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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: How was Israel to honor the Sabbath?

Reading 1: Exodus 31:12-18 They were to celebrate it as a sign of God's covenant.

What is the Sabbath? Why were the Israelites to observe the Sabbath? What does it mean to desecrate? What were the Israelites to do to someone who desecrated the Sabbath? Why do you think God commanded that? What does that mean for you?

Reading 2: Isaiah 56:1-8 They were to bind themselves to the Lord and do what pleases God.

How were the people to keep the Sabbath? What will God do for those who keep the Sabbath? What does that mean for you?

Reading 3: Isaiah 58:13-14 They were not to go their own way or speak idle words.

How were the people to honor the Sabbath? What does it mean to go your own way? What does it mean to speak idle words? What would God do for those who honor the Sabbath? What does that mean for you?

Reading 4: Jeremiah 17:19-27 They were to keep it holy by not doing any work.

What were the people to do on the Sabbath? What would be the result? What would happen if they didn't keep the Sabbath? Why would God do that?

Reading 5: Mark 2:23-3:6 They were to do good, not evil, on the Sabbath.

What did Jesus mean in verse 27? Why was Jesus angry and distressed about the way the Pharisees were keeping the Sabbath? What does that mean for you?

Reading 6: Colossians 2:13-23 Honoring the Sabbath

Think about ways you can honor God more on the Sabbath. Focus on what is in your heart and the way you treat and respond to others.



UPPER ELEMENTARY-ADULT

LEVEL 4

HOME JOURNAL

LESSON 20



THIS WEEK'S BIG QUESTION

What is the Sabbath?

MEMORY VERSE

Exodus 20:11

¹¹ For *in* six days the Lord made the heavens and the earth, the sea, and all that *is* in them, and rested the seventh day. Therefore the Lord blessed the Sabbath day and hallowed it.

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?

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Why do you need to know that truth?

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DIGGING DEEPER

This week in your daily Bible readings you will be digging deeper. You will be reading passages describing how Israel was to honor the Sabbath. As you read pray that your mind would be open to understand God more fully, the Sabbath, and what you should do to honor it. The questions for each reading are on the back cover. They will help you think more deeply about each passage.

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