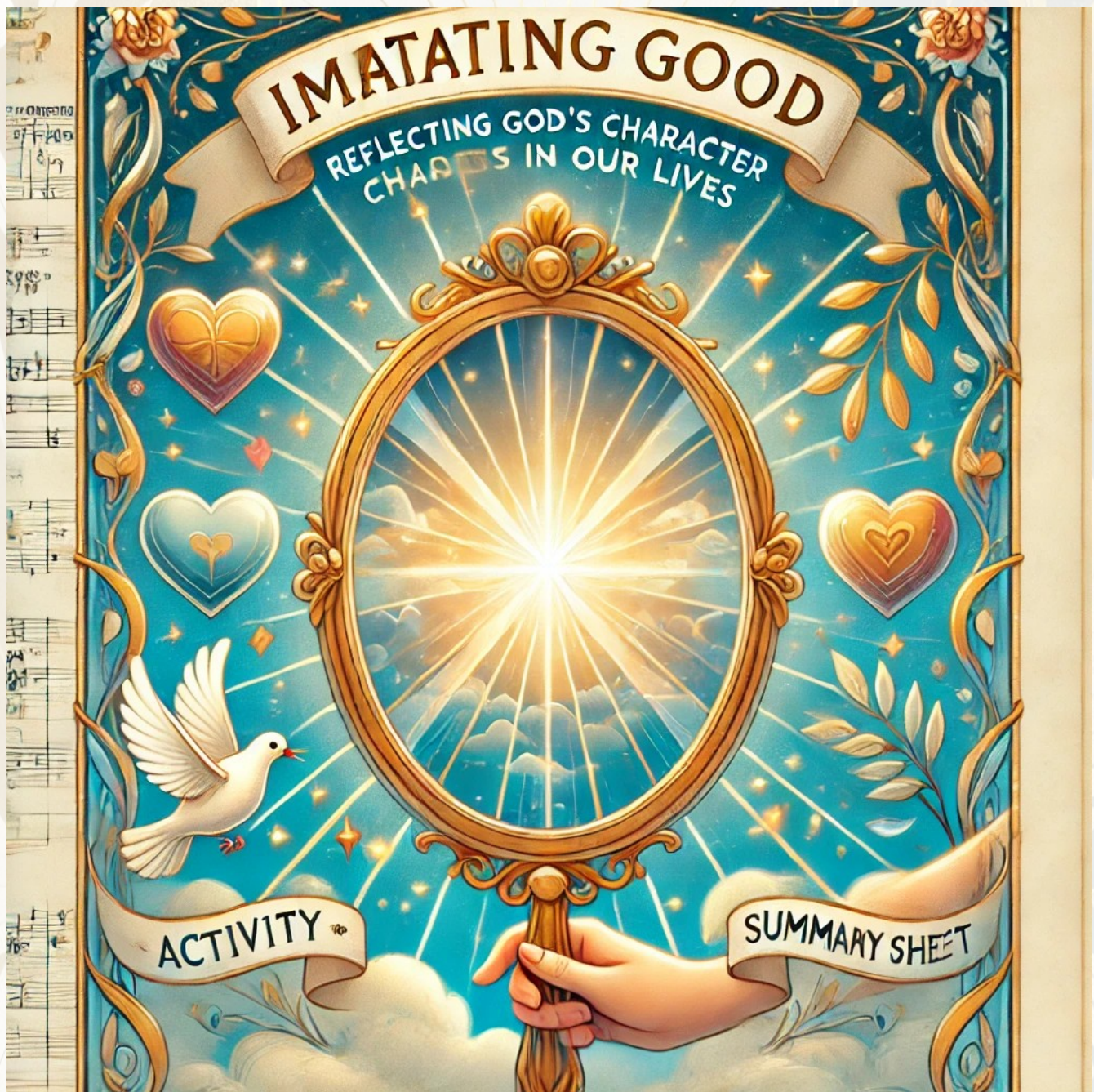




Imitating Good: Reflecting God's Character in Our Lives

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Follow Goodness | Avoid Evil | Reflect God's Love

This activity and summary sheet set is designed to inspire participants to live as reflections of God's goodness, following the teachings of 3 John 1:11. Through interactive activities, meaningful reflections, and practical applications, participants will learn to imitate what is good, avoid evil, and embody the character of God in their daily lives. Let this guide help you deepen your faith and inspire others through your actions.

Introduction

Blog Summary

The blog explores 3 John 1:11, where the apostle John encourages believers to follow good and reject evil as a way of living that reflects God's character. John's message reminds us that our actions reveal the state of our relationship with God and that true goodness flows from aligning our lives with His Word. By imitating Christ, we become examples of God's love and truth in a world that desperately needs them.

Key Verse

3 John 1:11 (KJV): "Beloved, follow not that which is evil, but that which is good. He that doeth good is of God: but he that doeth evil hath not seen God."



Reflection Questions

Imitating Good

1. What does it mean to imitate good in your daily life?
2. How can your actions reflect God's goodness to others?
3. Who inspires you to live in a way that reflects God's character?

Avoiding Evil

1. What situations or behaviors do you need to avoid to stay aligned with God's will?
2. How can prayer and Scripture help you overcome temptations?
3. Who can you turn to for support and encouragement in making godly choices?

Reflecting God's Character

1. What qualities of God's character do you want to reflect in your life?
2. How can kindness, integrity, and humility strengthen your relationships?
3. How does living as a reflection of God's goodness inspire others to seek Him?

Section 1: Interactive Activities

Activity 1: Mirror of Goodness Craft

Objective: Reflect on how your actions can mirror God's goodness through a creative activity.

Materials Needed:

- Small handheld mirrors or paper templates shaped like mirrors.
- Markers, stickers, and decorative items.
- Strips of paper for writing qualities that reflect God's goodness.

Instructions:

1. Decorate the mirror template with symbols and words representing God's goodness (e.g., love, truth, kindness).
2. Write qualities or actions on the strips of paper that you want to reflect in your life.
3. Attach the strips to the mirror as a commitment to living in God's character.

Reflection: How does focusing on God's goodness help you make better choices? What actions can you take to reflect His love more clearly?

Activity 2: Goodness Scavenger Hunt

Objective: Identify and celebrate examples of goodness in everyday life through a fun and engaging activity.

Materials Needed:

- Printable scavenger hunt list with items representing acts of goodness (e.g., helping someone, showing kindness).
- Small prizes or certificates for completing the hunt.

Instructions:

1. Distribute the scavenger hunt list and set a time limit for finding examples of goodness in their environment.
2. Participants can document their findings by taking pictures or writing descriptions.
3. Celebrate the acts of goodness with a group discussion or small prizes.

Reflection: How did this activity help you notice and appreciate goodness in everyday life? What can you do to practice more acts of goodness?

Activity 3: Character Building Tower

Objective: Demonstrate how godly qualities build a strong foundation for reflecting God's character.

Materials Needed:

- Building blocks or Jenga pieces labeled with qualities such as "kindness," "truth," "humility," "patience," and "integrity."

Instructions:

1. Work as a group to build a tower using blocks labeled with godly qualities.
2. Discuss how each quality contributes to a strong foundation for living in God's character.
3. Reflect on what happens when qualities like "kindness" or "patience" are removed.

Reflection: How do these qualities help you reflect God's goodness? What steps can you take to strengthen your character?

5. Scripture Memory Challenge

Objective: Memorize 3 John 1:11 together as a group.

Instructions:

1. Divide the verse into smaller parts and assign each segment to participants.
2. Recite the verse together, gradually building confidence to say it from memory.
3. Add hand motions or rhythm to make memorization engaging and fun.



6. Practical Applications

Goodness Reflection Journal

Instructions:

1. Write daily reflections on how you imitated good and avoided evil.
2. Note moments where your actions reflected God's character and how others responded.

Family Prayer Guide

Structure:

- Monday: Pray for guidance in imitating God's goodness.
- Tuesday: Reflect on how to avoid evil and stay aligned with God's will.
- Wednesday: Thank God for His character and the example of Christ.
- Thursday: Pray for opportunities to reflect God's goodness in your community.
- Friday: Encourage family members to share their experiences of living faithfully.
- Saturday: Celebrate acts of goodness and kindness within the family.
- Sunday: Recommit to living as reflections of God's character.

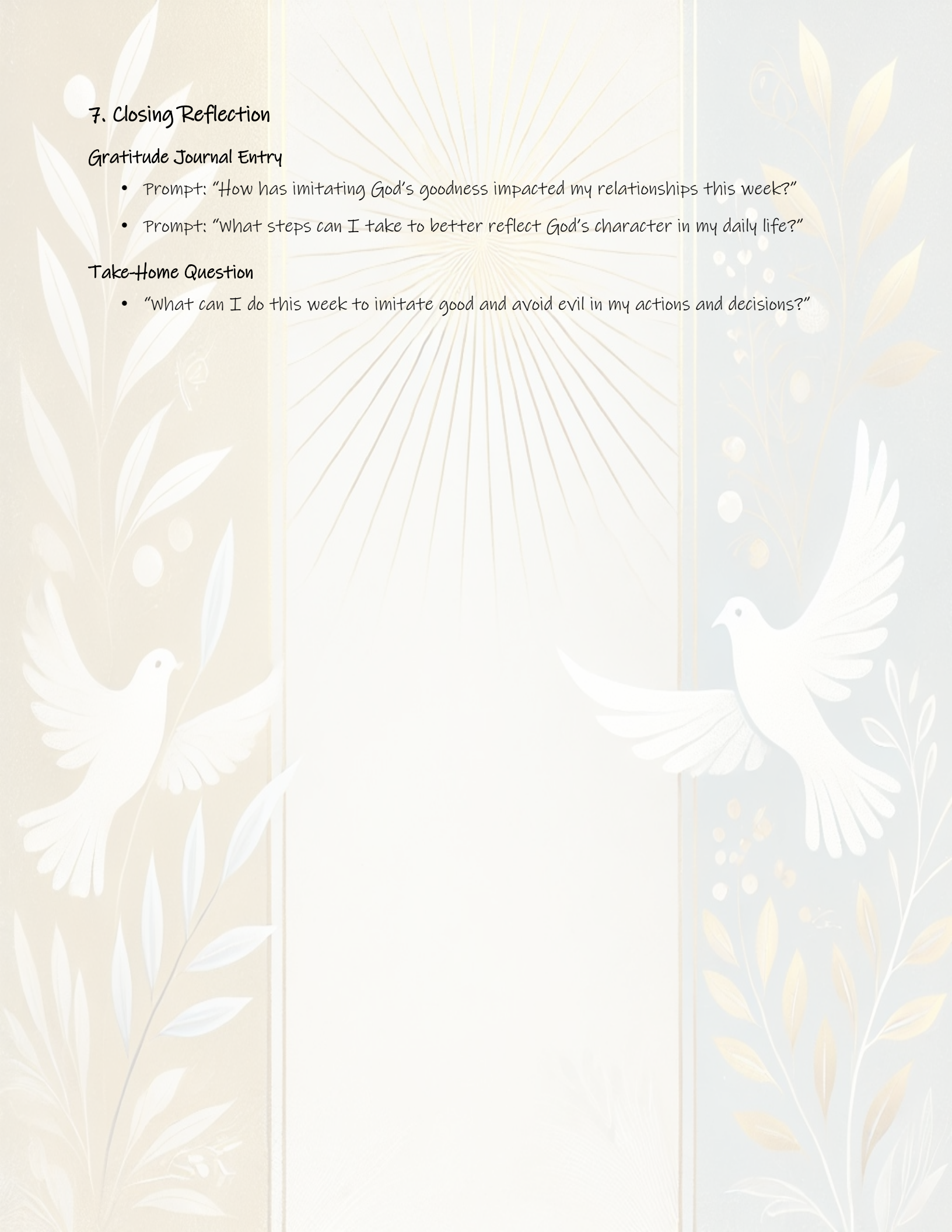
7. Closing Reflection

Gratitude Journal Entry

- Prompt: "How has imitating God's goodness impacted my relationships this week?"
- Prompt: "What steps can I take to better reflect God's character in my daily life?"

Take-Home Question

- "What can I do this week to imitate good and avoid evil in my actions and decisions?"



8. Bonus Content

Printable Coloring Page

- Design: A mirror labeled "Reflect God's Goodness" with the memory verse 3 John 1:11 inscribed, surrounded by symbols of love, kindness, and humility.

Encouragement Cards

- Include quotes from Scripture, such as:
 - "Be imitators of God" (Ephesians 5:1).
 - "Let your light shine before others" (Matthew 5:16).
 - "Clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness, and patience" (Colossians 3:12).