

JOSHUA 1:9

HAVE I NOT
COMMANDED YOU?

BE STRONG
AND OF GOOD
COURAGE;

DO NOT BE AFRAID,
NOR BE DISMAYED,

FOR THE LORD
YOUR GOD
IS WITH YOU

WHEREVER YOU GO."

Well howdy y'all! It's me again, Miss Katie, It's right fine to see y'all again today!
Well it's day four, yessirree, day four.

ive been in here a practicing my memory verse of the week and i'm sittin here a wondering if you remember it now - can y'all say it fur me to see if I'm gettin it right? Joshua 1:9 -

well - it looks to me like y'all are doing a might fine job in memorizing the Bible - the B-i-b-l-e? that means y'all are growin

and i don't mean just taller - y'all, i've know most of you for a very long tyme, and y'all use to be not much taller than my belt buckle, but you are growin' up before my very eyes and y'all must be eatin all yer vegetables and spinach and broccoli - ohhhieeee, or mabyeee even some of those chocolate chip cookies that that crazy lady - you know the other one who teaches at Awana? i can't right remember her name right now, but wranglers, i'm fixing to tell you what, i overheard her talking the other day and she was confessin something specail about all of you oooeee

she said she was sum proud of you, how you are growin to love JEsus and memorizing your Bible - the B-i-b-l-e? and how special you all are to her - she says something like I do too which is kinda funny too, she says, Jesus loves you and I love you too... now and that a coincidence

well, back to growin up in Jesus - that's another mighty big word that you don't all have to remember right now, but it's super duper fun to say and to practice so let's do that right now

sanc - ti - fuh - cation

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sanc - tuh - fuh - cation

well that mighty powerfully long word just means to Grow to love Jesus more and more each day. and boy oh boy is that fun.

all my wranglers who have been here each day, well we have had some fun with all the games, with the friends, with the Bible - - **the B-i-b-l-e? time and** believe it or not, we are growing to love Jesus more in just 4 days!

that calls for a happy dance y'all

have you ever practiced something over and over again, like ridin a horse, or counting to 100 or readin a book? what about trying to spell somethin?

like bible? - the B-i-b-l-e?

well, when you practice, you get better and better at that thing - and practicing is good. it makes you stronger and stronger and it becomes more of a habit. like this **BIBLE**

see? ya'll made it a habit!

2 Peter 3:18 tells us “but grow in grace (which means getting something good that we do not deserve) and knowledge (knowing about Jesus) of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

Well, that Bible - the B-i-b-l-e? verse gets me excited y'all. can y'all say yeeee hawwww really really loud?

Readin the Bible - the B-i-b-l-e? allows us to grow and get stronger.

the Bible, well it's a mighty fine treasure map - that my cousin Yeller told me is better than gold, you know him, we'll that Goldrush cousin of mine who packed up and moved to California searching and a pan for gold up in those there hills fightin off lions and tigers and bears and giraffes? what did you say?

well, Yeller told me that the bible - the B-i-b-l-e? well it's better than gold, better than anything else cause it says here in this here DEVINE book that Jesus is building a house for us.

what? building a house? well, that does make sense, he was a carpenter.

no, no, no

it's not the same wranglers, he is building a house in heaven. where the streets are gold and there doesn't have to be a sun cause GOd is so bright and so wonderful that light is everyhwere, there is no darkness at all

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wonderful picture aint it.

well anaways in John 14:2 Jesus says, In my Father's house there are many rooms, and I am going there to prepare a place for YOU!

what? a room in God's house? oheee imagin!

so we have talked about my very special soccer ball all week and all the colors of this ball have represented something speical. well the green and the yellla are all that are left to talk about

green reprents growing in Jesus - well have you ever met someone special and became their friend? maybe you met a new friend this week yall? raise your hand if you made a new friend?

well, as you get to know that person, you get to grow to know that person better and better each time ya'll see one another and you make memories, and play games, and tell new stories, and y'all are growin

that's what readin teh bible is like - the B-i-b-l-e? it is a devine book about Jesus from the first part genesis alllll the way to the last part in revelation. Jesus, JEuss, Jesus,

well everytime we read about him it's like we are hainging out wiht him. we get to know him better, listen to him tell us stories, make memories with him and he helps us grow to know him and love him more and more well that's mighty specail isn't it. we can become his friend!

JESUS talks about growin in the book written by his friend Matthew who was a mean ol tax collector, but became Jesus friend and learned to do the right thing because JESUS was his friend and he wanted to be more like Jesus

we can be like that too ya little wranglers, we can live like Jesus and show others to live like JESUS too and maybe they will stop doing bad things and want to know more about the Bible you are talking to them about! that's excitin too!

well Matthew was writing about Jesus in his book in the Bible - the B-i-b-l-e? he said Jesus told him about a mustard seed. a tiny little mustard seed - so itty bitty and tiny, you plum near cant even see it.

well that teeny tiny little mustard seed, well it grew and grew and grew, now mustard seeds grow to be small bushes, but this particular mustard seed, well Jesus used this mustard seed to describe heaven which is God's wonderful kingdom. this particular mustard seed grew to be a mighty tree that was the biggest in the whole garden. it was a miracle! it streched out so wyde and so far and so wonderful that birds came and built their nests there,

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how can something so small become something so big and wonderful.

well, JESUS, that's wy,

ANd yellow on this here special soccer ball, well that is our home, forever, and ever with Jesus, that room he built for us, well that is heaven. It's wonderful, far far better than we can ever imagine. No tears, no sadness, nothing ever to fear. Just wonderful. Pretty light that glows from God himself. Just imagin.

now let's pray and talk to Him right now, y'all bow your heads, you close your little peepers and fold your hands while I pray.

Thank you JEsus for the Bible? the B-i-b-l-e? your de-vine book that shows us how to go Your way which is good, and not our way which is full of sin and wrong choices .

thank you for loving us so much that even when we sin, when we choose our way and not your way, that you love us with your big powerful love that covers all our sin and shame, you took all that nasty sin and you wiped it all clean by dying on the cross in our place. how powerful you are Jesus, we are in awe of you and we love you so much

You promise us that when we believe in you, we believe you are the Son of God and that you love us so much, that you give us that free gift of eternal life with you in heaven. and you did it right there and then on the cross and that was more than enough to give us that free gift of love. Thank you so much for loving us first and making the choice to save us from our sin. Thank you that we can run to you, which can stop us from sinning, but even when we do sin, we can run back to you and you will always forgive us, thank you that we can repent. We accept this free gift today JEsus, please come live in our hearts. We accept your love and we want to be part of your Kingdom in Heaven - we want a room in your house Jesus.

We love you so much JEsus, you are SO good and SO kind and it is amazin' that we get to learn about you and talk about you and worship you today and tomorra' and when we get home, and all the stuff in between. in Jesus' name - and all my wranglers say, amen!

our special soccer balls are just a mighty fine way to remember all the things we learned about JEsus, how he saved us from our sin - the dark and dirty stuff in our lives which is darkness and then the beautiful red - the blood that he lovingly pourd out on the cross to conquer the darkness and hten the whyte - the clean new life we can live when we run away from our sin and return to our daddy who forgives us and teaches us how to do lyfe the right way then the green which is growin our relationship with JEsus by making wonderful memoires with him and making him our speical friend and lastly yella - david described his love for Jesus in a song in the Bible - the B-i-b-l-e?- oh more preicous than gold, oh than much fine gold, sweeter also than honey from the honey comb, yes, wranglers it's heaven - with jesus forever in his light and in HIS love and in his precious care forever and ever, that's the good news of JEsus - he loves us so much doesn't he!

This is not goodbye y'all, you can come back and see me on Sundies, and you can come back and see the other lady who looks alot like me but she doesn't have this here amazin accent that i do - no sirree - she organizes this mighty fun club called Awana and its just about as fun as this here wild, wild west faith camp that we are all having fun at here!

so ya'll go home todee and ask yer momma and your daddie about coming back to Awana when yer school starts back up yahear? cause i'm fixin to miss ya wayyyy too much to say a permanent farewell, or goodbye - id rather jsut say howdeeee... JEsus loves you and I love you too!