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HABITS | SEPTEMBER 29-OCTOBER 5, 2021
BOTTOM LINE: LISTENING TO GOD HELPS US KNOW HIM BETTER

In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.

GENESIS 1:1 NLT

>> SEPTEMBER 29

What's your favorite part of God's creation? Maybe it's something like waterfalls or bright stars. Or maybe it's a cuddly animal or the changing colors of the leaves in autumn. God's creation is all around you. And one of the coolest things about creation is that it shows us more about who God is. The flowers that bloom, the sunshine on our faces, the people we meet—they all reflect who God is and help us know Him better.

This week, make a point to look around and notice God's creation. Write down some of the things you see and what they show or tell you about God.

Let the heavens be glad, and the earth rejoice! Let the sea and everything in it shout His praise!

PSALM 96:11 NLT

>> SEPTEMBER 30

One of the things we can do to get to know God better is to look for Him in the world around us. As this Psalm tells us, all of heaven and earth are a reflection of God. All of creation is praising Him for who He is. That's pretty cool, right? When we're not sure if God is with us, we can simply open our eyes to the world around us to see that He is there.

Today, share this Psalm verse with your family. Text it to them, or talk about it at the dinner table. Then, start a conversation about what parts of creation help you know or connect with God the best.

By faith we understand that the entire universe was formed at God's command, that what we now see did not come from anything that can be seen.

HEBREWS 11:3 NLT

>> OCTOBER 1

God formed the universe on purpose with a purpose. He created each and every thing with detail—including you! Whether you believe it or not, you are a beautiful part of God's creation. And that's something worth remembering! When we show kindness and love to ourselves, we are showing kindness and love to God, too, because we are a part of His creation.

On a piece of paper, write down three things you love about the way God made you and who He created you to be. Then, stick that note on your mirror as a reminder to you of how wonderful He believes you are!

*He counts the stars and
He calls them all by
name.*

PSALM 147:4 NLT

>> OCTOBER 2

All throughout Scripture, we see that God cares about creation. This Psalm points out that He cares about the stars so much, He calls them each by name. So if God cares that much about the stars in the sky, how much more does He care for you—the one created in His very image? God knows every part of who you are. He knows your thoughts, your hurts, your dreams, and even your questions. That's how much He cares!

Before your head hits the pillow tonight, thank God for how well He knows you and how much He cares about every part of who you are. Pray that you would come to know Him and connect with Him more.

*O Sovereign Lord! You
made the heavens and
earth by your strong
hand and powerful
arm. Nothing is too
hard for you!*

JEREMIAH 32:17 NLT

>> OCTOBER 3

Life can be hard! When you're facing difficult things in your life, remember that God is bigger. God is stronger, more powerful, and greater than the challenges you are dealing with. And because of that, nothing is too hard for God.

This week, ask a family member to share with you how God has helped them through a hard time. Ask them to help you remember that He will do the same for you when you turn to Him and connect with Him in your struggles.

*Oh, how I love your
instructions! I think
about them all day
long. Your commands
make me wiser than
my enemies, for they
are my constant guide.*

PSALM 119:97-98 NLT

>> OCTOBER 4

Starting to read your Bible can seem like a huge task, especially if it's your first time doing so. It might feel like God's Word wasn't meant for those young in age or young in faith, but God's purpose for the Bible wasn't to confuse us. The author of these verses describes God's Word in the way God wants us to see it. The Bible contains our instructions for life. It's our constant guide. And when we allow God's Word to be our guide, we become wiser than our enemies.

Right now, take a moment to think about one way God has already guided your life. Then, thank God for giving us the Bible as a guidebook for our lives.

*Go to the Lord for
help; and worship him
continually.*

PSALM 105:4 GNT

>> OCTOBER 5

One of the best places we can listen to and hear God's voice is in Scripture. God uses the Bible to speak to us! And that's why having Scripture memorized can help keep God's voice in our hearts and minds. So this week, try memorizing this verse! Set an alarm for the same time every single day. When that alarm goes off, stop and read this verse. Doing this every day this week will help you commit it to memory.