

My Quiet Time

This belongs to:

As you **READ** the Bible this week,
THINK about these things:

- God made me to have a special relationship with Him.
- My greatest joy will come from knowing and loving God.
- I can learn more about God by spending time with Him in His Word.



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Week #3

Key Verse

2 Timothy 2:3

"You therefore must **endure hardship**
as a good soldier of Jesus Christ."



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DAY - 1

This verse reminds us that life is not easy. **God allows hard things to happen to each of us**, even to those who know Jesus as their Savior from sin.

Think of a time when something hard happened to you. Maybe there was a **bully** at school, or your mom or dad **lost their job**, or you got in **trouble** for something you didn't do. When that hard thing happened, what did you do?

- Got angry
- Complained about how it wasn't fair
- Asked God to help me to trust Him

Spend time thinking about what God would want you to do when hard things happen. We will learn more about that tomorrow!

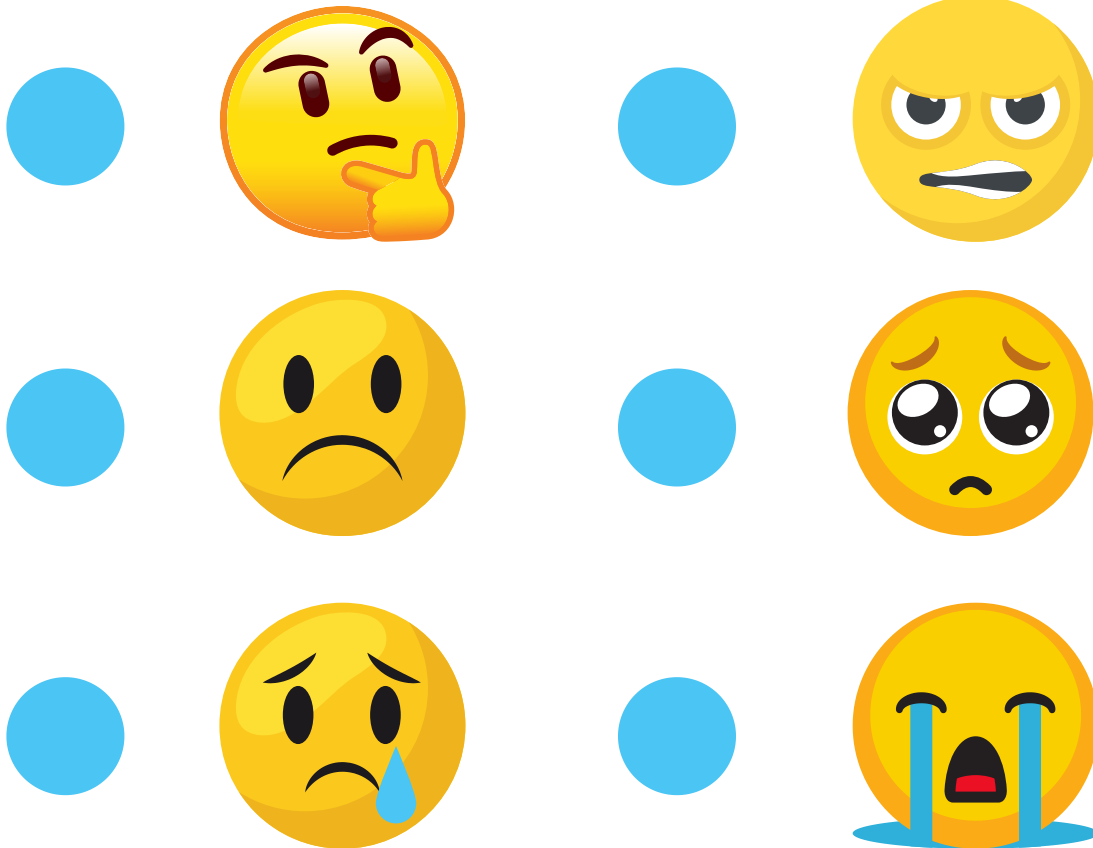


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Many times we get angry, complain, or have a bad attitude when things don't go our way. Maybe you even wondered why God would allow bad or hard things to happen to you.

How does it make you feel when hard things happen to you? [Check all that apply.]



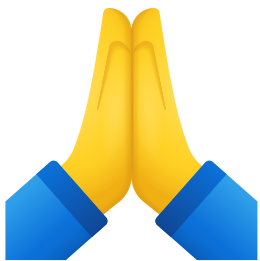
There are lots of reasons God allows hard things to happen. Sometimes it's to make us more like Him or to help us get to know Him better. We don't always know exactly why God allows hard things to happen, but this is what we do know:

"And we know that all things work together for **good** to them that **love** God..."

Romans 8:28



In this verse, God promises that if you know Jesus as your Savior from sin, **He is working everything together in your life for your good.** Even the hard things!



Pray! Ask God to help you to trust Him, even when hard things happen.



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If you know Jesus as your Savior, one hard thing that may happen to you is people may laugh at you or make fun of you for believing in Jesus and obeying Him. Have you ever had someone laugh at you for that before? Think about how that made you feel. Write about it below:



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DAY - 3

When others laughed at you, you might have gotten embarrassed or stopped standing up for Jesus.

This week's verse encourages us as **"good soldiers"** to **"endure hardship."** Soldiers in the army don't give up or run away when hard things happen. The same should be true for you and me.

When hard things happen, you **keep doing what is right, keep standing up for Jesus, and don't run away.**



Pray. Ask God to help you be a "good soldier" and stand up for Him, even when it is not easy.



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DAY - 4

Did you know there are people right now all over the world who lose their jobs, are thrown in prison, and are even beaten because **they stand up for Jesus?**

When that happens to someone, we call it **persecution.**

What do we call it when someone suffers for Jesus?

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Spend time today praying for Christians all over the world who are persecuted because **they stand up for Jesus.** They are showing us what it looks like to be a "**good soldier.**"

- Ask God to help them to "endure hardship" and not give up.
- Ask God to protect them and keep them safe.



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DAY - 5

Look back at the **KEY VERSE** on DAY 1. Try to memorize it. Then write it on the lines below. Ask God to make you a good soldier for Him.

2 Timothy 2:3

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