



### Day 15: "Francisco... That's Fun to Say"

Buddy's delight in saying "Francisco" over and over reminds us to find joy in the simplest things. There's something refreshing about taking pleasure in life's little details, like a beautiful name or a favorite song.

Psalm 100:1-2 says, "Shout for joy to the Lord, all the earth. Worship the Lord with gladness; come before Him with joyful songs." God calls us to live with joy, even in the ordinary. When we stop to notice and celebrate the little

things, we honor the Creator who gave them to us.

Today, look for something simple to delight in—a word, a moment, or a memory. Let yourself smile and thank God for His endless creativity.

**Prayer:** Lord, thank You for the little joys that fill my day. Help me to notice and celebrate the beauty and wonder of Your creation. Amen.

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### Day 16: "Buddy the Elf, What's Your Favorite Color?"

Buddy's cheerful question to a phone receptionist is simple but memorable. It's a reminder that sometimes, we can make someone's day better with a kind or lighthearted word.

Proverbs 16:24 says, "Gracious words are a honeycomb, sweet to the soul and healing to the bones." The words we speak have power—power to build up, encourage, and bring

life. When we take time to connect with others, even in small ways, we reflect God's kindness and care.

Today, take a moment to ask someone a fun or unexpected question, or simply share a kind word. You never know how much a little joy might mean to someone.

**Prayer:** Father, give me words that build others up and bring joy to their hearts. Let my conversations reflect Your love and light. Amen.



### **Day 17: "I Passed Through the Seven Levels of the Candy Cane Forest"**

Buddy's adventurous journey from the North Pole to New York is filled with challenges, yet he presses on with determination. It mirrors the perseverance we often need in our faith journeys.

James 1:2-4 encourages us: "Consider it pure joy, my brothers and sisters, whenever you face trials of many kinds, because you know that the testing of your faith produces perseverance." The road to spiritual growth isn't always easy, but God uses every step to shape us into who we're meant to be.

Today, think about a challenge you're facing. How might God be using it to grow your faith? Trust that He is walking with you every step of the way.

**Prayer:** Lord, thank You for being with me in every season, especially the hard ones. Help me to trust Your plan and grow stronger in my faith. Amen.

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### **Day 18: "You Did It! Congratulations!"**

Buddy's exuberant congratulations to a coffee shop for their "World's Best Cup of Coffee" sign is over-the-top, but it reminds us to celebrate victories, big or small.

Zephaniah 3:17 tells us, "The Lord your God is with you, the Mighty Warrior who saves. He will take great delight in you; in His love, He will no longer rebuke you but will rejoice over you with singing." Just as Buddy celebrates others, God rejoices over us—not because of what we've accomplished but because we are His.

Today, take a moment to celebrate something in your life. Maybe it's a big milestone, or maybe it's just getting through the day. Let yourself feel the joy that comes from being loved by God.

**Prayer:** Father, thank You for delighting in me. Help me to celebrate the blessings in my life and see Your hand in every moment. Amen.



### Day 19: "I'm Sorry I Ruined Your Lives"

When Buddy apologizes to his family after a series of mishaps, it's a moment of humility and vulnerability. He doesn't try to shift blame or make excuses—he owns his mistakes and asks for forgiveness.

In Matthew 5:23-24, Jesus teaches us the importance of reconciliation: "If you are offering your gift at the altar and there remember that your brother or sister has something against you, leave your gift there... First go and be reconciled to them." Apologies are hard, but they are necessary for healing and growth.

Today, think about someone you might need to reconcile with. Ask God for the humility to apologize and the courage to seek peace.

**Prayer:** Lord, help me to be honest about my mistakes and seek forgiveness where it's needed. Teach me to walk in humility and grace. Amen.

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### Day 20: "You're Not a Cotton-Headed Ninny Muggins After All"

By the end of the movie, Buddy realizes he isn't defined by his mistakes or differences. He's loved and valued just as he is, and he embraces that truth.

Ephesians 2:10 reminds us, "For we are God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do." We are not defined by our failures or what we can't do. We are defined by the One who created us and calls us His own.

Today, let go of any labels or lies that have made you feel less-than. Embrace the truth that you are wonderfully made and deeply loved.

**Prayer:** Father, thank You for creating me with purpose and value. Help me to see myself through Your eyes and live out the calling You've placed on my life. Amen.



## **December 21: I Think You're Beautiful and Smart and You Do Amazing Things**

Buddy's genuine compliment to Jovie is simple yet powerful. He doesn't just see her for what she does; he sees her for who she is. In a world where value often feels tied to performance, Buddy's words remind us of God's perspective.

In Isaiah 43:1, God says, "Do not fear, for I have redeemed you; I have summoned you by name; you are mine." God sees you, loves you, and calls you beautiful, smart, and capable of amazing things—not because of what you do, but because of who He created you to be.

Today, let God's affirmation sink into your heart. Then share that encouragement with someone who might need it.

**Prayer:** Lord, thank You for seeing me as I truly am—loved, valuable, and beautiful in Your sight. Help me to share that truth with others. Amen.