



Textable Devotions

Volume One
"We Belong To Jesus"

What are "Textable Devotions?"

"Textable" Devotions are meant to be a thought and a scripture that students can reflect on daily. The heart behind these came when I had certain students who kept telling me they wanted to "be in their Bibles more," but kept making excuses about time. Yes there are such things as a "verse of the day" on many Bible sites. However, many students complained that they were random, or they didn't know what to think about them.

What's In a "Devo?"

Each "devo" contains a thought, the reference and then a direct link for them to read the Scripture. The passages aren't over 3-5 verses long, so they can reflect deeply on it as a thought for the day.

You can use this a couple of ways:

For kids who are just starting to even think about being in their "Word" daily, merely send them the devo.

A next step is to teach your kids to "S.O.A.P" through the verses. This funny little acronym stands for "Scripture, Observation, Application, Prayer." First they read the verse. Then in a notes app (or "gasp" on an old fashioned piece of paper) have them write a couple of observations for the reference. Figure out one way they can apply the verse to their life and act on it. Finally they close in prayer.

Encourage your kids to write the scriptures out on a sticky note or on an index card at some point in their day. Put it somewhere they can see it, and then hang it in their room in a place they will see it. This way they begin to collect a wall of scriptures they can be reminded of who Christ is daily.

What's In This Series?

The topic is "When We Belong to Jesus." What does it mean to not just be "Saved" but to really belong to Christ. What did Jesus do? What does He think of us? How does sin play into all of this? Feel free to send them in a different order, they are currently set up with topical direction. The goal is to have a great launch into our new year!



Days 1 -5: What Happens When We Give Our Lives To Jesus?

What happens when God is on your side? Ever thought about what Jesus has done & does for you even today? Romans 8:31-34 <http://tinyurl.com/Romans8-31-34>

When we give our life to Jesus something happens. It's a miracle how we are brought back to God. 2Cor. 5:17&18 <http://tinyurl.com/mu7boj3>

God gives us a free gift, it does come with a price. What does "salvation" mean to you? 2 Cor. 6:1-2 <http://tinyurl.com/2Cor-Six1-2>

Jesus came so we can understand what it means to be His child. We are no longer "slaves" to sin, but now we are HIS. Gal. 4:4-7 <http://tinyurl.com/Gal-4-4-7>

We can only know love because God loved us first. His love involves total sacrifice. Can we know that kind of love? 1John 4:7-10 <http://tinyurl.com/1John-4-7-10>

Days 6-16: What Does God Think About Us?

God knows everything about us. He has looked deep into our heart and He knows us well. Psalm 139:1-4 <http://tinyurl.com/Psalm-139-1-4>

God is all around us wherever we go. He watches ahead of us and He has our back. Psalm 139:5&6 <http://tinyurl.com/Psalm-139-5-6>

We simply can't run away from God. Wherever we go He is there. He wants to show us the way. Psalm 139: 7-12 <http://tinyurl.com/Psalm-139-7-12>

God saw you before anyone else on earth. He made you amazing. Can you embrace that? Psalm 139:13-16 <http://tinyurl.com/Psalm-139-13-16>

When we really think about how much God loves us all we want to do is be closer to Him. Psalm 139: 23&24 <http://tinyurl.com/Psalm-139-23-24>

God's thinking about How much He loves you, right this second, and so many times you can't even count it. Psalm 139:17&18 <http://tinyurl.com/Psalm-139-17-18>

We may not understand everything about God now, but He knows us. There will come a day when we "get it." 1. Cor. 13:12 <http://tinyurl.com/1-Cor-13-12>

Grace is a free gift, we can't ever do anything to "earn" it. We are God's "masterpiece." What does that mean? Eph. 2:8-10 <http://tinyurl.com/Eph-2-8-10>

What style of music do you think it is when God sings over you? Zeph. 3:17 <http://tinyurl.com/ZephThree17>



As we get to know God we can understand Him more. How did God “rescue” us & what does that mean? Col. 1: 10-14 <http://tinyurl.com/Col-1-10-14>

When we give God our sin & let Him know what we have done, He forgives. Every time. 1 John 1:9 <http://tinyurl.com/1JohnOne9>

Days 17-21: How does this change us?

What could this mean that you have been changed into God’s special people? What “wonderful” things has He done for you? 1 Peter 2:9&10 <http://tinyurl.com/no4r2pb>

How do you know you belong to Jesus? It’s about believing in Him & trusting to put Him first. Can you do this? Romans 10:9-11 <http://tinyurl.com/Romans-10-9-11>

One simple idea. Have you ever thought about what it means for you? Do you love God? 1 Cor. 8:3 <http://tinyurl.com/1Cor-8Three>

When we know we are God’s child, we love Him. When we love Him we don’t hate doing what He asks. 1 John 5:1-5 <http://tinyurl.com/1John5-1-5>

God keeps working on you & me & it’s good. I’m glad he’s not done with us yet. Phil. 1:6 <http://tinyurl.com/Phil-One6>

Days 22 – 28: So If We Belong To Christ Can We Live However We Want?

Think today is your behavior “honorable?” Do you stand out as “different” from those who don’t follow Christ? 1 Peter 2:12 " <http://tinyurl.com/khz62lw>

If you will sin anyway does it matter if you do? What is the best way to silence “stupid people?” 1 Peter 2:15-16 <http://tinyurl.com/or4czhe>

Does the free gift of “grace” give us a “right” to sin? Making a mistake & choosing to live “your” way are different ? Romans 6:1&2 <http://tinyurl.com/mnnm5wl>

When we come to know Jesus our sin has literally been washed off of us. You can’t do it yourself. What can? 1 Cor. 6:11 <http://tinyurl.com/1CorSix>

Now that we know Jesus can we do anything we want to? Does this say we can get it together when we “grow up?” 1 Cor. 6:12 <http://tinyurl.com/1Cor-Six12>

When we “repent” we turn away from our sin & want to change. We can’t just “feel bad.” What do you choose? 2 Cor. 7:10&11 <http://tinyurl.com/2Cor-7-10-11>



Ever thought about giving up living for what you want? What would that look like? Could it make you crazy? 2. Cor.5:13-15 <http://tinyurl.com/2-Cor-5-13-15>

Days 29-40: Who Are We When We Know We Belong To Jesus?

Ever felt like everyone else is laughing at you? What happens when you belong to Jesus? Romans 8:1&2 <http://tinyurl.com/Romans8-1-2>

When life goes wrong does it mean God left you? Did you know not one thing can come between you & God's love? Romans 8:35-39 <http://tinyurl.com/Romans-8-35-39>

God loves us so much we get to be HIS kids. But that also means some people may not understand what that means. What do you think? 1 John 3:1 " <http://tinyurl.com/1-John-Three1>

If we were each learning what it means to be "patient" with each other's "faults," how would it change us & others? Eph. 4:2-3 <http://tinyurl.com/Eph-4-2-3>

Things aren't perfect, however, when we belong to Jesus, He wants what's best for us. Can you believe that? Rom. 8:28 <http://tinyurl.com/Romans-Eight-28>

Can we have clothes that aren't made of the "usual" materials? What does it mean to "wear" love or peace? Col. 3:12-15 <http://tinyurl.com/Col-3-12-15>

Can we keep on getting to know Christ so we know Him better? How will that help us? Hebrews 3:13-14 <http://tinyurl.com/Heb-3-13-14>

We are in a race to be closer to Jesus. He wants us to stick with Him to the end. How do we do this? Hebrews 12:1-3 <http://tinyurl.com/Heb-12-One-3>

How long does God's love for you last? Does He want to work out His plans for you? Psalm 138:8 <http://tinyurl.com/Psalm-138-Eight>

God works on so we WANT to live for Him. How can you shine for Him in the world around you? Phil. 2:12-15 <http://tinyurl.com/Phil-2-12-15>

Ever thought of the word "privilege" when it comes to telling others about Jesus? How can we do that? Eph. 3:7 <http://tinyurl.com/Eph-3-7>

How can we know more about what God thinks about us? He gave us His Word. How do we know? 2 Tim. 3 <http://tinyurl.com/2Tim3-16-17>