

## **Knowing God**

Knowing is a never-ending quest. We will go our whole lives continuing to know the ways, face, love, grace, etc. of God. This month, let's do our best to grow in our relationship with God by getting to know Him in different ways: His faithfulness, His kindness, His timing and His gentleness. Not all the typical ways we see or experience God but still the ways and characteristics of God. This month can be a month that we grow in depth and width with the Lord. Don't let the smooth taste fool you, The Lord is spicy! That's why He says taste and see that I am good!!

### **Week 1**

#### **Talk to God**

Thank God for His faithfulness—for being strong when you are weak and for being with you no matter where you are.

#### **Go Deeper**

In Joshua 1:7, God tells Joshua to be strong and very courageous. Joshua's strength comes from God and not from his abilities. In the same way, we are asked by God to do things such as loving their neighbor, doing what is right by our enemy and feeding the poor. When you allow God to strengthen you, He demonstrates that He is faithful to you. Because of Jesus' example and God's strength, we can do what God requires, even when their inclination may be to only love those who are good to us. In 1 Thessalonians 5:24, the Paul says the One who calls you is faithful.

God will never ask you to do something without faithfully giving you the strength to complete the task.

#### **Take Action**

How does your strength show God's faithfulness?

When have you seen God's faithfulness to you and your family?

### **Week 2**

#### **Talk to God**

Ask God to help you notice the ways He is kind to you

### Go Deeper

God's kindness can be personal, meant especially for you. David experienced God's kindness, and he praised God for it, saying, "He reached down from on high and took hold of me" Psalm 18:16.

God's kindness may also affect many people in a particular way. God shows His kindness through the ongoing provision described in Acts 14:17: "He has shown kindness by giving you rain from heaven and crops in their seasons."

God's kindness is part of His nature. It's easy to overlook the everyday expressions of His kindness, but as you intentionally look for them, you become more aware of God's love.

### Talking to Each Other

Talk about a time when God has been kind to you.

Why is it important to notice God's kindness?

## **Week 3**

### Talk to God

Let the weak say they are strong in the strength of the Lord. Declare your weakness for His strength.

### Go Deeper

Sometimes it seems that prayers will never be answered. But God promises that when you pray according to His will, He always hears and answers - 1 John 5:14-15.

Sometimes you have to wait patiently for His answer, and sometimes He answers differently than what you expect. Still, He knows how to give you what you need, exactly when you need it.

To learn what the right timing for an answer is, wait for God to answer it. That's the right time, and the perfect answer.

### Take Action

What's the longest you've had to wait for something you've really wanted?

What are you waiting for right now? Are you waiting patiently?

#### **Week 4**

##### Talk to God

You serve a loving God. Thank Him for His desire to gently lead you toward Him and His willingness to give

##### Go Deeper

Just as family members can guide you with touch and whispers, God has many ways of gently leading you forward.

He directs you through His Word Psalm 119:105, with a quiet voice 1 Kings 19:11–13 and through other people Hebrews 13:7.

No matter how He leads you, God can do it without being harsh. If you accidentally head in the wrong direction, He can gently help you back on track. Even when you purposely disobey, His desire is to lovingly correct you.

In the process of learning to follow Him, God allows you to make choices and suffer the consequences of your choices; but He also knows how to pull you gently back into His arms.

##### Talk to Each other

Which way is more like how God leads you? Explain.

How can you learn to better recognize God's gentle leading?