

TABLE TALK



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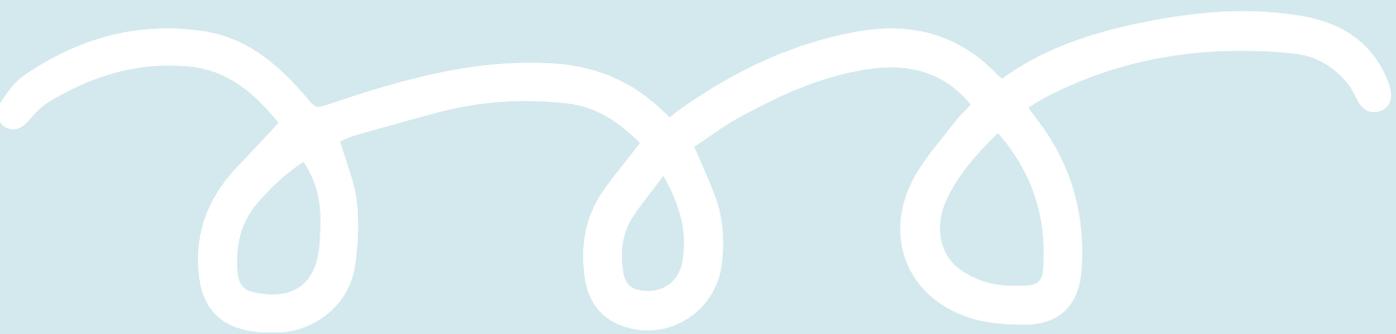
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MONDAY : ALL ABOUT GOD

“Everything is awesome! Everything is cool!” these are the words sang by Emmet in the Lego Movie. Emmet goes on to list all of the things he finds awesome – what do you find awesome?

What does the word awesome mean?

A W E S O M E

= Something which leaves us completely amazed! It should make us go “WOW!”

“Who among the gods is like You, O Lord? Who is like You~ majestic in holiness, awesome in glory, working wonders?” Exodus 15:11

We call lots of different things awesome, but really, nothing is as awesome as God! Can you think of different things God has done which are really, really, awesome?

One of the things which always amazes me about God is how much he loves us – God loves us so much that he came down to earth, became a human like us, and then died on the cross to take the punishment for our sins. How amazing is that? How awesome is God?!

TUESDAY : JESUS TAUGHT US

On Tuesday's we've been learning about the 7 'I AM' sayings of Jesus. Today we are looking at number 5 – can you remember what the first 4 were?

Can you find the I AM saying in today's Bible verse?

“Jesus said to her, “I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in me will have life even if he dies. And he who lives and believes in me will never die.” – John 11:25-26

Jesus said these words to his friend Martha whose brother Lazarus had died. Martha is looking forward to a day in the future – the last day – when she knows that everyone, including her brother, will rise again and be with God.

Jesus responds by telling her the he is the resurrection and the life! What did he mean by this?

Jesus was telling Martha that he had the power to raise people from the dead and it was through him people would live again even after they die. Not long after he says this, Jesus raises Lazarus from the dead showing that he was telling the truth – he really did have the power to raise people from the dead!

Can you think of someone's who rose from the dead? That's right – Jesus himself! Jesus died on the cross, taking the punishment for our sins. Then, 3 days later, he rose again! Jesus gave his life so that we can have life – eternal life – with God even after we die!

Now – let's spend some time praying, praising Jesus for being the resurrection and the life. Thanking him for his sacrifice which means we can one day have eternal life if we follow him.

WEDNESDAY : PEOPLE

On Wednesdays we are learning about different people who loved Jesus. Today we are learning about a lady called Fanny Crosby who was born 200 years ago. Fanny is remembered as one of the most famous hymnwriters of all time – she wrote over 8000 hymns!



Fanny was born blind and was raised by her mother and grandmother after her father died when she was only a few months old. Both Fanny’s Mum and Grandma loved Jesus and they wanted Fanny to know his love too.

Even though Fanny couldn’t see like the other children around her, she didn’t let that stop her from learning about God. When she was 10, she spent lots of time every day with the Bible, memorising 5 chapters a week! Fanny also enjoyed writing poetry and singing, and later she learnt how to play lots of different instruments.

As Fanny grew up and went away to school, she realised that she was very talented. People called her “a born poetess” and once Fanny could play different instruments, she was able to turn her poems into hymns and songs. For the rest of her life, Fanny would write lots of different songs and poems which were very popular.

Fanny faced lots of difficulties and hard times during her life. She also witnessed lots of pain and sadness through the sicknesses of her friends and family. All of this left Fanny with a permanent feeling of sadness. Even though she found it difficult sometimes, Fanny was always able to find hope when she looked to Jesus. So, even in the hardest times of her life, she still wrote poems worshiping him.

“Take the wold, but give me Jesus;
In His cross my trust shall be,
Till, with clearer, brighter vision
Face to face my Lord I see.”
– Fanny Crosby, 1879.

THURSDAY : THANKSGIVING

“Always be happy.
Never stop praying.
Give thanks whatever
happens.”

- 1 Thessalonians
5:16-18

Sometimes it's easy to think of lots of things we can thank God for. Other times, like when we're sad or scared or nervous, it can be harder.

But these words of advice from Paul are still true. Even though it might sometimes be trickier than others, we can always be happy, keep praying, and give thanks to God. Why? Because even if we might not see it, God is always good, he is always loving, and he is always in control. These things never change so we always have a reason to be happy, a reason to keep praying and a reason to give thanks to God.

What has made you happy today? What do you want to give thanks to God for?



FRIDAY : THE WORLD

“*First, I tell you to pray for all people. Ask God for the things people need, and be thankful to him. - 1 Timothy 2:1*”

On Friday's we spend time praying for our brothers and sisters in different countries. Today we are going to look at what life is like for Christians in Morocco. Do you know where Morocco is?

Less than 0.1% of Morocco's population are Christians. The biggest religion in Morocco is Islam.

It is very dangerous to follow Jesus in Morocco. Christians are seen as being disloyal to the King and if anyone is accused of trying to convert someone from Islam to Christianity, can face going to prison. So, telling other people about Jesus or even just telling people that you follow him, can get you into lots of trouble.

Christians are sometimes able to meet together in their homes, but these have to be kept a secret. Christians from other countries are watched by the government and can be deported if they try to share their beliefs.

Right now, Open Doors is helping Christians in Morocco and other North African countries, by supporting the secret churches, giving them helpful literature and offering training in various ways.

Let's pray for our brothers and sisters in Morocco, the government there, and the work of Open Doors.

PRAY

Dear Father God, Thank you for our brothers and sisters in Morocco. Even though there are only a few of them, we know you are with them and working in their lives. We pray for the country of Morocco. Please give greater freedom and protection to your people there. Help others to hear about you! Be with those who work with Open Doors. Bless their work, keep them safe and give them wisdom. Amen

