



The Times of Our Lives

Living with Dying • Life Sunday Children's Message

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We all know about time, right? We learn a lot about time from moms and dads. You know, "It's time to get up! It's time to eat! It's time to brush your teeth. It's time to go to school! It's time to do your homework! It's time to take a bath. It's time to go to bed!" You've heard these before!

But listen to what the Bible says about time. **[Read Ecclesiastes3:1]** "For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven."

There is a time for everything! Let's look at some of the times of your lives.

1. There was the time of your Life Day, when you started growing inside your mom. **[Hold up Life Day Clock. You may also supplement with fetal models or fetal development pictures and say]** And you kept growing and growing until **[As you finish each Clock, lay it aside for use later.]**
2. There was the time of your Birthday! **[Hold up Birthday Clock.]** Everyone has a birthday.
3. Then there was a time for your New Life Day! **[Hold up New Life Day Clock.]** That happened when you were baptized and became God's own very special child. **[Point out baptismal font if able.]**
4. You've had times of Growing as your body got bigger and bigger. **[Hold up Growing Clock.]**
5. By coming to church and Sunday school, you've had times of growing in your faith in Jesus as your Savior. **[Hold up Growing in Faith Clock.]**
6. You have times of going to school to grow in knowledge. **[Hold up School Clock.]**
7. You will have a time when you will be confirmed and be able to come to holy Communion and begin a whole new time of growing in faith. **[Hold up Confirmation Clock.]**



8. There might be a time in your life when you go to college and study to be a teacher or pastor or engineer, or whatever God might have in store for you. **[Hold up College Clock.]**
9. Perhaps there will be a time when you will meet someone special and get married! **[Hold up Marriage Clock.]**
10. If you do get married, God may bless you with children. **[Hold up Children Clock.]**
11. Then as you keep getting older, there will be a time when you will be old, like your grandma and grandpa are now. **[Hold up Elderly Clock.]**
12. Then, at just the right time that only God knows, He will call you to be with Him in heaven. Heaven will be such a wonderful place that no matter how many good times we have had here on earth, heaven will be far, far, far better! **[Hold up Heaven Clock.]**

Look at all these times in your life! And do you know what is so, so wonderful? The Bible tells us that God has all of our times in His hand! **[Pick up clocks one by one, perhaps reviewing a few as you go along and put them in your hand.]**

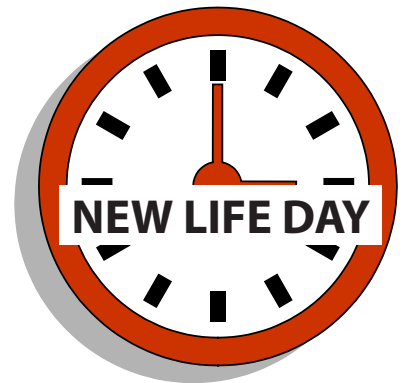
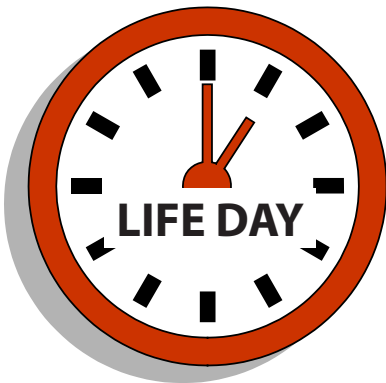
It is good to know that all of our times are in the hands of God who loves us so very much. And do you know what is so special about God's hands that tells us He loves us? He has nail scars in His hands. Jesus loved us so much He was nailed to a cross to suffer all God's anger over our sins in our place!

But He did not stay dead! No, He rose again and He is alive and He is with us and **[holding up your hand with clocks]** He has all of our times, the things that have happened and the things that will happen, in His hands! That is really, really good news!

Please pray with me.

Dear Jesus, thank you for all the times of my life, those that have happened and those that will. Thank You for holding them in Your nail-scarred hands. Help me trust that You will always do what is best for me. In Your name, Amen.

“My times are in Your hand.” (Psalm 31:15a)



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