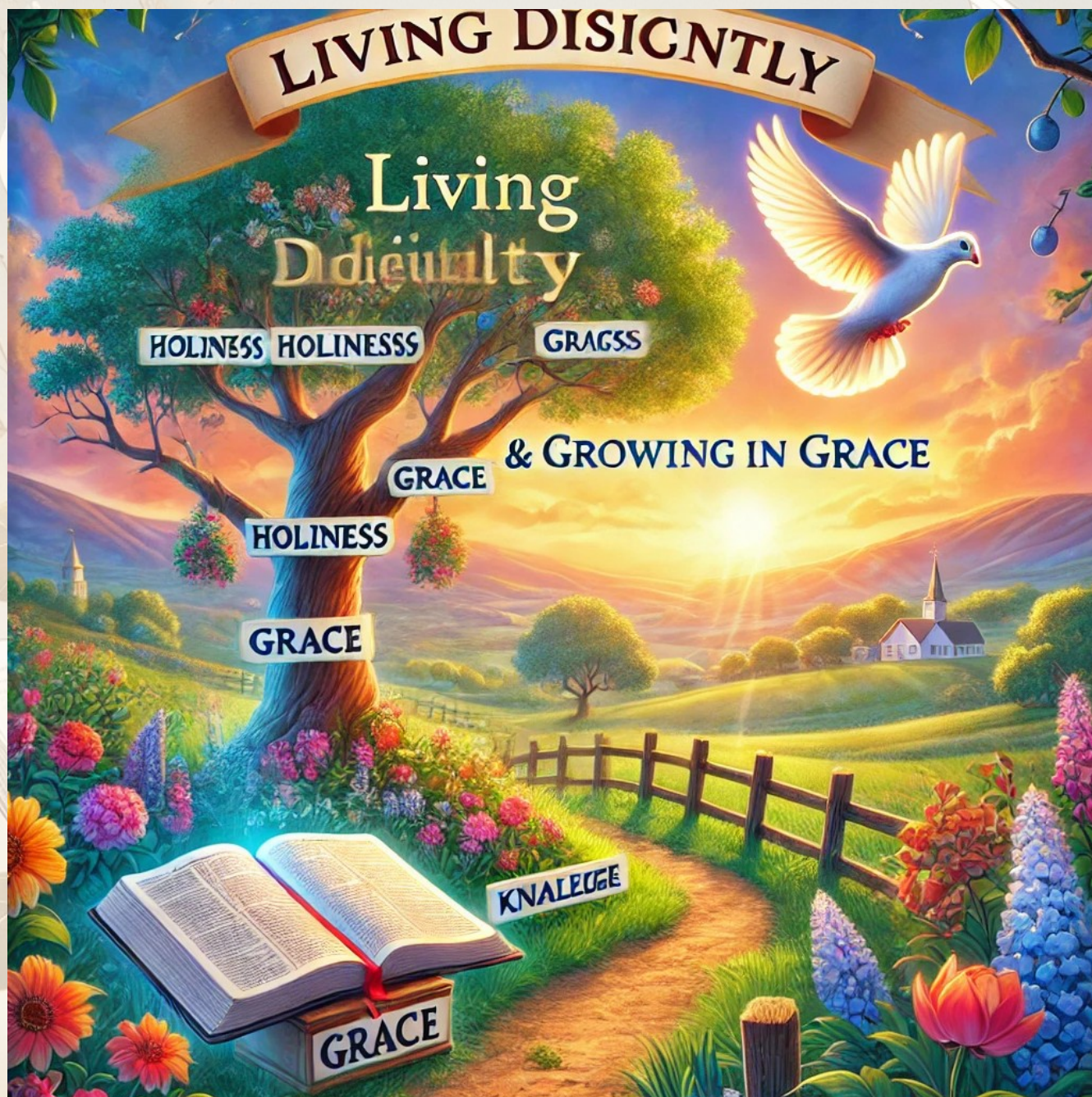




Activity and Summary Sheet: Living Diligently and Growing in Grace

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Pursue Holiness | Embrace Grace | Grow in Knowledge

This activity set invites families and individuals to explore the depths of Peter's final encouragements. Through reflective journaling, engaging crafts, and discussions, learn how to live with intentionality and grace. Dive deep into Scripture to guard your heart against deception and nurture a steadfast faith. Together, let us grow in the love and knowledge of Jesus Christ, reflecting His light in all we do.

Introduction

Blog Summary

The blog post delves into 2 Peter 3:14-18, where Peter offers his final encouragement to believers. He emphasizes living diligently, growing in grace, and staying rooted in God's truth as we await Christ's return. Through a rich narrative, Peter encourages believers to actively pursue holiness and peace, to be vigilant against deception, and to remain steadfast in their spiritual journey. The discussion highlights the importance of intentional living, spiritual vigilance, and the continuous pursuit of a deeper relationship with God. Readers are inspired to make purposeful choices that honor God, seek forgiveness when they falter, and actively share His love with others.

Key Verse

2 Peter 3:14 (NIV): *"So then, dear friends, since you are looking forward to this, make every effort to be found spotless, blameless and at peace with him."*

Reflection Questions

1. What does it mean to live diligently as a follower of Christ?
2. How can we grow in grace and knowledge daily?
3. In what ways can we guard against deception in our faith journey?
4. How does intentional living impact our relationship with God and others?
5. What steps can you take to reflect Christ's purity and holiness in your daily actions?
6. How can we encourage others to live diligently and grow in grace?

Section 1: Interactive Activities

1. Diligence and Grace Journal

Objective: Reflect on daily actions and thoughts to cultivate intentional living and spiritual growth.

Materials Needed:

- Notebook or journal
- Pens or markers
- Stickers or decorative items (optional)
- Inspirational quotes or Bible verse printouts (optional)

Instructions:

1. **Daily Entries:** Dedicate time each day to write about your experiences, focusing on moments where you practiced diligence in your faith and instances where you experienced or extended grace.
2. **Reflection Prompts:** Use prompts such as:
 - How did I make purposeful choices that honor God today?
 - In what ways did I grow in understanding God's love and forgiveness?
 - Did I encounter any challenges to my faith, and how did I address them?
 - How did I reflect Christ's purity and holiness today?
3. **Weekly Review:** At the end of each week, review your entries to identify patterns, growth areas, and answered prayers.
4. **Creative Integration:** Add drawings, stickers, or clippings that visually represent your growth and journey.
5. **Prayer Integration:** Conclude each entry with a prayer, asking for strength to live diligently and grow in grace.

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2. Grace Garden Craft

Objective: Create a visual representation of spiritual growth and the fruits of living diligently.

Materials Needed:

- Construction paper
- Scissors
- Glue
- Markers
- Small flower pots or cups
- Soil and seeds (e.g., fast-growing plants like beans)
- Popsicle sticks or labels for plant markers

Instructions:

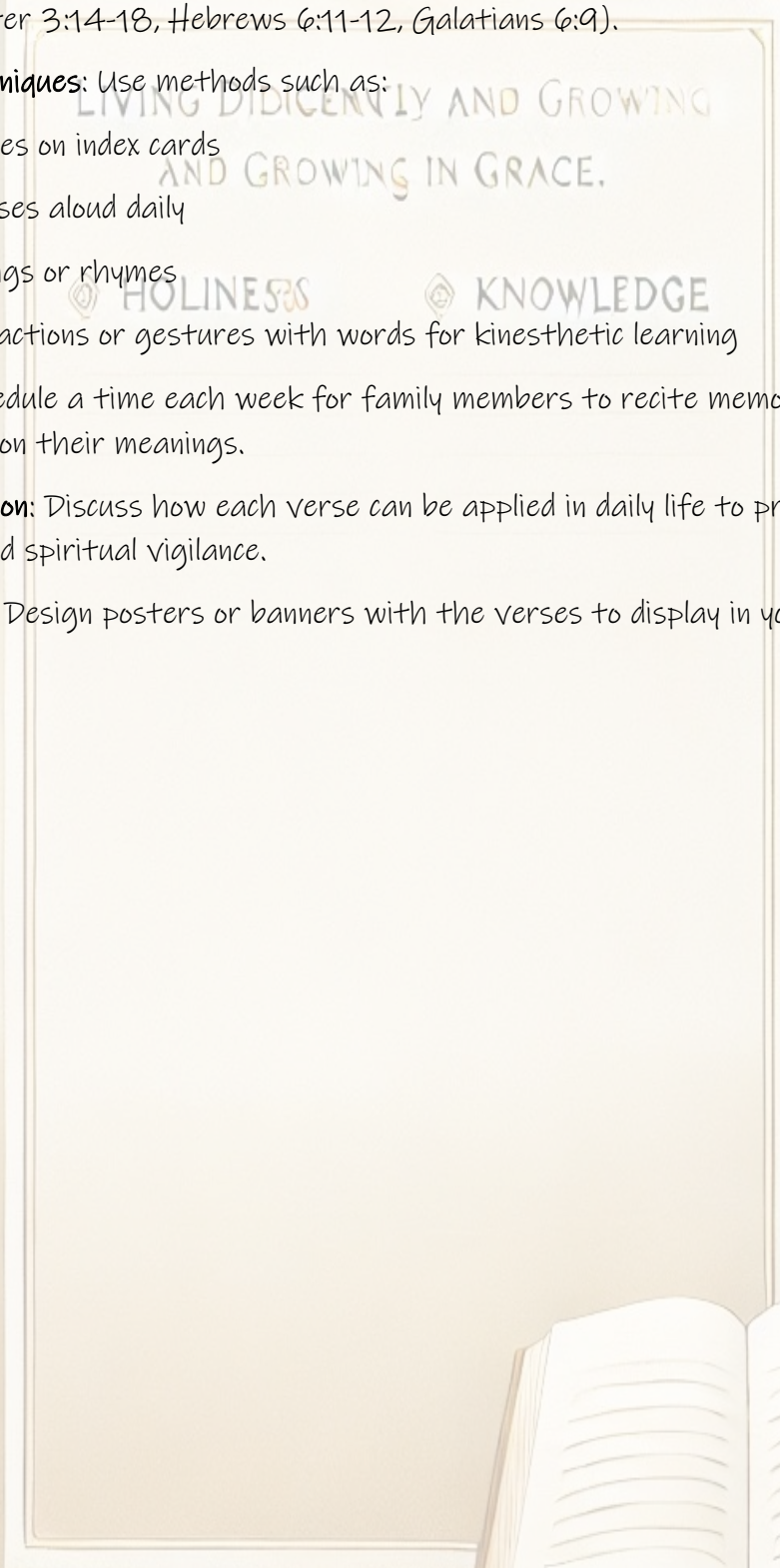
1. **Planting Seeds:** Plant seeds in small pots, symbolizing the beginning of your spiritual growth journey.
2. **Craft Flowers:** Create paper flowers, each labeled with virtues such as diligence, grace, knowledge, purity, and peace.
3. **Assemble the Garden:** Arrange the paper flowers around the planted seeds, creating a 'Grace Garden.'
4. **Add Growth Markers:** Use popsicle sticks to label the stages of growth, such as "Faith," "Forgiveness," and "Steadfastness."
5. **Growth Tracking:** As the seeds sprout and grow, discuss how nurturing the plants is similar to cultivating spiritual growth through intentional living and seeking God's guidance.
6. **Reflection Questions:**
 - What does each virtue represent in your spiritual journey?
 - How does watching the seeds grow remind you of God's work in your life?

3. Scripture Memory Challenge

Objective: Deepen knowledge of God's Word to guard against deception and strengthen faith.

Instructions:

1. **Verse Selection:** Choose key scriptures that emphasize diligence, grace, and spiritual growth (e.g., 2 Peter 3:14-18, Hebrews 6:11-12, Galatians 6:9).
2. **Memorization Techniques:** Use methods such as:
 - Writing verses on index cards
 - Reciting verses aloud daily
 - Creating songs or rhymes
 - Associating actions or gestures with words for kinesthetic learning
3. **Family Recital:** Schedule a time each week for family members to recite memorized verses and share insights on their meanings.
4. **Application Discussion:** Discuss how each verse can be applied in daily life to promote intentional living and spiritual vigilance.
5. **Creative Additions:** Design posters or banners with the verses to display in your home as reminders.



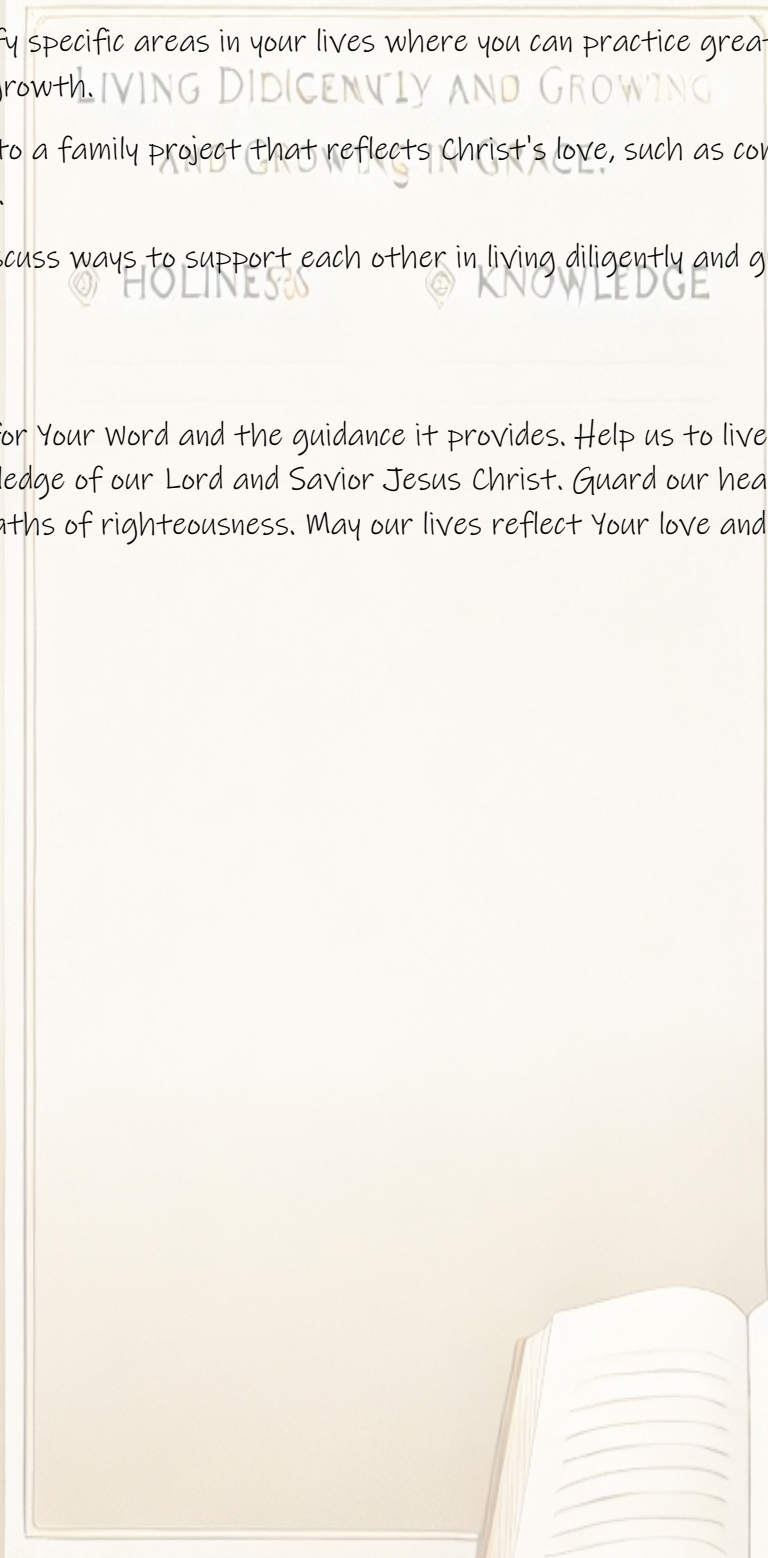
Section 2: Family Discussion and Prayer

Family Discussion Guide

1. **Opening Question:** What does it mean to live intentionally as a Christian?
2. **Reflection:** Share experiences where you made purposeful choices that honored God.
3. **Action Plan:** Identify specific areas in your lives where you can practice greater diligence and seek spiritual growth.
4. **Challenge:** Commit to a family project that reflects Christ's love, such as community service or outreach.
5. **Encouragement:** Discuss ways to support each other in living diligently and growing in grace.

Family Prayer

Dear Lord, we thank You for Your Word and the guidance it provides. Help us to live diligently, growing in grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Guard our hearts against deception, and lead us in paths of righteousness. May our lives reflect Your love and bring glory to Your name. Amen.



Section 3: Additional Resources

Bible Study Tools

- **Bible Gateway:** Offers various translations and study tools to deepen understanding of Scripture.
- **Blue Letter Bible:** Provides access to commentaries, dictionaries, and concordances for in-depth study.

Printable Activities

- **Scripture Memory Cards:** Printable cards featuring key verses for memorization.
- **Grace Garden Templates:** Craft templates to assist in creating the Grace Garden activity.
- **Diligence Tracker:** A weekly checklist for recording acts of intentional living and spiritual growth.

Recommended Books

- *The Pursuit of Holiness* by Jerry Bridges
- *Growing in Christ* by J.I. Packer

Videos

- **"Living Diligently for Christ":** A sermon exploring what it means to live intentionally as a believer.
- **"Growing in Grace and Knowledge":** A teaching video on spiritual growth and maturity.
- **"Guarding Your Faith":** A video guide to recognizing and overcoming spiritual deception.



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Section 4: Reflective Wrap-Up

Family Pledge

we commit to living diligently, growing in grace, and guarding our hearts with God's truth. We will make purposeful choices that honor Him and reflect His love to others.

Visible Reminder

Create a family vision board displaying your commitment to spiritual growth, including scriptures, goals, and reminders of God's promises. Add photos, drawings, or personal achievements as visual reminders of your journey. Place it in a common area to inspire and encourage daily intentional living.

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