

YISHKENI BOOKS NEWSLETTER

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HELLO FROM YISHKENI BOOKS



Join Our Growing Garden! The Yishkeni Books family is blooming with readers who love faith-filled stories about making wise choices and serving with purpose. Share your favorite moments from our books, tag us in your reading adventures, and connect with other families on Facebook and Instagram @yishkenibooks. Together, we're planting seeds of faith, one story at a time!

BOOK AND CHARACTER

MEET JAKE - THE FAITHFUL SERVANT



This month we're celebrating Jake and the Snake, an inspiring story about a young servant who faces temptation but chooses to remain faithful to his Master. Jake's story teaches children (and reminds us adults) about:

- Resisting Temptation - Recognizing when we're being tempted to take shortcuts or compromise our values
- Faithful Service - Finding joy and purpose in doing things the right way
- Spiritual Discernment - Understanding the real danger of temptation before it's too late
- Integrity and Character - Choosing what's right even when what's wrong seems easier
- The Power of Rebuke - Standing firm in our faith and rejecting deception

UPCOMING EVENTS

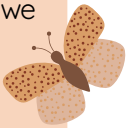
UPCOMING EVENTS

 **JAKE'S THANKSGIVING BAKING CHALLENGE!** This November, bake Jake's famous cake with your family! Share your creations on Facebook @yishkenibooks and tag us for a chance to be featured!

 **JAKE AND THE SNAKE IS AVAILABLE NOW!** Get your copy on Amazon, Barnes & Noble, and Christian Faith Publishing. Perfect for teaching children about making wise choices!

 **HOLIDAY SEASON COMING!** Watch for special December announcements and festive content as we prepare for the holidays!

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VERSE TO REMEMBER

"No temptation has overtaken you except such as is common to man: but God is faithful, who will not suffer you to be tempted above that ye are able; but will with the temptation also make a way to escape, that ye may be able to bear it." - 1 Corinthians 10:13 KJV

Family Reflection: How does knowing that God provides a way of escape help us when we face temptation? What does it mean that God won't let us be tempted beyond what we can handle?

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FAMILY DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

About Temptation and Wise Choices:

- When Jake faced the snake's temptation, he immediately recognized it as false. How can we teach our children to recognize temptation before it's too late?
- What does it mean to "consider the consequences" like Jake did before making a choice?
- How can we help our children understand that what seems easy or fun might actually harm them?

About Faithful Service:

- Jake loved serving his Master and found joy in his work. How can we help our children find purpose and meaning in their responsibilities?
- What does it look like to serve with a willing heart rather than complaining?
- How does Jake's attitude toward work differ from Zake's approach?

About Standing Firm:

- Jake didn't hesitate or negotiate when the snake appeared. How can we help our children develop this kind of conviction?
- What does it mean to "rebuke" temptation? How can we teach our children to say "no" firmly?
- How important is it to have decided your values before you face temptation?

About Identity and Purpose:

- Jake's strength came from knowing who he was (a servant of his Master) and what he valued. How does understanding our identity in Christ help us resist temptation?
- What are the core values you want your family to hold? How do you teach and model them?
- How does knowing our purpose help us make wise choices?

About the Cost of Compromise:

- Zake promised Jake ease and breaks, but what would Jake have lost by accepting?
- What are some "easy ways" that actually have hidden costs?
- How can we help our children understand that shortcuts often lead to bigger problems?

About Gratitude and Contentment:

- Jake was content with his work and grateful for the opportunity to serve. How does gratitude protect us from temptation?
- What's the difference between being content and being lazy?
- How can we cultivate gratitude in our families?

About Community and Support:

- Jake stood alone against the snake, but he had his Master's support. Who are the people in your child's life who support them in making wise choices?
- How important is it to have trusted adults to talk to about temptation?
- How can we be that support system for our children?

MONTHLY DEVOTIONAL



RESISTING TEMPTATION AND SERVING WITH PURPOSE



The Nature of Temptation

Temptation is one of the most universal human experiences. From the Garden of Eden where Adam and Eve faced the temptation to eat forbidden fruit, to Jesus in the wilderness facing Satan's three-fold temptation, Scripture consistently demonstrates that temptation is not sin—but yielding to temptation leads to sin.

The Book of James teaches us: "Let no man say when he is tempted, I am tempted of God: for God cannot be tempted with evil, neither tempteth he any man: But every man is tempted, when he is drawn away of his own lust, and enticed. Then when lust hath conceived, it bringeth forth sin: and sin, when it is finished, bringeth forth death." (James 1:13-15 KJV)

Jake and the Snake illustrates this progression perfectly. Zake doesn't immediately demand that Jake abandon his principles. Instead, Zake offers what appears to be a reasonable alternative: "You work hard and seldom take break. If you serve the fake, you can always take break."

The Temptation Strategy: Gradual Compromise

One of temptation's most dangerous characteristics is its subtlety. The snake doesn't appear as an obvious enemy but as a fellow servant offering friendly advice. This mirrors how temptation actually works in our lives—it rarely announces itself as evil. Instead, it comes dressed in reasonable arguments and attractive promises.

Proverbs 4:23 warns: "Keep thy heart with all diligence; for out of it are the issues of life." The heart must be guarded because temptation begins there, in our desires and dissatisfactions.

Temptation often follows this pattern:

1. Recognition of desire - Jake is tired from working hard
2. Presentation of an alternative - Zake offers an easier path
3. Rationalization - The alternative seems reasonable and beneficial
4. The deception - The true cost is hidden until too late

Jake's Response: Discernment and Rebuke

What makes Jake's story powerful is not that he never faced temptation, but that he recognized it and rejected it. When Zake appeared as a snake, Jake didn't hesitate or negotiate. He immediately responded with clarity and conviction: "But I love to serve the Maker and bake and rake."

This response reveals several spiritual truths:

1. Clear Identity - Jake knew who he was: a servant of the Maker. His identity wasn't based on comfort or ease, but on his relationship to his Master.
2. Stated Values - Jake articulated what he loved: serving the Maker, baking, raking—the work itself. He found meaning in faithful service, not in avoiding work.



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3. Immediate Rejection - Jake didn't entertain the temptation or debate its merits. He rejected it outright: "I rebuke the snake for heaven's sake. I shall not take or serve the fake like the snake." Matthew 4:10 shows Jesus using this same strategy when tempted by Satan: "Then saith Jesus unto him, Get thee hence, Satan: for it is written, Thou shalt worship the Lord thy God, and him only shalt thou serve."

The Cost of Compromise vs. The Reward of Faithfulness

Jake understood something crucial that many people miss: the "easy way" always has hidden costs. Zake promised breaks and ease, but serving the fake would have cost Jake his integrity, his relationship with his Master, and ultimately his wellbeing.

Proverbs 14:12 teaches: "There is a way which seemeth right unto a man, but the end thereof are the ways of death."

In contrast, Jake's faithfulness resulted in blessing: "My Father was very pleased with the servant Jake. This is the story about the loyal servant Jake."

Five Biblical Principles for Resisting Temptation

1. KNOW YOUR MASTER (John 10:27) "My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me."

Jake's strength came from his relationship with his Master. He knew what his Master valued and what would please Him. Believers who maintain a strong relationship with God through prayer, Scripture study, and worship develop spiritual sensitivity that helps them recognize temptation. Family Application: Help your children develop a personal relationship with God. Teach them to ask "What would please God?" when facing choices.

2. UNDERSTAND YOUR PURPOSE (1 Corinthians 10:31) "Whether therefore ye eat, or drink, or whatsoever ye do, do all to the glory of God."

Jake found meaning in his work because he understood it was service to his Master. He didn't view his tasks as burdensome obligations but as opportunities to serve. This perspective transforms how we approach our responsibilities.

Family Application: Help your children see their daily tasks (schoolwork, chores, responsibilities) as opportunities to serve God and develop character, not as punishments to endure.

3. RECOGNIZE THE REAL ENEMY (1 Peter 5:8) "Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour."

Jake recognized that Zake was not just offering friendly advice—he was presenting a spiritual threat. The snake represented a force opposed to Jake's wellbeing and faithfulness. Understanding that temptation is not neutral but actively harmful helps us take it seriously.

Family Application: Teach children that temptation isn't just about making a "bad choice"—it's about spiritual forces that want to harm them and separate them from God.





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4. HAVE AN ESCAPE PLAN (1 Corinthians 10:13) "But God is faithful, who will not suffer you to be tempted above that ye are able; but will with the temptation also make a way to escape, that ye may be able to bear it."

God always provides a way out of temptation. For Jake, that way was clear: rebuke the snake and reaffirm his commitment to his Master. For us, the escape routes might include prayer, removing ourselves from the situation, seeking wise counsel, or remembering God's promises.

Family Application: Help your children identify escape routes before temptation strikes. What will they do if offered drugs? How will they respond to peer pressure? What will they say when tempted to cheat?

5. STAND FIRM IN YOUR CONVICTIONS (Ephesians 6:10-11) "Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord, and in the power of his might. Put on the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil."

Jake didn't waver or compromise. He stood firm in his commitment to his Master and his values. This firmness came from understanding the stakes and having already decided where he stood.

Family Application: Help your children develop convictions before they face temptation. Discuss your family values and why they matter. Practice saying "no" in safe environments.

The Danger of Gradual Compromise

One of temptation's most insidious tactics is the "boiling frog" approach—gradually increasing pressure until we find ourselves in a place we never intended to be. Zake didn't ask Jake to immediately abandon his Master. He simply suggested taking more breaks, working less hard, serving "the fake" instead of the real.

Proverbs 27:12 warns: "A prudent man foreseeth the evil, and hideth himself: but the simple pass on, and are punished."

The prudent person recognizes temptation early and takes action before compromise becomes inevitable. Jake demonstrated this prudence by recognizing the snake's true nature and rejecting it immediately.

Thanksgiving as a Spiritual Discipline

Interestingly, Jake's story connects beautifully to the Thanksgiving season. Jake's faithfulness and service flow from gratitude—gratitude for his Master, for meaningful work, for the opportunity to serve with integrity.

Philippians 4:4-6 teaches: "Rejoice in the Lord alway: and again I say, Rejoice. Let your moderation be known unto all men. The Lord is at hand. Be careful for nothing; but in every thing by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God."

Gratitude is a powerful antidote to temptation. When we're grateful for what we have and who we serve, we're less likely to be tempted by false promises of ease or comfort.





MONTHLY DEVOTIONAL

RESISTING TEMPTATION AND SERVING WITH PURPOSE



Family Devotional Activities

Week 1: Identity and Purpose Have family members write down their identity in Christ and their purpose. Discuss how understanding these helps resist temptation.

Week 2: Recognizing Temptation Share stories of times you recognized temptation. Discuss what warning signs you noticed.

Week 3: Escape Routes Identify specific temptations your family members might face. Develop concrete escape plans for each.

Week 4: Standing Firm Practice saying "no" to temptation. Engage in role-playing scenarios where family members may encounter pressure.

Questions for Deeper Family Discussion

1. How does Jake's immediate recognition of the snake's true nature help us understand spiritual discernment?
2. What does it mean that temptation is not sin, but yielding to temptation leads to sin?
3. How can understanding our purpose help us resist temptation?
4. What are some "snakes" (temptations disguised as helpful) that families face today?
5. How does gratitude protect us from temptation?
6. What does it look like to "rebuke the snake" in our modern context?
7. How can we help our children develop the kind of conviction Jake demonstrated?



Closing Prayer

"Almighty God, we thank You for the example of Jake's faithfulness and his refusal to compromise his integrity. Give us wisdom to recognize temptation in all its forms, courage to reject it firmly, and strength to remain faithful to You and Your purposes. Help us understand that the easy path is not always the right path, and that true blessing comes through faithful service and integrity. Protect our children from temptation, but when they face it, give them discernment to recognize it and courage to resist it. May our families be known for faithfulness, integrity, and unwavering commitment to You. In Jesus' name, Amen."





NEWSLETTER

WELCOME TO JAKE'S WORLD!

Hey there, amazing kids! Get ready to meet the coolest faithful servant ever – JAKE! He's not just any ordinary boy... he's got a heart full of love for his Master and hands that can bake the most delicious cakes you've ever tasted! 🍰 But Jake's story isn't just about baking. It's about something super important – making the RIGHT choice even when the WRONG choice seems easier. And that's where the snake comes in...

MEET THE CHARACTERS:

JAKE – The Faithful Servant

- Organized, methodical, and dedicated
- Loves to serve his Master
- Works hard and does everything the right way
- Strong character and brave heart
- Knows the difference between what's real and what's fake

ZAKE – The Deceiver

- Appears as a friendly servant at first
- Tempts Jake to take shortcuts
- Promises ease and comfort
- Hides his true nature until the last moment
- Represents temptation and deception

THE SNAKE – The Real Enemy

- Zake's true form
- Persistent and patient
- Hypnotic and relentless
- Tries to convince Jake to abandon his values
- Represents spiritual danger

THE MASTER – Jake's Boss

- Loves and trusts Jake
- Pleased when Jake makes wise choices
- Represents God's love and approval

🎯 JAKE'S SUPER POWERS!

👉 THE INTEGRITY SUPERPOWER – Jake never does anything fake or dishonest!

🎯 THE DISCERNMENT POWER – Jake can recognize danger and deception before it's too late!

🔥 THE REBUKE ABILITY – Jake stands firm and says "NO!" to temptation!

❤️ THE FAITHFUL HEART – Jake loves his Master and stays loyal no matter what!

🧠 THE WISDOM BLAST – Jake thinks about the consequences before making choices!

🏃 THE ESCAPE ROUTE POWER – Jake knows how to get away from danger!

🕵️ SPOT THE CLUES IN JAKE'S STORY!

👁️ Look for the LAKE – Where does Jake's big test happen?

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🍰 Search for the CAKE – What is Jake famous for baking?

⚖️ Discover the CHOICE – What does Jake choose at the end?

🎯 Find the MASTER – Who is Jake serving?



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🤔 JAKE'S BIG QUESTION FOR YOU:

"When someone tries to get you to do something wrong, how can you be brave like me and say NO?"

Draw or write your answer here: 📄

Bonus Question: "What's something you're good at that you can do with excellence, just like I bake with care?"

THIS MONTH'S MISSION: THE WISE CHOICE CHALLENGE!

Just like Jake made the wise choice to rebuke the snake, can YOU make wise choices this week?

Try these:

Monday: When you're tempted to take a shortcut on your homework, do it the RIGHT way instead!

Tuesday: When a friend asks you to do something you know is wrong, say "NO!" like Jake did!

Wednesday: When you're tired and want to quit, keep going and finish strong!

Thursday: When someone offers you something that seems too good to be true, ask a trusted adult first!

Friday: When you're tempted to be lazy, work hard and do your best!

Saturday: When you face a difficult choice, stop and think: "What would Jake do?"

Sunday: Thank God for helping you make wise choices all week!

🎵 JAKE'S RHYME TIME!

Jake is faithful, Jake is true,
He knows exactly what to do!
When the snake came with a lie,
Jake said NO! and reached for the sky!
He serves his Master with all his heart,
And that's what makes him smart!
So when temptation comes your way,
Be like Jake and REBUKE today!

Your Turn! Can you make up a rhyme about making wise choices? Write it here:



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SPECIAL LESSONS FOR YOUNG HEARTS

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- A helpful suggestion (that's really selfish)
- A friend's idea (that you know is wrong)

For You: Before you say yes to something, ask yourself: "Is this really what it seems to be?"

LESSON 2: YOUR IDENTITY MATTERS Jake knew he was a servant of his Master. That's why he could say NO to the snake. He knew who he was and what he stood for.

For You: Remember - YOU are loved by God. YOU are His child. That's your real identity, and it helps you make good choices!

LESSON 3: CONSEQUENCES ARE REAL Jake understood that serving the fake would cost him his integrity, his Master's trust, and his wellbeing. He considered the consequences BEFORE making his choice.

For You: When you're tempted, think: "What will happen if I do this? Is it worth it?"

LESSON 4: YOU CAN SAY NO Jake didn't hesitate or debate with the snake. He said NO firmly and immediately. He didn't negotiate or compromise.

For You: Practice saying NO right now. Say it out loud: "NO! I'm not doing that!" It gets easier every time you practice!

LESSON 5: STANDING FIRM IS WORTH IT Jake's faithfulness made his Master very pleased. He lived a long, healthy life. His choice to stand firm brought blessing.

For You: When you make wise choices, good things happen. You feel proud of yourself. People trust you. God is pleased with you!



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HELP JAKE ESCAPE THE SNAKE: MAZE ADVENTURE

INSTRUCTIONS: HELP JAKE WALK ON THE BRICK PATH TO NAVIGATE FROM THE LAKE TO HIS MASTER'S HOUSE WHILE AVOIDING THE SNAKE! FIND THE PATH THAT REPRESENTS MAKING WISE CHOICES AND STAYING FAITHFUL!



JAKE WORD SEARCH

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SERVANT	ROUTES	ESCAPE	LOYAL
FIRM	STAND	TEMPTATION	DISCERN
HARD	WORK	WISE	CHOICES
PURPOSE	SNAKE	REBUKE	FAITHFUL
INTEGRITY	EXCELLENCE	MAKER	SERVE

 JAKE CAN BAKE: THANKSGIVING EDITION

Jake loves to bake with care and dedication, especially during Thanksgiving! This month, we're sharing Jake's favorite Thanksgiving recipes that your family can make together. Just like Jake serves his Master with excellence, you can create delicious treats to share with those you love! Add your family's favorite recipe!



Recipe Card



Title _____

Prepping time _____ Cooking time _____ Serves _____

Ingredients



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Directions

JAKE'S CHOCOLATE CAKE RECIPE

INGREDIENTS:

Prep Time: 20 minutes

Bake Time: 35 minutes

Cool Time: 30 minutes

Total Time: 1 hour 25 minutes

Serves: 12-16 people

Dry Ingredients:

- $1\frac{3}{4}$ cups all-purpose flour
- 2 cups sugar
- $\frac{3}{4}$ cup unsweetened cocoa powder
- 2 teaspoons baking soda
- 1 teaspoon baking powder
- 1 teaspoon salt

Wet Ingredients:

- 2 large eggs
- 1 cup strong black coffee (or hot water)
- 1 cup buttermilk
- $\frac{1}{2}$ cup vegetable oil
- 1 teaspoon vanilla extract

Frosting:

- $\frac{1}{2}$ cup butter, softened
- $\frac{2}{3}$ cup unsweetened cocoa powder
- 3 cups powdered sugar
- $\frac{1}{3}$ cup milk
- 1 teaspoon vanilla extract



JAKE'S CHOCOLATE CAKE RECIPE

INSTRUCTIONS:

STEP 1: PREP TOGETHER (KIDS CAN HELP!)

- HAVE KIDS HELP MEASURE DRY INGREDIENTS
- LET THEM SIFT FLOUR AND COCOA POWDER TOGETHER
- KIDS CAN READ THE RECIPE OUT LOUD AS YOU GO
- PREHEAT OVEN TO 350°F



STEP 2: MIX THE DRY INGREDIENTS (GREAT FOR LITTLE HELPERS)

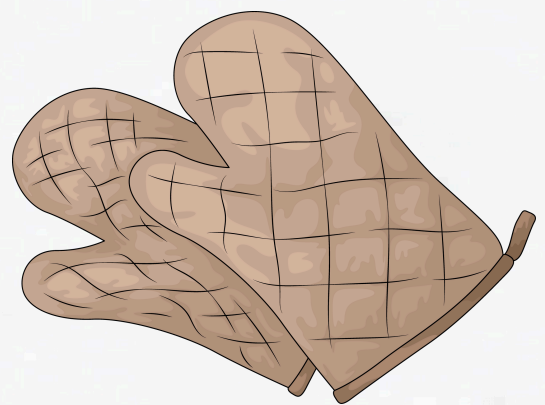
- COMBINE FLOUR, SUGAR, COCOA POWDER, BAKING SODA, BAKING POWDER, AND SALT IN A LARGE BOWL
- KIDS CAN HELP WHISK EVERYTHING TOGETHER
- MAKE SURE THERE ARE NO LUMPS IN THE COCOA POWDER

STEP 3: COMBINE THE WET INGREDIENTS (KIDS' FAVORITE PART!)

- IN ANOTHER BOWL, BEAT EGGS
- ADD COFFEE, BUTTERMILK, OIL, AND VANILLA
- KIDS CAN HELP POUR INGREDIENTS (WITH SUPERVISION)
- STIR UNTIL WELL COMBINED

STEP 4: MAKE THE BATTER (THE MAGIC HAPPENS!)

- POUR WET INGREDIENTS INTO DRY INGREDIENTS
- STIR UNTIL JUST COMBINED (DON'T OVERMIX!)
- KIDS CAN TAKE TURNS STIRRING
- THE BATTER SHOULD BE SMOOTH BUT NOT TOO THICK



JAKE'S CHOCOLATE CAKE RECIPE

INSTRUCTIONS:

STEP 5: BAKE WITH PATIENCE (JUST LIKE JAKE TEACHES US!)

- POUR BATTER EVENLY INTO TWO GREASED 9-INCH ROUND CAKE PANS
- BAKE FOR 30-35 MINUTES UNTIL A TOOTHPICK INSERTED IN CENTER COMES OUT CLEAN
- LET COOL IN PANS FOR 10 MINUTES
- TURN OUT ONTO WIRE RACKS TO COOL COMPLETELY

STEP 6: MAKE THE FROSTING (THE BEST PART!)

- BEAT SOFTENED BUTTER UNTIL CREAMY
- ADD COCOA POWDER GRADUALLY
- ALTERNATE ADDING POWDERED SUGAR AND MILK
- BEAT UNTIL SMOOTH AND SPREADABLE
- ADD VANILLA EXTRACT

STEP 7: FROST YOUR MASTERPIECE (KIDS LOVE THIS!)

- PLACE ONE CAKE LAYER ON SERVING PLATE
- SPREAD FROSTING ON TOP
- ADD SECOND LAYER
- FROST TOP AND SIDES
- LET KIDS HELP DECORATE IF DESIRED



JAKE'S CHOCOLATE CAKE RECIPE



SERVING SUGGESTIONS:

- SERVE WITH WHIPPED CREAM OR ICE CREAM
- PERFECT FOR THANKSGIVING DESSERT
- GREAT FOR SHARING WITH NEIGHBORS (JUST LIKE JAKE SHARES HIS BAKING!)
- MAKES 12-16 SERVINGS

KID-FRIENDLY COOKING TIPS:

- AGES 3-5: CAN MEASURE, POUR, AND STIR WITH HELP
- AGES 6-10: CAN HELP MIX, CRACK EGGS (WITH SUPERVISION), AND FROST
- AGES 11+: CAN HANDLE MOST TASKS WITH GUIDANCE
- ALWAYS SUPERVISE OVEN USE

JAKE'S KITCHEN WISDOM:

"JUST LIKE I BAKE WITH CARE AND DEDICATION, YOU CAN CREATE SOMETHING WONDERFUL WHEN YOU PUT YOUR HEART INTO IT. GOOD BAKING TAKES PATIENCE, PRECISION, AND LOVE. THE BEST CAKES COME FROM HANDS THAT WORK FAITHFULLY!"

TALKING POINTS WHILE BAKING:

- "JAKE LOVED TO BAKE BECAUSE HE DID IT FOR HIS MASTER. WHAT CAN WE DO WITH LOVE AND CARE?"
- "SEE HOW WE FOLLOW EACH STEP CAREFULLY? THAT'S HOW JAKE WORKED—METHODICAL AND FAITHFUL."
- "WHEN WE BAKE TOGETHER, WE'RE CREATING SOMETHING TO SHARE, JUST LIKE JAKE SHARED HIS BAKING!"
- "THIS CAKE TAKES TIME AND PATIENCE. GOOD THINGS ARE WORTH WAITING FOR!"



JAKE'S PUMPKIN SPICE BREAD

Perfect for Thanksgiving morning breakfast!



PREP TIME
15 MIN



COOK TIME
70 MIN



MAKES
2 LOAVES

Instructions

Step 1: Prepare

Preheat oven to 350°F

Grease two 9x5-inch loaf pans

Kids can help measure spices

Step 2: Mix Dry Ingredients

Whisk together flour, baking soda, salt, and all spices

Set aside

Step 3: Mix Wet Ingredients

In large bowl, beat sugar and oil together

Add eggs one at a time, beating well after each

Stir in pumpkin, water, and vanilla

Step 4: Combine

Add dry ingredients to wet ingredients

Stir until just combined

Fold in chocolate chips or nuts if using

Step 5: Bake

Divide batter evenly between prepared pans

Bake for 60–70 minutes until toothpick comes out clean

Cool in pans for 10 minutes, then remove to wire rack

Jake's Tip:

"Make this the day before Thanksgiving so the flavors have time to develop. It tastes even better the next day! Slice and serve with butter or cream cheese."

Ingredients

Dry Ingredients:

- 3 cups all-purpose flour
- 2 teaspoons baking soda
- 1½ teaspoons salt
- 2 teaspoons cinnamon
- 1 teaspoon nutmeg
- ½ teaspoon ground cloves
- ½ teaspoon ground ginger

Wet Ingredients:

- 3 cups sugar
- 1 cup vegetable oil
- 4 large eggs
- 1 (15 oz) can pure pumpkin puree
- ⅔ cup water
- 2 teaspoons vanilla extract

Optional Add-ins:

- 1 cup chocolate chips
- 1 cup chopped pecans or walnuts

Jake's Baking Wisdom for Families

1. PATIENCE



Good baking takes time.
We can't rush the rising or the baking process. Good things are worth waiting for!

2. PRECISION



Following the recipe carefully is important, just like following God's Word!

3. SERVICE



I bake to serve my Master
and bring joy to others

4. EXCELLENCE



I always do my best work,
even when no one is watching.
God sees our effort and our heart!

5. TEAMWORK



Baking together as a family creates
memories and teaches us to work together.
Everyone has a role to play!



JAKE'S HOMEMADE DINNER ROLLS

Soft, buttery, and perfect for Thanksgiving dinner!



PREP TIME
20 MIN



RISE TIME
90 MIN



COOK TIME
18 MIN



MAKES
15 ROLLS

Instructions

Step 1: Activate Yeast

- Pour warm milk into large bowl
- Sprinkle yeast on top
- Add 1 tablespoon of the sugar
- Let sit for 5 minutes until foamy

Step 2: Make Dough

- Add remaining sugar, melted butter, salt, and eggs to yeast mixture
- Mix well
- Add flour one cup at a time, mixing until dough forms
- Knead for 5 minutes until smooth and elastic

Step 3: First Rise

- Place dough in greased bowl, turning to coat
- Cover with towel
- Let rise in warm place for 1 hour until doubled

Step 4: Shape Rolls

- Punch down dough
- Divide into 15 equal pieces
- Roll each piece into a ball
- Place in greased 9x13-inch pan

Step 5: Second Rise

- Cover with towel
- Let rise 30 minutes until puffy

Step 6: Bake

- Preheat oven to 375°F
- Bake for 15–18 minutes until golden brown
- Brush with melted butter immediately
- Sprinkle with sea salt if desired

Ingredients

1 cup warm milk (110°F)
2 tablespoons active dry yeast
⅓ cup sugar
⅓ cup butter, melted
1 teaspoon salt
2 large eggs
4 cups all-purpose flour

Butter Topping:

3 tablespoons butter, melted
Flaky sea salt (optional)

Jake's Tip:

"These rolls are best served warm! You can make the dough the night before, shape the rolls, and refrigerate overnight. Let them come to room temperature and rise before baking on Thanksgiving day."

Jake's Kitchen Safety Tips

7 Safety Tips!

- ✓ Always wash hands before cooking
- ✓ Ask an adult for help with the oven.
- ✓ Use oven mitt's when handling hot pans
- ✓ Keep pot handles turned inward.
- ✓ Clean up spills right away.
- ✓ Never leave the kitchen when something is baking
- ✓ Have fun and work together!



Talking Points While Baking

- "What do you love most about baking?"
- "How does working step-by-step help us?"
- "Who will you share your yummy treats with?"
- "Why is patience important?"
- "How does doing your best make things special?"
- "What are you thankful for this Thanksgiving?"



JAKE'S GRANDMA'S APPLE CAKE

More than a recipe - it's a legacy of love!



PREP TIME
15-20 MIN



COOK TIME
90 MIN



SERVINGS
12-16

Instructions

Mix oil, sugar, vanilla, and eggs well.

Add chopped apples, pecans, and then flour.

Add salt, soda, and cinnamon last.

Mix well.

Place in a greased and floured tube (bundt) pan and bake at 350° for 1 - 1 1/2 hours.

Ingredients

1 1/2 c. olive oil

2 c. sugar

2 tsp. vanilla

3 eggs

3 c. peeled, chopped
apples

1 c. chopped pecans

3 c. plain flour

1 tsp. salt

1 tsp. soda

1 tsp. cinnamon

Brown Sugar Icing:

1 stick margarine

1 c. brown sugar

1/4 c. milk

1/2 tsp. vanilla (rum extract)

3/4 tsp pumpkin spice

Mix all ingredients in a saucepan. Bring to a boil and cook for 2 1/2 minutes. Pour over warm cake.

Jake's Tip:

"This special recipe has been passed down through generations, just like faith and values are passed from one generation to the next. When you bake Grandma's Apple Cake, you're not just making dessert - you're keeping family traditions alive and creating memories. That's the kind of faithful service that matters most!"

JAKE'S CHOICE CRAFT

CREATE YOUR OWN "WISE CHOICE" BANNER

Age Range: 5+ (with adult help for cutting)

Time Needed: 20-30 minutes

Mess Level: Low!

WHAT YOU'LL NEED:

- Cardstock or construction paper (various colors)
- Markers, colored pencils, or crayons
- Scissors
- Tape or glue stick
- String or ribbon
- Stickers (optional)

SIMPLE STEPS:

Step 1: Choose Your Message Cut cardstock into banner-shaped pieces (triangles or rectangles). Have each family member choose a "wise choice" message:

- "I Choose Integrity"
- "I Rebuke Temptation"
- "I Serve with Purpose"
- "I Stand Firm"
- "I Make Wise Choices"
- "I Love My Master"

Step 2: Decorate Your Banner

- Write your message in the center
- Decorate with markers, stickers, or drawings
- Add symbols that represent your choice (hearts, shields, crosses, etc.)
- Make it colorful and personal

Step 3: Create Your Banner String

- Punch holes in the top of each banner piece
- String them together with ribbon or string
- Space them out so each message is visible

Step 4: Display Your Banner

- Hang in your child's room
- Display in the kitchen
- Put in a common family space
- Use as a reminder of your family's values

CRAFT PRAYER:

"Dear God, help me remember to make wise choices like Jake did. Give me the strength to stand firm when tempted, and help me serve You with purpose and integrity. Amen."



VARIATIONS:

- Make individual banners for each child
- Create a "Family Values" banner with everyone's choices
- Use as a Thanksgiving decoration
- Gift to grandparents or friends

PUZZLE ANSWERS

JAKE MAZE



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JAKE WORD SEARCH

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MESSAGE FROM JAKE

"Dear friends, I want you to know that making wise choices isn't always easy, but it's always worth it. When temptation comes - and it will - remember that you have the power to say NO. Remember who you are, remember what you stand for, and remember that God is always with you. Be faithful, be strong, and never serve the fake. Your Master (God) is very pleased when you make wise choices!"

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