

Origin Story — When Our Story with God Begins

DAY 1

Read Genesis 28:15.

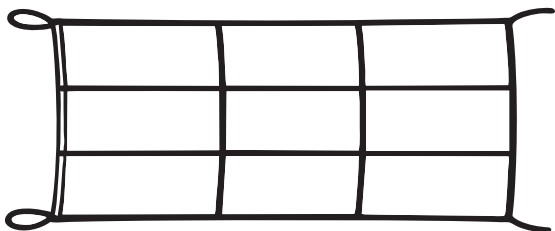
“I am with you. I will watch over you everywhere you go. And I will bring you back to this land. I will not leave you until I have done what I have promised you” (NirV).

God tells Jacob, “I am with you.” Jacob wasn’t perfect; at the moment he heard this, he was in a huge mess. But God says, “I am with you.” It’s comforting to hold onto this. Often, we can get so caught up in so many things in life that we actually forget that God is with us.



CAUGHT IN A NET

It’s easy to get focused on certain things and forget God is with us! In the spaces between the net, write down things that you get caught up in. It could be drama, a tablet or phone, games, fighting, worries, and much more.



Give those things over to God. Get out of the net and trust and remember that God is with you.

DAY 2

Read Romans 3:23.

“Everyone has sinned. No one measures up to God’s glory” (NirV).

What do I do when I sin? 1 John 1:9 says: “But God is faithful and fair. If we confess our sins, he will forgive our sins. He will forgive every wrong thing we have done. He will make us pure.”

If we confess our sins, God will then forgive them. Confess means to tell or make known. So basically, say it. You could even say something like this. “Lord, I have done _____. I’m so sorry. Would you forgive me?” He will make us clean.

Here’s a good example of what happens when God forgives us. Try this at home!

What you’ll need–

A dirty penny (or any dull/old coin)

Small bowl

Vinegar (or lemon juice)

A sprinkle of salt

Paper towel

Mix vinegar and salt in the bowl. Then drop the dirty penny in. Wait about 30 seconds. Take the penny out and wipe it off. The penny will look shiny and new again! God forgives us and makes our hearts clean, just like this penny!

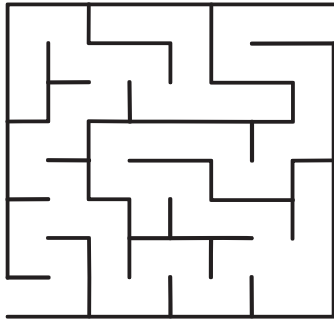
DAY 3

Read Proverbs 3:5–6.

“Trust in the Lord with all your heart. Do not depend on your own understanding. In all your ways obey him. Then he will make your paths smooth and straight” (NIRV).

Grab a paper and try to make a maze for a friend or family member to complete. See how hard it is for them to finish!

Here's an example!



Our life doesn't look exactly like the maze you drew. But sometimes, it can for sure feel like a maze! Have you ever thought, "I wonder what life will be like in 5 years, 10 years, 20 years!" You can wonder, but you really don't know until you live it.

Proverbs 3:5-6 is just so good! What is something that sticks out to you? Maybe you need to work on trusting, trusting with ALL your heart, not depending on your understanding, or simply obeying him.

Today, just know that God knows everything, so trust Him.

DAY 4

Read Joshua 1:9.

“Here is what I am commanding you to do. Be strong and brave. Do not be afraid. Do not lose hope. I am the Lord your God. I will be with you everywhere you go” (NIRV).

If you know Jesus as your Savior, trust that God is with you wherever you go. That's our reading for today! You can be strong and brave, you don't have to be afraid, and you can have hope because he is the Lord your God, and He is with you wherever you go!

THE TRAVEL BUDDY

When you go on trips, is there something you always bring with you? You just can't go without it. Maybe it's a stuffed animal or a toy. Here's the best news: God is the best and ultimate travel buddy! He goes with us everywhere!

On the suitcase, write down places God can be with you. It could be on the school bus, at home, at the dentist, on the playground, and so much more!



Trust that God is with you!

Trust God is with you.