



Day 1

Faith Fact

God is always with me.

Faith Verse

1 Thessalonians 5:24 (NLT)

God will make this happen, for he who calls you is faithful.

Question of the Day: Where is God when I need Him?

Read about It

Read: Exodus 3:1–20

Shadows are pretty amazing. Anything that light hits can cast a shadow—your dog, a bike, and even the basketball goal in your driveway. One of the fun ways to play with shadows is to make shadow puppets with your hands. All it takes is a dark room and a flashlight. In seconds, you can go from having two hands to having a bird fly across your wall or a dog barking. You’ve probably noticed that on a sunny day you have a shadow. Sometimes your shadow looks bigger than you or smaller depending on the position of the sun in the sky.

One thing is true though—your shadow never gets left behind. It always goes with you, wherever you go. Wherever you are, that’s where your shadow is too. In today’s Bible reading, we read about a time when Moses wasn’t sure about the thing God was asking Him to do. But God gave Moses a promise that He would be with him. Just like your shadow is always with you, God promised Moses that He would be there too. And God is way better than a shadow that follows you around all day. Look and see if you can find the answers to today’s questions in the verses you just read.

Think about It

Question 1. Where did the angel of the Lord appear and God speak to Moses out of the burning bush?

Answer 1. Mount Horeb [Mount Sinai] (Exodus 3:1–2)

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Question 2. What did God tell Moses to do when he tried to come closer to the bush?

Answer 2. To take off his shoes because he was on holy ground. (Exodus 3:5)

***Question 3.** What promise did God make to Moses at the burning bush?

Answer 3. That God would rescue the Children of Israel out of Egypt (Exodus 3:8)

Question 4. What did God tell Moses when he was questioning why he was the one who should go tell Pharaoh?

Answer 4. God said that He would be with Moses. (Exodus 3:12)

Question 5. What did God tell Moses to say if the Israelites asked who sent him?

Answer 5. "I Am has sent me to you." (Exodus 3:14)

Talk about It

- What did today's devotion make you think about?
- How can we know that God is always with us?
- How do you feel knowing that God is with you when you need Him?

Pray about It

God, thank You for always being with me. You are there when I need help, when I'm in trouble, and when life is good. I can always count on You. Thank You for loving me like You do. Amen.

Day 2

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Question of the Day: Where is God when I'm scared?

Read about It

Read: Exodus 12:3–11, 28–31; 14:13–31

Have you ever done a “trust fall”? They can be a lot of fun and sometimes a little scary. When doing a trust fall, someone you trust stands a few feet behind you. Then you just lean back, while staying as stiff as you can and fall. The person behind you has a very important job. They must catch you before you hit the ground. When you fall in a trust fall, there's no going back, no way to stop the fall. You have to commit fully and just let yourself fall. Even though you trust them and know they will catch you, there is still this second or two when you think, *Oh no! I'm falling.* If you really trust this person and they love you, they will do everything they can to protect you because they know you've put your trust in them. They don't want to see you get hurt.

The same thing is true with God. When you put your complete trust in Him, He will always watch over you. There may be brief moments in your life when you get scared, but you can trust that God is right there with you. He will always be with you, just as He was with Moses and the Israelites in today's Bible reading. They were scared. They were really scared, but God protected them and made a way for them to be safe. He knew there was no turning around, and He had their back. Today's Bible verses help us to remember that when we are scared, God is with us and can help us through anything. Take a look at these questions and see if you can find the answers in the story.

Think about It

***Question 1.** What feast did God establish to remember the Israelites' deliverance from Egypt?

Answer 1. Passover [Unleavened Bread] (Exodus 12:11)

Question 2. What did Pharaoh do the night the Israelites celebrated Passover?

Answer 2. He called for Moses and Aaron, and he told them to leave Egypt and take the rest of the Israelites with them. (Exodus 12:31)

***Question 3.** By what miracle did Israel leave the land of Egypt?

Answer 3. The parting of the sea [Red Sea] (Exodus 14:13–22)

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***Question 4.** What happened to the Egyptians who tried to follow the Israelites through the Red Sea?

Answer 4. They all drowned. (Exodus 14:23–28)

Question 5. How did the Israelites feel after God saved them?

Answer 5. They were filled with awe (amazement) at how powerful God was. (Exodus 14:31)

Talk about It

- As you read today's devotion, how did that make you feel?
- Where is God when you're scared?
- What is something you can do to remember God is with you the next time you are scared?

Pray about It

God, sometimes I get scared but I'm thankful that I can trust that You are always with me. Help me to remember how big and powerful You are, so that if I am afraid I will turn to You. I'm so glad that You are always with me. Amen.

Day 3

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Question of the Day: Where is God when I don't know what to do?

Read about It

Read: Exodus 13:17–22

Follow the Leader sounds like a really simple game. The whole idea of the games is to follow the person who is the leader. If the leader jumps, you jump. If they flap their arms like a chicken, you flap your arms like a chicken. If they sing “Do You Want to Build a Snowman” in a whisper voice, you guessed it! You sing “Do You Want to Build a Snowman” in a whisper voice too. You can do it in a big crowd with someone on a stage, or you can do it in a line. Now, the version with the person on the stage is much easier because everyone can see the leader. If you play the game in a line, you have to pay a lot more attention because the further back you are, the harder it is to see the leader. So if the leader jumps, you have to hope that everyone is playing attention, because you will do what they do and go where they go. If they aren't paying attention, you won't have an idea what to do or where to go.

You can see how the line version could get real crazy real fast. If you aren't careful, you can wind up lost and not knowing what to do. The Israelites could have been lost really quickly out in the wilderness if God hadn't given them a way to know exactly what to do. As we read the Bible verses today, we can see that God made sure the Israelites knew exactly what to do and where to go. God went with them. He was with them the whole time, making sure they knew what to do! This reminds us that when we don't know what to do, God will show us because He is always with us. Take a look at these questions and see if you can find the answers in the verses that you read today.

Think about It

Question 1. Who was leading the Israelites?

Answer 1. God. (Exodus 13:17)

Question 2. How did God lead the Israelites to the Red Sea?

Answer 2. A roundabout way through the wilderness (Exodus 13:18)

Question 3. What did God use to guide them during the day?

Answer 3. A pillar of cloud (Exodus 13:21)

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Question 4. How did God guide them at night?

Answer 4. God led them with a pillar of fire. (Exodus 13:21)

Question 5. Did God ever remove these helps from the Israelites?

Answer 5. No, God did not remove the pillar of cloud or pillar of fire from its place in front of the people during this part of their journey. (Exodus 13:22)

Talk about It

- What did today's devotion make you think about?
- Have you ever been in a situation where you didn't know what to do?
- How does it make you feel to know that you can ask God for help and He will be with you to lead you?

Pray about It

God, thank You for always being with me. I know there will be times when I won't know what to do, but I'm so glad that I can trust You to lead me in the right way. Help me to follow You, wherever You lead me. Amen.

Day 4

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Question of the Day: How can I thank God for always being with me?

Read about It

Read: Exodus 19:1–9; 20:1–20; Ephesians 6:2–3

Charlie and the Chocolate Factory is an incredible story about a young boy who won a trip to a chocolate factory for a tour. All of the children on the tour are given very specific instructions, but the other children choose not to follow the rules. Sadly, they are kicked off of the tour one by one and the Oompa Loompas sing about them as they leave. Charlie is the only one who honored the rules set by the factory owner, Mr. Wonka. Charlie's prize was much greater than just finishing the tour—his prize was that he would be Mr. Wonka's successor. That meant he would take over the factory when Mr. Wonka left. Because Charlie chose to follow the instructions that were left for him, Mr. Wonka knew that he could trust Charlie with his most important possession, his chocolate factory.

In a similar way, God laid out some very specific instruction for Moses and the Israelites to follow. God knew that we would need help about how to live our lives, so He gave us instructions to help guide us in how to live. Because God is good, He wants His people to try their best and do what is right and good. When we choose to follow His commands, we are showing God that we want to live His way and that we know His way is best! In fact when we live a life that honors God, we are actually thanking Him for always being with us, and showing Him how much He means to us. Let's take a closer look at the Ten Commandments and the verses we read today, and look for the answers to these questions.

Think about It

Question 1. On what mountain did God give Moses the Ten Commandments?

Answer 1. Mount Sinai (Exodus 19:1–3)

Question 2. Which is the first of the Ten Commandments?

Answer 2. "You must not have any other god but me" (Exodus 20:3).

Question 3. In which book and chapter of the Bible do we find the first record of the Ten Commandments?

Answer 3. Exodus 20

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Question 4. What did Paul call “the first commandment with a promise”?

Answer 4. Honor your father and your mother. (Exodus 20:12; Ephesians 6:2–3)

Question 5. Which of the Ten Commandments deals with taking something that belongs to someone else?

Answer 5. “You must not steal.” (Exodus 20:15)

Talk about It

- What did today’s devotion make you think about?
- What is a way that you can honor God this week?
- How can you show God how much you love Him?
- What is one thing you are going to do this week to thank God for always being with you?

Pray about It

God, I want to live in a way that honors You. I’m so thankful that You chose to be with me all the time. I want to be someone that follows You. Thank You for helping us know how to live. Sometimes it’s hard to do the right thing, so please give me the strength to do the things You tell me to. Amen.