



# ROAR LIKE A LION

## PARENT DISCUSSION GUIDE

Teaching kids about the Bible can be hard. Taking concepts like heaven, and hope, and loss, and faith, and boiling them down into digestible bite sizes for kids can be challenging! I wrote *Roar Like a Lion* to help kids grow strong as they engage with God's word, learn to trust Him more deeply, and have fun doing it. This guide is built as a tool to accompany the book, and to help your family discuss *Roar Like a Lion* together.

Each day you'll find a few questions that will help you dig deeper into what your child is discovering. And I hope that you and your crew will add your own questions, too! Let their minds wander, take them on a YouTube deep dive to learn more about Harriet Tubman, or the dust bowl, or lions, or whatever fun facts seem to catch their interest. Encourage your kids to ask you about your faith. Make personal applications to real experiences you have faced as a family. Discuss how you can both apply what you are learning to your week.

My prayer is that *Roar Like a Lion* will ignite your child's heart and imagination to know and love Jesus, the real lion King! And that is my prayer for you as well.

Much love,

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## 1. ROAR LIKE A LION

*God did not give us a spirit that makes us afraid. He gave us a spirit of power and love and self-control.*

2 Timothy 1:7, ICB

### WEEKLY QUESTIONS

- Why are lions known for being brave?
- Who is one person you know who is brave? Why?
- If courage doesn't come from inside you, who gives you courage?

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## 2. SO YOU WANT TO BE BRAVE

*On the day I called to you, you answered me. You made me strong and brave.*

Psalm 138:3, NCV

### WEEKLY QUESTIONS

- Who is your favorite superhero?
- What makes that hero brave and mighty?
- How was Harriet Tubman brave?

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## 3. YOU DO YOU?

*Do what is right to other people. Love being kind to others. And live humbly, trusting your God.*

Micah 6:8

### WEEKLY QUESTIONS

- "You do you" means: do whatever makes you happy. Can you think of a time when one person's "happy" made someone else unhappy?
- God coaches us to do what's right—not just for us, but for others. What is one fresh new way you can do what's right for others?
- This week, what's one way you can show kindness to a family member, friend, or neighbor?

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## 4. SCARED AND BRAVE

*The LORD your God will go ahead of you and fight for you.*

Deuteronomy 1:30 NCV

### WEEKLY QUESTIONS

- In your life, what's one kind of "trouble" you can avoid by making good choices?
- Is there a trouble, in your life, or someone you know, that can't be avoided?
- What words can you say/pray to God when you feel scared?

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## 5. WANNABE LION

*Stay alert! Watch out for your great enemy, the devil. He prowls around like a roaring lion, looking for someone to devour.*

1 Peter 5:8, NLT

### WEEKLY QUESTIONS

- Animals get worried, scared, and upset when a powerful predator is near. Is there something that makes you feel concerned like that?
- When you feel upset, who is a grownup who can help you pray to God?
- Nothing can change God's love and care for you. What is one thing that helps you remember God's love for you?

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## 6. NOT THE END

*Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. The one who believes in me will live, even though they die."*

John 11:25, NIV

### WEEKLY QUESTIONS

- Have you known someone who died? Who?
- What do you miss most about them? (If you don't know anyone, ask your mom or dad what they miss about someone they've lost.)
- When you close your eyes and think of the joy you'll experience in heaven, what do you see?

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## 7. JUST PASSING THROUGH

*There are many rooms in my Father's house...I am going there to prepare a place for you.*

John 14:2, NCV

### WEEKLY QUESTIONS

- What's a problem in your life, today, that feels pretty big?
- The Bible assures us that what is hard now won't last forever. How can you let go of your problem and give it to God?
- God invites us to do the next thing we know is right. When you think of your problem, what is the next thing you can do that is right?

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## 8. WHO MADE IT POSSIBLE

*We have many people of faith around us. Their lives tell us what faith means.*

Hebrews 12:1, ICB

### WEEKLY QUESTIONS

- Who is the person who shows you the love and goodness of God?
- This week, how can you thank that person sharing God's love with you?
- And who is one person with whom you want to share God's love?

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## 9. HAPPY TIMES ARE COMING

*Crying may last for a night. But joy comes in the morning.*

Psalms 30:5, ICB

### WEEKLY QUESTIONS

- The Dust Bowl years sound scary. Can you think of either a real story—rain, or dust, or sleet, or snow—when you felt scared?
- How did you feel when the storm finally ended?
- We know hard times won't last forever. Can you think of a way God helped scared or hurting people, in the Bible or people you know?

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## 10. IN THE NEWS

*Jesus said to them, 'My Father never stops working, and so I keep working, too.*

John 5:17, NCV

### WEEKLY QUESTIONS

- When bad things happen—sickness, and pain, and accidents, and other troubles—God provides helpers. Who are some of those helpers?
- God is inviting you to be a helper, too. In big ways or small ways, how can you help someone in need?
- We all need to hear good news. What good—in your family, or church, or neighborhood, or world—do you want to share with others?

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## 11. COURAGE IN THE DARK

*My God brightens the darkness around me.*

Psalms 18:28, ICB

### WEEKLY QUESTIONS

- What is something, in your everyday life, that makes you feel scared?
- Are you in the habit of talking to God about what scares you? Why or why not?
- Who is a person with whom you can share your fears?

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## 12. BUT GOD

*For people this is impossible, but for God all things are possible.*

Matthew 19:26, NCV

### WEEKLY QUESTIONS

- Which is your favorite "But God..." Bible story—where things are going pretty bad before God intervenes?
- God offers forgiveness through Jesus when we mess up. When was the last time you asked God to forgive you?
- Ask your parent or caregiver to share when God did something great for them.

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## 13. WHAT-IFS AND WHAT IS

*Give all your worries to him, because he cares about you.*

1 Peter 5:7, NCV

### WEEKLY QUESTIONS

- Is there a particular “What-if” that you fear might happen to you?
- Which of God’s truths—you’re an amazing child of God, God loves you, and He’s always ready to help—can comfort your worry?
- Pause to thank God for the ways he’s answered your prayers in the past.

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## 14. IDK IS OK

*Just as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways. And my thoughts are higher than your thoughts.*

Isaiah 55:9, ICB

### WEEKLY QUESTIONS

- What is a question you have that’s so big that no person can answer?
- When you don’t know the answer to something, you can say “I don’t know.” How does that feel to you?
- Share with God, right now, one big question you have, and let Him know that you trust Him with it.

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## 15. SPEAK UP!

*When you talk, you should always be kind and wise. Then you will be able to answer everyone the way you should.*

Colossians 4:6, ICB

### WEEKLY QUESTIONS

- Is there a loving grownup in your life who feels hard to talk to? Who? About what?
- Which part of the “SPEAK UP” strategy will be the easiest for you to do?
- Which part of the “SPEAK UP” strategy seems the hardest to do?

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## 16. WHAT GOD SEES

*God does not see the same way people see. People look at the outside of a person, but the LORD looks at the heart.*

1 Samuel 16:7, NCV

### WEEKLY QUESTIONS

- When you see another kid your age, at the mall or at the grocery store, what are the things that you notice first about him or her?
- What kind of outward things—fashion, possessions, body size and shape and color—do kids your age value?
- Who in your life is tricky to love? Ask God to help you see the way He sees.

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## 17. QUIET COURAGE

*She did what she could.*

Mark 14:8, NIV

### WEEKLY QUESTIONS

- Who, in history, or in the Bible, is someone who demonstrated big courage to make a difference?
- Can you think of anyone you know who exercises quiet courage, doing what he or she can to love God and help others?
- Is there a way God is gently inviting you to exercise courage?

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## 18. DARE TO DREAM

*With God's power working in us, God can do much, much more than anything we can ask or imagine.*

Ephesians 3:20, NCV

### WEEKLY QUESTIONS

- Consider who you are today. What do you love to read and talk about?
- What's your favorite subject in school or hobby or activity?
- How might God use these special things about you to bless others?

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## 19. PARDON THE INTERRUPTION

*When we have the opportunity to help anyone, we should do it.*

Galatians 6:10, ICB

### WEEKLY QUESTIONS

- When was the last time an interruption changed your plans?
- Jesus knew that interruptions are often our chance to help others and serve God. Did your interruption offer the possibility of helping someone else or serving God?
- The next time your plans are interrupted, how might you ask God to help you?

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## 20. STAND OUT!

*Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever.*

Hebrews 13:8, NIV

### WEEKLY QUESTIONS

- It's human to try to fit in to be like others. Where do you see yourself acting differently one place—at home, at church, at school, at the home of a friend—than you do at other places?
- Is there a person around whom you might act differently than normal?
- It's okay to stand out and be different! Today, how is God inviting you to stand out for doing what's right?

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## 21. GAME OVER

*In this world you will have trouble. But be brave! I have defeated the world!*

John 16:33, ICB

### WEEKLY QUESTIONS

- We love to see the good guy or girl win. But can you think of a situation where it seems like the enemy, the bad guy or girl, is winning?
- Is there a way, today, where it seems like the devil is stirring up trouble for you?
- We know that, in the end, God wins. Pray and ask God to be your helper in the meantime.

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## 22. A FRESH START

*When I am afraid, I will trust you.*

Psalm 56:3, ICB

### WEEKLY QUESTIONS

- When have you had to make a fresh start in a new church, or school, or neighborhood?
- What was the hardest thing about the change?
- If you're looking forward to a change—the next time you're in a new Sunday School class or move on to a new school—how will you use that opportunity to try something new and brave?

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## 23. WHEN THE WINDS BLOW

*Have courage! It is I! Do not be afraid.*

Mark 6:50, ICB

### WEEKLY QUESTIONS

- When the disciples were out on a boat in a storm, they were scared. What was the last stormy situation that made you feel scared?
- Sometimes Jesus stops the storm. Sometimes he stays with you through it. What did Jesus do for you in your storm?
- Close your eyes and imagine Jesus beside you, where you are right now. Remember that you can invite Him in to any moment!

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## 24. GET AWAY WITH GOD

*Jesus often slipped away to be alone so he could pray.*

Luke 5:16

### WEEKLY QUESTIONS

Have you ever made a fort? Inside or outside, what has been your favorite fort or special hiding place?

A quiet place makes it easier for us to hear God. Can you think of a special place, in your room or home, that you can meet with God?

What will you put in that special place that can help you talk to and listen to God?

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## 25. WHAT ARE YOU WAITING FOR?

*When a person knows the right thing to do, but does not do it, then he is sinning.*

James 4:17, ICB

### WEEKLY QUESTIONS

- When was a time when doing the “right” thing, the thing God wants you to do, hard?
- When was a time that you knew what the right thing to do was, but you didn’t want to do it, and so you waited? Why did you wait?
- Pray and ask God for courage to do what’s right without waiting.

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## 26. DON'T FORGET YOUR WARM-UP!

*First I prayed to the God of heaven.*

Nehemiah 2:4, ICB

### WEEKLY QUESTIONS

- Lots of families pray before they eat a meal together. Some pray before a big trip. What kind of events, small or large, do you, or your family, stop to pray for?
- Familiar routines help us remember what to do. Is there a moment in your day—brushing your teeth, taking your vitamin—that you can remember to power up with prayer?
- Ephesians 6:10-18 describes the armor of God. Read this verse, close your eyes, and suit up! (Hint: you can do this every time you get dressed!)

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## 27. GOOFS, MISTAKES, AND MESS-UPS

*The Lord’s love never ends. His mercies never stop. They are new every morning.*

Lamentations 3:22-23, ICB

### WEEKLY QUESTIONS

- Have you ever felt embarrassed because you messed up in front of others? Name one time.
- What’s most important is what you do after your goof. What did you do?
- As you think about it today, what could you have done differently after you messed up?

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## 28. I'M SORRY

*We all make many mistakes. If there were a person who never said anything wrong, he would be perfect.*

James 3:2, ICB

### **WEEKLY QUESTIONS**

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- When was the last time you remember doing something you knew was wrong? (Or later realized was wrong!)
- Did you apologize to another person or to God? Why or why not?
- It can be hard to admit we're wrong and work to fix a relationship. If there's someone you've offended, write them a note and share it with love.

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## 29. THE COURAGE TO FORGIVE

*If someone does wrong to you, then forgive him. Forgive each other because the Lord forgave you.*

Colossians 3:13, ICB

### **WEEKLY QUESTIONS**

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- Sometimes when we've been hurt, and are still stinging, we're not careful with our words and actions. Have you ever said or done something unkind when you were hurting? What did you say or do?
- The best thing to do when we've been offended is to forgive the other person. Has anyone ever asked you to forgive them? What did you do?
- Have you ever forgiven someone when they didn't apologize? When? (This isn't easy. Good for you!)

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## 30. USE THE MIC

*He comforts us every time we have trouble, so that we can comfort others when they have trouble. We can comfort them with the same comfort that God gives us.*

2 Corinthians 1:4, ICB

### **WEEKLY QUESTIONS**

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- When you're not chosen for a team, or a show, or another kind of performance or honor, how can you respond with love and integrity?
- When something bad happens in your family—the loss of a job, or an accident, or an illness—how can you best respond?
- Maybe you meet another child who's faced what you've faced: moving to a new city, having a difficult older sibling, weathering a parent's divorce. How can you best love that new friend?

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## 31. WHO YOU REALLY ARE

*I praise you because you made me in an amazing and wonderful way. What you have done is wonderful. I know this very well.*

Psalms 139:14 ICB

### **WEEKLY QUESTIONS**

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- Has anyone ever said or done something to make you feel like you don't matter? What?
- Who is it in your life that makes you feel extra-ordinary? How?
- What do you like most about who you are?

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## 32. LIKE A LAMB

*He tends his flock like a shepherd: He gathers the lambs in his arms and carries them close to his heart.*

Isaiah 40:11

### WEEKLY QUESTIONS

- Have you ever been in trouble, and chosen to hide run away from the one who could help you? When?
- When is the best time of day for you to talk to God? Where?
- You can tell God what you can't tell anyone else. What is on your heart that you'd like to share with Him?

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## 33. BETTER TOGETHER

*Two people are better than one...If one person falls, the other can help him up.*

Ecclesiastes 4:9-10 ICB

### WEEKLY QUESTIONS

- Is there a group of friends—near your home, or at church, or at school—who you enjoy spending time with? (What fun name would you give to this group?!)
- Animal groups share food, protect and care for one another, and enjoy being together. Do you do any of those with your human-group?
- If you're lacking that close-knit group, who will you reach out to this week in love and friendship?

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## 34. PRETTY RADICAL

*I say to you, love your enemies. Pray for those who hurt you.*

Matthew 5:44 NCV

### WEEKLY QUESTIONS

- Is there someone who's been unkind to you recently, who God is inviting you to care for? Who?
- Have you ever seen anyone—at home, or in the world, or in the movies, or in the Bible—who returned evil with kindness? Who, and how?
- Take a minute, now, to pray for the person who is hard for you to love.

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## 35. TURN OFF THE DARK

*You are living with crooked and mean people all around you. Among them you shine like stars in the dark world.*

Philippians 2:15, ICB

### WEEKLY QUESTIONS

- We live in the midst of crooked and mean people. Who is someone you've noticed who loves these people well? (A relative? Neighbor? Teacher? Other?)
- Have you ever seen a kid stand up for someone who is being picked on? Have you been wither the picked-on or the stander-upper?
- When have you had to forgive someone who hurt or betrayed you?

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## 36. ALONE IN A CROWD

*You can be sure that I will be with you always.*

Matthew 28:20

### WEEKLY QUESTIONS

- Can you describe a time when you were in a crowd but felt alone?
- What short prayer could you say to God when you feel this way?
- Caring for someone else who might feel alone helps to shake off loneliness! When have you reached out to care for someone else like this?

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## 37. COURAGE TO FAIL

*Whoever can be trusted with a little can also be trusted with a lot, and whoever is dishonest with a little is dishonest with a lot.*

Luke 16:10

### WEEKLY QUESTIONS

- When was a time when you were tempted to cheat, or lie, or steal? (It might feel hard to admit, but it's good for your heart!)
- Doing the right thing can feel hard. When did you choose to do the "right thing" rather than the "easy thing"?
- Can you think of someone in the Bible, or someone you know, who did the "right thing" rather than the "easy thing"?

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## 38. YOU'VE GOT A PURPOSE

*Everything you say and everything you do should all be done for Jesus your Lord. And in all you do, give thanks to God the Father through Jesus.*

Colossians 3:17 ICB

### WEEKLY QUESTIONS

- The regular everyday situations of our lives is where God invites us to be bold, by caring for others. How do you live out love for people who live in your home?
- How do you live out love for people at school?
- How do you live out love for people in your community and God's big world?

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## 39. THAT'S A PROMISE

*What he says he will do, he does. What he promises, he keeps.*

Numbers 23:19

### WEEKLY QUESTIONS

- What is one promise your parent or caregiver made to you, and kept?
- What is a promise that God has made to you, and kept? (Peek at the Scriptural promises in the devotion!)
- What is one promise that you are counting on God to keep today and in the future?

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## 40. YOU WANT ME TO DO WHAT?!

*God is the one who saves me; I will trust him and not be afraid.*

Isaiah 12:2 NCV

### WEEKLY QUESTIONS

- What was the unlikely thing that God asked Moses to do at the Red Sea?
- What was one other unlikely crazy thing that God asked someone to do in Scripture? (If you don't know, your parent or caregiver can help!)
- Have you ever said "yes" to doing something good that scared you a little bit? When?

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## 41. WAS THAT A SQUIRREL?

*Martha, Martha...only one thing is important. Mary has chosen the better thing, and it will never be taken away from her.*

Luke 10:41-42, NCV

### WEEKLY QUESTIONS

- When you're focused on homework or chores, what kinds of distractions typically steal your attention?
- Mary had chosen what was best. She was focused on listening to Jesus. When, in your week, do you stop, focus, and spend time with Jesus?
- What is one thing that helps you to stay focused on God?

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## 42. YOU'RE SURROUNDED!

*Don't be afraid. The army that fights for us is larger than the one against us.*

2 Kings 6:16, ICB

### WEEKLY QUESTIONS

- What's your favorite book or movie about a battle between good and evil?
- There is an invisible war, a spiritual war, going on around us. Close your eyes and picture God's angels surrounding you and protecting you.
- When the enemy shoots arrows of doubt and temptation, how can you find protection in God?

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## 43. COURAGE AND FAITH

*Faith means being sure of the things we hope for. And faith means knowing that something is real even if we do not see it.*

Hebrews 11:1, ICB

### WEEKLY QUESTIONS

- From what you know of the Bible, what did Esther, Moses, or the disciples do that required courage?
- What have you needed courage to do?
- Faith is trusting in God and his goodness. What is something you're facing today that you can ask God to help you with?

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## 44. FAMILY VS. FRIENDS

*Honor your father and your mother.*

Exodus 20:12, ICB

### WEEKLY QUESTIONS

- When have you, or a friend, taken a stand to do something difficult in order to honor your parents?
- Have you had a “friend” who encouraged you to disobey your parents? Who?
- What is one way, this week, that you will choose to honor your parents?

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## 45. SERIOUS SNOOZING

*He who guards you never sleeps.*

Psalm 121:3, ICB

### WEEKLY QUESTIONS

- Would you say that you’re someone who welcomes sleep, enjoying cuddling up for a nap or bedtime, or are you someone who resists sleep?
- Are you a worrier? If yes, what is one thing that stays on your mind when you worry?
- God is always waiting to hear about your worries and concerns. Pause to give God one worry, or one thing that’s important to you.

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## 46. WITH ALL YOUR HEART

*Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength.*

Mark 12:30, NIV

### WEEKLY QUESTIONS

- God welcomes you to love him whole-heartedly. What is one way you can love God with your mind?
- What is one way you can love God with you soul?
- And how can you use your strength to love God, and others, with your body?

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## 47. DARE TO LIVE

*I came to give life—life in all its fullness.*

John 10:10, NCV

### WEEKLY QUESTIONS

- When we coast through life, we don't try our hardest. Is there an area of your life where you are currently "coasting"?
- When you think about serving God and people, what is one way that requires you to spend your time, money, or energy?
- What is one hard thing that God might be calling you to do today?

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## 48. A FISHING MISSION

*Jesus called out to them, 'Come, follow me, and I will show you how to fish for people!*

Matthew 4:19, NLT

### WEEKLY QUESTIONS

- Have you ever heard of someone making the hard decision to leave their job, or family, or country to serve God? Who?
- Have you ever tried to share your faith with someone else? Say more...
- Is there anyone in your life right now that God might be calling you to share your faith with? Who

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## 49. SNEAK ATTACK

*If any of you needs wisdom, you should ask God for it.*

James 1:5, ICB

### WEEKLY QUESTIONS

- The devil is sneaky. Have you ever known that doing something was wrong, but convinced yourself, "It's not that bad"? When?
- Have you ever convinced yourself that a lie was okay? When?
- Have you ever felt a little nudge inside, alerting you that something wasn't quite right? (Hint: that's the Holy Spirit!) When did God help you like that?

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## 50. TRUSTED WITH TROUBLE

*You meant to hurt me. But God turned your evil into good. It was to save the lives of many people. And it is being done.*

Genesis 50:20, ICB

### WEEKLY QUESTIONS

- Can you think of someone in history who faced a big challenge that was used for good?
- Have you ever been through a really hard time that God ended up using for good? When?
- Name one trouble you might be facing now. How might God want to use this for good?

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## 51. PRICKLY PEOPLE

*Love is patient, love is kind.*

1 Corinthians 13:4, NIV

### WEEKLY QUESTIONS

- Who is someone who loves you well even when you're grumpy or grouchy?
- Is there a prickly person in your life who's difficult for you to love? Who? How?
- What is one way that you can show God's love to that person this week?

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## 52. RUN TOWARD THE ROAD

*I am the LORD your God, who holds your right hand, and I tell you, "Don't be afraid. I will help you."*

Isaiah 41:13, NCV

### WEEKLY QUESTIONS

- When have you gathered your courage and done something you knew was going to be hard?
- How have you seen God help you when you faced your fears? Or helped others who gathered their courage to face their fears?
- What is something in your life right now that feels scary? What's the first step you could take to run toward that roar?

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## 53. PICK UP YOUR SWORD

*Take the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God.*

Ephesians 6:17, NCV

### WEEKLY QUESTIONS

- The truth of God's word, the sword of the Spirit, is powerful. How are you utilizing that power today?
- Have you taken time to memorize God's word? Share any verses that you have committed to heart.
- You need to pick up your sword every day and train. What new practice will you start to wield the sword of the Spirit?

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## 54. GOTTA TRY THIS!

*I am doing a new thing!*

Isaiah 43:19, NIV

### WEEKLY QUESTIONS

- Fear holds us back from giving the adventures of this life a try. When is one time that you let fear hold you back?
- Trying new things takes courage. What was the last "new thing" you tried that required you to muster up your courage?
- Is there a new thing that you've been considering trying? What? Ask God to help!

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## 55. KNOCKED DOWN

*I do believe! Help me to believe more!*

Mark 9:24, ICB

### WEEKLY QUESTIONS

- As you think about getting shoved or knocked down, physically, share the worst fall or knock-down you can remember having.
- When have felt knocked down socially or emotionally? When was it your heart that got bruised?
- When it's hard for us to believe, we can trust God. What is one way that you are trusting God with something that's bigger than you can handle?

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## 56. HELLO, NEIGHBOR!

*You must love your neighbor as you love yourself.*

Luke 10:27, ICB

### WEEKLY QUESTIONS

- Sometimes loving someone who's very different from us can feel scary. Is there anyone in your life like that today? How are you loving them?
- When have you been brave to meet someone or care for someone who's very different than you?
- Who is one neighbor near your home who could use some extra help? How can you purpose to help them this week?

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## 57. I CAN DO IT MYSELF!

*Trust the Lord with all your heart. Don't depend on your own understanding.*

Proverbs 3:5, ICB

### WEEKLY QUESTIONS

- What is one thing that you're proud to be learned how to do on your own?
- What's one thing that you find hard to do on your own? (Love an enemy? Be patient with a sibling? Having joy on hard days?)
- What is one way that you depend on God to help you do something you can't do on your own?

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## 58. JUST A LITTLE SIN

*Jesus, God's Son, cleanses us from every sin.*

1 John 1:7, NCV

### WEEKLY QUESTIONS

- Have you ever had a little infection in your body that got bigger?
- What is something you consider a "tiny" sin? And what could happen if that sin got "bigger"?
- Good news! God forgives us from our sins when we ask. Is there a sin that you want to ask forgiveness for today? Do it now!

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## ☐ 59. THE SUNSHINE TIMES

*I will give thanks to you, LORD, with all my heart; I will tell of all your wonderful deeds.*

Psalm 9:1, NIV

### WEEKLY QUESTIONS

- When was a particularly “stormy” time in your life that drove you to pray to God?
- And how did God help you?
- Sometimes it’s hard to remember to thank God when things are going well. What are three good things in your life that you can thank God for right now?

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## ☐ 60. SUPERNATURAL

*Why am I so sad? Why am I so upset? I should put my hope in God and keep praising him, my Savior and my God.*

Psalm 42:11, NCV

### WEEKLY QUESTIONS

- When was a time that you remember being disappointed because something didn’t turn out the way you’d hoped?
- Making the most out of a bad situation is sometimes called “making lemonade out of lemons”! When have you made lemonade out of a disappointing situation?
- What situation in your life today isn’t quite what you wish it was? How are you making the most out of it?

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## ☐ 61. DIFFERENT, BUT SAME

*Welcome one another as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God.*

Romans 15:7, ESV

### WEEKLY QUESTIONS

- Do you have any friends who speak a language other than English at home? Who? What have you learned about this friend's culture?
- When you look in the mirror—at your eye color, hair color, skin color—what would someone look like who is the opposite of you? Do you have a friend like this? Why or why not?
- This week, who can you introduce yourself to at school, or in the neighborhood, who is different than you are?

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## ☐ 62. STOP, LOOK, AND LISTEN

*My sheep listen to my voice. I know them, and they follow me.*

John 10:27, ICB

### WEEKLY QUESTIONS

- What is one of the ways that you "hear" God speaking to you? (Bible? Pastor? Someone else you trust? Nature?)
- When you "listen" to nature, what does it tell you about God?
- Has the Holy Spirit ever "nudged" you with a holy suggestion, or reminded you of a Scripture verse at just the right moment? When?

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## □ 63. THE ANCHOR

*We have this hope as an anchor for the soul, sure and strong.*

Hebrews 6:19, ICB

### WEEKLY QUESTIONS

- Have you ever been on a real boat that was securely anchored when it wasn't at sea? When?
- We need to stay anchored to God. What are the "waves" that rock your boat? (Sin? Trouble? Temptation? Other?)
- Jesus is the most secure anchor we have. What are practical ways that you can love, follow, and hold tight to Him?

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## □ 64. TAKE SOME TIME

*Be still and know that I am God.*

Psalm 46:10, NCV

### WEEKLY QUESTIONS

- What's your weekly rhythm like? Do you feel like you're too busy with activities, clubs, lessons, sports, church, and all you do?
- Some of our "busy" comes from responsibilities we can't say "no" to. Is there anything in your busy life that you can let go of to find more peace?
- Try a breath prayer to help you be still with God! What word do you say or imagine as you breathe in? And what word do you say or imagine as you breathe out? When can you use this prayer to settle your body, mind, and heart?

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## 65. HIDE-AND-SEEK

*You will search for me. And when you search for me with all your heart, you will find me!*

Jeremiah 29:13, NCV

### WEEKLY QUESTIONS

- Have you ever felt far from God, as if He was hiding from you? What was happening in your life then?
- God longs to be seen and heard and known by you. What is the way in which you most often “see” or “hear” God?
- Who is a person in your life who helps you to notice what God is up to?

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## 66. EVERYWHERE YOU GO

*Jesus went everywhere doing good.*

Acts 10:38, NCV

### WEEKLY QUESTIONS

- Wherever Jesus went, he did good. Do you know someone like this? How do they “do good”?
- When you think about Jesus’ life, what is the “good thing” he did that sticks out the most to you? Why do you think that is?
- What are ways in which you enjoy doing good in the world, like Jesus?

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## 67. LOOK FOR THE PEOPLE WHO CARE

*Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged, for the LORD your God will be with you wherever you go.*

Joshua 1:9, NIV

### **WEEKLY QUESTIONS**

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- You are worthy of being loved! Is this easy or hard for you to believe? Why do you think that is?
- When other people treat us poorly, it can feel discouraging. Can you think of a time when others didn't treat you well? How did you feel?
- Sometimes the kids who are the "coolest" aren't always the kindest (though not necessarily!). Who are kids you know, at church or at school, who are kind to others?

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## 68. YOU'VE GOT TO DO SOMETHING

*Defend the rights of the poor and suffering.*

Psalm 87:3, ICB

### **WEEKLY QUESTIONS**

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- Have you ever seen someone being teased or bullied, and stayed silent? How did you feel inside?
- Have you ever seen someone being teased or bullied, and seen someone stand up for them—either you or someone else? When?
- A "noticer" is someone who notices others and welcomes them in. Who can you do that for this week? Who can you welcome?

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## 69. THROUGH THICK AND THIN

*Never let loyalty and kindness leave you!*

Proverbs 3:3, NLT

### WEEKLY QUESTIONS

- Who's your favorite pair: Batman and Robin, Woody and Buzz, or Elsa and Anna? And how did they stick together through thick and thin?
- In the Bible, Ruth didn't have to stick with her mother-in-law, Naomi, but she did. Who have you seen sticking with a loved one, like that, when it was hard?
- When have you stuck with a friend when it wasn't easy?

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## 70. STUCK

*Fix your thoughts on what is true, and honorable, and right, and pure, and lovely, and admirable. Think about things that are excellent and worthy of praise.*

Philippians 4:8, NLT

### WEEKLY QUESTIONS

- If you remember the COVID-19 pandemic, or can ask a parent, what was the hardest part of it for you and your family?
- Sometimes good comes out of hard times. What was one good thing that your family experienced during that hard season?
- What other difficult situation have you faced, and seen good come from it?

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## 71. EVERYTHING YOUR NEED

*Depend on the Lord. Trust him, and he will take care of you.*

Psalm 37:5, ICB

### WEEKLY QUESTIONS

- What's the scariest challenge you've ever attempted (On purpose)?
- What's the scariest thing you've faced that you did not choose?
- Is there something today that God is giving you courage to try for the first time?

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## 72. STRONGER THAN ANY STORM

*God is our protection and our strength. He always helps in times of trouble...We will not fear even if the oceans roar and foam, or if the mountains shake at the raging sea.*

Psalm 46:1, ICB

### **WEEKLY QUESTIONS**

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- Or you someone who loves to sit safely inside and watch a storm rage outside your window? Or does that feel scary to you?
- If you were on that boat with the disciples, in the storm, how do you think you would have felt?
- When has God helped you through a stormy situation in your life?

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## 73. DON'T HOLD BACK

*Give yourself completely to God.*

James 4:7, NCV

### **WEEKLY QUESTIONS**

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- Have you ever tried to pull a fast one, or sneak something past your mom or dad, to deceive them? How did that turn out?
- Is there a way in which you've tried to hide your sins from God? How did that turn out?
- What is one step you can take, this week, to be more honest with your parents and with God?

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## ☐ 74. PROOF IN CREATION

*In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.*

Genesis 1:1, NIV

### WEEKLY QUESTIONS

- Some people have looked at nature, God's amazing design, and recognized that there must be a God! What do you think is the most spectacular part of God's creation?
- When you look at what God has made, what does it tell you about who God is (Romans 1:20)?
- Ask God to open your eyes to the wonders of His creation, and notice what he shows you!

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## ☐ 75. NOT-SO-COOL SCHOOLDAYS

*The Lord said to me, "My grace is enough for you. When you are weak, then my power is made perfect in you."*

2 Corinthians 12:9, ICB

### WEEKLY QUESTIONS

- You know that feeling when you feel totally stuck, and you just can't figure out what to do next? (Math? Fixing something broken at home? A gymnastics move? Something else?) What task makes you feel stuck like that?
- In that situation, who is someone who has helped you?
- How is God a "helper" to you when you are weak in some area of your life?

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## 76. BE A BARNABAS

*Encourage one another and build each other up.*

1 Thessalonians 5:11, NIV

### **WEEKLY QUESTIONS**

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- When was a time that you had friend who was struggling, and you offered him or her encouragement?
- When have you been struggling, and received encouragement from a friend, family member, or other person who cares about you?
- What is a special gift that you have, that not every person has? How can you use it to bless or encourage someone else?

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## 77. WARNING!

*The Holy Spirit warns me.*

Acts 20:23, NIV

### **WEEKLY QUESTIONS**

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- Are there warning alarms with which you're familiar? What are they? (Carbon monoxide detector at home? Smoke detector? Fire alarm? Your town's tornado warning?)
- Has God ever used a person—a friend, a sibling, a parent, a teacher—to warn you of sin or danger? Who?
- The Holy Spirit is faithful to warn us of sin and danger. When have you experienced a feeling inside your gut telling you to pause, back away, stop what you were doing or planning to do?

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## ☐ 78. LEAD THE WAY!

*Be an example to show the believers how they should live. Show them with your words, with the way you live, with your love, with your faith, and with your pure life.*

1 Timothy 4:12, ICB

### WEEKLY QUESTIONS

- Someone is watching you to see what you do. Who comes to mind, as someone who is watching you and who will be influenced by the choices you make?
- What are ways that you set a good example for others? (Don't be shy, share 'em!)
- Who is someone, a little bit older than you, who you look up to as someone who sets a good example for others?

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## ☐ 79. A GOOD PLAN

*I have good plans for you. I don't plan to hurt you. I plan to give you hope and a good future.*

Jeremiah 29:11, ICB

### WEEKLY QUESTIONS

- God has good plans for your life—not just in the future, but today! What is one way that God has gifted you to help and serve others, today?
- Who is a “public person”—like Mother Teresa—who has lived out a life of love for the people God loves?
- When you notice your parents, and other adults who know and love God, how do you see them living out the purpose God has for their lives?

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## 80. CRAZY FEAR

*I asked the Lord for help, and he answered me. He saved me from all that I feared.*

Psalm 34:4, ICB

### WEEKLY QUESTIONS

- What is one thing in this world that really scares you?
- How have your fears stopped you from doing something, or held you back?
- When was a time that you refused to let fear stop you from doing something—like touching a spider, or riding a roller coaster, or introducing yourself to a new kid at school, or helping someone in need?

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## 81. REACH OUT

*Do not be interested only in your own life, but be interested in the lives of others.*

Philippians 2:4, ICB

### WEEKLY QUESTIONS

- Is there a problem that is afflicting the big world God made, the planet and its people, that concerns you? What is it?
- Is there a problem in your community, the area where you live, that you care about deeply? What is it?
- You down for “Operation Reach Out!”? As your parents to help you brainstorm all the things you can do to reach out to care for others. Which one will you do this week?

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## ☐ 82. EYES ON THE SON

*Jesus immediately reached out and grabbed him.*

Matthew 14:31, NLT

### WEEKLY QUESTIONS

- Sometimes we all take our eyes off the Son of God. When have you started to sink because you took your eyes off Jesus?
- Alexander the Great knew to keep the eyes of his horse, Bucephalus, off of what scared him. How can you take your eyes off of what's scary?
- When Peter shouted out, Jesus helped him immediately. With what do you need Jesus' help today? Ask him, and know that he is close enough to catch you!

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## ☐ 83. IT'S OKAY TO NOT BE OKAY

*Jesus wept.*

John 11:35, NIV

### WEEKLY QUESTIONS

- Sometimes yucky things happen. When was the last time that you felt hurt, or cried, or felt angry?
- Jesus has felt the same things we have, and is ready and willing to receive our hurt and pain. What hard thing do you want to offer him today?
- Even when we're feeling hurt or scared or angry, we can do the right thing. Ask God to help you.

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## □ 84. TURN IT AROUND

*I will instruct you and teach you in the way you should go.*

Psalm 32:8, NIV

### WEEKLY QUESTIONS

- When bad things happen to us, it can feel hard to bounce back. When you've had a bad day, what kinds of things have gone wrong?
- When things are spinning out of control, and it feels like everything is going wrong, what is one thing you can say to yourself to remember God is your helper?
- One of the things that usually helps pull us out of a slump is helping others. What's one way that you can care for someone else in your house? At your school? At your church?

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## □ 85. PRAYING BRAVE

*Let us come boldly to the throne of our gracious God.*

Hebrews 4:16, NLT

### WEEKLY QUESTIONS

- When you think of Bible heroes who were super brave, who is your favorite? (Abraham? Shadrach, Meshach, Abednego? Deborah? Daniel? Esther? Someone else?)
- Hannah was brave enough to trust God with the big dream in her heart. Is there something really big in your heart that you can give to God?
- Are you brave enough to pray with Jesus, "I want your will to be done, not mine" (Mark 14:26, NLT)? Try praying that prayer with Jesus each night this week.

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## 86. NEVER TOO TIRED

*The people who trust the LORD will become strong again. They will rise up as an eagle in the sky; they will run and not need rest; they will walk and not become tired.*

Isaiah 40:31, NCB

### WEEKLY QUESTIONS

- When you remember that God sees everything, even what you do in secret, does that feel like good news or bad news? Why?
- Sometimes we can grow tired of doing what's right. Can you think of a time when you knew the right thing to do, but decided not to do it?
- When you grow tired of doing what's right, ask God to help you. Today, what is one thing you want to ask God for: (a) love (b) energy (c) courage?

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## 87. SEEING GOD

*No one has seen God, but Jesus is exactly like him.*

Colossians 1:15, ICB

### WEEKLY QUESTIONS

- When you think of God who you meet in the Old Testament, and Jesus who you meet in the New Testament, what is one way that they are alike?
- When you look at what Jesus says and does, what do you learn about his Father?
- What is one way that people can see God reflected in you?

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## 88. NOTHING IS WASTED

*We know that in everything God works for the good of those who love him.*

Romans 8:28, NCB

### WEEKLY QUESTIONS

- God cares about the little stuff in your life. What is one tiny little thing in your life that you're surprised that God cares about?
- What is one struggle or challenge you've faced that has made you stronger?
- Share one struggle you're facing today that you can share with God, who cares for you.

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## 89. THE WAY IT'S SUPPOSED TO BE

*Look! I am making everything new!*

Revelation 21:15, ICB

### WEEKLY QUESTIONS

- What are some of the things that went wrong in the world because of the fall, the sin of Adam and Eve?
- And what are some of the things that have gone wrong in your life, or your family's life, because of the fall, the sin of Adam and Eve?
- When God makes everything right again, think of all the things we'll no longer need? (Stuff like hospitals, bandages, and tissues for tears...)

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## 90. YOUR ROAR STORY

*You have good news to tell. Shout out loud the good news. Shout it out and don't be afraid.*

Isaiah 40:9, ICB

### WEEKLY QUESTIONS

- What is your very favorite story about a person in history who did something cool with their life?
- And who is a person in the Bible, a follower of God, whose life was given a special purpose by God? (Hint: there are lots. Who's your favorite?)
- God has a special plan for your life! If you had to guess how your story will unfold, what do you imagine God might do with your life in the future? (Then pray, and let God know that you're committed to living out the special story He has for your life!)