Day 5

Stay Salty and Bright

Matthew 5:13 NIV

Matthew 5-7 contains the Sermon on the Mount, one of Jesus's greatest messages. In it, He teaches us how to live and challenges us to be salt and light. The best way to understand what this means is to read His words for yourself. Make a commitment to start every day with your Bible. Don't let anything come between you and this book. Begin with Matthew 5 and let Jesus's words shape how you think and live. As you read, pray simply: 'Jesus, help me make an impact today.' When you build your life on God's Word, you're ready to add flavor to the world around you and let your light shine.

Reflect:
Commit to reading Matthew 5 and starting each day with Scripture, asking Jesus to help you make an impact.

Pray:

Jesus, shape my thoughts and actions through Your Word so I can shine brightly for You today. Amen.

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Middle School

Week 1

Daily Devotionals

Salt & Light

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Bottom Line

Be the salt and light; the world desperately needs it.

Day 1

Be Salt and Light

Matthew 5:14 NLT

Jesus calls you to be salt and light in the world. That means your life should point people to Him through your words and actions. One powerful way to do this is to simply share what God is doing in your life. When you tell others how God has answered prayers, provided for you, or changed your heart, you become a witness to His power. God didn't place you in your school, city, and moment by accident. You have influence right where you are. The people around you—friends, teammates, classmates, family—are the ones God has given you the opportunity to represent Jesus to. Your story matters.

Reflect:
Write down the names of people God has placed in your life and look for opportunities to share what He's doing with them.

Pray:
Jesus, help me recognize my influence and courageously share Your work in my life with others. Amen.

Day 2

Made on Purpose, for a Purpose

Ephesians 2:10 NLT

You are not an accident. You are not generic. You are a masterpiece—God's Word, not mine—specifically designed with good works already planned out for you before you were born.

That means the way you're wired, the way you think, the things that make you uniquely you—those aren't random. They're on purpose. God didn't need someone else for the role you're in. He made you for it.

The world around you doesn't need a copy of someone else. It needs you—fully you, not a dimmed-down version.

Reflect:
Do you actually believe God made you on purpose and for a purpose—or does that feel hard to accept?

What's one quality or gift in you that you've been downplaying instead of offering to the people around you?

Pray:
God, help me see myself as Your masterpiece—not in pride, but in confidence. You made me intentionally. Help me live like it and bring what only I can bring to the people around me. Amen.

Day 3

Different by Design

Romans 12:2 NLT

The pressure to blend in is constant. What you watch, how you talk, what you laugh at, what you stay silent about—the world has a pattern, and it's always pulling you toward it.

But Paul says don't conform. That word means don't be pressed into the mold. God didn't design you to look exactly like everyone around you. He designed you to stand out—not because you're better, but because you carry something the world needs and can't offer itself.

Being different isn't the risk. Disappearing into the crowd is.

Reflect:
Where do you feel the most pressure to blend in and hide what you believe?

What would "not conforming" look like in one specific area of your life this week?

Pray:
Lord, the pull to fit in is real. Give me the strength to be transformed instead of conformed—to be so rooted in who You say I am that the pressure to blend in loses its grip. Amen.

Day 4

Live It Out Loud

1 Peter 2:12 NLT

You don't have to preach a sermon to point someone to Jesus. Sometimes the most powerful witness is simply how you treat people—how you respond when things go wrong, how you talk about others, how you show up when it's inconvenient.

Peter says live in a way that makes people notice. Not because you're performing—but because there's a genuine difference in how you carry yourself. Your life is always saying something. The question is whether it's saying something that leads people toward God or away from Him.

Words introduce Jesus. How you live makes the introduction believable.

Reflect:
If the people around you at school or work described you, what would they say? Would it point to Jesus?

What's one everyday habit or behavior you could adjust to better reflect who God has called you to be?

Pray:
Jesus, I want my life to say something real about You. Help me live in a way that makes people curious about what's different—and let that difference always point back to You. Amen.