

How to Write Devotions for Children

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1. How do you write devotions for children or adults?

Answer: Use the Hook, Book, Look, and Took Method

2. How do you write Hook the reader?

Answer: Use a shocking statement or story to *hook* your reader.

3. What does Book mean?

Answer: Use a Bible verse to interpret the key point or theme you want to present.

4. What does LOOK mean?

Answer: Apply the story to the reader's life.

5. What does TOOK mean?

Answer: Lead the reader to a decision, an action, or a challenge.

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Keys for Kids

- Consider magazine articles and Bible School Curriculum

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DEVOTIONS TO STUDY from Devokids.com

Directions

Read through the devotions and highlight the H,B,L,T

Notice the language used.

Check word count.

Then Jesus saw a poor widow. She put two small copper coins into the box. He said, "I tell you the truth. This poor widow gave only two small coins. But she really gave more than all those rich people."

Luke 21:2-3 (International Children's Bible)

by Sandra Hart

If you saw someone put two pennies into the offering basket, you might not think they gave a big gift to God.

Jesus saw a woman put two small coins into the temple money box. He told his friends that she had given more than the rich people. Even though it was a small amount, she gave all she had.

When I was a teenager, I felt badly when I put a quarter in the offering. My babysitting job only provided two or three dollars a week. Twenty-five cents was hard for me to give, but others around me didn't know. I felt ashamed that I couldn't give more.

Jesus didn't want me to feel ashamed. He had watched rich people give a lot of money, but He said that the widow gave more. He was pleased with her gift.

God loves a cheerful giver. The amount doesn't matter to Him as much as way the gift is given. If we give because we love God, He is pleased.

He's Got Your Back

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*The Lord himself goes before you and will be with you;
he will never leave you nor forsake you. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged.*

Deuteronomy 31:8 (NIV)

Are you going through a really tough time right now? Do you feel all alone? We've all been there, but none of us has been there quite like Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego. Remember those guys? They were the ones who refused to bow down to anyone other than God, and they were thrown into the fiery furnace for their faithfulness. As if that weren't bad enough, the king was so mad because they wouldn't bow down to his image of gold that he heated the furnace seven times hotter than usual. Yikes!

But the fearless threesome didn't let the fiery furnace shake their faith. They said, "If we are thrown into the blazing furnace, the God we serve is able to save us from it, and he will rescue us from your hand, O king."

In other words, they were saying, "Hey, we know that God has got our back, and even if we have to face the fire, we're cool with that because God will be with us through it all." And they were exactly right. God did go through the flames with them. When the king looked into the furnace, he saw *four* men walking around—unharméd! God went through it with them. And when the king told Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego to come out of the furnace, they walked out without any burns. In fact, they didn't even smell like smoke!

So, no matter what kind of problem you're facing today, God has got your back. He promises to go through the fire with you. And when you come through this situation, you won't even smell like smoke!

EXTRA STUFF: Read Daniel chapter 3 and find out how God came through for Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego.

GOD TALK: *Father, thank You for promising to never leave me. I know that You will help me in my times of trouble. I love You, Lord. Amen.*

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“Come, follow me,” Jesus said . . .

Matthew 4:19 NIV

by Andrea Merrell

Who is your best friend? Who do you hang out with the most? Are your friends the “right” kind of friends?

Everyone needs friends and Jesus was no exception. He probably had lots of friends while he was growing up,

but when he got older and started His ministry, He had twelve close friends that He called disciples.

A disciple is someone who agrees with the beliefs and teachings of another person.

Jesus was the leader and His disciples followed Him. They helped Jesus minister to people who were sick or needed help. They also told others about God’s love.

Are you the leader in your group of friends, or do you follow after someone else?

If you’re the leader, are you a good influence on those who are following you?

When people are watching you and doing what you do, it’s important for you to set a good example.

If you’re following someone else who’s not a good example and they are leading you to say and do things

that are not pleasing to God, it’s time to find a new leader.

Jesus is the best leader you could ever follow. He will never lead you in the wrong direction and He will always help you along the way.

Whether you’re a leader or a follower, Jesus wants to be your very best friend.

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