

Summer Challenge Calendar

Week 1: PERSONAL GROWTH

DAY 1: A Date With Jesus

- **Scripture:** John 10:14
- **Prayer Focus:** Asking God's help for you to spend daily time with him.
- **Challenge:** Find a place where you can spend alone time with God for 15 minutes. Make this your summer meeting place with God.



DAY 2: Obstacles

- **Scripture:** 2 Peter 3:17-18
- **Prayer Focus:** Ask God to help you have a clean heart and mind.
- **Challenge:** Look at things in your life that may be an obstacle for spending daily time with God. Remove that obstacle for the remainder of the week (for example: video games or the Internet).

DAY 3: Love Fest

- **Scripture:** Deuteronomy 6:5
- **Prayer Focus:** Tell God how much you love him!
- **Challenge:** Write a letter to God—expressing your love and commitment to him.

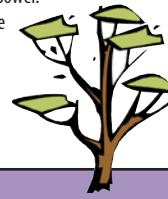


DAY 4: Brand New

- **Scripture:** 2 Corinthians 5:17
- **Prayer Focus:** Thank God for forgiveness and ask him to help you live your life for him.
- **Challenge:** Interview 2 people whose lives have been changed by Jesus. Write down their comments in your journal so you can read them when you need encouragement.

DAY 5: Praise

- **Scripture:** Psalm 104
- **Prayer Focus:** Focus your prayer on thanking God for his creation, his power, and his love.
- **Challenge:** Take a walk and find at least 10 things in nature that reveal to you God's power. Then praise him for his wonderful creation!



DAY 6: Heroes

- **Scripture:** Psalm 27
- **Prayer Focus:** Ask God to help you keep your eyes on Jesus and to have a heart like David—to be a person who always looks to God first.
- **Challenge:** Think of something you need help to accomplish such as reading a book this summer or learning how to swim. Write it in your journal, ask God to help you (just like David) and then write in your journal again when you've completed the task.

DAY 7: Faith

- **Scripture:** Hebrews 1:1
- **Prayer Focus:** Ask God to help you grow daily in your faith.
- **Challenge:** Make a windsock out of construction paper and attach crepe paper streamers and yarn at the top to hang outside. God is like the wind, we can't always see him, but just like the wind blows to show us it exists, God reveals himself to us in mysterious ways every day. Every time you see the wind blow the streamers, remember that God is always with us.

Week 2: PERSEVERANCE

DAY 1: Strength

- **Scripture:** Philippians 4:13
- **Prayer Focus:** Ask God's help for something that's difficult for you such as math, making friends, or getting along with a sibling.
- **Challenge:** Choose something that you struggle with and make an attempt at it. Journal about the experience.

DAY 2: Conquer

- **Scripture:** John 10:10
- **Prayer Focus:** Ask God for the ability to step out and try something new.
- **Challenge:** Try something you've always wanted to—but never have, such as riding a rollercoaster, jumping off the high dive, or reading a whole book of the Bible.

DAY 3: Hard Times

- **Scripture:** 2 Timothy 2:12
- **Prayer Focus:** Help through tough times.
- **Challenge:** Think of a difficult time in your life. Share with a parent or friend how you made it through this time and name one way God helped you through this time.

DAY 4: Staying True

- **Scripture:** 1 Corinthians 1:8
- **Prayer Focus:** Ask God to help you stay strong in your faith.
- **Challenge:** Think of a time when it was difficult to follow Jesus. Write in your journal how you stayed strong during that time and include five ways God can give you strength this upcoming school year when you face faith challenges.

DAY 5: Loving Your Enemies

- **Scripture:** Matthew 5:44
- **Prayer Focus:** Help in seeing others through God's eyes.
- **Challenge:** Think of someone you have a conflict with and ask God to help you resolve your conflict. Then go out and do it!

DAY 6: Prayer Warrior

- **Scripture:** Philippians 4:6-7
- **Prayer Focus:** Giving everything to God.
- **Challenge:** What's hard for you to hand over to God? Think of something you always try to do on your own or something you constantly worry about. Then pray about and watch God work!

DAY 7: Be Strong!

- **Scripture:** Joshua 1:6
- **Prayer Focus:** Pray for miraculous strength.
- **Challenge:** What are you afraid of? Name it and claim it. Then ask God to give you supernatural strength in conquering your fear. When you overcome this obstacle, write it in your journal and thank God for giving you strength.

Week 3: ENCOURAGEMENT

DAY 1: Put God First

- **Scripture:** Matthew 6:33-34
- **Prayer Focus:** Ask God to help you focus on him first thing, every day.
- **Challenge:** Do you worry a lot? Write your biggest worry on pool noodle and let it float in the pool. Let the noodle remind you that God keeps us afloat—even when we worry.

DAY 2: Lift Each Other Up

- **Scripture:** 1 Thessalonians 5:11
- **Prayer Focus:** Pray for at least 3 other people.
- **Challenge:** Write an encouraging note to someone whose experiencing difficulties. Let that person know you're praying for him or her.

DAY 3: God Knows Best

- **Scripture:** Romans 8:28
- **Prayer Focus:** Pray for God to take you out of your comfort zone.
- **Challenge:** Ask God to stretch you—such as giving you courage to tell someone about Jesus or helping someone in need. Then watch how God works in that situation.

DAY 4: God Protects You

- **Scripture:** Ephesians 6:11-16
- **Prayer Focus:** God's protection.
- **Challenge:** Think of 3 areas you need protection as you start school this fall. Make a zipper pull for your jacket with letter beads that spell out, "Faith" to remind you that God will always protect you.

DAY 5: God Cares for the Lost

- **Scripture:** Luke 15: 3-7
- **Prayer Focus:** Someone who doesn't know Jesus.
- **Challenge:** Invite someone who doesn't know Jesus to church this weekend. Share with that person the good news of Jesus!

DAY 6: God is For Me

- **Scripture:** Psalm 118: 6-9
- **Prayer Focus:** A grateful heart to praise God for loving you so much.
- **Challenge:** The next time you have a rough day, find something to be happy about such as the sun shining or a moment of laughter. Then shout, "Go! (your name), go!" and remember that God is always cheering for you.

DAY 7: God Gives Us Friends

- **Scripture:** Proverbs 18:24
- **Prayer Focus:** Say thank you for your friends.
- **Challenge:** Call up your best friend and tell that person why he or she is special to you.



Week 4: SERVE

DAY 1: Reach Out to Family

- **Scripture:** Ephesians 6:2
- **Prayer Focus:** Pray for your parents, siblings, and extended family.
- **Challenge:** Do something for your parents without being asked such as take out the garbage or load the dishwasher.



DAY 2: Be a Reflection

- **Scripture:** Matthew 5:16
- **Prayer Focus:** That you can be a reflection of God's love to others.
- **Challenge:** Look in a mirror and smile. Now that's a reflection of God's love! Smile at everyone who passes your way today to show others the joy of God's love in your life.

DAY 3: Be a Role Model

- **Scripture:** John 21:16
- **Prayer Focus:** The babies and preschoolers in your church.
- **Challenge:** Little kids think you're the coolest! Help care for little ones this weekend by volunteering at your church to read the Bible story or teach them a fun praise song with motions.

DAY 4: Honor Others

- **Scripture:** Romans 12:10
- **Prayer Focus:** People who serve others in your community such as firefighters, police officers, or lifeguards.
- **Challenge:** Honor those who daily help others in their profession by surprising them with homemade cookies or a basket of DVDs and popcorn.

DAY 5: Love One Another

- **Scripture:** 1 John 3:18-19
- **Prayer Focus:** Putting words into action.
- **Challenge:** Find a way to show love to someone else by your actions. For example: plant flowers for an elderly person, deliver water bottles to road construction workers, or distribute free popsicles to families at the beach.

DAY 6: Be a Good Neighbor

- **Scripture:** Luke 10:27
- **Prayer Focus:** God's wisdom for showing your neighbor God's love.
- **Challenge:** Do something nice for someone in your neighborhood. Surprise a family by mowing their yard, picking up pet waste, or delivering fresh vegetables from your garden.

DAY 7: Hear, Ye! Hear, Ye!

- **Scripture:** Mark 16: 15
- **Prayer Focus:** People around the world.
- **Challenge:** Choose a third-world country and do something to help make a difference there. Send money to support an orphan, collect pencils for school kids, or send stickers to children in a foreign hospital or orphanage.