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## Daily Reading Questions

Note: The questions were written from the wording in the NIV 1984. If you are using a different Bible translation, they may have to be adapted.

**Digging Deeper:** What happens when we thirst for God?

**Reading 1:** Psalm 63:1-8 We long for God with all of our soul.

What is the soul? How does a soul thirst for God? What is the body? How does a body long for God? What does it mean that God's love is better than life? What is the outcome of thirsting for God?

**Reading 2:** Psalm 42:1-5 In the midst of struggle we continue to seek God.

How does a deer pant for water? In what kind of situation was the writer of this Psalm? Did that change his view of God? What did it cause him to do? Why?

**Reading 3:** John 4:1-14 Jesus satisfies us with living water.

Why was the woman surprised that Jesus asked her for a drink? What did Jesus say he would give her if she asked? What is living water? How does living water satisfy thirst?

**Reading 4:** John 7:25-44 Living water flows from us if we drink from Christ.

What did Jesus say about where he came from? What did he say those who are thirsty should do? What would happen to them? What did that mean? How did the people respond to what he said?

**Reading 5:** Revelation 21:1-8 If we drink from Christ, we gain Christ.

What will the new Jerusalem be like? Who will have a place in the new heaven? Who won't have a place in the new heaven?

**Reading 6:** Matthew 10:37-42 Understanding water attraction

**Instructions:**

1. Use a medicine dropper to put several small drops of water on a piece of wax paper.
2. Wet a tooth pick with water. Move the toothpick next to a drop of water but don't touch it. Observe what happens.

**Explanation:** Water molecules have a strong attraction to one another.

When the toothpick draws near to the drop of water, the water drop is attracted to the water on the toothpick, which causes it to move toward the toothpick.

**Reflection:** What causes us to be attracted to God? What causes God to be attracted to us? What happens if we draw close to God?



UPPER ELEMENTARY-ADULT

LEVEL 4

HOME JOURNAL

### LESSON 5



### THIS WEEK'S BIG QUESTION

For what should we thirst?

### MEMORY VERSE

#### Psalm 63:1

*O God, You are my God; Early will I seek You;  
My soul thirsts for You; My flesh longs for You  
In a dry and thirsty land Where there is no water.*

## Parent Notes

- **Daily Reading:** Depending on the age and ability of your child, or parent preference, he/she may do the work in this journal independently or complete it with the parent. After reading the day's Bible passage, the student should identify an important truth that relates to that reading and answer the question why he/she needs to know that truth. It would be beneficial if the parent and student also read through and answer the questions about the day's reading from the **Daily Reading Questions** at the back of the booklet. Personal ideas and additional questions from the parent can also be included.
- **Lesson Verse:** The lesson verse which answers the week's big question should be practiced daily. One way to do this is to black out words in the verse each day and say the verse inserting the correct word. By the end of the week the whole verse would be blacked out and recited by memory.
- **Concluding Lesson:** To develop deeper understanding and a comprehensive biblical worldview, the parent should talk through with the student the **Thinking It Through** questions at the back of the booklet and then have the student write out the answers.
- **Completion:** If the student brings this booklet back to the teacher on Sunday, with each day's work completed and the lesson verse memorized, the student will receive acknowledgement of a job well done.
- **Way to go, parents!** Your faithfulness in teaching your children the deed and statutes of the Lord isn't always easy, but it honors God and will have an eternal impact. Keep up the good work! Remember Galatians 6:9, *And let us not grow weary while doing good, for in due season we shall reap if we do not lose heart.*

## Concluding Lesson—Thinking It Through

Discuss these questions with a parent then write out your answers below.

- What is an important truth you learned from the Bible readings this week?
- How should that truth be lived out in your life?
- What would be the result of your living out that truth?
- What is a lie or deception people believe in terms of that truth?
- Why does that lie or deception appeal to people?
- What would be the result of believing and following that lie or deception?

**Digging Deeper:** What happens when we thirst for God?

**Reading 5:** Revelation 21:1-8  
What is an important truth from the passage?

Why do you need to know that truth?

**Reading 6:** Matthew 10:37-42

What is an important truth from the passage?

Why do you need to know that truth?

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# For what should we thirst?

We should thirst for God like our bodies thirst for water.

### Psalm 63:1

*O God, you are my God, earnestly I seek you; my soul thirsts for you, my body longs for you, in a dry and weary land where there is no water.*



## DIGGING DEEPER

This week in your daily Bible readings you will be digging deeper. Just as our physical bodies need water to survive so our soul needs spiritual water. The memory verse tells us that we are to thirst after God in the same way that our bodies thirst for water. The question to consider while reading the passages is: What happens when we thirst for God?

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Why do you need to know that truth?

**Reading 2:** Psalm 42:1-5

What is an important truth from the passage?

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