

Impact Kids WEEK 1

GOOD NEWS DEVOTION

Impact Kids Presents the Heart of Impact Good News Kids Daily Devotional! Read the key verse and thought each day and see how many of the activities you can do each week!

**Day 1**

Act 13:22 And when He had removed him, He raised up for them David as king, to whom also He gave testimony and said, 'I HAVE FOUND DAVID THE SON OF JESSE, A MAN AFTER MY OWN HEART, WHO WILL DO ALL MY WILL.'

This bible verse tells us that King David was a man after God's heart. But what does that even mean? Well when someone says "You are a man after my own heart" they are saying that you have the same interests or values, you think the same things are important. For example I LOVE chocolate, so if you LOVE chocolate then I can say that you are a kid after my own heart because we both LOVE chocolate!

When we think about God we know that he LOVES people and one way we can be like David and be "After God's own heart" is by loving people as well! Heart of Impact is all about loving God and loving people and showing others that God loves them! When we love God and love others we definitely are People After God's Own Heart!

Day 2

Eze 36:26 I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit within you; I will take the heart of stone out of your flesh and give you a heart of flesh.

Put your hand on your chest. Can you feel that? That's your heart. Keep your hand there and close your eyes - feel the beating of your heart, ba-bump....ba-bump....ba-bump. Your heart is the most important part of your body because it keeps you alive! As it beats, it pumps your blood all around your body. The shape of a love heart is a symbol of love. Love is the best emotion of all because if we feel love, it means that we have special people (family and friends) in our life.

When we believe in Jesus, He promises to give us a new heart. This does not mean that God replaces the heart that beats in our chest. Instead, it means that God helps us to change our attitudes and our behaviour so that we can be more like Him - loving, kind, helpful, generous and compassionate. Every day, try to love others like God loves us - with ALL your heart!

Day 3

Mark 16:14 Later He appeared to the eleven as they sat at the table; and He rebuked their unbelief and hardness of heart, because they did not believe those who had seen Him after He had risen

Sometimes in the Bible, we read that people can have "hard hearts". These verses aren't talking about the physical condition of the hearts that beat in our chest - instead, these verses are talking about people's attitudes and actions. Sometimes, when unfair or bad things happen, we can start to feel sad, disappointed and grumpy. When we feel like this, we may not want to talk or be around other people because we are so miserable. But this is when we need Jesus the most. Jesus is always with us - when we're happy, He's there; when we're afraid, he is there; when we're sad, He is there. He is ALWAYS ready to help us. So next time you feel sad or grumpy, pray to Jesus and ask Him to help you until you begin to feel more like your happy self again - don't shut Him out when you need Him the most!

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Day 4

1Kings 18:21 And Elijah came to all the people, and said, "How long will you falter between two opinions? If the LORD is God, follow Him; but if Baal, follow him." But the people answered him not a word.

Sometimes, you have to make decisions - "Shall I wear red socks or green socks?"; "Do I want pasta for dinner or pizza?"; "Shall I play with lego or play minecraft?"

Every day, you make lots of decisions and it's important that you think about your choices and make the best decision for you. It's great when you make a right decision but it can be hard if you make a wrong choice. For example, when you decide you don't need your jacket but then it starts to rain whilst you are out!

Today's key verse is about making a decision about believing in God. This is one decision where you can't afford to make the wrong choice! If you know God is real and you believe in Him, your life should reflect this. If you've not yet made this decision, why not spend some time now thinking about it. If you decide that you believe in God, make sure you ask Him into your heart, to be your very best friend. Remember, He loves you with a love that will last forever and you can trust Him.

Day 5

Exodus 35:5 Take from among you an offering to the LORD. Whoever is of a willing heart, let him bring it as an offering to the LORD: gold, silver, and bronze;

It can be so exciting when someone gives us a gift! It makes us feel happy to know that someone loves us!

Have you ever heard the saying, "It is better to give than to receive". This means that although it can feel good when something is given to us, it is more kind & generous when you're the one who gives to others. God gives us lots of good things.

We have families who love us; homes to keep us safe & warm; food & drink to keep us healthy & full; a beautiful world to live in; a home in heaven forever! Did you know, we can give something special to God too! We can give Him our time & energy by helping out in some way at church or in our community; we can give Him our talents by using them in a good way to bless others; we can give Him some of our money by giving to this years Heart of Impact. Whatever you give to God, give it with happiness & love!

Day 6

John 16:20 Most assuredly, I say to you that you will weep and lament, but the world will rejoice; and you will be sorrowful, but your sorrow will be turned into joy.

Sometimes, things can happen that make us feel sad and sorrowful. For example, if a much loved pet dies, we can feel heart broken and we miss them very much. Or if our favourite toy gets lost or broken, it can be very upsetting and our feelings can be very hurt.

During sad times, it can feel like we'll never be happy again. But as difficult as these times can be, Jesus promises to turn our sadness into joy! You see, feelings of happiness, sadness, anger or excitement are all part of normal life and no matter what happens to us, God is always there. Even if we can't feel Him, I promise you, He is definitely there. So, when life makes us sad, we can trust in Jesus and believe that He has a plan for our lives that will see us succeed. His plans for us are good because God Himself is good!

Day 7

1Ch 29:17 I know also, my God, that You test the heart and have pleasure in uprightness. As for me, in the uprightness of my heart I have willingly offered all these things; and now with joy I have seen Your people, who are present here to offer willingly to You.

Have you ever had to go to the doctor because you were sick? Sometimes, the doctor may decide that you need some tests to see how healthy you are. The doctor might decide that you need a blood test or an xray to see what is happening inside your body. Then, when you know what is wrong, you can do something about it - like taking some medicine or eating more vegetables!

Well, sometimes God likes to test your attitudes to see what is going on inside your heart and your mind. The test might be a nasty named shouted at you at recess - how do you respond?

Do you respond with more nasty names or do you choose to walk away and find an adult to help you? Another test might be that Mum has said "No" to eating lollies - how do you respond? Do you eat some secretly and hope she doesn't find out or do you respect her instruction even though you're disappointed? It really pleases God when we respond to such tests by doing the right thing and behaving in a good way - will God be pleased with you today if you face such tests?

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Some Activities & Ideas for you to do at home. How many can you do this week?
Have fun!!

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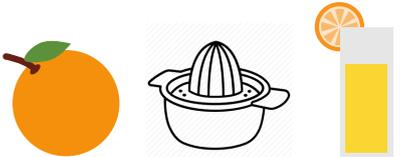
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MAKE

Freshly squeezed Orange Juice!
 You will need:
 * around 4-6 Oranges
 * A Squeezer

WHAT TO DO:
 * Use your squeezer to squeeze the juice out of your oranges.
 * Pour the juice into a cup
 * Add some ice cubes
 * Share with someone you love!



DO

* Do one thing this week that makes someone else smile. Something that shows them that they are important and valued.



* Do 30 minutes of Active time outside EVERYDAY
 - Choose from one of the following options -
 # Bike or Scooter ride
 # Balls games with family or friends
 # Go for a bush walk with family or friends



* Do something this week that will help you get coins for your Heart of Impact gift.

READ

Read a chapter of Psalms each day.

DAY 1: Psalm 1

DAY 2: Psalm 3

DAY 3: Psalm 4

DAY 4: Psalm 5

DAY 5: Psalm 8

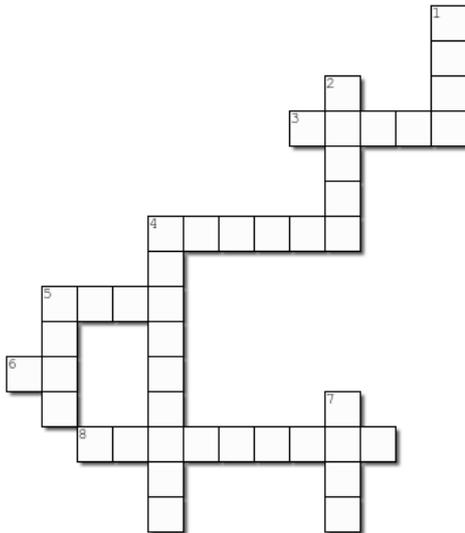
DAY 6: Psalm 9

DAY 7: Psalm 14

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What is one thing you have learnt this week?



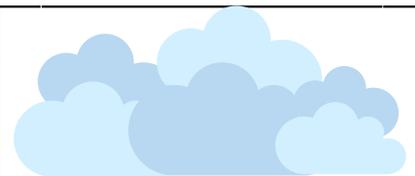
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- 3. The Good News is all about _____
- 4. The name of our Church
- 5. Opposite of Bad
- 6. Heart __ Impact
- 8. The country we live in

Down

- 1. Tell people the Good _____
- 2. An organ in your body
- 4. The country the 2 Children's Homes are located
- 5. You give someone a _____
- 7. The opposite of an Adult

GO



* Go outside and look at the cloud, tell God all the things you are thankful for.

* Go for a walk to pick some flowers, GIVE the flowers to someone you love!



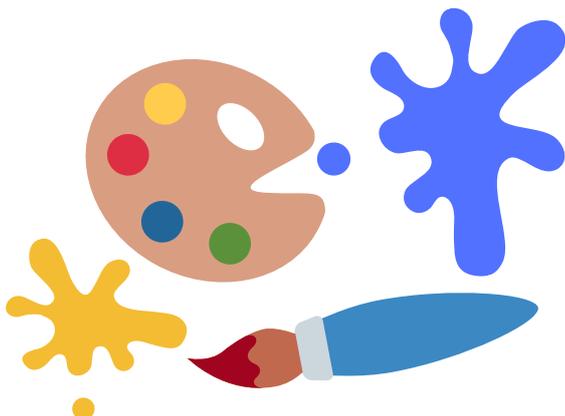
CREATE

PAINTING!

Paint a picture of people, places or things that you love.

When you are finished your painting show a family member or friend and tell them what you love and why!

See if you have anything you love in common with them. (If you do you can say "You are a man after my own heart!")



PRAY

DAY 1: Dear God, thank you that you love me. Help me to love you, love others & have a heart like yours. In Jesus name I pray, AMEN

DAY 2: Dear God, thank you that you are a good God, help me remember that you're always with me. In Jesus name I pray, AMEN

DAY 3: Dear God, please help me to pray to you when I am sad or grumpy. thank you that you give me joy. In Jesus name I pray, AMEN

DAY 4: Dear God, thank you that you love me. I believe in you and want to be my best friend. In Jesus name I pray, AMEN

DAY 5: Dear God, thank you that you have given me so much! Please help me to use what I have to give to you. In Jesus name I pray, AMEN

DAY 6: Dear God, thank you that you have good plans for my life. Please help me to trust you. In Jesus name I pray, AMEN

DAY 7: Dear God, thank you that you love me. Please help me to do the right thing and make wise choices. In Jesus name I pray, AMEN