I think that's pretty amazing!

As you go through your day today, stop each time you notice your breath. Thank God for breathing life into your lungs. Pray that the Holy Spirit that lives inside of you would work in you this week, so you can show others more of God.

DAY 5

“The heavens proclaim the glory of God.” Psalm 19:1a NLT

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This past summer, I went to an island with my family. I had such an amazing time, because we were so closely connected to nature. We were almost always outside, except when we were sleeping. We went swimming in the lake, we went bike riding and we went on walks along the beach. It was so refreshing to be unplugged and so close to my family. My favorite part of the whole trip was when we went for a bike ride on one of the bike trails. We rode all the way to the end of the island, where we were able to sit and enjoy the view. It made me think, though, about how easy it is to forget to appreciate God's creation. God created such a beautiful earth with mountains, trees, oceans, and stars, and we just don't appreciate it enough sometimes. The most comforting thing about it is that it all points back to God. The God that created the mountains and the oceans created YOU. ME. US. That is SO cool! God created every little detail.

We can see God all throughout God's creation!

So today, my challenge for you is that you go outside and take a walk, unplugged from technology. Look around, notice, and appreciate all that God created!