

Devotional #3

“Living Sacrifices”

READ Romans 12:12

“Therefore, I urge you brother, in view of God’s mercy, to offer your bodies as living sacrifices, holy and pleasing to God – this is your spiritual act of worship. Do not conform any longer to the pattern of this world but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God’s will is – His good and pleasing and perfect will.”

READ 2 Corinthians 7:1

“Since we have these promises, dear friends, let us purify ourselves from everything that contaminates body and spirit, perfecting holiness out of reverence for God.”

READ Philippians 4:8

“And now, dear brothers and sisters, one final thing. Fix your thoughts on what is true, and honorable, and right, and pure, and lovely, and admirable. Think about things that are excellent and worthy of praise.”

What is a living sacrifice? This song does a great job explaining it. Long ago, the Israelites would place gifts to God on structures (altars); sometimes they were animal sacrifices. This is hard for us to understand because we don’t offer these kinds of sacrifices or offerings but..... We can actually offer ourselves as a LIVING SACRIFICE!!!! We can dedicate our lives to Christ and live for Him each moment of each day. In order to do this, we must first purify ourselves. What are some things that can trash our bodies and our spirits? We want to ask the Lord to cleanse us of anything wrong we have put in our bodies or allowed our spirits to take in: things like the wrong things to eat, watch, hear, see, etc. Always be mindful of what you are putting in your body for the Lord. Be a LIVING SACRIFICE for Him and cleanse yourself of those unclean things. Ask the Lord to forgive you of your sins and repent and seek Him in all you do.

PRAY

Lord, help me to be a LIVING SACRIFICE for You each day and each moment that I live. Help me to know what I am putting in my body, mind and spirit. In Jesus’ Name, Amen.

LIVING SACRIFICES

(Choir)

Lord, we wanna be living sacrifices.

Hey oh, hey oh, living sacrifices.

Lord, we wanna be living sacrifices.

Hey oh, hey oh, hey oh!

(Katie)

In Bible times people laid their gifts
on the altar;

a sacrifice to God,
the best that they could offer.

(Walter)

But God wanted more,
so He let us choose
to surrender our lives
and gain what
we could never lose.

(Choir)

Lord, we wanna be living sacrifices.

Hey oh, hey oh, living sacrifices.

Lord, we wanna be living sacrifices.

Hey oh, hey oh, hey oh!

Let us explain it in this song.
It won't take very long.

You'll have it memorized
before we're through;
Romans twelve,
one through two:

(Jordan - spoken)

Therefore I urge you in view of God's mercy
to offer your bodies

(Sung)

as living sacrifices, living sacrifices.

(Choir)

Holy,
(Jordan)
Holy,

(Choir)

Holy
(Jordan)
Holy!

(Choir - Spoken)

pleasing to God

(Sung)

this is your act of worship,
your act of worship.

(Jordan)

Do not conform any longer to the pattern
of this world.

(Jordan - Spoken)

But be transformed by the renewing
of your mind.

(Choir - Sung)

Then you will be able to test and approve
what is the will of God.

We have it memorized
and now we're through.
Romans twelve,
one through two.

1 Bar

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WHY TO MEMORIZE?

1. One of the most important reasons is that God uses scripture to speak to us. If we memorize them, then we can quickly bring them to our mind when we need them and He wants to say something to us.
2. Another good reason is to know what to do and what not to do.
3. Memorizing scripture also helps us tell others about Christ when we don't have our Bible with us.

HOW TO MEMORIZE?

1. You can write the verse over and over again and read it back to yourself.
2. Every time you see that card in your room, then read it out loud.
3. Put some of the words of the verse on our bathroom mirror and fill in the blanks and take words away as you begin to memorize until there are no words on your mirror.
4. A fun way is to make up a song like Ms. Christy Semsen has done in STAR QUEST. Memorize your musical songs and you have memorized scripture!!!

VERSES TO MEMORIZE

THIS WEEK

Proverbs 4:23 (3rd, 4th, 5th Grade ONLY)

“Above all else, guard your heart, for everything you do flows from it.”

Philippians 4:8 (EVERYONE)

“Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable-if anything is excellent or praiseworthy-think about such thing.”

PAST WEEKS

1 John 3: 17-18 (3rd, 4th, 5th ONLY)

“If anyone has material possessions and sees a brother in need but has no pity on them, how can the love of God be in that person? Dear children, let us not love with words or speech but with actions and in truth.”

John 3:16 (EVERYONE)

“For God so loved the world that He gave His only Son, that whoever believes in Him, should not perish but have eternal life.”

Psalms 119:11 (EVERYONE)

“I have hidden thy word in my heart that I may not sin against thee.”

Philippians 4:8 Word Search

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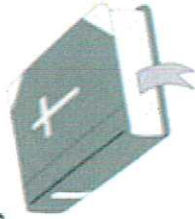
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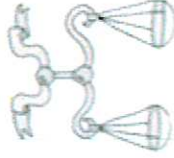
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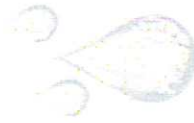


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Lessons For the Week

What has God taught you this week?

Have you memorized your scripture this week and how has it helped you?

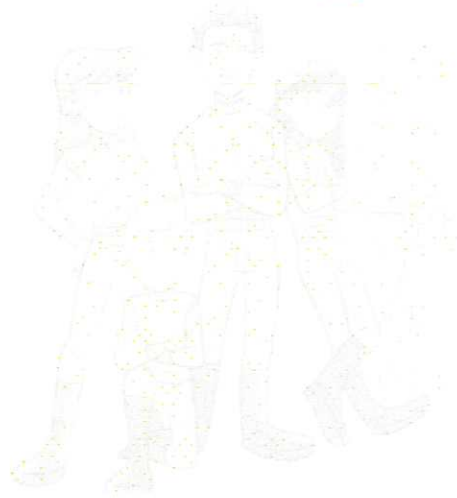
What have you done this week to show God you are becoming more like Christ?

Your prayer for the week:

When you have completed the “Living Sacrifices” devotional, have your parents sign this page, tear it out and return it to your WoW teacher.

STAR QUEST

**Search for the
Stolen Scriptures**



My Child

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has completed the devotional for:

“Living Sacrifices”

Date Completed

Parent Signature