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DAY 1 READ: Acts 2:40-47 (KBC Study Bible, pages 1187-1188)

THINK: Have you ever been around friends when everyone was getting along and sharing with one another? That is the way the first Christians felt about one another. Once they believed in Jesus and received God's forgiveness, they started acting differently toward one another. They got along with each other and shared and praised God.

PRAY: Dear God, help me to treat others just like those Christians did so long ago. Thank You for forgiving me and help me to be more forgiving toward others. In Jesus' name, Amen.

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DAY 2 READ: Acts 3:1-10 (KBC Study Bible, page 1188)

THINK: A lame man received God's forgiveness and the ability to walk again. Peter healed the lame man because of the man's faith in Jesus. When the lame man was healed he praised God. Everyone who trusts in Jesus is changed in some way. The greatest thing Jesus does for people is to give them a whole new life. It is a life that will last forever, filling people with a lasting joy and peace.

PRAY: Dear Lord, help me to have Your lasting peace and joy in my life. Show me how to be a new person on the inside. Help me to act like one of Your children. In Jesus' name, Amen.

DAY 3 READ: Acts 8:26-40 (KBC Study Bible, page 1196)

THINK: Jesus came to forgive all kinds of people, not just the Jews. An important official from Ethiopia became an early Christian and likely took the good news of the gospel back to his home land. The gospel is open to all people, no matter what their color or way of life. God wants you to love everyone.

PRAY: Dear Lord, help me to act like Your child to everyone I meet today. In Jesus' name, Amen.

DAY 4 READ: Luke 6:37-38 (KBC Study Bible, page 1113)

THINK: We are not to judge or condemn (or criticize) others, but to forgive. Very often, we will only forgive or be nice to people who do the same for us. That is not what Jesus did—He died on the cross for everyone, even the people who meant Him harm and those who hurt Him.

PRAY: Dear Lord, help me not to judge or criticize other people. Show me how to forgive those who would hurt me. In Jesus' name, Amen.

DAY 5 READ: Luke 23:26-34 (KBC Study Bible, pages 1143-1144)

DO OR THINK: Jesus paid the ultimate price so that we could be forgiven by God. At His final moments He asked His Heavenly Father to forgive them because they didn't know the full impact of what they were doing. Jesus did all of this so you and I could have a relationship with our Heavenly Father. If you have not made Jesus your forever friend and accepted His gift of forgiveness, then today is the day to do it.

PRAY: Dear Jesus, thank You for dying for my sins. Help me to tell others about You. Amen.

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