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Introduction

Hi!

We're the Super Snoopers!
We're brothers who find antidotes
for life's problems in God's Word.



We know some problems in life can seem mysterious and hard to understand. But God's Word has something to say about all of life's mysteries. We may not see all of the answers during this life, but the Bible can offer some helpful guidance and hope.

For the advanced truth sleuth, we've included **EXTRA SNOOPING**. These are verses to read that will help you

understand the answer even better. Don't forget to do the activities and take the quizzes along the way. And we'll be dropping by with extras, so look for us throughout the book.

Never forget that when life seems like a mystery, God is there for you and His Word can give you the answers you need.

Good for Something

The **PROBLEM**: I can't do anything right.

Sanjay dreaded soccer practice. It wasn't the game he hated. He actually liked soccer. And the kids on his team were okay. The coach was pretty nice too. The problem was that Sanjay felt like the worst player on the team.

When someone passed him the ball, another player usually got to it first. When he tried to kick the ball, it went out of bounds. And he'd never scored a single goal.

I can't do anything right! Sanjay thought.

Have you ever felt like Sanjay? It can be discouraging to feel like a failure.

Find the **ANTIDOTE**

Read Ephesians 2:10 and write down two things this verse says are true about you.

1. _____

2. _____

God doesn't make mistakes. Each person is His special creation, and people are good at different things. Not only that, but God plans ahead of time the things we will do for Him! That means it's not possible to be a failure when you're following God.

Even though Sanjay felt like he couldn't do anything

right, he was good at some things. He was always willing to help his sister with her math homework. He could make his friends laugh with his funny jokes. And Sanjay's mom loved his beautiful singing voice.

Make a list of some of the things you do well. If you have trouble thinking of something, ask a parent or a friend.

Things I'm good at:

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____



All by Myself

The PROBLEM: I'm lonely.

Think about all the jobs in the world. Which ones do you think are the loneliest to do? A truck driver? A scientist in Antarctica? A night security guard?

Bill O'Brien, who lives in Great Britain, was a lighthouse keeper for 34 years. Taking care of a lighthouse is considered to be one of the loneliest jobs someone can do. At one of the lighthouses where Bill was stationed, he could only leave by boat to go to town once a month. Bill says he wasn't lonely, but today in the United States, all lighthouses (except for one) are completely automatic and don't have humans living inside.

You may not live in an isolated lighthouse or work as a scientist in Antarctica, but that doesn't mean you don't sometimes feel lonely. Everyone has moments where they feel all alone or like no one is there for them. Even one of the greatest kings of Israel felt this way.

Find the ANTIDOTE

Read Psalm 25:16, which was written by King David. What does David ask God to do for him?

Why does David ask for this?

Think about the last time you felt lonely. Maybe you're lonely right now. God makes some special promises to those who feel alone.

EXTRA SNOOPING: Look up these three verses and write down the promise each contains for those who feel lonely:

Psalm 68:6

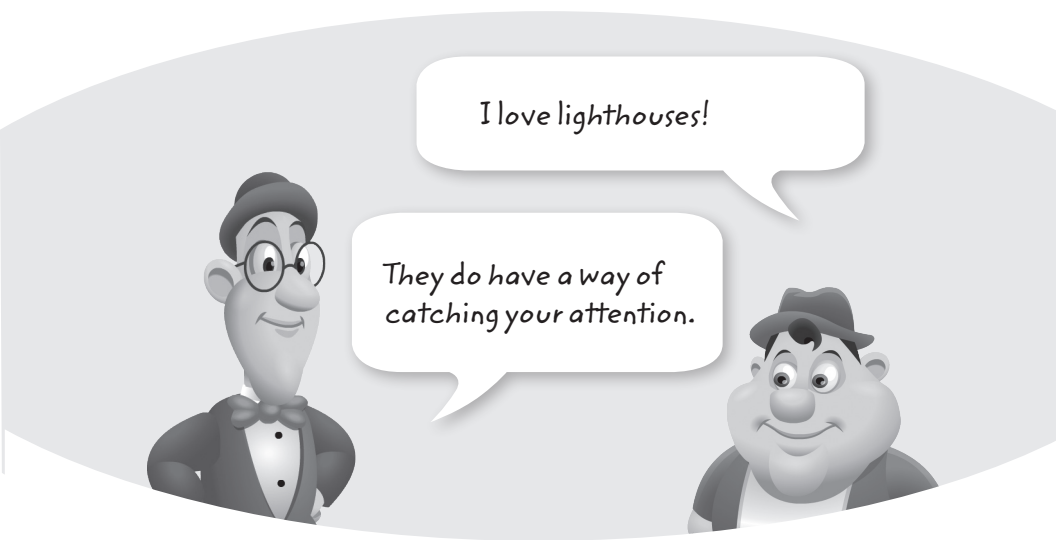
Psalm 147:3

Hebrews 13:5

When you feel lonely, talk to God about it. He is *always* with you and promises to never leave. Next, spend time with your family. God designed families to help relieve loneliness. Help Mom fix dinner or play a game with your brother or sister. And if you feel like you have no friends and loneliness is making you sad, ask God to comfort your heart. He cares for you more than anyone else.

Even though loneliness hurts, it is temporary. If we know Jesus, one day we will go to our heavenly home where

loneliness doesn't exist. Until then, we have God, our families, and other believers to turn to, so we are never truly alone.



I love lighthouses!

They do have a way of catching your attention.