

You are God's Special Child!

5 DAY DEVOTIONAL

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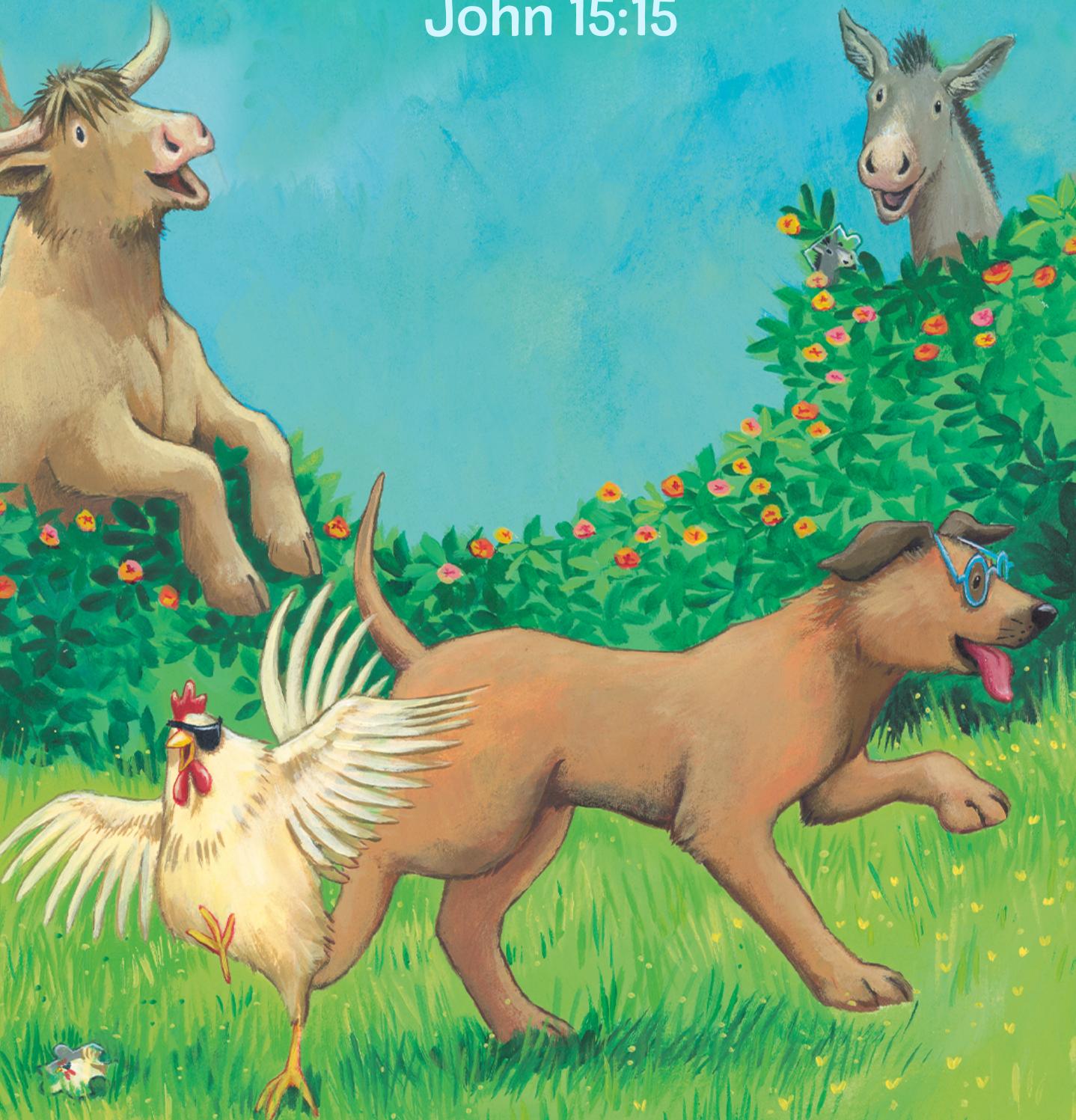


YOU ARE INVITED!

DAY 1

Jesus said, "Now you are my friends."

John 15:15



Come find our special party Full of music, fun, and treats. We'll have a big ol' puzzle, Though it won't yet be complete.



DEVOTION

Squirrel is excited to be invited to a special party! Have you ever been invited to a party? Being asked to come to a party or over to someone's house feels good. It's nice to know that our friends love us and want to be with us.

God wants to be with us, too! Every day, He invites us to talk with Him and enjoy being friends with Him. The wonderful thing is we never need to wait to be invited to be with God, because He is always with us. He loves it when we read the Bible, when we pray, and when we run outside and enjoy the world He created.

DAY 1: YOU ARE INVITED! // BRONCO AND FRIENDS 5 DAY DEVOTIONAL

What do you like best about God? What is your favorite way to spend time with Him?



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Dear God, thank you for being my friend! Thank you for inviting me to be with You every day. Amen.

ACTIVITY

Ask a parent if you can invite a friend to do something together this week. You could meet at a park or talk on the phone or maybe play in your backyard! Be sure to tell your friend how much you like being together.





DAY 2 WHAT MAKES YOU DIFFERENT?

"God has given each of you a gift from his great variety of spiritual gifts. Use them well to serve one another."

1 Peter 4:10



"I guess I'm not going," Bronco told Squirrel. Yet deep inside his heart, he really, really wanted to.



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Bronco doesn't think he can see well enough to find his puzzle piece and go to the party. But Bronco's got a great sense of sniff. He decides to use his nose to search for his puzzle piece.

Each of us has strengths and weaknesses. Some people are really good at dancing but can't run fast. Other people can tell really great stories but have to work really hard at reading.

Other things make us different, too. Some of us need to wear glasses, like Bronco does. Maybe you or someone you know uses a wheelchair to move around or uses sign language to talk. Sometimes the different things about us make us feel like we don't fit in. But you know what? God loves who you are, whatever strengths, weaknesses, or differences you have. You were created in God's own image! And that's the most special thing of all.

DAY 2: WHAT MAKES YOU DIFFERENT? // BRONCO AND FRIENDS 5 DAY DEVOTIONAL

What is something you are really good at? What is something that makes you different?



Dear God, thank you for making me the way you did! Most of all, thank you for loving me. I love you too! Amen.

ACTIVITY

Think about a friend or someone in your family. What is one way you could use something you are good at to help that person this week? What is one way you could ask that person for help with something you are still learning?





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DAY 3 BUILDING EACH OTHER UP

"So encourage each other and build each other up."

1 Thessalonians 5:11



Bronco tumbled onto something soft. Chelsie the rabbit sighed deeply. "I'm so sorry. My long ears are always in the way." Bronco gathered Chelsie's ears off the path and gently placed them behind her.





When Chelsie was feeling sad, Bronco cheered her up. Then when Bronco felt sad about not finding his puzzle piece, all his animal friends encouraged him. It feels good when someone says something nice about you or comforts you when you're sad, doesn't it? It almost feels as if you get taller and taller when someone cheers you on! Maybe that's why God says encouraging each other is like "building each other up."

It's fun to encourage other people. It's what God created us to do!

DAY 3: BUILDING EACH OTHER UP // BRONCO AND FRIENDS 5 DAY DEVOTIONAL

What encourages you when you feel sad or worried?

PRAYER

Dear God, I want to encourage people! Help me see ways I can do that. I want people to know how much you love them. Amen.

ACTIVITY

Get out a set of blocks and clear a space to make a tower, but don't start the tower yet. Then look for ways to encourage people this week. Maybe you could tell someone at the grocery store she is doing a good job. If a friend is sad, you could give him a hug. Tell your mom or dad that dinner was yummy. Each time you encourage someone, add a block on top of another one. See how high a tower you can create by the end of the week as you build other people up!

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GOD'S STRENGTH IN OUR WEAKNESSES

DAY 4

"God's power works best in weakness."

2 Corinthians 12:9



"Hop on one of my ears and come with us," Chelsie offered. "Bronco is showing me the way." Ethan hopped up and giggled, tickled by Chelsie's long and fuzzy ears.



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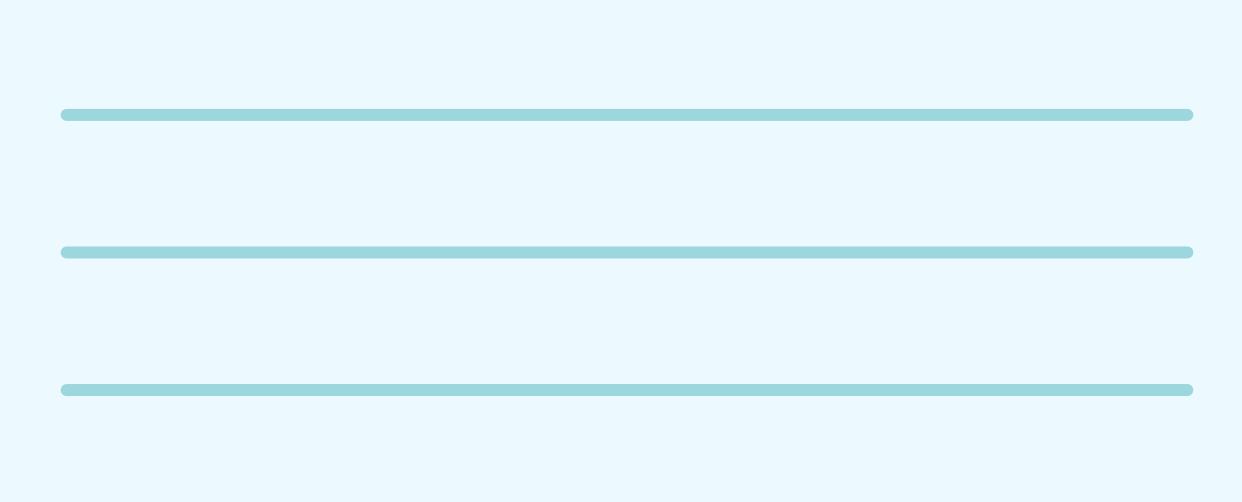
At first Chelsie didn't like her long ears, but then she was able to use them to help someone else! God is so creative to let us use our differences and even our weaknesses to help others.

A man named Paul in the Bible had a weakness that was really frustrating to him. But he said he was still glad he had that weakness because it reminded him that God was strong.

God uses things that the world says are weaknesses to remind us about real strengths. Maybe someone at your school isn't able to hear very well. What are ways you could ask him or her to play? What a great way to show creativity! Does your face look a little different than other kids? That probably makes you extra kind to kids who have differences. What a gift!

DAY 4 : GOD'S STRENGTH IN OUR WEAKNESSES // BRONCO AND FRIENDS 5 DAY DEVOTIONAL

What is something different about you that you could use to help others?





Dear God, sometimes I get frustrated because of my weaknesses, like Show me how you want to be strong in my life! Amen.

ACTIVITY

Have a strength contest with a friend or family member. See how many books (or blocks or pillows) each one of you can hold at one time. Have the other person count to 10. See if you can keep holding them that whole time!



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GOD'S HANDIWORK

DAY 5

"For we are God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works."

Ephesians 2:10



"Each creature is born unique. Our differences make us special. And someone special, like you, is always able to do great things."



DEVOTION

Think for a minute about your best friend, or your mom or dad, or your brother or sister. Do you have the same color hair? The same laugh? Do you like to play with the same things or read the same books?

God made us all different from one another. But do you remember the one thing we all have in common? We were all made in God's image! You and your parents, and your neighbor, and the person sitting next to you at school all reflect God.

When we think about this, it reminds us to be kind to each other, to encourage one another, and to enjoy how God can use each of our gifts and abilities—and even our weaknesses. The party wouldn't be complete without you. Now that's worth celebrating!

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Why do you think God made us different from one another?



Dear God, thank you for making me so unique that the world wouldn't be complete without me. Help me see how you want me to do good works. I love you! Amen.

ACTIVITY

Create something this week! Paint a picture. Make a chalk drawing on the sidewalk. Write a poem. Make up a new dance. God loves to create and He made you a creator, too. What you create will be different from anyone else's creation—just like you are different from anyone else in the world!

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