



# Setting the Pace

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Devotion: How do you win a race? One step at a time! It's important to keep your eye on the goal, but you also have to focus on getting there. As Christians, we believe that Jesus, the son of God, died to save us from our sins, and our most important goal is to keep our eyes focused on Him. With every step we take, we move closer to Him. As we move towards Him, we learn to be more like Him, and we have opportunities to share Him with those around us. Our reward is His Crown of Life!

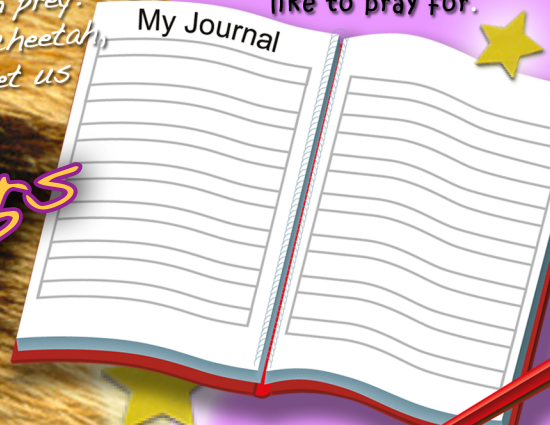


**Children of Israel**  
Israel is in the Middle East on the continent of Asia. A typical meal in Israel is falafel (made from chick peas, herbs, and spices) in pita bread. In the Bible, God says that Israelites are His chosen people, the "apple of His eye" (see Zechariah 2:8). God has very special plans for the Jewish people and for the land of Israel. Pray for God's eternal purpose there as we await its fulfillment, and thank Him for accepting us into His royal family.

Record in your journal your favorite thing you did, or saw, or ate today. Write down someone you would like to pray for.

The cheetah is the fastest mammal on land. It can run up to 60 miles an hour! Cheetahs also have very good eyesight and can see hidden prey. Though we will not run as fast as the cheetah, let us run always towards Jesus, and let us always keep our eyes fixed on Him.

How many stars can you find?



Daily Bread:  
"Do you not know that in a race all the runners run, but only one gets the prize? Run in such a way as to get the prize. Everyone who competes in the games goes into strict training. They do it to get a crown that will not last; but we do it to get a crown that will last forever."  
1 Corinthians 9:24-25