



h o u s e h o l d d e v o t i o n a l p l a n

March 30 - April 4, 2020

As we weather the storm of this unprecedented season, we want you to know that your pastors are constantly in prayer and are eager to find ways to care for you. This devotional guide is one way we hope that you feel this. We hope that this selection of Scriptures, songs, and prayer items will equip you to lead your household to trust in God.

This week's devotional focuses on the theme of provision and healing. May God help us to trust and show us his power as we experience desperate need together.

MONDAY MARCH 30

p r o v i s i o n

R e a d i n g

Genesis 22:1-19

S o n g

Great is Thy Faithfulness, Austin Stone

English - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2eQ1oal44wU>

Spanish - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YXlb IS0nVs>

P r a y e r I t e m s

- Thank God for his provision of every spiritual blessing in Christ.
 - Pray for God to provide for your needs financially.
 - Pray that God would help you to fear him even as you are called to sacrifice.
 - Lament the loss of those that have died from the coronavirus.
 - Pray that the virus would stop spreading, our church would be protected, and God would be exalted in this tragic season.
 - Pray that the Lord would return.
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MONDAY

MARCH 30

Children's Activity *

Supplies

- None

Draw a picture of the ram caught in the thicket on a piece of paper and then color your drawing in. Write the words, "God will provide the lamb" on the bottom of the page.

Parents, as your children finish drawing ask them the following question: "Who is the lamb God provided for the sacrifice?"

There are two correct answers: we know that according to the story, God provided the ram in the thicket for Abraham's offering. But we also know this story is a picture of God providing his only son Jesus as the Lamb for us.

Read John 1:29 to your children.

** These activities are optional. If you have younger children, you may find that they need to draw a picture during each devotional to help them stay focused. Older children may feel patronized and only need an update on how they're processing the spreading virus.*

TUESDAY MARCH 31

h e a l i n g

R e a d i n g

Matthew 8

S o n g

Show Your Power, Dean Watson

English - https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=iTh9BRI_5t4

Spanish - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tfruSjXlg6o>

P r a y e r I t e m s

- Pray for God's power to be made visible through the miraculous healing of those who have contracted COVID-19.
 - Thank God that he has pity on the sick and sinners. Thank him for healing you of your sin sickness through the endless grace of Christ.
 - Declare Jesus' lordship over these current events: sickness or protection, job loss or provision, and the inability of our church to gather.
 - Ask God for the strength to follow him despite the stormy seas of this season. With a word he can dispel the virus; pray for faith to trust him in this storm.
 - Lament the loss of those that have died from the coronavirus.
 - Pray that the virus would stop spreading, our church would be protected, and God would be exalted in this tragic season.
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TUESDAY

MARCH 31

Children's Activity

Supplies

- 1 sheet of paper per child

Follow the instructions on this website to fold a boat out of a sheet of paper:

[Paper Boat Instructions](#)

Once all your children have a paper boat, move into an open room, which will become the sea. Each of your children will pilot their own boat. (The paper boat represents the boat from the story in Matthew 8:23.) Use the following steps to help your children act out the story.

1. Launch your boat from the shore into the calm sea. (Jesus is traveling to the other side with his disciples.)
 2. Steer your boat through larger waves. (Things are going well; Jesus falls asleep on your boat.)
 3. Oh, no! A storm blew in and your boat is getting tossed by the waves. (Quick, somebody wake Jesus! We are going to die!)
 4. Toss your boat back and forth. (Jesus rebukes the wind and the waves and they obey.)
 5. Peace be still. (The waves and the wind obey Jesus.)
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WEDNESDAY

APRIL 1

p r o v i s i o n

Reading

Daniel 3

Song

Whate'er My God Ordains is Right, Matt Merker / **10,000 Reasons**, Matt Redman

English - <https://youtu.be/f0LeOISkyQI>

Spanish - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LLSKz9K-MzA>

Prayer Items

- Declare that, though it may feel like this virus is crushing your life, God is in control of your physical and financial situation.
 - Pray that God would provide a way of escape from this trial.
 - Pray for an absolute commitment to Jesus, no matter the cost. Pray that you would remain faithful even if thrown into the fire of this virus.
 - Thank Jesus for faithfully entering your suffering and dwelling with you in an unbreakable union.
 - Lament the loss of those that have died from the coronavirus.
 - Pray that the virus would stop spreading, our church would be protected, and he would be exalted in this tragic season.
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WEDNESDAY

APRIL 1

Children's Activity

Supplies

- 4 quarters
- Frying pan

Retell the part of Daniel 3 where the three men get tossed into the fire, using the four quarters to represent the characters and the frying pan to represent the furnace. Three of the quarters are the three Israelite men: Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, while the fourth quarter is the fourth man who danced with the three Israelites in the fire. Don't worry about getting every detail correct. The quarters and the frying pan will just help draw your children's attention to the most important part of the story. Here are the main components:

1. The King gives Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego one more chance to worship his idol or be thrown into the furnace (frying pan).
 2. Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego refuse to bow down.
 3. The King orders his men to throw them into the fire. (Throw three quarters into the frying pan, one at a time.)
 4. A fourth man appears in the flames with Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego. (Toss the fourth quarter into the pan.)
 5. The king sees there are four men in the fire and calls them to come out. (Take three of the quarters out and set them down for all to see. Then hold up the fourth quarter and ask, "Who was the fourth man in the fire?" Answer: God the Son, coming down to earth before he was born as a baby and given the name Jesus.)
 6. Hold up the fourth quarter and then explain to your children that just as the Son of God was with Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego in their trial, so is Jesus with us in our trials.
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THURSDAY APRIL 2

h e a l i n g

R e a d i n g

2 Kings 4:8-37

S o n g

Saved My Soul, City Alight / **This is Amazing Grace**, Evan Craft

English - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jft7eecMedY>

Spanish - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Vpdw2c9lErk>

P r a y e r I t e m s

- Thank God for the hope of the resurrection in Christ Jesus. Thank him for the new body that awaits you.
 - Praise Jesus for entering into our death physically, identifying with us that he would die our death and conquer it with his resurrection.
 - Ask God that he would show his resurrecting power by healing many in this season. Pray that you'd be healed if you are sick.
 - Pray for the desperate but confident faith of the woman whose son was raised. Pray that it would be evident to all that your hope is not in your physical body.
 - Lament the loss of those that have died from the coronavirus.
 - Pray that the virus would stop spreading, our church would be protected, and God would be exalted in this tragic season.
 - Pray that the Lord would return.
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THURSDAY

APRIL 2

Children's Activity

Supplies

- 3x5 card (or a piece of paper cut to that size)

On one side of the paper write "Elisha" and on the other side write "Jesus." Show your children the side of the card that says "Elisha". Then tell your children you are going to list some of the things Elisha did. Here is the list:

1. Elisha raised the woman's dead son. (2 Kings 4:35)
2. Elisha fed a large group of men with barley loaves and had food left over. (2 Kings 4:44)
3. Elisha multiplies the oil. (2 Kings 4:1-7)
4. Elisha heals a leper. (2 Kings 5:14)

Ask your children who Elisha reminds them of. Who did the same kinds of things that Elisha did? (Answer: He raised a woman's son from the dead (Luke 7), he multiplied the fishes and loaves to feed a huge crowd. (Matthew 14), he turned the water to wine (John 2), and he healed the lepers (Matthew 8).

Once your children guess Jesus, turn the card around. If they don't guess correctly, turn the card around to give them the answer.

Elisha is a picture of Jesus, his name means "God is salvation." Jesus' name means "Yahweh saves." Elisha's life is just one example of how the whole Old Testament points to Jesus.

FRIDAY APRIL 3

p r o v i s i o n

Reading

Matthew 6

Song

A Christian's Daily Prayer, Sovereign Grace Music / **Good, Good Father**,
Iglesia Celebration

English - <https://youtu.be/eBgX7WetmAQ>.

Spanish - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cTMLSTjgbgQ>

Prayer Items

- Declare God's ability to provide for you in this season; relationally, spiritually, physically, and financially.
 - Thank God for his never-ending mercy and grace. Thank God that provision does not depend on how much we feel we need it.
 - Spend time praying The Lord's Prayer specifically.
 - Confess your anxiety and fear to God. Recount the gospel and claim Jesus' grace in dying for these sins on the cross. Receive the assurance of the gospel.
 - Lament the loss of those that have died from the coronavirus.
 - Pray that the virus would stop spreading, our church would be protected, and God would be exalted in this tragic season.
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FRIDAY

APRIL 3

Children's Activity

Supplies

- None

Have your children act out the following actions of the Pharisees:

1. Giving to the needy by shouting out your good works and sounding trumpets.
2. Pray out loud on a street corner so that everyone can hear you.

Then ask them how Jesus instructed his disciples to do things differently.
(Answer: Pray and give in secret so that you are not trying to look good in front of men.)

SATURDAY APRIL 4

h e a l i n g

R e a d i n g

Psalm 6

S o n g

O Lord, My Rock and My Redeemer, Sovereign Grace Music

English - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TpELMk4-3n8>

Spanish - https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=btFc-_K3xqQ

P r a y e r I t e m s

- Confess any areas where you feel your faith in God is weak.
 - Ask him not to treat you as your thoughts and actions deserve. Ask for grace.
 - Claim the grace of Jesus Christ and experience the assurance of the gospel.
 - Thank God that he has heard your plea and accepted your prayer because of Jesus.
 - Pray that God would heal you if you are sick and all others who are sick. Pray that he would heal any depression consuming your thoughts or fear that is tempting you to give up hope.
 - Lament the loss of those that have died from the coronavirus.
 - Pray that the virus would stop spreading, our church would be protected, and God would be exalted in this tragic season.
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SATURDAY

APRIL 4

Children's Activity

Supplies

- None

Explain to your children that the Psalms are songs that men wrote as musical prayers to God. Reread Psalm 6:6-7 and draw your children out using the following questions:

1. How did David feel? (He was sad.)
 2. Why was David sad? (People were against him. A foe is a person who is against you.)
 3. If we were going to write a song about these difficult days with the virus, what kinds of things could we include in our musical prayer to God? (We could say that we are sad that we can't be with our friends, or in school/work, that we are afraid we could get sick, or disappointed that we can't go to church together.)
 4. Help your children write their thoughts down as a prayer and then close your time by praying their prayer to God.
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*as sun gives way to darkest night
your spirit still is here.*

*and though my strength fades like the night
new mercies will appear
I rest in you; abide with me
until our trials and suffering
give way to final victory
be glorified, today; be glorified, I pray*

a christian's daily prayer

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