

HIGH SCHOOL DEVOTIONS

WEEK 1 – MAY 27

THE BEST SUMMER EVER STARTS HERE

Circle Up (Fun)

Question: What are you hoping this summer gives you?

Activity: Keep multiple balloons in the air at once. Add more every 30 seconds.

Pray

“Jesus, help us not waste this summer chasing things that won’t last. Draw us closer to You and help us grow in our faith.”

Talk About It

- What do people usually chase during summer?
- Why do good experiences never fully satisfy us?
- What would it look like to intentionally pursue God this summer instead of accidentally drifting?

Practice

- Write down one spiritual goal for the summer.
- Ask someone to keep you accountable.

Remember

The best summer isn’t just fun – it’s a summer spent close to Jesus.

Pray

WEEK 2 – JUNE 3

WHEN THINGS DON’T GO YOUR WAY

Circle Up (Fun)

Activity: Blindfold challenge with verbal directions only.

Pray

“God, when life feels disappointing or out of control, help us trust You instead of shutting down or pretending we’re okay.”

Talk About It

- Why do we struggle when life feels out of control?
- What disappointments are hardest for students your age?
- How does trusting God look different than just “staying positive”?

Practice

- The next time you feel frustrated, pause before reacting.
- Pray honestly instead of bottling it up.

Remember

God’s goodness is not dependent on your circumstances.

Pray

WEEK 3 – JUNE 10

LIGHT OF THE WORLD

Circle Up (Fun)

Activity: Flashlight tag or glow stick scavenger hunt in the dark.

Pray

“Jesus, help us stand out in the way we live, speak, and love others. Show us how to reflect Your light in dark places.”

Talk About It

- Why are people drawn toward “darkness” spiritually?
- What does culture say will satisfy us?
- What does it practically mean to be a light at school, online, and in friendships?

Practice

- Encourage someone who feels unseen this week.
- Remove one thing that’s pulling you away from God.

Remember

Followers of Jesus are called to stand out, not blend in.

Pray

WEEK 4 – JUNE 17

REST FOR YOUR SOUL

Circle Up (Fun)

Activity: Everyone sits completely silent without phones for two full minutes.

Pray

“God, quiet the noise in our hearts and minds. Teach us how to slow down and find real rest in You.”

Talk About It

- Why are we uncomfortable with silence?
- What constantly competes for our attention?
- What’s the difference between distraction and real rest?

Practice

- Spend 10 uninterrupted minutes with God each day this week.
- Put your phone away during that time.

Remember

Jesus offers peace deeper than entertainment or escape.

Pray

WEEK 5 – JUNE 24

MADE FOR ADVENTURE

Circle Up (Fun)

Activity: Team obstacle course or relay race.

Pray

“Jesus, give us courage to follow You boldly, even when it feels uncomfortable or unpopular.”

Talk About It

- Why do people crave adventure and purpose?
- What’s the difference between comfort and calling?
- Is God asking you to step out in faith somewhere?

Practice

- Take one bold step this week: invite someone to church, start a conversation, pray out loud, apologize, or share your faith.

Remember

Following Jesus was never meant to be boring.

Pray

WEEK 6 – JULY 1

GOD’S PROMISES STAND FIRM

Circle Up (Fun)

Activity: Build the tallest structure possible with random objects in 3 minutes.

Pray

“God, remind us that Your promises are more dependable than our feelings, circumstances, or fears.”

Talk About It

- What things do people put their security in?
- Why do people and circumstances eventually let us down?
- Which promises of God do you personally need to remember right now?

Practice

- Memorize one promise from Scripture this week.
- Speak it over yourself when anxiety or insecurity shows up.

Remember

God remains faithful even when everything else feels shaky.

Pray

WEEK 7 – JULY 8

SAVED BY GRACE

Circle Up (Fun)

Activity: Everyone receives a random snack or prize they didn't earn.

Pray

“Jesus, thank You that we don't have to earn Your love. Help us live in freedom instead of constantly trying to prove ourselves.”

Talk About It

- Why do people naturally try to “earn” approval?
- What makes grace hard to accept?
- How does understanding grace change the way we view ourselves and others?

Practice

- Spend time thanking Jesus instead of striving for perfection.
- Extend grace to someone who frustrates you.

Remember

You don't have to earn what Jesus already paid for.

Pray

WEEK 8 – JULY 15

GOD IS OUR SHIELD

Circle Up (Fun)

Activity: Sock war or dodgeball using soft objects.

Pray

“God, when anxiety and fear feel overwhelming, remind us that You are near, You are strong, and You are our refuge.”

Talk About It

- What are students most anxious about right now?
- What does spiritual protection actually mean?
- Why is God's Word important when emotions feel overwhelming?

Practice

- Read Scripture before scrolling social media this week.
- Pray when anxiety hits instead of immediately numbing out.

Remember

God is our refuge when life feels overwhelming.

Pray

WEEK 9 – JULY 22

ENDURANCE AND JOY

Circle Up (Fun)

Activity: Plank contest, wall sit challenge, or endurance relay.

Pray

“Jesus, help us keep going when life feels heavy. Use hard seasons to grow our faith and shape our character.”

Talk About It

- Why do hard seasons sometimes strengthen us?
- What trials are students your age facing?
- How can joy exist even during pain?

Practice

- Encourage someone who’s struggling.
- Ask God to build perseverance in your life instead of always asking for escape.

Remember

God uses difficult seasons to grow stronger faith.

Pray

WEEK 10 – JULY 29

GOD SEES YOU

Circle Up (Fun)

Activity: Hide and seek in the dark with flashlights.

Pray

“God, thank You for fully knowing us and still loving us deeply. Help us stop hiding and be honest with You.”

Talk About It

- Why do people hide parts of themselves?
- What masks do students wear to fit in?
- How does it change things knowing God fully sees you and still deeply loves you?

Practice

- Be honest with God about something you’ve been hiding.
- Talk to a trusted believer if you’re carrying something heavy alone.

Remember

You are fully known, fully seen, and fully loved by God.

Pray

WEEK 11 — AUGUST 5

A NEW SCHOOL YEAR, SAME GOD

Circle Up (Fun)

Question: What are you most excited or nervous about this school year?

Pray

“Jesus, as we enter a new school year, help us follow You boldly in our friendships, choices, and conversations.”

Talk About It

- What pressures come with a new school year?
- What does it look like to follow Jesus publicly at school?
- How can your faith shape your friendships, priorities, and decisions this year?

Practice

- Pray over your school, teachers, coaches, and friends.
- Ask God to use you this year.

Remember

God goes before you into every classroom and conversation.

Pray

WEEK 12 — AUGUST 12

SHINE THIS SCHOOL YEAR

Circle Up (Fun)

Question: What’s one small act of kindness that’s impacted you before?

Pray

“God, use us to reflect Your love this school year. Help us notice people who feel unseen and show kindness boldly.”

Talk About It

- Why is it easy to ignore people who feel left out?
- What keeps students from showing kindness boldly?
- How can ordinary actions reflect Jesus in powerful ways?

Practice

- Intentionally include someone this week.
- Speak encouragement instead of criticism.
- Look for opportunities to reflect Jesus in everyday moments.

Remember

You may be the clearest picture of Jesus someone sees this year.

Pray