

Overview

God App

Why use this App?

This App concentrates on those things which will help you to live a life close to God. It looks at the importance of prayer, Bible reading and worship and encourages you to find new ways of getting involved with these things. It also focuses on the ways in which you can share the good news of Jesus with others.

How do I use it?

The App is split into five programmes. Each one should take four to six hours.

The programmes:

Hallelujah	(Worship)
Learn of Him	(Discipleship)
Anybody there?	(Prayer)
Inspired words	(The Bible)
Go Tell	(Evangelism)

Each programme presents you with a challenge. Here are the five challenges from the God app:

Your Challenge:	Hallelujah: (Worship) Worship is the way we give honour and praise to our great God. Explore the different ways people worship and find a way in which you can engage in worship within your Christian community.
Your Challenge:	Learn Of Him: (Discipleship) A disciple is a learner and discipleship is about learning. Find out more about the Christian faith and how it can be lived out in your everyday life.
Your Challenge:	Anybody There? (Prayer) Explore some of the many different ways in which people can pray and in so doing find out more about the wonderful privilege of prayer.
Your Challenge:	Inspired Words: (The Bible) Find a new and inspiring way of engaging with the Bible - it's the word of God and our guide to daily living.
Your Challenge:	Go Tell: (Evangelism) Consider the ways in which you can help to spread the good news of the gospel and find a way to engage in mission.

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Your challenge:

Hallelujah: (Worship)

Worship is the way we give honour and praise to our great God. Explore the different ways people worship and find a way in which you can engage in worship within your Christian community.

Ideas:

These ideas suggest ways in which you might accomplish the challenge, but you may do it any way you like.

You could:

- Join together with a group of friends to form a music, dance or drama group; prepare some worship material and use it over a period of weeks in a worship setting.
- Music is commonly used as a part of our worship in church. Research the different styles of music used over the years and create a presentation/soundtrack/musical evening tracking the different styles.
- Explore the various elements that constitute worship. Find out through discussion, questionnaire or other means, which elements of worship help different Christians to engage with God most effectively.
- Choose a relevant theme and plan and deliver a series of worship times for younger members of your church or group.

Set the scene:

Think/talk through what the challenge is about. These questions might help you:

- What do you already know about the subject and what else do you need to find out?
- Where might you find out more information?
- What useful skills/contacts do you/other members of your group possess to help with this challenge?
- What difficulties do you think you might face?

Design:

Study some of the information you have gathered and consider how you will complete the challenge.

Who? Do you need anyone to help/train/supervise/advise you?

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Investigate the Christian perspective:

Find out what the Bible/other Christians say about this topic.

- The book of Psalms is full of ordinary people meeting God in the varied circumstances of life. Scan the book of Psalms and get a feel for the diversity of life experiences that it covers.
- Select a Psalm of praise (such as Psalm 96) and a Psalm of prayer (such as Psalm 6) and study each in turn.
- Compare some modern hymns (the Psalms of today) with the book of Psalms.
- Use what you have learnt from the Psalms to create your own Psalm of praise/hymn to worship God.

Respond: Make it happen! Put your plan into action and complete the challenge.

Evaluate:

Think through how successful you have been with this challenge. Consider:

- What do you think you have learnt through working on this challenge?
- Which skills, talents or abilities did you use in your involvement in this project?
- Did your project have an impact on other people and did it help them?
- How has this challenge given you a Christian perspective on issues which you face in everyday life?

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Learn of Him: (Discipleship)

A disciple is a learner and discipleship is about learning. Find out more about the Christian faith and how it can be lived out in your everyday life.

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You could:

- Participate in a Christian discipleship course like Alpha or Christianity Explored.
- Explore/visit/find out about the various organisations and groups that your church provides to help its members grow in their faith. Produce a guidebook, set of posters or interactive media display which will show new members what is available.
- Invite a number of Christians from your church/community to talk to your group and find out what challenges them in living the Christian life in their home, workplace or leisure environment. From what you have learnt create a list of useful Bible verses to help guide you in your everyday living.
- Think of a practical way in which you might demonstrate your faith in your school, college or work environment and put it into action.

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Find out what the Bible/other Christians say about this topic.

- A sense of community is important at camps / residential events. What would be your definition of community?
- Take time to read the book of James, a practical guide to Christian living.
- Identify the different things that James says about living the Christian life.
- From your reading, create a list of rules for Christian living.
- Display your rules, with Biblical references, for others to share in some way.

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Your Challenge:

Anybody there? (Prayer)

Explore some of the many different ways in which people can pray and in so doing find out more about the wonderful privilege of prayer.

Ideas:

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You could:

- Find out about some of the more creative approaches to prayer. Spend time each week praying together in a different creative way or take responsibility for leading a series of creative prayer sessions in your youth group, church, house group or camp worship times.
- Research and gather together, in a tangible form, a collection of famous prayers which have been passed down from generation to generation. Discuss the impact of these prayers.
- Study the Lord's Prayer as a model for prayer and use your creativity (dance, song-writing, art, banner-making) to present the prayer to others.
- Make a commitment to improve your personal prayer life. Share ideas with some trusted Christians and then keep a prayer diary for a period of two months journaling your prayer experiences.

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- Spend some time looking at Jesus' prayer in John Chapter 17.
- Read John Ch.17:1-5 - Jesus prays for Himself. What would you like to pray for yourself?
- Read John Ch.17:6-19 - Jesus prays for His disciples. What would you like to pray for your friends?
- Read John Ch.17:20-25 - Jesus prays for future believers. What would you like to pray for the

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Your challenge:

Inspired words: (The Bible)

Find a new and inspiring way of engaging with the Bible - it's the word of God and our guide to daily living.

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You could:

- Find out about one of the many organisations who are engaged in making the Bible relevant today e.g. The Gideons, The Bible Society and Open Doors. Produce some material reflecting their work and raise funds to support the organisation.
- Buy some Bible reading notes and use them regularly or sign up for an online Bible study. Keep a diary for two months recording the key truths you have learnt from your readings/studies. Share something of your discoveries with a trusted mentor.
- Explore the different types of literature in the Bible and produce a visual aid to help others understand the diversity within its covers.
- Obtain a copy of the Bible in really modern language and read/listen to some well-known Bible passages. Discuss the impact of the translation. Choose a Bible passage and present it in modern way through drama, written form or art.

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Investigate the Christian perspective:

Find out what the Bible/other Christians say about this topic.

- Read and discuss Matthew Ch.4:1-11. This records the story of Jesus' temptations in the wilderness.
- Note how Jesus used scripture to help Him overcome temptation.

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God App:**Your challenge:****Go tell:** (Evangelism)

Consider the ways in which you can help to spread the good news of the gospel and find a way to engage in mission.

Ideas:

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- Join a mission team working either in this country or abroad and share the gospel through the work you do there.
- Get involved with a children's holiday club helping to tell the children about Jesus.
- Set up a Christian Union or similar group at school, college or university, or a Bible study group for your peers at church.
- Reflect on Saint Francis who said 'Go preach the word: use words if you have to!' Find a way in which you can demonstrate the love of God through your actions and put this into practice.
- Read a biography of a Christian who has responded to the gospel command to go and tell. In response, write your testimony of faith and find a way to share it with others e.g. publish it in the church newsletter, share it in a worship service or tell a friend.

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Investigate the Christian perspective:

Find out what the Bible/other Christians say about this topic.

- Read the great commission in Matthew Ch.28:16-20.
- Discuss what this commission might mean to you in the context of your life at school, college or work.
- Read Acts Ch.2:8 and notice the way the gospel was to spread from Jerusalem, to Judea, to Samaria and to the ends of the earth.
- Consider your own sphere of influence and identify your Jerusalem, Judea and Samaria.

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Your chosen challenge:

Ideas:

Outline your idea:

Set the scene:

Jot down your initial thoughts/questions:

Design:

Consider who will be involved, when it will happen, what you will need and how much it will cost etc.

Who?

What?

How much?

When?

Investigate the Christian perspective:

Outline how you will find out what the Bible/other Christians say about this topic.

Will you have a specified time every week or one whole evening focused on this aspect of your challenge?

Will it be led by visitors/your leader/your chaplain/members of your group?

Respond

Now use the challenge plan on the next page to help you to make it happen!

Work out what will happen each week.

Identify who you will need to help you/who is inviting them/who is leading/who will be involved in each activity etc.

Ensure you will have the resources you will need.

Record the time you are involved each week to keep track of your progress.

Evaluate

Think through how successful you have been by considering the evaluation questions.

Record your story in my i - **chievement** journal

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Challenge plan**

Date	Activity What will you do this week?	Who Who will support you to facilitate this session?	What What equipment is needed?
Week/step 1 Date: Time:			
Week/Step 2 Date: Time:			
Week/step 3 Date: Time:			
Week/step 4 Date: Time:			
Week/step 5 Date: Time:			
Week/step 6 Date: Time:			
Week/step 7 Date: Time:			
Week/step 8 Date: Time:			
Week/step 9 Date: Time:			
Week/step 10 Date: Time:			

Copy for additional weeks as required.