

# Rest

Our sleep habits can help our body fight real **infections**. When we only get **six** hours or less of sleep every night, we can easily catch a **cold** compared to those who get **seven** hours or more of sleep every night. When we get enough **sleep**, we will have a **stronger** body to **fight** the cold virus.

If we do not get **enough** sleep, we will have trouble paying **attention** to what other people say. It will also make it hard for us to stay **calm** or feel happy. Instead, it can make us **feel** grumpy.

Getting a good rest every **week** is just as important as getting a good rest every day. That's why God created the **seventh**day Sabbath, so we can get a balanced rest.



### EAT WHOLESOME FOOD

Eating **plant**-based, wholesome food means that we include a variety of nourishing food taken from plant sources on our **plates** each day. A plant-based meal prevents our bodies from getting sick from **heart** diseases, cancer, and strokes.

We should stay away from eating or drinking too many **sugary** drinks, desserts and snacks, fruit **juices**, and processed grains and **potatoes** because they can make us sick.

**Nutrients** are found in our food and are needed for our bodies to make **energy** and keep the organs working properly so we can be **healthy**.

Examples of nutrients are **carbohydrates**, which can be found in fruits and vegetables; **proteins**, which can be found in legumes, nuts, and soymilk; and **fats**, which can be found in olive oil, seed oil, and avocado. We also need **vitamins**, minerals, and trace minerals for our bodies to be healthy, heal, and **grow**.

# SUNSHINE

The Sun makes energy, which is called **solar** radiation, and it is the main **source** of energy for planet Earth. Without the Sun, plants will not **grow**, and without plants, there will be no oxygen that is needed for us to breathe and **live**.

When our skin comes in contact with the sun's rays, our body makes Vitamin D so our **bones** can develop and be healthy. Vitamin D also helps strengthen our **immune** system, and we are able to control infections caused by viruses, **bacteria**, or any foreign invaders.

Ask your parents or an adult family member to walk with you outside for **30** minutes in the **morning** sun and open the curtains so the **sunshine** can come in.

# TRUST IN DIVINE POWER

When scientists studied a few people who were ill with cancer, the scientists found that those who trusted in **God** and had very **good** support from their **families** and/or

friends did well compared to those who did not **trust** in God.

A wonderful **promise** is guaranteed to those who put their trust in the Lord and **remember** Him every day. They will be shown which direction to take so they can live a life full of **peace**, joy, and **hope**.

# **R**ESTRAINT / SELF-CONTROL

In order for us to be healthy, we have to make the **right** choices every **day**, and that includes saying "no" to allowing **harmful** substances to get into our bodies, whether through what we put into our **mouths** or what we inhale through our **noses**, or what we inject through our **skin**. We also have to remember that we should not use **too** much of anything that is good.



It is important to avoid substances that can cause damage to our bodies, like caffeine,

alcohol, and tobacco. These can make us really **sick** and prevent us from enjoying a long and healthy life. Say "**no**" to harmful substances.





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# OXYGEN

People can survive up to **three** weeks without food and up to **four** days without water. But, after only **four** minutes without **oxygen**, the brain can be damaged permanently.

To breathe properly, our upper body should be kept **straight** and **upright**.

The best air to breathe is in outdoor **nature**, such as mountains, lakes, and after a rainstorm that is free of air pollutants, like **smog**, cigarette smoke, or indoor **gas** fumes from gas stoves and poor air circulation inside the **home**.



# EXERCISE

To do well in life, our bodies have to **move** and do physical activities.

Walking is a great **exercise** because it causes our heart rate to go up, which makes our blood to flow nicely, and it can also lower our blood pressure.

**Brisk** walking is excellent because it does not put too much pressure and tension on the **joints** that are easily injured, such as the **hips**, knees, and ankles.

Other benefits of exercise include achieving a healthy **body** weight and promoting **sleep** naturally without the bad effects of **drugs**. Ask your parents or an adult family member to help you exercise for at least **30** minutes daily.



### DRINK WATER

Water makes up more than **half** of the human body weight. Without water, **life** on this planet will come to an **end**. Our bodies use water to **work** properly, and it is used for many functions, like the movement of our joints or the pumping of **blood** to the whole body by the heart. If our bodies lose water more than we put in, we can experience **dehydration**, making us dizzy and weak.

Water is also important for our hygiene because it helps cleanse **dirt**, grime, and waste products from the skin. The best liquid for the body is plain, **clean** water. Drink between **six** to **eight** glasses of water each day for good health.

