

# Building Blocks Scripture Bank

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# God is a Powerful Creator

## God is Light

Genesis 1 The creation

John 1:5 God is light, and in Him there is no darkness at all.

John 8:12 Jesus, the light of the world.

Ephesians 5:8 Walk as children of the light.

1 Peter 2:9 He has brought you out of darkness into His wonderful light.

## God has power over creation

Genesis 1 The creation of the universe

Psalms 93:4 The Lord rules... greater than the roar of the oceans, more powerful than the waves of the sea.

Mark 4:35-41 - Jesus calms the storm.

Matthew 14:22-32 Jesus walks on water. (Jesus' power over creation)

Job 36:22 - God does great things by His power.

## God provides through his creation

Genesis 1:29 I give you every seed-bearing plant on the face of the whole earth and every tree that has fruit with seed in it. They will be yours for food.

Matthew 6:28-29 The lilies of the field. God will provide for us.

## God is a Rock

Psalms 18:2; 19:14; 40:2; 61:2; 92:15 - God is our rock

Isaiah 26:4

Matthew 7:24 - the man who built his house on the rock

## God is Lord and King

Genesis 1 The Creation

Joshua 10 The day the sun stood still.

Isaiah 40:25-26 The greatness of the stars.

Psalms 74:16-17 You established the sun and the moon; It was You who set all the boundaries of the earth; You made both summer and winter.

Psalms 104:19 The moon marks off the seasons and the sun knows where to go down.

Psalms 102:25 In the beginning you laid the foundations of the earth and the heavens are the work of your hands.

Psalms 8 When I consider the heavens, the works of your fingers, the moon and stars which You have set in place...

Psalms 136:1-9 Give thanks for His great creation.

## God cares for his creation

The Creation (Genesis 1)

Genesis 1: 20-21 God said, "Let the water teem with living creatures, and let birds fly above the earth across the expanse of the sky. So God created the great creatures of the sea and every living and moving thing with which the water teems, according to their kinds, and every winged bird, according to its own kind. And God saw that it was good."

Matthew 10:29 God cares for the sparrow.

Matthew 6:25-27 Do not worry. If God cares for the birds, He will care for you.

Psalm 148 The Creation praises God.

Luke 5:1-11 - The great catch. (Shows Jesus' power over creation)

**We are created in God's image**

Genesis 1 - 3 The creation and fall.

Psalm 139 We are wonderfully made.

Acts 17:28 (a) For in Him we live and move and have our being.

Matthew 10:29-30 God knows the number of hairs on our head.

1 Corinthians 6:19-20 - Our bodies are the temple of the Holy Spirit.

# God is a Loving Provider

## God cares for families

Luke 15:11-32 A story about a father who forgave his son.

Luke 2:41-52 A visit to the temple. Jesus obeyed His heavenly Father.

John 10 The Good Shepherd; Our heavenly Father loves and cares for us.

2 Corinthians 6:8 I will be your Father, and you shall be my sons and daughters.

1 John 3:1 See how much the Father has loved us! His love is so great that He has called us His children.

Romans 12:9-10 Brotherly love.

1 Corinthians 13:4 Love is patient and kind.

Galatians 5:22 Love is a fruit of the Spirit.

Ephesians 6:1 Children obey your parents in the Lord.

Joshua 24:15 As for me and my family, we will serve the Lord.

## God cares about me

Psalms 139 We are wonderfully made.

Matthew 10:29-30 The hairs on your head are numbered.

Luke 12:6-7 You are worth much more than many sparrows.

Matthew 6:26. Look at the birds. God cares for them. He will care for me.

John 10 The Good Shepherd. He calls His own sheep by name.

Psalms 23 The Lord is my shepherd.

Luke 19:1-9 The story of Zacchaeus. Jesus knew all about him. He called him by name.

John 1:43 Jesus called Nathanael by name.

Isaiah 49:16 Our names are inscribed upon His hands.

Mark 10:13-16 Jesus, special friend of children.

Matthew 25:14-30; Romans 12:4-8; 1 Corinthians 12:12-27 We have individual gifts and talents that we can use to serve God.

## God faithfully provides

Genesis 1:29 - God said, Look, I have given you all the plants that have grain for seed. And I have given you all the trees whose fruits have seeds in them. They will be food for you."

Ruth - God provided grain for Ruth and Naomi.

Matthew 14, Mark 6, Luke 9, John 6 - Jesus feeds the multitudes.

Exodus 16; Exodus 3:8 - God provided food for the Israelites.

Proverbs 12:1 - He who works his land will have abundant food.

Matthew 6:25-34 - Do not worry about food or clothes.

1 Kings 17 - Miraculous provision for the widow when Elijah prays.

2 Kings 4 - Miraculous provision when Elisha prays.

Philippians 4:19 - My God shall supply all your needs.

Psalms 136:25 - He gives food to every living creature. His love continues forever.

Matthew 7:9-11 - God gives good things when we ask.

## We have a responsibility to care for the creation

Psalms 104:10-18 - God provides for His creation.

Psalm 147:7-9 - God gives food to every living creature.  
Psalm 50:10 - He owns the cattle on a thousand hills.  
Matthew 25: 14-30 - The story of the talents is a story of responsibility with that which the Lord has provided for us.  
Genesis 37-46 - God gave Joseph wisdom and used this wisdom in providing food for his family.  
Genesis 1:28 - God said, 'Rule over every living creature.'  
Genesis 1:11 - The land produced vegetation.  
Psalm 92:12 - Trees of the Bible.  
Genesis 2: 8-9 - Trees in the Garden of Eden.

### **God is resourceful**

Genesis 1:30; 2:5;3:23 - Man was instructed by God to cultivate the soil.  
Psalm 104:14 - God provides grass for the cattle and vegetables for man.  
Matthew 13:31 - The mustard seed. God provides when we have faith.  
Matthew 26 - Do not worry.  
Matthew 4:18 ; Mark 1:14; Luke 5:1; John 1:35 - The calling of the first disciples. They had to trust God to provide.  
Exodus 15:22-27; Exodus 17 - God provided water for the Israelites when they trusted Him.  
Job 36:26-31 - God is great. He is faithful in providing through the creation.  
Psalm 119:86a - God's words can be trusted.  
Psalm 56:3 - I put my trust in you.  
Psalm 20:7 We trust in the power of the Lord our God.  
Matthew 13:3 The Sower. God provides the seed.

### **God cares for the creation**

John 10 - The Good Shepherd.  
Psalm 23 - The Lord is my shepherd.  
Luke 15 - The lost sheep.  
Matthew 6:26 - God's care for animals and more so for us.  
Luke 12:6-7; Matthew 10:29-30 - We are of more value than many sparrows.

### **God wants us to share his provision**

Proverbs 22:9 - Be generous and share your food with the poor.  
Isaiah 58:7-11 - Share your food with the hungry.  
John 6:1-14 - The boy who shared his lunch with Jesus.  
Matthew 25:35-40 - I was hungry and you gave me food. I was thirsty and you gave me drink.  
Luke 6:38 - Give and it shall be given.  
Mark 12:41-44 - The widow's gift.  
Luke 7:36-50 - The woman with the jar of perfume. She gave all she had.  
Luke 10:38-42 - Mary's love for Jesus  
John 12:1-8 - The precious ointment  
Psalm 112:5; Proverbs 11:25 - Be generous.  
Proverbs 3:9-10 - Honour God with your money  
Matthew 7:7 - God gives to those who ask.  
Matthew 10:8 - Freely you have received, freely give.  
2 Corinthians 9:7-9 - God loves a person who gives happily.  
2 Corinthians 8:7 - Generosity

Mark 16:15-18 - The Great Commission  
1 John 4:16 - God is love.  
Luke 4:8 - Jesus came to bring good news to the poor.

**God is a miraculous provider**

1 Kings 17:2-6 - Elijah fed by ravens in time of drought.  
1 Kings 17:10-16 - Oil and meal  
2 Kings 4: 42-44 - Elijah multiplies bread.  
Exodus - 16,17 - Provision for the Israelites in the desert.  
Genesis 6-8 - Noah and his family survived the flood.  
Genesis 37-47 - Joseph's family survived the drought.  
John 2:1-11 Jesus turned water to wine. (Miraculous provision)  
Deuteronomy 11:13 - I will send rain on your land if you love and serve me with all your heart.  
Matthew 24 - signs in the heavens at the end of the age.  
Mark 6:30-44 - Loaves and fishes  
Psalm 63:2; 66:3; 89:13; 146:6; 145:5 - God is powerful  
Acts 1 & 2 - The disciples receive power. God's provision of energy for our needs is symbolic of the energy He provides through the Holy Spirit.

# God is Patient and Kind

## **Jesus is a faithful friend**

Mark 10:13-16 - Jesus, friend of children

John 15:12-14 - Love one another.

Joshua 1:5; Hebrews 13:5 - I will never leave you or forsake you.

John 11 - Jesus helped His friends, Mary, Martha and Lazarus.

1 Samuel 18-20 - Faithful friendship between David and Jonathan.

Galatians 5:22 - The Fruit of the Spirit

Proverbs 18:24 - Jesus is a friend who is closer than a brother.

Luke 10:25-38 - The Good Samaritan

Matthew 26 - Jesus was betrayed by His friends.

John 17:1-26 - Jesus was a faithful friend to the disciples.

Luke 10:4; Matt. 17:27; John 21:15 - Jesus loved and forgave His friends.

Luke 12:35-47 - Jesus, the faithful servant.

Proverbs 17:17 - A friend loves at all times.

## **God loves everyone equally**

Luke 10:25-38 - The Good Samaritan

Luke 10:27; Matthew 22:39 - Love the Lord with all your heart...and your neighbour as yourself.

1 Corinthians 13:14 - Love is patient and kind.

Acts 10:34 - God treats everyone on the same basis.

James 2:1-9 - Warning against prejudice.

John 3:16 God's love for the whole world.

John 13:34 - A new commandment...love one another.

## **God is forgiving, patient and kind**

Matthew 18:21-22; Colossians 3:12-13; Ephesians 4:32 - We should forgive one another.

John 3:16 - God's love for the whole world.

Acts 10 - Peter called to the Gentiles.

1 John 3:11-18 - Love one another in word and deed.

Luke 10:25-38 - The Good Samaritan

Luke 10:27; Matthew 22:39 - Love the Lord with all your heart...and your neighbour as yourself.

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## **God is patient and persevering**

John 5:1-8 - The crippled man at the pool. He didn't give up.

Luke 11:5-13 - Ask and keep on asking. Be patient and don't give up.

Luke 18:1-8 - The parable of the widow and the judge.

Ezra 4-6; Nehemiah 1-6 - Perseverance in rebuilding Jerusalem and the temple.

1 Corinthians 9:24-25 - Run the race to win. Don't give up.

Philippians 3:14 - Running towards the goal

Matthew 25:14-30 - Perseverance in using one's talents.

Exodus 2-6 - The Israelites patience and persistence in prayer for release from Egypt.

### **Diligence**

Acts 9:36-42 - Dorcas showed diligence in sewing.  
Genesis 6: 14-16 - Noah showed patience and diligence in building the ark.  
Hebrews 6:10-12 - Diligence in helping others.  
Proverbs 31:10-29 - The diligent wife.  
Proverbs 20:13; Matthew 25:1-13 - Laziness  
Matthew 25:1-13 - The ten girls and their lamps. Diligence in our faith.

### **Growing in the faith**

1 Corinthians 9:14-15 - Run the race to win.  
Philippians 3:14 - Running towards the goal.  
1 Peter 2:2 - As new-born babies need milk, we need God's word as our spiritual food.  
Psalm 119:105 - God's word is a lamp to our feet.  
Matthew 4:4 - Man shall not live by bread alone.  
John 6:47-58 - Jesus, the bread of life.  
Luke 2:40 - Jesus grew in stature and in wisdom.  
Galatians 5:19-24 - Patience and self-control are fruits of the Spirit.  
James 1:19; Proverbs 19:11; Ephesians 4:26 - self-control.  
Job - Job grew in His faith through difficulties in life.

### **Using our gifts for God**

Nehemiah 1-7 - Patience and diligence in rebuilding the walls of Jerusalem.  
Luke 18:1 - Patience and diligence in prayer.  
1 Kings 6,8,9; 2 Chronicles 2-7 - Solomon builds the Lord's house.  
Proverbs 10:4; Proverbs 12:27; Proverbs 21:5 - Diligence  
Luke 6:10 - Be faithful in little things.  
Matthew 25:14-29 - Parable of the talents

### **Patience in listening to God**

Luke 10:38 - Mary and Martha  
Matthew 13:10-16 - The hidden meaning of the parables. We need to listen with 'special ears'.  
1 Kings 19 - God spoke to Elijah in a still small voice.  
Matthew 14:23 - Jesus went to a quiet place to pray.  
Psalm 85:8 - I am listening to what the Lord God is saying.  
John 10:14-15 - The sheep know the shepherd's voice.  
1 Samuel 3 - The boy Samuel hears God's voice.  
Luke 18:10-30 - The two men at the temple. Only one communicated with God.  
Genesis 2-5 - God spoke face to face with Adam and Eve.  
Genesis 37-40, Daniel 2 - God speaks through dreams.  
Numbers 22 - God spoke through Baalam's donkey.  
Exodus 19,20 - God spoke to Moses when He gave the Ten Commandments.  
Exodus 3-17 - God speaks through signs and wonders.  
Samuel 1 & 2 - Jeremiah and other prophets speak God's message.  
John 1 - Jesus as God's Word.

# God is Wisdom and Truth

## Wisdom in obedience

1 Corinthians 6:19-20 - Our bodies are temples of the Holy Spirit.  
Matthew 10:29-30; Luke 12:6-7 - We are of more value than many sparrows.  
Proverbs 4:20-22 - Listening to God's words is health to our bodies.  
Exodus 15:26; Deut 7:15 - In obeying health laws, God promised to protect the Israelites from the diseases of the Egyptians.  
Genesis 1 - God rested on the Sabbath.  
Proverbs 14:16-17 - Wisdom in our actions

## Wise choices and decisions

Proverbs 3:5-8 - Trust in the Lord with all your heart.  
James 1:5 - Ask God for wisdom.  
Proverbs 2:6-10 - Only the Lord gives wisdom.  
1 Corinthians 3:18-19 - The wisdom of this world is foolishness to God.  
Genesis 11 - The people who built the tower of Babel relied on their own wisdom.  
Psalm 16:7-8 - The importance of allowing God to guide us.  
Proverbs 1:9-10 - Ask for God's wisdom in making decisions.  
Proverbs 8:11 - Wisdom is better than riches.  
Matthew 19:16-29 - The rich young ruler's choice.  
Joshua 24:14-16 - A choice between the true God and false gods.  
John 16:12 - When the Spirit of truth comes, He will guide you into all truth.  
Matthew 10:38; Matthew 16:24 - The greatest decision we can make.  
Matthew 7:13-14 - The broad and narrow way.  
John 14:6-7 - I am the Way, the Truth, the Life.  
John 10:1-8 - The Good Shepherd. The sheep recognise His voice.  
John 18:37 - Everyone that is of the truth hears my voice.

## Wisdom in community

Proverbs 6:6; Proverbs 30:24-25 - The wisdom of the ant  
Matthew 25:1-13 - The wise and foolish virgins  
Matthew 7:24-28 - The wise and foolish builders  
Matthew 6:19-21 - Wisdom in storing up heavenly treasure  
1 Corinthians 3:9 - We are workers together for God  
Romans 12:4-6 - One body, many members  
Exodus 17:9-13 - Aaron and Hur supported the arms of Moses and worked together to win the battle.

## Wisdom in being prepared

Romans 8:20-22 - The creation was subjected to frustration; The creation groans, waiting to be brought into freedom.  
Genesis 6-8 - The Great Flood - the greatest natural disaster so far in history.  
James 1:5 - Ask God for wisdom.  
Matthew 25:1-13 - The ten girls and their lamps - a story of being prepared.  
Matthew 7:24-28 - The wise and foolish builders.  
Psalm 17:8; 32:7 - God is our shelter.

### **God is our guide**

Psalm 16:7 - I praise the Lord because He guides me. Even at night I feel His leading.

Exodus - God guided the Israelites on their journey to the promised land.

Exodus 13:21-22 - Guided by fire and cloud.

Matthew 2 - The magi were guided by the star and the scriptures; an angel guided Joseph through a dream to make the journey to Egypt, and later, back to Israel.

Psalm 119:105 - God's word is a lamp to our feet.

Proverbs 6:20 - Our parents guide us to maturity.

Proverbs 13:10 & 20 - It is good to take wise advice.

### **Build your life on the truth**

Matthew 7:24 - Build your life on truth.

Luke 11:9-10 - Ask, seek, knock. He that seeks the truth will find it.

Matthew 6:33 - Seek first God's kingdom.

Matthew 13:44-45 - The pearl of great price.

John 20:24-29 - Unbelief prevented Thomas from knowing the truth.

John 1:17 - Truth came through Jesus Christ.

John 16:13 - When the Spirit of truth comes, He will guide you into all truth.

### **The word of God is truth**

John 5:46-47 - "If you do not believe what Moses wrote, (Genesis), how can you believe what I say?"

John 14:6 - Jesus is the Way, the Truth, the Life.

Mark 4:1-8 - The parable of the sower shows the need for a solid foundation of faith.

Proverbs 30:5-6 - The word of God is truth.

Psalm 119:105 - God's word is a lamp to our feet.

Ephesians 6:17 - God's word is a sword.

Luke 24:13-35 - The two followers on the road to Emmaus. They did not recognize the truth because of unbelief.

Genesis 1 - God created living things after their own kind.

### **Seek the truth**

Proverbs 3:5 - Trust in the Lord with all your heart. Never rely on what you think you know. (GNB)

John 16:13 - When the Spirit of truth comes, He will guide you into all truth.

Acts 14:7 - God has always given evidence of His existence by the things He does. (GNB)

Luke 11:9-10 - He that seeks finds.

Matthew 16:13-20 - Peter declared that Jesus was the Son of God, a truth given directly by the Father.

Acts 7:51-60 - Stephen gives his life for believing the truth.

### **Jesus, the way, the truth, the life**

John 14:6 - Jesus is the Way, the Truth and the Life.

Matthew 7:13-14 - The broad and narrow way.

Matthew 16:13-17 - Jesus asks, "Who am I?"

Acts 4:12 - There is no other name by which we are saved.

John 10:1-8 - The Good Shepherd. The sheep recognise His voice.  
Matthew 7:15-21 - Wolves in sheep's clothing.  
Acts 17:16-34 - The unknown god.  
Exodus 20:3-4; Isaiah 42:8 & 17 - No other gods.

**Discerning the truth**

Proverbs 11:1 - The Lord hates dishonest scales, but He is pleased with correct weights.  
Matthew 7:15-21 - Wolves in sheep's clothing.  
John 18:38 - Everyone that is of the truth hears my voice.  
John 10:1-8 - The Good Shepherd. The sheep hear His voice.  
John 14:6-7 - I am the way, the truth and the life.  
Matthew 7:13-14 - The broad and narrow way.  
Exodus 20:3-4; Isaiah 42:8 & 17 - No other gods.  
2 Peter 2 - False teachers.  
2 Corinthians 11:13-14 - False apostles, and Satan as an angel of light.  
1 Peter 5:8 - Satan is a roaring lion.  
Luke 4 - Jesus knew how to deal with Satan.

# God is Pure and Holy

## **Holiness is showing the fruit of the Spirit**

Galatians 5:22-23 - The fruits of the Spirit

Mark 12:30-31 - **Love** your neighbour as yourself.

Acts 3 - The lame man healed, walking and leaping with **joy**.

Matthew 6:26 - Do not worry. (Have **peace**)

Ezra 4-6; Nehemiah 1-6 - **Patience** in rebuilding Jerusalem

2 Samuel 4 & 9 - **Kindness** to the lame prince, Mephibosheth

Luke 10: 25-37 - The Good Samaritan is a story of **kindness** and **gentleness**

Ephesians 5:8-11 - Show **goodness**, by living as children of the light

Jonah - Being **faithful** is obeying the Lord.

1 Samuel 17; 1 Samuel 26 - King Saul lacked **self-control**. His jealousy caused him to lose his temper.

Ephesians 6 - Put on the armour of God so that we may do the things God wants us to do.

## **The effect of sin on God's perfect creation**

Genesis 1-2 - the perfect creation

Genesis 2:15 God took man and put him in the Garden of Eden to work and take care of it.

Genesis 2 - the fall

Romans 5:12 - Sin came into the world through Adam

Genesis 4 - The sin of Cain

Psalms 18:30 - God's way is perfect.

Isaiah 1:18 & 43:25 - God forgives our sin.

1 Peter 1:19; Hebrews 9:14 - Jesus was without sin.

Romans 3:23 - No one is without sin.

1 John 1:9 - Jesus made a way to God, providing an answer to the separation caused by sin.

Romans 8:19-22 The creation groans, waiting to be freed from bondage.

## **God forgives and makes us clean**

Matthew 23:13-27 - Jesus said that we must be clean on the inside, not just the outside.

Mark 7:1-16 - The ceremonial cleansing by the Pharisees did not really make them clean.

Luke 19:1-19 - Zacchaeus was forgiven and he changed his ways.

1 Samuel 16:7 - Man looks on the outside appearance but the Lord looks on the heart.

Matthew 26:69 & John 21:15 - Jesus forgives Peter.

1 Peter 1 & 1 John 3 - We are made pure through Jesus.

Psalms 51:7 - Take away my sin and I will be clean. Wash me and I will be whiter than snow.

## **Christians are the salt of the earth**

Job 6:6; Isaiah 30:24 - Salt for preserving food.

Ezekiel 16:4 - Salt as an antiseptic.

Leviticus 2:13; Ezekiel 43:24 - Salt as an offering.

Numbers 18:19; 2 Chronicles 13:5 - Covenants made with salt.

Matthew 5:13 - You are the salt of the earth. But if the salt loses its saltiness, how can it be made salty again? It is no longer good for anything except to be thrown out and trampled by men.

Luke 14:34-35; Mark 9:49-50 - Salt

Colossians 4:6 - Salted conversation.

Ezekiel 47, especially 47:11 - Salt is retained

1 John 1:5-7 God's light casts out evil

Ephesians 6 - The armour of God

Galatians 5:22-23 - The fruit of the Spirit, especially 'goodness'

Philippians 4:8 - Whatever is true, noble, right and pure - think about such things.

2 Corinthians 3:18 - With unveiled faces we reflect the Lord's glory, being transformed into His likeness.

Exodus 25 - Materials for building the Ark: Metals including pure gold; gemstones; only the best for the most holy God.

Hebrews 9 & 10 - We can now enter into the Most Holy Place through the blood of Jesus.

Revelation 21 & 22 - The purity of Heaven; a holy city made of pure gold, with gates of pearls and foundations of precious jewels.

### **God is Light, (a symbol of purity)**

Genesis 1 - God's light

Ephesians 5:8-11 - Live as children of the light.

Deuteronomy 6:18 - Do that which is right and good.

Galatians 5:22 - Goodness is a fruit of the Spirit.

Romans 13:12 - Put on the armour of light.

Matthew 5:13-16 - Christians as salt and light.

John 8:12 - Jesus, the light of the world.

1 John 2:28-29 - Everyone who does what is right is of God.

1 John 1:5-7 - Walk in the light as He is in the light.

Matthew 6:22-23 - If your eye is clear your whole body will be full of light.

Genesis 9 - The sign of the rainbow

### **God judges sin**

Genesis 6-8 - The Great Flood

Jeremiah 18 - Jeremiah at the potter's house.

Matthew 21:12-13 - Jesus didn't tolerate sin in His Father's house.

1 Chronicles 16:33; Psalm 7:11; Psalm 96:13; Acts 17:31 - God is a just and fair judge.

Revelation 20:4 - God judges sin because He is holy.

Romans 3:23 - All have sinned.

Psalm 97 - God uses the creation to proclaim His righteousness.

### **Holiness through Jesus**

Acts 2:1-18 - The disciples received the Holy Spirit.

Leviticus 16:11-13 - God chose fire to remind people of purity and holiness.

Hebrews 10:5-9 - God no longer requires sacrifices.

Hebrews 10:10 - We are made holy through Jesus.

Luke 18:9-14 - The righteous Pharisee

1 Kings 18:1-40 - God of Israel or Baal? The fire of the Lord burned up the sacrifice.  
Hebrews 12:29 - Our God is a consuming fire.  
Zechariah 13:9 - God 's refining of His people like the purifying of silver and gold.  
Genesis 19 - Sodom and Gomorrah destroyed by fire.  
Jeremiah 18:1-4 - God can change us.  
Malachi 3:2-3 - The refiner's fire

### **God cleanses us from sin**

1 John 1:9 - If we confess our sin God will forgive us.  
Psalm 51:1-7 - Wash me and I shall be whiter than snow.  
Isaiah 1:18 - I will wash you as clean as the snow.  
Psalm 145:17 - The Lord is righteous in everything He does.  
1 Peter 1:19; Hebrews 9:14 - Jesus was without sin.  
Isaiah 43:25 - I am the God who forgives your sins.  
Matthew 9:1-7 - Jesus not only healed the paralyzed man but forgave his sin.  
John 4 - Jesus forgave the sins of the woman at the well.  
John 18 - 19 - Because Jesus was without sin He was able to die for us.  
Exodus 30:17-21 - Those presenting an offering had to wash their hands for purity.

### **God's law is perfect**

Genesis 11:1-9 - The tower of Babel is a story of people wanting to build their own kingdom, excluding God.  
Psalm 19:7-8 - The law of the Lord is perfect; the statutes of the Lord are trustworthy.  
Psalm 66:11-9 - God rules the nations.  
Exodus 20 - The Ten Commandments  
Esther - A story of God's hand in ruling a nation.  
Exodus - God's rule won over Pharaoh's rule.  
Matthew 2 - Jesus was born as King  
John 12:12-19 - The triumphal entry.  
John 18:28-38 - Jesus on trial for being King.  
Acts 1:6-10 - Jesus will return as King.  
Psalm 47 - God is King of all the earth.  
Isaiah 9:6-7 - He will govern and reign.  
Romans 13:1-7 - Pray for those in authority.

# God is a Powerful Protector

## God protects us from danger

Psalm 91 - Angels protect us  
Psalm 23 - The Lord is my Shepherd  
Ephesians 6:10-18 - The armour of God  
2 Kings 6 - Elisha and God's army of angels  
Psalm 4:8 - God makes us dwell in safety  
Psalm 27 - The Lord is my light, whom shall I fear?  
Isaiah 41:10 - Fear no for I am with you.  
Isaiah 43:10 - You will walk through the fire and not be burned.  
Daniel 3 - Three men in the fiery furnace.  
Acts 5:29 - We ought to obey God rather than men.

## God protects us when we are walking in his will

Daniel 3 - Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego  
Daniel 6 - Daniel in the lion's den  
Psalm 4:8 - God will keep me safe.  
Psalm 37:39-40 - The Lord protects the righteous in times of trouble.  
Psalm 46 - God is with us.  
Luke 8:22-25 - Jesus protected His disciples in the storm.  
Psalm 27:1 - The Lord protects me from all danger. I will never be afraid.  
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## The blood of Jesus provides healing and protection

Hebrews 13:20 - The blood of Jesus began the agreement that God made with His people.  
Luke 22:7-20 - Cup of the new covenant in Jesus' blood poured out for us; protection from sin, Satan and eternal alienation from God.  
Ephesians 1:7 - In Him we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of our sins, according to the riches of His grace.  
Exodus 7-12 - God rescues His people from slavery; the blood over the door posts gave protection from the angel of death.  
John 3:16 - God's rescue plan for us.  
Psalm 91 - No plague shall come near your dwelling.  
Deuteronomy 7:12,15; Exodus 15:26 - If you pay attention to my commands I will put none of these diseases upon you. I am the Lord who heals you.  
Leviticus 22:4 - 8 - Ceremonial health laws concerning infectious skin disease, touching a dead body, eating of meat torn by wild animals. These laws were given for the protection of the Jews, long before other cultures knew that disease was passed on by germs, carried by blood, and transferred from animal to man.

## God is our guiding light

Psalm 27:1-14 - The Lord is my light...I will not be afraid.  
Acts 27 & 28 - God protected Paul during the shipwreck. God protects him from drowning and protects him from effect of the snake bite.  
Matthew 16:18 - Protection from snakes and poisons.  
Luke 8:24 - Jesus protected the disciples during the storm.  
Isaiah 43:1-2 - Fear not.

Psalm 32:7; Psalm 27:5 - Protection in times of trouble.  
2 Kings 4:38-41 - Protection from effects of a poisonous plant.  
Acts 16:6 - God protects Paul and Silas and rescues them from jail.  
Psalm 56:3 - When you are afraid, trust in the Lord.  
John 8:12 - Jesus, the light of the world.  
Matthew 7:24-27 - The house on the rock was protected from the storm.  
Exodus 13:21-22 God guided the Israelites by a cloud by day and provided fire (light) by night

### **God is our shelter**

Psalm 27:4-14 - Shelter in the house of the Lord.  
Psalm 56:3 - Trust in God when you are afraid.  
Psalm 4:8 - God will keep us safe.  
Psalm 17:8; Psalm 32:5 - God is a shelter for us.  
Esther 1-10 - God used Esther to protect His people.  
Ephesians 6:10-18 - The armour of God  
James 4:7 - Resist the devil  
Proverbs 18:10; Psalm 18:2; Psalm 61:13 - God is a strong tower; a fortress.  
Proverbs 30:5 - God is our shield  
Psalm 18:30-36; Psalm 61:3 - God is our protector.  
Jeremiah 16:19; Psalm 46:1 - God is our refuge  
Psalm 121:5-8 - The Lord watches over you

### **God is our refuge and strength**

Psalm 46 - God is our refuge and our strength, an ever-present help in the time of trouble.  
2 Samuel 22:2 & 32; Psalm 18:30-36; Psalm 31:3; Psalm 71:3; Psalm 89:26;  
Psalm 91:5 - God is a rock  
2 Samuel 22:33 - It is God who arms me with strength  
Proverbs 18:10; Psalm 61:13 - God is a strong tower  
Exodus 7-14 - God set the Israelites free, and by His strength He held back the Red Sea.  
Judges 6-8 - Through His power God used Gideon to set the Israelites free.  
Joshua 6 - The walls of Jericho. God's power is greater than man's strength.  
Joshua 10 - By His strength and power God caused the sun to stand still.  
Luke 1:37 - Nothing is impossible with God.

### **God sends angels to protect us from harm and evil**

Psalm 91 - Angels protect us  
2 Kings 6 - Elisha and God's army of angels  
Isaiah 41:10 7 43:1-2 - Fear not  
Acts 12:1-9 - An angel saves Peter  
Psalm 4:8 - God makes us dwell in safety  
Proverbs 3:5-6 - Trust in the Lord with all your heart.  
Isaiah 31:5 - The Lord protects Jerusalem.  
Isaiah 54:10 - Though the mountains be shaken and the hills be removed, yet my unfailing love for you will not be shaken.

### **Protection through obedience**

Exodus 17:8-13 - Joshua's army overcame the Amalakites as long as Moses held up his hands. Aaron and Hur held up the hands of Moses until sunset.

This is a symbol for us. Pointing upward to God wins the battle.

Exodus 20:1-17 - The Ten Commandments are God's rules for our protection.

Colossians 3:20 - Children obey your parents.

1 Peter 1:14 - Be obedient to God.

Deuteronomy 11:22 - Obey faithfully all the laws I have given you.

Jonah 1 - Jonah went in the opposite direction to get away from the Lord.

Psalms 119:9-11 - Obey God's word.

Psalms 119:105 - God's word is a lamp to our feet.

Matthew 7:24-27 - The house on the rock.

Psalms 121:1,2 - Where does my help come from?

### **Our responsibility to protect God's creation**

Genesis 1 - The creation

Genesis 1:28 - Rule over the fish of the sea, the birds of the air and every living creature.

Genesis 2:19 - Now the Lord had formed out of the ground all the beasts of the field and the birds of the air. He brought them to the man to see what he would name them; and whatever the man called each living creature, that was its name.

Psalms 150 - Praise the Lord, all living creatures.

Psalms 148:9-13 - Let the creation praise the Lord.

Psalms 65:9-13 - Care for the land

# God is a Humble Servant

## **Jesus, the willing and obedient servant**

John 12:26 - Jesus said, "Whoever wants to serve me must follow me."

Joshua 24:15 - As for me and my house, we will serve the Lord.

Luke 2:41-52 - A visit to the temple - Jesus obeyed His Heavenly Father.

John 2:1-11 - Jesus helped as his mother asked and helped the hosts at the wedding.

1 Samuel 3 - The boy Samuel served in the temple. He obeyed Eli, and also obeyed God.

Ephesians 6:1 - Children, obey your parents in the Lord.

Luke 4: 1-13 - Jesus, when tempted by Satan, obeyed God.

John 13:3-5 - Jesus washed the disciples' feet.

Galatians 5:13 - In love, serve one another.

Matthew 20:20-28 - If you want to be great, then you must be a servant.

Isaiah 1:19 - Be willing and obedient.

## **Going the extra mile**

Matthew 5:41-42 - The extra mile

John 15:13 - Laying down one's life for his friends.

Ephesians 6:7 - Serve wholeheartedly.

Matthew 8:14-17 - Jesus healed Peter's mother, even when he felt too tired to do any more work.

Luke 18:10-28 - Jesus healed a crippled woman.

Galatians 6:2 - Carry one another's burdens.

Luke 10:30-37 - The Good Samaritan served the wounded man, even when he may have been looked down on for helping someone from an opposing country.

## **Jesus, the healing servant**

The healing miracles of Jesus:

John 9:1-34 - The man born blind

John 5:1-18 - The man at the pool

Luke 8:43-48 - The woman who touched the hem of His garment

Luke 5:18-25 - Through the roof

Luke 6:6-10 - Jesus heals a paralyzed hand

Mark 10:46-52 - Blind Bartimaeus receives sight

Matthew 4:23 - Jesus healed all kinds of diseases

Luke 4:18 - He has chosen me to bring good news to the poor and recovery of sight to the blind...

Luke 6:17-18 - They had come to hear Him and to be healed of their diseases.

Matthew 14:14 - He was filled with pity for them and healed those who were ill.

Matthew 9:35-36 - Jesus healed people with every kind of disease.

Revelation 22:3 - The leaves of the tree are for healing of the nations

## **Jesus showed compassion**

1 Corinthians 13:4 - Love is patient and kind.

Ephesians 4:32 - Be kind to one another.

2 Samuel 4 & 9 - King David showed kindness to the lame prince, Mephibosheth, and allowed him to live in his house.  
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### **Be faithful in little things/ serving with talents**

Matthew 25:14-29 - Parable of the talents  
Luke 6:10 - Be faithful in little things  
Luke 12:35-47 - Be faithful in doing what Jesus wants us to do.  
Acts 8:1-4 - The disciples continued to be faithful in the face of danger.  
Acts 1-2 - The disciples received power to work for Jesus.  
1 Corinthians 12 - Spiritual gifts  
Matthew 5:15 - Don't hide your light under a bushel.  
Luke 18:9-14 - The rich man and the tax collector, (pride versus humility).  
Luke 14:7-11 - Don't make yourself important.  
Matthew 20:20-28; Mark 10:35-45 - A servant of all

### **Using God's power in reaching the world**

Matthew 28:18-20 - Jesus said, "All power in heaven and on earth is given to me. So go and make disciples of all nations..."  
Mark 16:14-20 - "Go into all the world..."  
Acts 1:8; Acts 2 - The disciples receive power.  
Acts 3 - Peter and John demonstrate power.  
Acts 13:4-12 - Barnabas and Paul demonstrate power.  
Luke 4:18; 7:22 - Jesus came to bring the Good News  
Romans 10:14; Ephesians 6:15 - Feet to spread the Good News  
1 Corinthians 12 - The gifts of the Holy Spirit

### **Serve without complaining**

1 Peter 4:8-11 - Each one should use whatever gift he has to serve others.  
John 13:4-5 - Jesus washed the disciple's feet.  
Luke 16:10 - Be faithful in little things.  
Matthew 5:14 - Christians are lights to the world.  
Luke 12:35-47 - Faithfulness in serving Jesus.  
Matthew 16:24 - Take up your cross.

### **Spreading the Good News**

Matthew 28:16-20 - Go and make disciples of all nations...I am with you always.  
Mark 16:15-18 - Go into all the world and preach the Good News...and these signs will accompany those who believe.  
John 14:12 - You will do greater things.  
Acts 8:26-40 - Philip shares the Good News with an Ethiopian.  
Acts 16:6-15 - A call from Macedonia.  
Acts 19:23-41 - Trouble at Ephesus  
Acts 7:51-60 - Stephen gives his life for Jesus.  
2 Timothy 1:11-12 - Paul made sacrifices to serve.  
Hebrews 13:15-16; 1 Peter 2:5 - Sacrifices we can make.

Ephesians 5:2 - Jesus gave Himself up for us.  
Revelation 2:10 - Faithfulness to the end

# God is our Redeemer, Life and Peace

## **Jesus, the resurrection and the life**

Psalm 150 - Praise the Lord, all living creatures.

Genesis 2:7 - God gave life to man.

Acts 17:28 - In Him we live and move and exist.

Matthew 9:9-12; Mark 2:13-17; Luke 5:27-32; John 1:43-50 - Jesus called the disciples to a new life.

John 5:24-25; John 6:53-54 - Eternal life.

John 11:25 - Jesus, the resurrection and the life.

## **God is the sustainer of life**

John 15 - The Vine

Matthew 4:4 - Man shall not live by bread alone.

John 6:47-58 - Jesus, the bread of life.

John 4 - Jesus, the living water

1 Peter 2:2 - God's word as our spiritual food.

John 1:2 & 14 - Jesus is the Word

## **God is eternal/Lord and King**

Matthew 1:18-24; Matthew 2:1-12; Luke 1:1-21 - The Birth of Jesus

Galatians 4:4 - When the right time finally came, God sent His own Son. He came as the son of a human mother...so we might become God's sons.

Isaiah 9:6-7 - He will govern and reign.

Acts 1:6-10 - Just as Jesus ascended into heaven, He will return as King.

Ecclesiastes 3:1-8 - There is a time for everything, and a season for every activity under heaven.

Ecclesiastes 3:11 - He has made everything beautiful in His time.

Psalm 102:12-16 - The appointed time for rebuilding Zion

Genesis 1 - The creation

Joshua 10 - The day the sun stood still. (God has control over time).

## **God gives abundant life**

John 7:37-39 - Rivers of living water

John 4:5-30 - The woman at the well.

Ezekiel 47, Revelation 22 - The river of Life

Revelation 7:13-17 - Robes washed in the blood of the Lamb

Exodus 17:1-7 - Water from a rock

John 14:26 - The Holy Spirit

Acts 10:44-48, Acts 11:15-17 - The promise of the Holy Spirit is for us.

Jeremiah 17:13 - The Lord is a spring of living water.

Zechariah 14:6-9 - Living water flowing out of Jerusalem

Psalm 1:1-3 - Those who obey the Lord are like trees that grow beside a stream.

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Isaiah 9:6-7 - He will govern and reign.  
Luke 2 - Birth of Christ  
John 19-20 - The crucifixion  
Acts - The apostles take the gospel to other lands  
Acts 1:6-10; Matthew 16:27; Matthew 24 & 25 - The second coming of Christ

### **God is a reconciler**

Romans 3:23; 5:8; 6:23 - When people sin they are separated from God. Sin forms a barrier between people and God.  
Colossians 1:20 - Christ's death on the cross broke the barrier.  
Ephesians 2:14 - He is our peace. He has broken down the wall.  
Romans 5:1; 1 John 1:9 - If we ask Jesus to forgive us, and we have faith in God, we can have peace with God.  
Matthew 5:9 - Blessed are the peace-makers  
Matthew 5:21-23 - Make peace with your brother.  
Mark 9:50; 1 Thessalonians 5:13 - Peace with one another.  
Psalm 2; Ephesians 2:22; Romans 10:12-21 - Peace for nations.  
Romans 12:17 - Don't repay evil for evil.  
Romans 12:18-21 - Don't take revenge.  
Matthew 5:38-42 - Don't fight back.  
Matthew 5:38-42 - Love your enemies.  
Luke 10:25-37 - The Good Samaritan  
Matthew 26:50-56; Luke 23:34 - Jesus set the example

### **God is Saviour**

Matthew 28:16-20; Mark 16:14-20 - The Great Commission  
Romans 10:14; Ephesians 6:15 - Feet to spread the Good News  
John 14:6-7 - Jesus, the Way, the Truth, the Life  
1 Corinthians 7:23 - We were bought with a price  
Romans 5:10 - We were God's enemies, but He made us His friends through His death on the cross.  
John 3:16 - For God so loved the world that He gave His only Son.  
Romans 1:20 - God's invisible qualities - His eternal power and divine nature - have been clearly seen.  
Ecclesiastes 3:11 - He has set eternity in the hearts of men.  
Acts 13 & 14 - Paul and Barnabas spread the Good News  
Acts 16 - Timothy, Paul and Silas  
Acts 17 - Paul in Athens - 'to the Unknown God'  
Acts 19 - Paul in Ephesus