

Genesis 1: High School Devotions

Day 1: Discovering the Creator

Scripture: Genesis 1:1 - "In the beginning, God created the

heavens and the earth."

#### **Devotional:**

High school can feel like a whirlwind of new experiences and challenges. It's a time when you're learning more about who you are and what you believe. Genesis 1:1 is a powerful reminder that before anything else existed, God was there, creating everything.

God's introduction as the Creator is straightforward and unapologetic. He doesn't defend His existence; He simply states what He has done. Remember, the same God who spoke the universe into being is the one who created you with care and purpose. As you go through high school, let this truth ground you.

Think about a moment when you felt truly in awe of creation, maybe a beautiful sunset or a starry night. How does that help you understand God's power and presence? Pray today for a deeper appreciation of God as the Creator and for Him to reveal His purpose in your life amidst the busyness of high school.

# Day 2: Created for a Purpose

Scripture: Genesis 1:26-27 - "Then God said, 'Let us make man in our image, after our likeness...' So God created man in his own image..."

#### Devotional:

High school is a time of discovering gifts, talents, and interests. Genesis 1:26-27 tells us that you are made in the image of God. That's a big deal! It means you have inherent value and purpose.

Being created in God's image means you are designed to reflect His character and to steward the world around you. This could be through kindness, creativity, leadership, or any number of ways. Embrace your unique qualities and remember that God has a specific plan for you.

What are some talents or passions you've discovered in yourself? How might these be ways God is expressing His creativity and purpose through you? Pray for wisdom to recognize and cultivate these gifts, and for courage to use them to positively impact your school and community.

## Day 3: Trusting in the Word of God

Scripture: John 1:1-3 - "In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God... All things were made through Him..."

#### **Devotional:**

Schoolwork often involves studying different subjects and forming a comprehension and working through problems. Similarly, you need a foundation for your faith. John 1:1-3 connects Jesus as the living Word—the same Word through which everything was created.

The Bible isn't just an old book; it's a living guide that offers wisdom and direction for your life. Trust it as a reliable foundation. As you encounter challenges and questions about faith, lean into the truth that Jesus, the Word, is God and in the beginning, creating everything, including you.

Think about a time when reading the Bible helped you in a situation. How did it guide or comfort you? Spend some time today praying for a deeper hunger and love for God's Word. Ask Him to help you see its relevance in your daily life, especially in high school.

## Day 4: Science Meets Faith

Scripture: Hebrews 11:3 - "By faith we understand that the universe was formed at God's command..."

#### **Devotional:**

Science classes might teach you a lot about how the world works, but Hebrews 11:3 reminds us that faith helps us understand why it all exists. The universe, in all its complexity, was formed by God's command.

Faith and science aren't enemies; they complement each other. The more we learn about the universe, the more we can appreciate its Creator. Don't be afraid to ask questions or explore how scientific discoveries can deepen your understanding of God and His creation.

What is something you've learned in science class that makes you marvel at creation? How does this enhance your faith? Pray today for an open mind to see how faith and science intersect and for the ability to glorify God through your studies.

## Day 5: Embracing Your God-Given Purpose

Scripture: Jeremiah 1:5 - "Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, before you were born I set you apart..."

#### **Devotional:**

High school is a significant time for figuring out who you are and what you want to do. In Jeremiah 1:5, God tells Jeremiah that He knew him even before he was born and had set him apart for a purpose.

This means you were created with intention and love. God has a specific purpose and plan for your life that goes beyond high school. Trust that He is guiding you, even when the path seems unclear or challenging. Your identity and future are secure in Him.

Think about your dreams and goals for the future. How do you think these align with what God might have planned for you? Spend time praying for God's guidance and clarity as you navigate your high school years and future decisions. Ask Him to help you trust in His good plans.

As you journey through high school, remember that God is with you as the Creator, shaping your identity and purpose. His Word is reliable, and your faith can coexist with your scientific inquiries. Embrace the adventure of discovering more about yourself and your Creator, trusting that He has wonderful plans for your life.