



# SEPTEMBER

## YISHKENI BOOKS *newsletter*

Welcome to September! As summer fades and we embrace the beauty of autumn, we're excited to share what's happening in the Yishkeni world and offer some special devotions for your family.

## IMPORTANT INFO:

The last days of summer are here. Fall starts September 22nd, and it won't be long before all the trees will be bare and we'll be looking at our gardens wondering how it's possible for life to come back in spring as the snow falls. Enjoy these days. The weather, the sunshine, the time with family. Every day is a gift from God, and you should enjoy the days.

This month I want to share some thoughts about making the most of each day God gives us. Plus, we have some really exciting news to share with you!



## UPCOMING EVENTS:

9/1 - Winners Announced for Jemimah Jope Giveaway

9/3 - Jane Hard Cover Contest starts, ends on 9/22

9/22 - First Day of Fall

9/23 - Psalm 23 Connection to Jane Video on Youtube

-New Podcast every Wednesday & Sunday This Month!

-Join us weekly on Facebook, Mondays for Readers Corner, and Fridays for Fun Friday!



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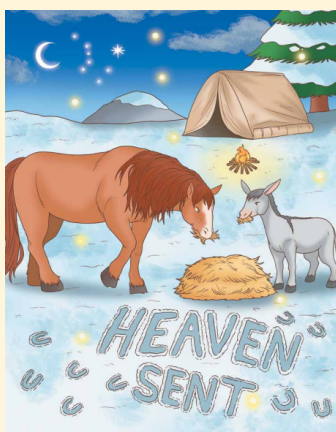
📖 JEMIMAH JOPE IS NOW AVAILABLE! Our newest book is here! This story is about a young lady who learns that even when sad things happen, God has beautiful plans for the future. You can buy your copy today at Amazon, Barnes & Noble.

🎧 OUR PODCAST IS ONE MONTH OLD! The 'Between The Pages' podcast started just one month ago, and we're having so much fun! We share stories about how the books are made and read some of our favorites out loud. You can listen on Spotify, Amazon Music, iHeart Radio, and YouTube. Thank you to everyone who has been listening and sharing with friends!

🏆 GIVEAWAY WINNERS ANNOUNCED SEPTEMBER 1ST! The winners of our Jemimah Jope giveaway will be announced September 1st on our Facebook page! Make sure you're following us so you don't miss it.

📱 FOLLOW US FOR MORE Facebook is where we post daily devotionals and weekly Bible studies. Instagram, TikTok, and YouTube have fun activities and behind-the-scenes content. Each place has something different, so follow us everywhere! Watch our latest video, "The Words Behind the Stories."

📖 FIVE NEW BOOKS COMING SOON We have some exciting books coming in the next few months: • "Jay Gee" and "Who is Gregg" will be out very soon • "Kismet," "Snowflake," and "Molly Overcame" are going to the design team soon Keep watching for release dates and more giveaways!





# MONTHLY DEVOTIONAL

"It is of the Lord's mercies that we are not consumed, because his compassions fail not. They are new every morning: great is thy faithfulness." - Lamentations 3:22-23 KJV

I was sitting on my back porch this morning with my coffee, watching the sun come up. There's something different about the light in late August. It's softer somehow, like it knows summer is ending. The air has that first hint of coolness that makes you envision sweaters and fall walks that aren't too hot or too cold.



And I started thinking about how fast time goes. It seems as though it was only yesterday that we were planting the garden in spring, envisioning how great that first fresh tomato would be; yesterday as I watered the garden, I ate a fresh tomato off the vine—incredible. Now we are counting the remaining days of fresh tomatoes.



That's when this verse from Lamentations hit me in a new way. God's mercies are new every morning. Not just on the good mornings when everything goes right. Every morning. Even on the mornings when you wake up tired, your to-do list is too long, and you're already stressed about everything you need to accomplish.

Jeremiah wrote these words during one of the darkest times in Israel's history. Jerusalem had been destroyed. The people were in exile. Everything they had known was gone. But right in the middle of his grief, Jeremiah remembered something important: God's faithfulness doesn't depend on our circumstances.



Think about that for a minute. When Jeremiah woke up each morning, he wasn't waking up to good news. He was waking up to the same difficult reality he had faced the day before. But he chose to see each new day as evidence of God's mercy and faithfulness.

How many mornings do we wake up and immediately start thinking about what's wrong? The bills that need to be paid, the problems that need to be solved, the things that didn't go right yesterday. We miss the simple miracle that we woke up at all. We miss the gift of a brand new day.



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Jesus taught us to pray "Give us this day our daily bread" in Matthew 6:11 KJV. Not "Give us enough bread for the whole week so we don't have to worry." Daily bread. He wants us to depend on Him one day at a time, to trust Him for what we need today without getting overwhelmed by tomorrow's worries.



"Take therefore no thought for the morrow: for the morrow shall take thought for the things of itself. Sufficient unto the day is the evil thereof." - Matthew 6:34 KJV

This doesn't mean we shouldn't plan or prepare for the future. It means we shouldn't let worry about tomorrow steal the joy of today. We should not overlook the beauty of this moment due to our anxiety about the next.

God's mercies are new every morning. That means the patience you need for today's tantrums? It's available fresh this morning. The energy you need for today's activities? God has it ready for you. The wisdom you need for today's parenting decisions? It's there, new and ready to be received.



Scripture tells us in Psalm 118:24 KJV: "This is the day which the Lord hath made; we will rejoice and be glad in it."

This verse doesn't say "This is the day the Lord made when everything goes perfectly." It says "This is the day which the Lord hath made." Today. Whatever today brings. Sleepless nights, toddler meltdowns, dirty diapers, or precious snuggles - this day is from God, and we can choose to rejoice in it.



The book of Ecclesiastes reminds us that there is "a time to every purpose under the heaven" (Ecclesiastes 3:1 KJV). There's a time for the busy seasons of little ones and a time for quieter seasons later. There's a time for exhaustion and a time for rest. There's a time for teaching and a time for simply enjoying our children.



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God's mercies are new every morning because He knows we need fresh grace for each day's challenges. Yesterday's grace was sufficient for yesterday. Tomorrow's grace will come when we need it. But today, right now, He has given us exactly what we need.



In Deuteronomy 8:3 KJV, Moses reminds the Israelites that God fed them with manna in the wilderness "that he might make thee know that man doth not live by bread only, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of the Lord doth man live." The manna came fresh each day. They couldn't store it up or save it for later. They had to trust God for their daily provision.



The same is true for us. We can't store up enough patience for next week or enough energy for next month. We need to come to God each day and receive what He has for us today.

Consider Mary and Martha when Jesus came to visit in Luke 10:38-42. Martha was so busy preparing for tomorrow - getting the meal ready, making sure everything was perfect - that she missed the opportunity to sit with Jesus today. Mary chose to be present in the moment, to receive what Jesus had to offer right then.



Both attitudes have their place. We need to prepare and plan and take care of responsibilities. But we also need to know when to stop and be present. We need to know when to put down the to-do list and just be with the people we love.

With young children, this becomes especially important. They live completely in the present moment. They don't worry about tomorrow's schedule or yesterday's mistakes. They experience each moment fully. When they're happy, they're completely happy. When they're sad, they're completely sad. Then they move on to the next moment.



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We can learn from this childlike approach to time. Jesus said in Matthew 18:3 KJV, "Except ye be converted, and become as little children, ye shall not enter into the kingdom of heaven." Part of what He meant is learning to trust God one day at a time, one moment at a time.



The apostle Paul understood this truth. In Philippians 3:13-14 KJV, he writes: "Brethren, I count not myself to have apprehended: but this one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind, and reaching forth unto those things which are before, I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus."

Paul chose to forget what was behind and focus on what was ahead. This was not because he didn't value the past, but because dwelling on it would prevent him from experiencing God's grace in the present moment.



As we head into fall, as the days get shorter and the pace of life picks up again, let's remember that each day is a gift. Let's look for God's mercies that are new every morning. Let's teach our children to be grateful for today instead of always wishing for tomorrow.

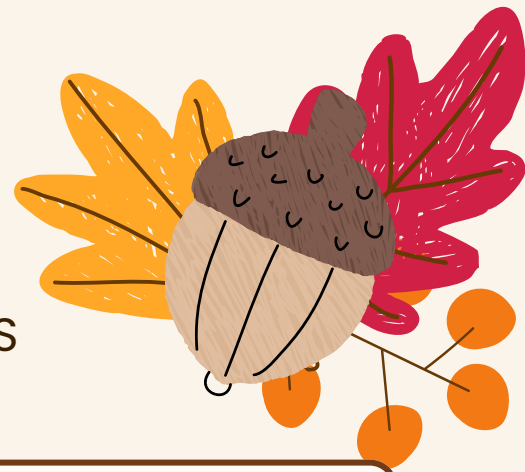
The secret to contentment isn't getting everything we want. It's recognizing that God has already given us everything we need for today, and trusting that He'll do the same tomorrow.



Our children are watching how we handle each day. When they see us receive each morning as a gift from God, when they watch us trust Him for daily grace, when they observe us finding joy in simple moments, they learn that God is faithful and good.

# KIDS DEVOTIONAL

September 2025 | GOD'S DAILY SURPRISES



## Scripture

"This is the day which the Lord hath made; we will rejoice and be glad in it."

- Psalm 118:24 KJV

Did you know that every morning when you wake up, God has prepared a brand new day just for you? It's like getting a present every single day!

Some days might feel ordinary - just playing with toys and eating breakfast and taking naps. But even ordinary days have special surprises if you know how to look for them. Maybe you'll see a pretty bird outside your window, or Mommy will read you an extra story, or you'll learn a new word.

Other days might be hard days when you feel sad or things don't go the way you wanted. But even on hard days, God is with you. He gives you hugs from Mommy and Daddy, and He always has something good planned for tomorrow.

God wants you to enjoy today instead of always thinking about tomorrow. When you're playing, really play! When you're eating something yummy, really taste it! When Mommy or Daddy is reading to you, listen to every word.

Every day is a gift from God. That's why we call today "the present" - because it really is a present! God made this day special just for you.

## Fun Activity

Tonight before you go to bed, think of three good things that happened today. They can be big things or little things. Thank God for each one!

# JOHNNY GREEN - A NEW ADVENTURE COMING SOON!



# THE FRUIT OF THE SPIRIT

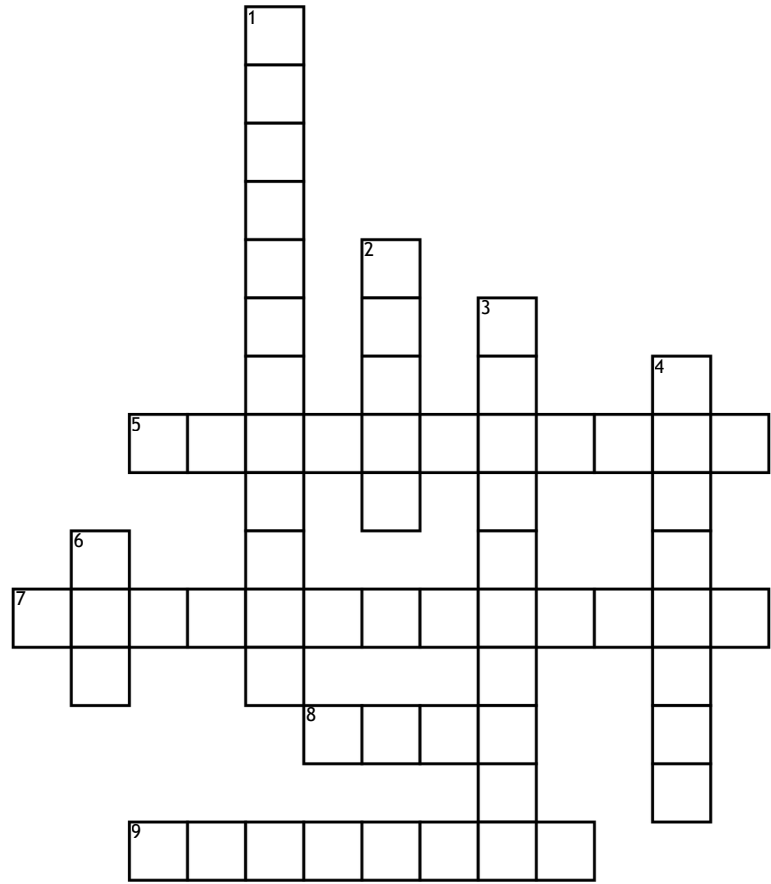
## Across

5. Ruling over your own actions and desires (11 letters)

7. Patiently enduring through hard times without giving up (12 letters)

8. God's unconditional care for us (4 letters)

9. Being kind and caring to others (8 letters)



## Down

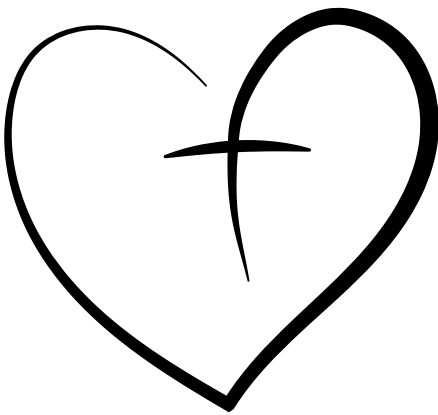
1. Being loyal, reliable, and true to your word (12 letters)

2. Calm feeling when we trust God (5 letters)

3. Having a soft, tender heart toward others (10 letters)

4. Doing what's right and pure (8 letters)

6. Happy feeling that comes from the Lord (3 letters)



# Gratitude Garden Collage Craft

## Materials Needed

- Large sheet of white or light-colored construction paper
- Old magazines (nature, family, food, activity magazines work great)
- Child-safe scissors
- Glue sticks or white school glue
- Crayons, colored pencils, or markers
- Optional: stickers, stamps, or other decorative items

## Instructions

### 1. Prepare the Garden Base

- Give each child a large sheet of paper
- Have them draw a simple garden scene with grass at the bottom and maybe a sun in the corner
- This will be the "soil" where their gratitude garden will grow

### 2. Hunt for Happy Pictures

- Look through magazines together for pictures of things that make you happy
- Cut out flowers, animals, food, toys, sports equipment, or anything that brings joy
- Don't worry about perfect cutting - rough edges add character!

### 3. Add Personal Touches

- Draw stick figures of family members, pets, or friends
- Add favorite activities like bikes, playgrounds, or books
- Include simple drawings of things you love but couldn't find in magazines

### 4. Plant Your Garden

- Glue the magazine cutouts and drawings onto your paper garden
- Arrange them like flowers growing from the ground
- Add green stems or leaves with crayons to connect everything

### 5. Finishing Touches

- Add butterflies, bees, or birds flying around your garden
- Write "My Gratitude Garden" at the top
- Share with family what each item in your garden represents

## Talking Points While Crafting

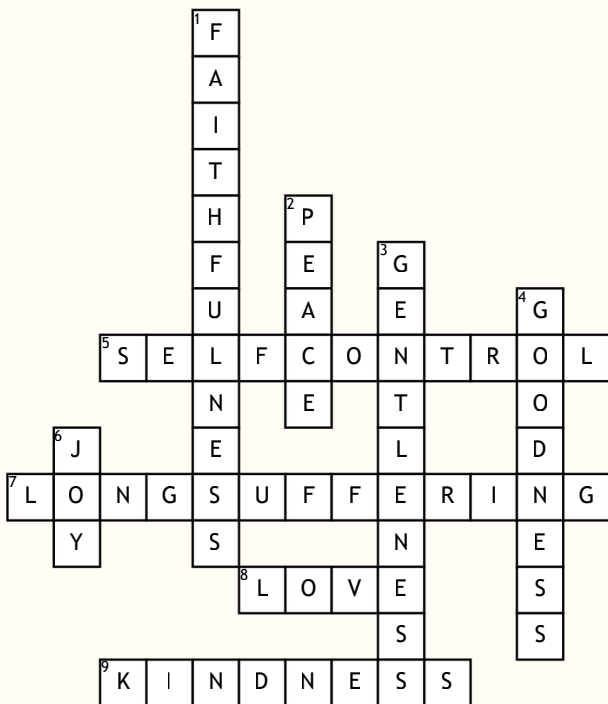
"What makes this picture special to you?"

"How does this thing in your garden make you feel?"

"Let's thank God for all these good gifts!"



# PUZZLE ANSWERS



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But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy,  
peace, longsuffering, gentleness,  
goodness, faith, Meekness, temperance:  
against such there is no law.

Galatians 5:22-23 (KJV):

## FOLLOW US



## WHY CHOOSE YISHKENI BOOKS?

- ★ Faith-Based Stories Christian values woven into engaging adventures that teach biblical principles through relatable characters.
- ★ Modern Relevance Addresses real challenges kids face today - technology addiction, peer pressure, healthy choices - with timeless wisdom.
- ★ Family-Friendly Perfect for ages 3-15, sparking meaningful conversations between parents and children.
- ★ Character Building Each story develops virtues like perseverance, faith, teamwork, and wisdom while entertaining young readers.
- ★ Trusted Quality Published through Christian Faith Publishing with authentic storytelling from author Jimmy Bright.
- ★ Growing Collection Seven thoughtfully crafted books that build upon meaningful themes and values.



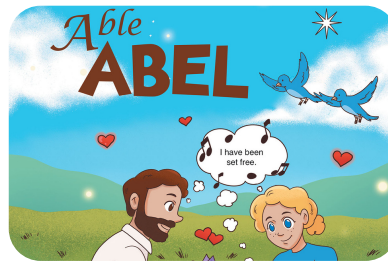
### JEMIMAH JOPE

Follow Jemimah Joep, a quiet child of the sixties, as she learns to let go of past disappointments with help from her puppy Zoep and a special cat named TeeVah. A heartwarming story about moving through loss, finding hope in the present, and discovering that God brings the right people into our lives at just the right time.



### JAKE AND THE SNAKE

Young Jake faces temptation and learns to build his faith through spiritual growth in Jerusalem. A story about choosing the narrow path with parental guidance and biblical wisdom.



### ABLE ABEL

Abel helps his sister Mable overcome technology addiction through faith and family support in Alaska. A timely tale about finding balance between the digital world and real relationships.



### FAT KAT

Join Pat and her cat Laz in Huntsville, Alabama, as they discover the importance of healthy living, clean eating, and making spiritual choices that honor God.



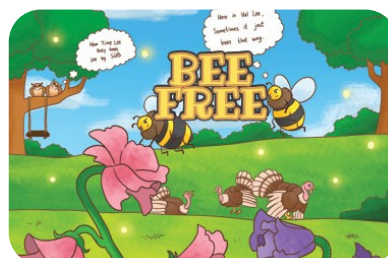
### SILLY MILLIE

Follow Lilly Flagg, her sister Billie, and horse Millie in the Great Horse Race. A Maryland adventure about running your own unique race with teamwork, perseverance, and faith.



### JANE AND THE TRUMPET TRAIN

Jane's devotion to meditation and prayer as she awaits the Savior's return in Florida. A story of faith, spiritual wisdom, and the Ten Commandments for young hearts.



### BEE FREE

Honeybees Dee and Lee discover their purpose during their beach honeymoon in Utah. A sweet tale about embracing your talents and aligning with God's will.



### ROSEY ROSIE

Inspired by Proverbs 31, follow Rosey and Joseph's journey from youth to marriage in Florida. A beautiful story of virtue, spiritual growth, and God's blessing in relationships.