

ADVANCE TRACK

Advancing Toward God

Introduction

Welcome to Advance Track! In this program, you will have the opportunity to earn points for completing activities in this book and for mastering the basics of a biblical foundation.

(Note: not all of the activities listed are required. You can select the level of participation that works for you!)

Every week, arrive early and turn in this journal to your Shepherd to collect Advance Track points. Different activities earn different point values. Do not underestimate the benefit consistently completing activities that have a lower point value! Mastering the basics will create awesome spiritual habits—and rack up points over time!

Progression

We will run two semesters per year. Advance Track is designed for you to complete 1 Level per semester. Premium Prizes require at least 400 points per semester.

Level 1 = Black
Level 2 = Blue
Level 3 = Green
Level 4 = Red
Level 5 = Yellow
Level 6 = Navy

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Pins

Lapel pins are awarded for every 300 points earned and can be worn on your Advance Track lanyard. Your points will carry over from one semester to the next for PINS ONLY. Every time you accumulate 300 points you will earn a pin.

Points

5 Points

- Attend Upper Elementary weekend service
- Bring your Bible to church
(Bible apps on your phone don't qualify!)

10 Points

- Memorize one of the 12 assigned Bible verses

20 Points

- Complete weekly devotional in this journal
- Memorize a selection from the Foundations of Faith list

25 Points

- Memorize the bonus Bible verse (only after you have memorized the 12 assigned Bible verses)

50 Points

- Complete a book report in this journal

Daily Devotional—Day Five

Scripture: Proverbs 16:16

1. Rewrite the verse in your own words below.

2. What is something you really want (video game, bike, puppy...)? Write a prayer asking God to give you a desire for his wisdom more than you want that item.

Daily Devotional—Week Twelve—Choice

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Awards

Every semester, you will earn awards for points earned. Your points DO NOT carry over from one semester to the next for awards.

50 Points

- Advance Track God Bracelet

100 Points

- Advance Track Lanyard

200 Points

- Advance Track Gear Bag

300 Points

- Advance Track Celebration Party

400 Points

- Advance Track T-Shirt

400 Points

- \$50 off Character Quest* registration.
(Students have the opportunity to earn a total of \$100 off their Character Quest registration if they earn 400 points in both semesters of that school year.)

700 Points

- Elite Prize at the Advance Track Party

*WOC summer camp for students who have currently completed 4th—6th grade.

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Daily Devotional—Day Four

RED LEVEL POINT OPPORTUNITIES

5 Points each

Attend Upper Elementary Weekend Service

Bring Bible to Church

10 Points each

Memorize Bible Verses

2 Corinthians 1:3-4

1 Timothy 5:8

James 4:7

Romans 1:20

Philippians 2:3-5

Psalm 67:1-2

Isaiah 49:15-16

Ecclesiastes 5:10-11

Proverbs 3:5-6

Ephesians 5:31-32

Psalm 139:7-10

Philippians 3:13-14

25 Points

After you have memorized ALL of the above Bible verses

James 1:5

Scripture: Proverbs 3:31-32

1. What do you think this passage means?

2. Who is someone you can share your secrets with?
How do you feel knowing that God wants to share his thoughts with you?

Daily Devotional—Day Three

Scripture: Proverbs 1:29-31

1. According to this passage what happens when we make poor choices?

2. What obstacles might keep you from making God-honoring choices today?

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Foundations of Faith

20 Points

Psalm One

Blessed is the one who does not walk in step with the wicked or stand in the way that sinners take or sit in the company of mockers, but whose delight is in the law of the LORD, and who meditates on his law day and night. That person is like a tree planted by streams of water, which yields its fruit in season and whose leaf does not wither— whatever they do prospers.

Not so with the wicked! They are like chaff that the wind blows away. Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgment, nor sinners in the assembly of the righteous. For the LORD watches over the way of the righteous, but the way of the wicked leads to destruction. (NIV)

The Seven Days of Creation

20 Points

Day 1: God created light.

Day 2: God created the heavens.

Day 3: God created dry land, sea, and vegetation.

Day 4: God created the lights in the heavens.

Day 5: God created sea creatures and birds.

Day 6: God created the land animals and human beings.

Day 7: Day of rest. God rests from His work and sanctified the seventh day.

Daily Devotional—Day One

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Foundations of Faith

20 Points

Scripture: 2 Samuel 24:12-14

1. Summarize the story.

2. Describe a situation in which you had to make a hard choice.

Genealogy of Jesus Christ

To receive points you will need to score 80% or greater when tested

ADAM

Seth
Enosh
Kenan
Mahalalel
Jared
Enoch
Methuselah
Lamech
Noah
Shem
Arphaxad
Shelah
Eber
Peleg
Reu
Serug
Nahor
Terah

ABRAHAM

Isaac
Jacob
Judah
Perez
Hezron
Ram
Amminadab
Nahshon
Salmon
Boaz
Obed
Jesse

KING DAVID

Solomon
Rehoboam
Abijah
Asa
Jehoshaphat
Jehoram

Uzziah
Jotham
Ahaz
Hezekiah
Manasseh
Amon
Josiah
Jeconiah
Shealtiel
Zerubbabel
Abihud
Eliakim
Azor
Zadok
Akim
Elihud
Eleazar
Matthan
Jacob
Joseph
Jesus

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Foundations of Faith

20 Points

THE ARMOR OF GOD

Ephesians 6:13-19

- ◇ BELT OF **TRUTH**
- ◇ BREASTPLATE OF **RIGHTEOUSNESS**
- ◇ FEET FITTED (**GOSPEL OF PEACE**)
- ◇ SHIELD OF **FAITH**
- ◇ HELMET OF **SALVATION**
- ◇ SWORD OF THE SPIRIT (**WORD OF GOD**)

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Book Reports

50 Points each

PROVERBS

List one thought from each chapter in Proverbs that will help you make better choices in your life:

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

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Daily Devotional

20 Points per week

Directions

Each Week:

1. Look up the scripture in your Bible and underline it.
2. Answer the questions.
3. Have your Devotional signed to confirm completed work.

WEEK TWELVE

CHARACTER TRAIT

CHOICE

Prayer for the week:

Lord, I need your help every day to make good choices. Please surround me with people who are also making good choices. My desire is to honor you in all I do. In Jesus Name, Amen.

Daily Devotional—Day Five

Scripture: 1 Peter 3:7

1. According to this verse why is it important to treat others with respect?

2. What does this verse say to you about being respectful?

Daily Devotional—Week Eleven—Respect/Honor

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Book Reports

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Book Reports

50 Points each

ESTHER

1. Summarize the story of Esther's life.

2. What can you learn from Esther's life?

3. Describe a powerful moment between God and Esther.

Daily Devotional—Day Four

Scripture: 1 Timothy 6:1

1. What do you think this verse means?

2. List a task or job you had to do this week. Did you do your very best?

Daily Devotional—Day Three

Scripture: 1 Thessalonians 5:12

1. Summarize the verse below in your own words..

2. Who do you think of when you read this verse. How do they live this verse? How can you thank or encourage this person today.

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Book Reports

50 Points each

1 CORINTHIANS

1. List three things you learned about God or yourself from reading this book:

2. How could you use the book of 1 Corinthians to help you talk to a friend about God?

3. What does this book teach us about how to live? List four and explain.

4. Who wrote this book? To whom and why?

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Book Reports

50 Points each

ROMANS

1. List three things you learned about God or yourself from reading this book:

2. How could you use the book of Romans to help you talk to a friend about God?

3. What does this book teach us about how to live? List four and explain.

4. Who wrote this book? To whom and why?

Daily Devotional—Day Two

Scripture: Ephesians 5:21

1. Explain the reason given in this verse for treating others with respect.

2. When you show respect to other people you also show respect to Jesus. Do you agree with this statement? Why or why not?

Daily Devotional—Day One

Scripture: Ephesians 5:33

1. What does this verse teach about respect?

2. How can you show respect to those around you.
Be specific.

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Daily Devotional

20 Points per week

Directions

Each Week:

1. Look up the scripture in your Bible and underline it.
2. Answer the questions.
3. Have your Devotional signed to confirm completed work.

WEEK ONE

CHARACTER TRAIT

COURAGE

Prayer for the week:

Lord,

*I ask for the wisdom to know what is right and
the courage to follow you wherever you lead.*

Help me stand for you even when I am afraid.

In Jesus Name, Amen.

Daily Devotional—Day One

Scripture: 2 Samuel 7:27-28

1. Who needs courage in this passage? What does he need courage to do?

2. Describe a situation today that you need courage to face.

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Daily Devotional

20 Points per week

Directions

Each Week:

1. Look up the scripture in your Bible and underline it.
2. Answer the questions.
3. Have your Devotional signed to confirm completed work.

WEEK ELEVEN

CHARACTER TRAIT

RESPECT/HONOR

Prayer for the week:

Lord, I love you and want to honor you today. Please help me remember you all day and teach me how to live in a way that pleases you.

In Jesus Name, Amen.

Daily Devotional—Day Five

Scripture: Titus 2:2

1. What commitment was Paul asking Titus to take on in this verse?

2. Who is your favorite teacher (school or church)? Why are they your favorite? Take a minute this week and thank them for their commitment to teach you well.

Daily Devotional—Week Ten—Commitment

Completed by: _____

Teacher Signature: _____

Date: _____

Daily Devotional—Day Two

Scripture: Mark 6:47-51

1. Summarize this passage?

2. Imagine you were with the disciples in the boat. How would you have felt, what would you have done?

Daily Devotional—Day Three

Scripture: Acts 23:10-12

1. How did Paul display courage in this passage?

2. What person in your life do you go to when you need encouragement? How do they encourage you?

Daily Devotional—Day Four

Scripture: 1 Timothy 6:11-12

1. From this passage list three things that you should pursue. Why did you choose those three?

2. What does this passage mean to you? How can you apply it to your life?

Daily Devotional—Day Three

Scripture: 1 Thessalonians 1:3

1. Describe the Thessalonians church based on this verse.

2. When you have a task or chore to do what motivates you to get it done?

Daily Devotional—Day Four

Scripture: Acts 27:23-26

1. In this passage was Paul afraid? How did he overcome his fear?

2. List one thing you do to overcome when you are afraid.

Daily Devotional—Day Five

Scripture: 1 Corinthians 16:13-14

1. What do you learn about courage from this passage?

2. How can you apply this passage to your life today?

Daily Devotional—Week One—Courage

Completed by: _____

Teacher Signature: _____

Date: _____

Daily Devotional—Day Two

Scripture: 2 Corinthians 1:6-7

1. What did Paul want for the church in Corinth?

2. Describe a time when you helped someone that was having a bad day. How did you help or encourage them?

Daily Devotional—Day One

Scripture: Romans 15:5-6

1. What does this passage say about commitment between believers and commitment to God?

2. Describe a commitment you have made to someone in the past.

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Daily Devotional

20 Points per week

Directions

Each Week:

1. Look up the scripture in your Bible and underline it.
2. Answer the questions.
3. Have your Devotional signed to confirm completed work.

WEEK TWO

CHARACTER TRAIT

LOVE

Prayer for the week:

Lord, open my eyes that I can see how much you love me. Thank you that you sent Jesus to save me as a demonstration of your love. Help me love other people. In Jesus Name, Amen.

Daily Devotional—Day One

Scripture: Numbers 14:18

1. What do you learn about God from this verse?

2. What does this verse mean for your life?

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Daily Devotional

20 Points per week

Directions

Each Week:

1. Look up the scripture in your Bible and underline it.
2. Answer the questions.
3. Have your Devotional signed to confirm completed work.

WEEK TEN

CHARACTER TRAIT

COMMITMENT

Prayer for the week:

Lord, help me to understand all of the things you have done for me so that I will be more fully committed to your plan for my life.

In Jesus Name, Amen.

Daily Devotional—Day Five

Scripture: Proverbs 14:29

1. What does this verse mean to you?

2. Who do you think of in your life when you read this verse?

Daily Devotional—Day Two

Scripture: Proverbs 10:12

1. Rewrite this verse in your own words below.

2. Explain how you can live this verse today.

Daily Devotional—Week Nine—Patience

Completed by: _____

Teacher Signature: _____

Date: _____

Daily Devotional—Day Three

Scripture: Romans 8:38-39

1. List at least five things from this passage that does not have the power to separate you from God's love.

2. How does it make you feel to know that nothing can stop God from loving you?

Daily Devotional—Day Four

Scripture: Revelation 14:12

1. How are endurance and patience connected in this verse?

2. Describe a situation that requires "patient endurance" in your life today.

Daily Devotional—Day Three

Scripture: Colossians 3:12

1. What does this verse say about people who follow Jesus?

2. How can you apply this verse to your life today?

Daily Devotional—Day Four

Scripture: Romans 5:6-8

1. Explain how God demonstrated his love for you.

2. What does this passage mean to you?

Daily Devotional—Day Five

Scripture: Revelation 3:19

1. What do you learn about love from this verse?

2. How do you feel when you are disciplined by your parents? How can this verse help you?

Daily Devotional—Week Two—Love

Completed by: _____

Teacher Signature: _____

Date: _____

Daily Devotional—Day Two

Scripture: Colossians 1:9-12

1. Who wrote this letter? Who is the letter to?

2. How would you feel if you knew someone was praying the things in this passage for you?

Daily Devotional—Day One

Scripture: Proverbs 16:32

1. Rewrite the verse in your own words below.

2. What does this verse mean to you?

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Daily Devotional

20 Points per week

Directions

Each Week:

1. Look up the scripture in your Bible and underline it.
2. Answer the questions.
3. Have your Devotional signed to confirm completed work.

WEEK THREE

CHARACTER TRAIT

PERSEVERANCE

Prayer for the week:

Lord, help me get rid of everything in my life that keeps me from your best. Help me run with perseverance the race you have marked out for me.

In Jesus Name, Amen.

Daily Devotional—Day One

Scripture: Romans 2:5-7

1. What reward is promised in this passage if you persevere?

2. What do you think it means to “persist in doing good”? What does this passage mean to you?

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Daily Devotional

20 Points per week

Directions

Each Week:

1. Look up the scripture in your Bible and underline it.
2. Answer the questions.
3. Have your Devotional signed to confirm completed work.

WEEK NINE

CHARACTER TRAIT

PATIENCE

Prayer for the week:

Lord, I know I need to be patient, but it is hard. Please help me learn to be patient. I pray that I will have your joy while I wait.

In Jesus Name, Amen.

Daily Devotional—Day Five

Scripture: Psalm 51:10

1. What does this verse teach about loyalty and your heart?

2. Write the verse out below. Pray it out loud for yourself today.

Daily Devotional—Week Eight—Loyalty

Completed by: _____

Teacher Signature: _____

Date: _____

Daily Devotional—Day Two

Scripture: 2 Thessalonians 1:3-4

1. What is Paul “boasting” about in this passage?

2. Describe a time you faced something difficult but you persevered and something good happened.

Daily Devotional—Day Three

Scripture: Revelation 14:12

1. What do you learn about perseverance from this verse?

2. Why do you think it is important to God that you remain faithful to Him even/especially when things are difficult?

Daily Devotional—Day Four

Scripture: 1 Samuel 20:42

1. Who are the characters in this verse. Why are they loyal to each other?

2. What does being loyal to someone mean to you?

Daily Devotional—Day Three

Scripture: Proverbs 20:6

1. What do you learn about loyalty from this passage?

2. Who is the friend you have had the longest? List a few things that you like the best about this friend.

Daily Devotional—Day Four

Scripture: Psalm 57:7-11

1. What does David do to help himself persevere during a difficult time?

2. Describe a difficult situation or challenge you are currently facing. Now read the scripture passage out loud as a prayer of faith and praise.

Daily Devotional—Day Five

Scripture: Psalm 112:6-7

1. What does this passage mean?

2. What do you think/feel when you read this passage?

Daily Devotional—Week Three—Perseverance

Completed by: _____

Teacher Signature: _____

Date: _____

Daily Devotional—Day Two

Scripture: Revelation 17:14

1. List three other titles of Jesus from this verse.

2. Choose your favorite title of Jesus from this verse and explain why it is your favorite.

Daily Devotional—Day One

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Daily Devotional

Scripture: Romans 12:10

1. Rewrite this verse in your own words below.

2. How do you choose who you are loyal to?

20 Points per week

Directions

Each Week:

1. Look up the scripture in your Bible and underline it.
2. Answer the questions.
3. Have your Devotional signed to confirm completed work.

WEEK FOUR

CHARACTER TRAIT

CONTENTMENT

Prayer for the week:

Lord, please give me a heart of gratitude. I pray that I will choose to be content in every situation because I trust that you have a good plan for my life.

In Jesus Name, Amen.

Daily Devotional—Day One

Scripture: 2 Corinthians 12:8-10

1. Summarize what Paul is facing in this passage. What is his response?

2. Describe a time you prayed for something but you didn't receive what you asked for. How can this passage help you understand this situation better?

ADVANCE TRACK

Daily Devotional

20 Points per week

Directions

Each Week:

1. Look up the scripture in your Bible and underline it.
2. Answer the questions.
3. Have your Devotional signed to confirm completed work.

WEEK EIGHT

CHARACTER TRAIT

LOYALTY

Prayer for the week:

Lord, give me the strength and courage to be loyal to you and your word above anything else in my life.

In Jesus Name, Amen.

Daily Devotional—Day Five

Scripture: 1 John 2:3-6

1. From this verse why do you think God wants his people to obey his word?

2. Describe a time you chose to be obedient and something good happened as a result.

Daily Devotional—Week Seven—Obedience

Completed by: _____

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Date: _____

Daily Devotional—Day Two

Scripture: Psalm 145:15-17

1. What do we learn about being righteous from this passage?

2. How can believing this passage to be true bring contentment to your life?

Daily Devotional—Day Three

Scripture: Proverbs 16:8

1. Rewrite this verse in your own words below.

2. Describe a time when someone you know cheated (on a test, in a game). What does this verse say about people who cheat and win? What does it say about people who do the right thing but lose?

Daily Devotional—Day Four

Scripture: 1 Peter 1:1-2

1. Who wrote this letter? Who was it written to?

2. Pretend that Peter wrote this letter to you. How would you feel to be addressed this way? How might you act differently?

Daily Devotional—Day Three

Scripture: 2 John 1:6

1. How does this verse define love?

2. List one thing you will do to show love to your parents this week.

Daily Devotional—Day Four

Scripture: Isaiah 55:1-3

1. What does this passage mean to you? How can it teach you to be content?

2. Define contentment in your own words.

Daily Devotional—Day Five

Scripture: Proverbs 12:11

1. There are two different groups of people in this verse. Describe them.

2. What does this verse mean to you?

Daily Devotional—Week Four—Contentment

Completed by: _____

Teacher Signature: _____

Date: _____

Daily Devotional—Day Two

Scripture: 1 Peter 1:13-15

1. List two things the Lord wants you to be.

2. What does this passage mean to you? How can you apply it to your life today?

Daily Devotional—Day One

Scripture: Philippians 2:6-9

1. How did Jesus humble himself? What was God's response?

2. List two things that you learn about Jesus from this passage.

ADVANCE TRACK

Daily Devotional

20 Points per week

Directions

Each Week:

1. Look up the scripture in your Bible and underline it.
2. Answer the questions.
3. Have your Devotional signed to confirm completed work.

WEEK FIVE

CHARACTER TRAIT

SACRIFICE

Prayer for the week:

Lord, help me see things the way you do, even when it is hard help me learn to sacrifice for things that are important. Thank you for the sacrifice you made for me. In Jesus Name, Amen.

Daily Devotional—Day One

Scripture: Philippians 4:15-18

1. Describe the sacrifice made in this passage.

2. Describe a time you gave up something so that someone else could have it.

ADVANCE TRACK

Daily Devotional

20 Points per week

Directions

Each Week:

1. Look up the scripture in your Bible and underline it.
2. Answer the questions.
3. Have your Devotional signed to confirm completed work.

WEEK SEVEN

CHARACTER TRAIT

OBEDIENCE

Prayer for the week:

Lord, open my ears to hear your voice. I pray that I will have a willing and obedient heart to do whatever you say. In Jesus Name, Amen.

Daily Devotional—Day Five

Scripture: Titus 3:8

1. What does Paul encourage the people to believe? Hint: read verses 4-7.

2. List three “good” things you can do for those around you.

Daily Devotional—Week Six—Trust

Completed by: _____

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Daily Devotional—Day Two

Scripture: 1 Samuel 7:7-11

1. Who made a sacrifice in this passage? What did he sacrifice? What was God's response?

2. What is one thing you can learn from Samuel in this passage? How can you apply it to your life?

Daily Devotional—Day Three

Scripture: Hebrews 13:15

1. Rewrite the verse in your own words.

2. Write a prayer of thanksgiving below. Read it out loud.

Daily Devotional—Day Four

Scripture: Luke 16:11

1. Rewrite the verse in your own words below.

2. Describe one thing you can do to earn the trust of your parents.

Daily Devotional—Day Three

Scripture: Romans 15:13

1. Describe the person who trusts in the Lord.

2. What does this verse mean to you? How can you live it today?

Daily Devotional—Day Four

Scripture: John 15:13

1. What do you learn about sacrifice from this passage?

2. What person in your life do you think of when you read this verse?

Daily Devotional—Day Five

Scripture: 1 Corinthians 13:3

1. What do you think this verse means?

2. Describe a sacrifice you made this week. Explain how making this sacrifice expressed your love for someone.

Daily Devotional—Week Five—Sacrifice

Completed by: _____

Teacher Signature: _____

Date: _____

Daily Devotional—Day Two

Scripture: John 12:35-36

1. What does this passage mean?

2. Have you ever been in a dark place without a light? How did you feel? What did you do? What if you had had a flashlight?

Daily Devotional—Day One

Scripture: Zephaniah 3:11-12

1. From this passage, what groups of people will trust in the Lord?

2. Describe someone in your life that you trust. List two reasons why you trust them.

ADVANCE TRACK

Daily Devotional

20 Points per week

Directions

Each Week:

1. Look up the scripture in your Bible and underline it.
2. Answer the questions.
3. Have your Devotional signed to confirm completed work.

WEEK SIX

CHARACTER TRAIT

TRUST

Prayer for the week:

Lord, give me a revelation of who you are so that I will trust you more. I thank you that when I am afraid I can trust you and you will help me.

In Jesus Name, Amen.