

“Cultivate Life”

Week at a Glance: Theme Verse: John 15:5 (NIV)

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Day	Theme/Theme Verse	Bible Story	Objective	Supporting Verses
Monday (Lizzie)	Cultivate Humility Psalm 8:3-4	Judges 6:11-16 and 7 Gideon's encounter with the angel of the Lord	When God graciously reveals himself to us, we recognize Him as our sovereign Lord and Savior; we see that He truly is our source of life. Just like Jesus did, we humbly yield to His will and live to serve Him instead of ourselves.	Isaiah 55:8-9 (esp. 9) (Jer. 32:17, 2 Sam. 7:22, 2 Sam. 7:28) Exodus 4:11-13 (or 1-17) Zephaniah 2:3 Philippians 2:5-8 Daniel 4 1 Peter 5:6
Tuesday (Dan)	Cultivate Faith Romans 10:17	Act 8:16-40 Philip and the Ethiopian Genesis 12:1-9, Genesis 15:1-6	Faith is cultivated in us when we hear God’s word of promise, the word of forgiveness, the good news of the gospel. Hearing or speaking this truth over and over cultivates faith in us that we can hold to in trials and triumphs.	Romans 10:17 (v.9-17) Acts 2:14-41 Hebrews 11 Acts 7 1 Samuel 17 Luke 5:17-26 Daniel 6
Wednesday (Kristin)	Cultivate A Renewed Mind Philippians 4:8	Nehemiah 1:1-5, 2:1-5, 6 :1-9 Nehemiah and Building the Wall	In order to know what thoughts are from God, we must first know His voice. The more we listen to his voice, the more we can distinguish God’s truth and silence the lies of the enemy. This empowers us as we encounter various challenges because we are confident in who God is and what He says.	Isaiah 26:3, Romans 12:2, 2 Cor. 10:5, Proverbs 4:23, 1 John, Psalm 46:10, John 10-Good Shepherd, John 14:26, Psalm 143:10, Psalm 119:105, 1 Peter 5: 8-9
Thursday (Gabby)	Cultivate Peace Romans 12:18	Genesis 32-33 - Jacob and Esau reunite (paraphrase the backstory for the kids and why this is all such a big deal) Romans 12:9-21	A renewed relationship with God cultivates peace in our hearts & minds. The fruit of this transformation is peace in our relationships with others, including our enemies.	Hebrews 12:14 Hebrews 12:14 2 Corinthians 5:18-20 Proverbs 4:23, Hebrews 13:5, John 15:8, John 14:27, Isaiah 9:5-6 Col 1:19-20 1 John 2:9-10
Friday (Caitlin)	Cultivate Purpose John 15:5	Matthew 13:1-9, 18-22 - Scattering/Sowing Seeds	When God gave us new life in Christ, he also gave us a new purpose. God chose us to go and bear fruit in the world, to share the good news freely to all people, even to the ends of the earth.	psalm 78, 1 Cor. 3:9 Mark 12:30, 1 John 1-3 1 Peter 2:9 John 15:16

When we recognize God in His rightful place as our source of life and creator, we can yield to Him as the cultivator of our faith. As we abide in God, He grows more of what He loves, prunes parts that are good but could be even better, and gets rid of what is not of Him. This shapes us to look more like Christ and bear fruit which impacts the world around us.

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