



ABOVE — GUARD YOUR HEART. LAUNCH YOUR FAITH.

A 7-Day Devotional for Campers (Ages 6-9)

THE GOSPEL — THE HEART OF THE MISSION

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We are not born ready for this mission. Scripture teaches that sin has corrupted the human heart (Romans 3:23). Jesus, the Son of God, took our place on the cross and rose again (1 Corinthians 15:3-4). When we repent and trust Him, God makes us new (2 Corinthians 5:17), gives us a new heart and Spirit (Ezekiel 36:26-27), and brings us into His family and purpose. The mission begins with surrender to Jesus as Lord.

All we have to do is:

Admit that we are sinners and need Jesus.

Believe that Jesus died and rose again to save us.

Commit to following Him as the leader of our life.

When we follow Christ, we join His crew aboard the mission of a lifetime, guided by our Commander toward the final destination—eternal life with Him.

Are you ready to report for duty on God's mission above? The engines are primed—say YES and launch with Jesus today!

DAY 1 — MISSION LAUNCH

Mission Code: 01 • Mission Status: ACTIVE •

Mission Objective: Begin with new life in Christ.

Mission Briefing — 2 Corinthians 5:17 “**If anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation.**” Launch begins with conversion—turning from sin and trusting Jesus. You don’t bolt from the pad by your own power; God makes you new. This new identity sets your trajectory.

DEVOTIONAL THOUGHT:

Apart from Jesus, we circle the same old sins. In Christ, God lights the engines: new heart, new desires, new direction. Today, settle the question: Are you in Christ? The mission starts there.

Mission Debrief:

1. Have you personally trusted Jesus?
2. What old “orbits” (habits) need to end?
3. What’s a concrete next step of obedience today?

Mission Prayer: Lord Jesus, thank You for making me new. I surrender my heart and direction to You. Amen.

Transmission Reminder: Guard your new heart—Proverbs 4:23.

DAY 2 — PRE-FLIGHT CHECK

Mission Code: 02 • Mission Status: ACTIVE

Mission Objective: Guard what enters the heart

Mission Briefing — Psalm 119:11 “I have stored up your word in my heart, that I might not sin against you.”

DEVOTIONAL THOUGHT:

Before launch, crews check every system to ensure they're ready for the challenges ahead. As our Commander, God calls us to do the same — to examine our hearts and store His Word deep within us. That way, when temptation alarms sound, truth responds first. Guarding your heart isn't fear—it's wisdom.

Mission Debrief:

1. What media or voices slip past your “security gate”?
2. Which verse will you memorize this week?
3. What filter practice will you start (time limits, music choices, friend input)?

Mission Prayer: Father, write Your Word on my heart. Help me guard the inputs of my life. Amen.

Transmission Reminder: Input shapes output—guard the wellspring (Prov. 4:23).

DAY 3 — FUEL SYSTEMS ONLINE

Mission Code: 03 • Mission Status: ACTIVE

Mission Objective: Feed on God's Word daily

Mission Briefing — Matthew 4:4 “Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.”

DEVOTIONAL THOUGHT:

No ship flies on empty. Jesus Himself lived by Scripture. Regular intake (read, reflect, respond) fuels endurance and joy.

Mission Debrief

1. When and where will you read today?
2. What is one truth to obey now?
3. Who is your accountability “crew member”?

Mission Prayer: Lord, feed my heart with Your Word. Make my desires align with Yours. Amen.

Transmission Reminder: Full tanks fly straight.

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DAY 4 — GROUND CONTROL TO GOD

Mission Code: 04 • Mission Status: ACTIVE

Mission Objective: Stay in constant prayer

Mission Briefing — Philippians 4:6-7 “**Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. 7 And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.**” Prayer replaces anxiety with God’s peace as we bring everything to Him.

DEVOTIONAL THOUGHT:

Communication links keep missions safe. Prayer keeps your heart synced with your Commander. Bring Him your fears, friends, and choices. His peace guards your heart like a protective shield.

Mission Debrief:

1. What worries need to be transmitted to God?
2. How will you pray “in everything” today?
3. Where have you seen His peace guard you?

Mission Prayer: God, I bring You everything. Guard my heart with Your peace in Christ. Amen.

Transmission Reminder: Stay on comms; stay guarded.

DAY 5 — STAY IN ORBIT

Mission Code: 05 • Mission Status: ACTIVE

Mission Objective: Resist the world’s gravity

Mission Briefing — Romans 12:2 “**Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind.**”

DEVOTIONAL THOUGHT:

The world pulls like gravity—conform, copy, blend in. God renews your mind so you hold a higher orbit. Different isn’t weird; it’s worship.

Mission Debrief

1. Where do you feel the strongest pull to conform?
2. What truth will you use to counter that pull?
3. What friend can help you hold altitude?

Mission Prayer: Transform my mind, Lord. Keep me above the world’s pull. Amen.

Transmission Reminder: Renewed minds keep steady orbits.

DAY 6 — COURSE CORRECTION

Mission Code: 06 • Mission Status: ACTIVE

Mission Objective: Practice repentance and realignment

Mission Briefing — 1 John 1:9 “**If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.**”

DEVOTIONAL THOUGHT

Even good pilots drift. Humble confession is a gift from God—He forgives and realigns. Repentance isn’t a crash; it’s a correction.

Mission Debrief

1. Where have you drifted this week?
2. What will confession look like today (to God, to a trusted leader)?
3. What safeguard will you add for next time?

Mission Prayer: Faithful God, cleanse me and set my course to obey You. Amen.

Transmission Reminder: Real correction restores direction.

DAY 7 — MISSION COMPLETE (AND CONTINUING)

Mission Code: 07 • Mission Status: ACTIVE

Mission Objective: Live steadfast for what lasts

Mission Briefing — 1 Corinthians 15:58 “**Therefore, my dear brothers and sisters, stand firm. Let nothing move you. Always give yourselves fully to the work of the Lord, because you know that your labor in the Lord is not in vain.**”

DEVOTIONAL THOUGHT

God’s mission doesn’t end at camp. Steadfast hearts, guarded by truth, serve Christ until He calls us home. Nothing done for Jesus is wasted.

Mission Debrief

1. What “work of the Lord” will you abound in this week?
2. How will you guard your heart daily?
3. Who will you encourage to stay the course?

Mission Prayer: Lord, make me steadfast and useful to You. Keep my heart guarded and my hands ready. Amen.

Transmission Reminder: Eternal work. Eternal reward.

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AFTER CAMP RESOURCES:

Memory Verse of the Week

Proverbs 4:23 — Above all else, guard your heart, for everything you do flows from it.

Keep Your Heart in Orbit

You've just returned from launch — the mission at camp wasn't the destination; it was the ignition of a lifelong journey with Christ. Now your heart needs to stay in orbit, powered by faith and aligned with God's mission. Use the resources below to keep your spiritual trajectory upward.

Daily Checks & Controls

- Daily Comms: Before you launch each morning and before you power down each night, talk to your Mission Control — that's God. Start by saying, "Jesus, I'm orbiting with You today," and end with "Thank You, Lord, I'm safe in Your orbit tonight."
- Fuel Plan: Read one Psalm or one paragraph from a Gospel each day. Let the Word be your fuel, stabilizing your trajectory and keeping your heart aligned above earthly pulls.
- Crew Check-In: Meet weekly with a mentor, small group, or trusted fellow astronaut (friend) who can help you monitor your systems, fix any drift in your orbit, and celebrate your mission milestones.
- Shield Protocol: Activate practical shields: set boundaries around media (screens and social feeds), friends (influences), and your phone (distractions). These act like force-fields protecting your heart from debris and drift.

Serve Mission: Once each week, do an act of quiet service for Jesus. No countdown needed — just launch into an attitude of service, letting God use you in small ways that reflect the greatness of your Commander.

Other Mission Tools

- Visit the after-camp resources at the link below for further mission-control assets.

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