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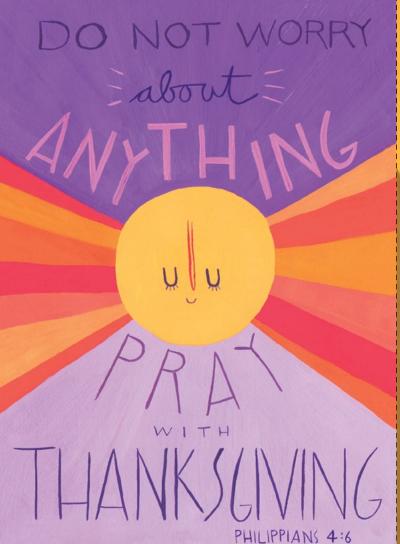


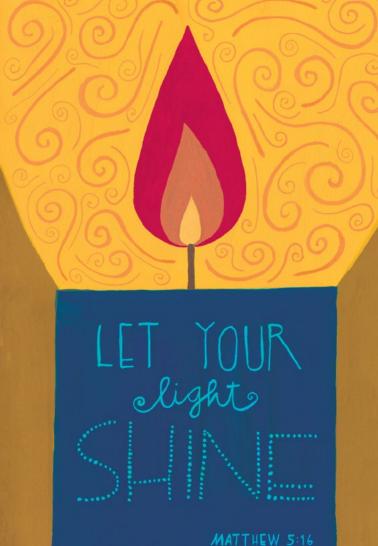












Scripture Postcards

For you to tear out and keep

We hope you like these three scripture postcards, designed by Gillian Hibbs. In each issue this year we are sharing verses about each of the actions in the JMA promise: Think-Pray-Live. We have chosen three verses in this issue to help you think about mission and what it means to you and your church.

You could talk about them with your family, perhaps at a meal time. On the back there are some ideas to talk about and explore further. Or you might like to read them on your own and talk to God about what you learn.

I wonder which of the verses is your favourite? Why do you like that one the best?

Can you learn one of the verses?
Ask someone in your family or your JMA
Secretary to test you!

Think

For we are what he has made us, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand to be our way of life.

Ephesians 2:10

Did you know?

You can read about Paul's visits to Ephesus in Acts 18:19-20 and Acts 20:17-38.

Reflection

Think about the fact that God made you for good works. How does that feel? Is it exciting or scary? Does it make you wonder what good works he has for you? Can you remember a time that you served God in a way that felt fun, joyful, and exciting? He designed us to love doing those things that he has planned especially for us.

Action

Can you serve in this way again? Talk to your leader or parents about an opportunity to do something similar.

Read the full story Ephesians 2:1-10

Live

In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven.

Matthew 5:16

Did you know?

Other animals can see light that humans can't. For example, a large number of insects can see ultraviolet (UV) light.

Reflection

As we receive good things from God he wants us to give good things to others. This might be love, or kind words, or actual things. As people notice us shining like this with the joy of loving and giving, they will look to see where this different behaviour comes from, and they will see God.

Action

Look for ways this week to share God's love and gifts. Look out for someone on their own at school. Find a local project that you can pray for and give time or money to. Pray

Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God.

Philippians 4:6

Did you know?

Paul mentions thanksgiving, thanks, and thankfulness nearly 50 times in his writings!

Reflection

Can you practise this week sharing all your worries with Jesus? Whenever a worry comes into your mind start talking to Jesus about it. Try to find things to say thank you for while you talk with him.

Action

We often read about sad and terrible things around the world. Our prayers can make a difference. Thank God for missionaries and others who are working in these places to bring peace, love, and hope. Pray that God will bless them and equip them to change lives.

Read the full story Philippians 4:4-9

Read the full story Matthew 5:13-16