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Hey There Girls!

The holidays are finally here! Do you know that this is my favorite time of the year! Although this year has been a year

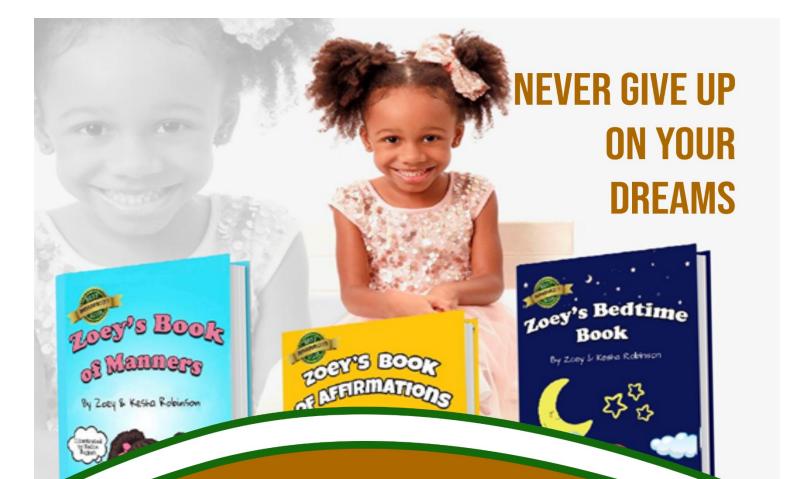
like no other and celebrating it will be different, it is still the best time ever. Don't you agree? With all that is happening in our world and in this nation, there is still so much to be grateful for. This is what this Holiday issue is all about.

I am so excited about this edition because even during a pandemic your imagination and creativity continues to soar. In this issue I want to introduce two entrepreneurs: Zoey Robinson and Kayla Thomas. Miss Zoey is our youngest contributing author. At six years old, Zoey has already become an accomplished author with three books under her wing. Miss Kayla is our beauty consultant, at 10 she already has her own line of lip gloss, facial scrubs, and other items for you to try. Check them both out. Miss Jaida Key, who is also 10 wants to remind you and me that even in a pandemic, God truly loves us!

Tiffany Robinson is an awesome young woman, who happens to also be a Minister of the Gospel to teens. She inspires them to work hard to achieve their goals. Awesome article. She is a motivator and a mentor. She also has a youth conference coming up this Spring called "Generation Next."

Of course, we still have the "other stuff". Our Devos, puzzles, coloring page, and a great cookie recipe for you to try this Christmas. Blessings to you and your family and stay safe. See you in 2021!

Celena



Everyone has dreams. Some big and some small. The size doesn't matter, just give it your all. I'm 6 years old and I'm a published author of 3 bestselling books. "*Zoey's Book of Manners", "Zoey's Bedtime Book" and "Zoey's Book of Affirmations*". I'm also a youtuber and my show is on TV. I really enjoy what I do. My goal is to create 1000 books. I will keep writing until it's done. What are some of your goals? Well, whatever they are, don't give up on them. There are people all around doing amazing things because they don't give up. You can be one of those people. Whatever it is, just do your best. And keep believing that you can do it!

By Zoey Robinson Purchase Zoey's books on AMAZON.COM Facebook: Kesha Robinson You Tube & Instagram: Zoey TV



2020 Is almost over and it has been guite a year! We are operating in a new normal. However, despite the changes we still we have a lot to be thankful for. So, over the holiday why not take the time to create a "GRATITUDE JOURNAL!"

Here are a few ideas for images + words that you might want to include in your journal...

- Something that made you smile today
- Something funny that made you laugh
- Your favorite Scripture in the Bible
- Something you are good at doing •
- A book you are grateful for reading
- What did you enjoy most about today?
- Someone who made a positive difference in your life
- Something in nature
- A favorite place you like to visit
- Something that helps you relax
- Something that keeps you warm
- Technology you use everyday

- A favorite activity you enjoy doing
- Something you wear that makes you feel good (clothes, jewelry, makeup, etc.)
- Something that cheers up on a rough day
- A favorite song you love
- Something that keeps you heathy
- A recent "small success" (from getting out of bed in the morning to remembering to do something you might usually forget.)
- Someone who inspires you
- Your favorite season
- What are you grateful about your home?
- A difficult experience that you learned from
- A favorite quote that makes you happy
- The best think that happened to you this week

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Acne, blackheads, dry skin, oily skin... you name it! It's almost impossible to get through your teen years without a slew of complaints about your skin. So, let me share with you my top 6 tips for maintaining beautiful and healthy skin this winter...

- Research and find skin care products that are going to work well for your skin type (dry, normal, oily, combination, or acne). Skin care products should consist of: Cleanser, Toner, Serum (if needed) and a Moisturizer. If you don't know, ask your mom/guardian, or go see a dermatologist to see what type of skin you have. This will help you and your mom/guardian get the best skin care for your face.
- Develop a routine to keep your skin clean, daily. Once a day, or Twice a day (When you get up and before you go to bed). This all depends on what type of skin you have. And if you miss a day or two, that is ok, just get back into it. You can do this.
- Drink plenty of water O, clear liquids, drinks with not a whole lot of sugar.
 Stay away from eating a whole lot of candy, and sugary drinks every day. Sugar can cause major breakouts.
- 4. *Exfoliate your skin once or twice a week*. Every girl wants to get pampered, well treat your face, with a facial mask Again, research and find what exfoliating cream or mask will work for you. Ask for help if you do not know.
- 5. As you ladies are getting into makeup or have already started experimenting with it, DO NOT sleep with it on. Find some makeup removal

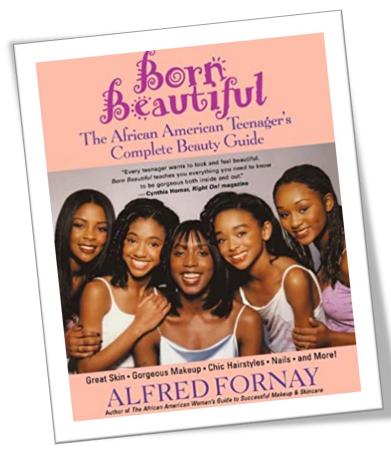
clothes that is going to work for you. Wipe your makeup off and clean your face. Makeup can cause break outs as well when you don't take it off. Speaking from experience, take your makeup off before you go to bed.

6. Do your best not to put your hands on your face. Your fingers and hands carry dirt, bacteria, and germs throughout the day. So, putting your hands on your face can transfer that icky stuff to your face. Do your best to keep your hands

These tips are meant to help you keep your skin healthy and radiant. Remember this takes time, and practice. If you put in the work, you are well on your way to having healthy beautiful skin. 😀 😀 🙂

Miss Celena

This is a great book on skin care.



"Even though your outer layer of skin received a continuous supply of water from within, it may not be enough in all the climates. Where you live affects whether your skin is in danger of going dry. Use a moisturizer to protect your skin from going dry."

Alfred Fornay

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2. Decorative spheres

Christmas

- 3. Another word for
- decorations
- 5. Christmas tree fruit
- 6. Might light the dinner table
- 7. Place where greetings are found

8. Hung by the chimney 12. Might be cedar, fir or pine

Jaida Key God Truly Love's US!

My name is Jaida Key. I am 10 years old. I want to inspire little girls around the world like me, to know and understand how God loves us and he does what's best for us! I wanted to share with you all a little about who I consider my hero! I consider my mom to be my hero. My mom Pam isn't my birth mother; however, she treats me like I am her biological daughter. She isn't meant to me and she took me and my brother in as her own children. Besides God, she is the reason I am here today. She makes sure I'm clean, fed, bathed, hair did, and so much more. She makes sure we never lack or have to beg. She doesn't get any help with us or for us, but we're always eating good food. I've watched her struggle and cry many days, but she always says, she is ok, and she is alright. Recently someone damaged her car and she just had a melt-down, because it is how we got around. I got made because I don't like to walk or catch buses, but my mom said God just has something better for us.

I believe God has something better for her because she is such a good mom to my brother and me. She is very brave and strong, and I want to be just like her when I get older. I love her for her sacrificing! I love her for making sure we want for nothing. I love her because she didn't have to take us in, but she did! I pray that God answers all of her prayers! Anyone who'd sacrifice their life for kids like us who don't listen at times, cause problems, but she hasn't given up on us and that makes her special. This is why she is my role model.



DON'T FORGET TO SAY THANK YOU!

1 Thessalonians 5:18 (NLT)

Hey there GEM Girls! Have a Happy Thanksgiving!!

I know this Thanksgiving Holiday is going to be different, with the COVID-19, social distancing, and wearing our mask to stay safe. As it is frustrating for me not to be around all my family and friends this year, I know it is the same for you. I know this makes you sad, mad, disappointed, and just frankly tired of all this stuff. But just remember even though this holiday is not going to be like it use to be, continue be thankful. Just the fact that you still have family, friends, people you love and are able to see another Thanksgiving, we need to say, "Thank You God". The Bible says... "*in everything give thanks*" so don't forget to say thank you especially for the little things.

With that being said, enjoy your holiday. If you are traveling, or going to someone house, please be safe, follow the rules and wear your mask when needed, wash your hands often, and do your best to keep social distancing. Also Don't eat too much...Lol!! And remember, I love you, your family loves you, and most importantly, God your Father loves you. You are valuable, no matter what your peers may say. And even though school is different this year due to COVID-19 still strive and work hard to have a good year. *Miss Celena*

GOD'S AMAZING GIFT! 2 Corinthians 9:15 (NLT)

As we see Christmas fast approaching with commercials, holiday shopping (Black Friday's) families decorating the home and wrapping presents under the tree,

sometimes we lose sight of the real reason for the celebration. Don't get me wrong, the Christmas season is so much fun! I love it! However, in all the gift giving and hype, sometimes, it's easy to let Jesus become a side thing instead of the main thing. *JESUS IS THE MAIN THING ABOUT CHRISTMAS!*

God has given us an amazing gift, His son Jesus. There is nothing wrong with gift giving and getting presents as long as we don't push Jesus and what His life means into the shadows. When we look at Jesus' life, we realize the goodness of God and the freedom we get to live in as children of God, which is better than any present under the tree.

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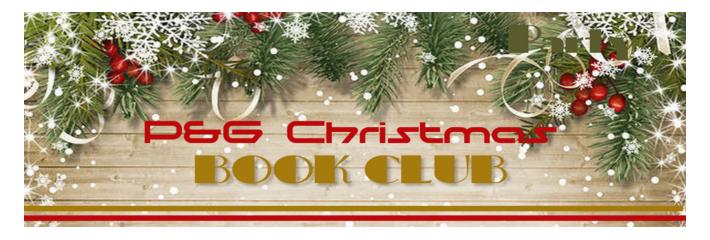
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Why not catch up on a little reading over the holidays. All books are available on amazon.

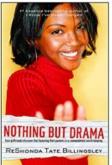




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EASY TO MAKE SNOWFLAKE SUGAR COOKIES

Ingredients

For the cookies:

- 3 sticks (339 grams) unsalted butter, at room temperature
- 1 1/2 cups (300 grams) granulated sugar
- 2 large eggs
- 2 teaspoons vanilla extract
- 1/2 teaspoon almond extract (optional)
- 4 1/2 cups (572 grams) all-purpose flour
- 1 teaspoon baking powder

For the icing:

- 2 cups (250 grams) powdered sugar, sifted
- 1 teaspoon vanilla extract
- 4 tablespoons water or milk

Directions

For the cookies:

- 1. In a large bowl, use an electric mixer to beat the butter and sugar on mediumhigh speed until well-combined and smooth, about 3 minutes. Add the eggs, vanilla, and almond extract and beat until combined. On low speed, slowly add in the flour and baking powder and beat until incorporated.
- 2. Divide the dough into 2 equal portions. Place one dough portion between two sheets of parchment and roll out to 1/4-inch thickness. Repeat with the remaining portion of dough. Place the two sheets of dough on a baking sheet and chill for at least 1 hour or up to 1 day. You can also freeze for 30 minutes.
- 3. Preheat the oven to 350°F. Line large baking sheets with parchment paper or silicone baking mats.

- 4. Remove the dough from the fridge and cut into shapes with a cookie cutter, rerolling any scraps and cutting more shapes. Transfer the shapes to the prepared baking sheets.
- 5. If the dough is warm, freeze for 15 minutes or until firmed again.
- 6. Bake for 10 minutes, or until the cookies are set and begin to brown. Be careful not to over-bake. Let the cookies cool for 5 minutes before removing to a wire rack to cool completely. Baked un-iced sugar cookies can be frozen in an airtight container for up to 1 month.

Make the icing:

- 1. In a small bowl, use a fork to beat together all the ingredients except the food coloring. The mixture should be very thick but still pourable.
- 2. Transfer the icing to a squeeze bottle using a funnel. You can also scoop into a pastry bag fitted with a very small plain tip. Before you begin icing any cookies, take a few moments to practice on a piece of parchment paper to get the feel of the icing.
- 3. Holding the bottle or bag tip directly over one corner of a cookie, create lines and dots to enhance the snowflake shape as seen in the photos. If desired, garnish with edible degrees, glitter, or sprinkles. Let the icing set before serving.





NEXT GENERATION Equipping Youth for Service

Elder Tiffany N. Robinson is a native New Yorker born in Brooklyn, New York. At an early age, she developed an interest in music and this interest quickly grew into passion. Elder Tiffany served in her early years at Brownsville Community Baptist Church where the late Harold Burton Sr. was pastor. She served diligently and was elevated to director for the Harold Burton Children's Choir at a mere 12 years old. She continued in her service and later served as director of The Harold Burton Youth Ensemble at 16 years old. Her love for Christ and passion for young people kick-started her involvement in Children's Education. She obtained a BA degree in Children's Education from New York Technological College. At the age of 22, Elder Tiffany knew God wanted more out of her life. In turn, she attended the Brownsville Community Baptist Church Bible Institute for 4 years and was valedictorian of her graduating class. In 2004, Elder Tiffany joined the Greater Temple of Praise under the leadership of her godfather, His Grace, The Bishop Jeffrey L. White. In 2009, she accepted her call to preach The Gospel and was licensed and ordained as an Elder in 2013.

In 2019, God gave Elder Tiffany vision and provision for Elder Tiffany N. Robinson Ministries (TNR Ministries) which is a network of bible believers that holds to the truths of the Word of God. *Elder Robinson and her team stand firm and believe in fulfilling God's plans through His children while also remembering to help the youth that have fallen astray find their way*. *They know that anything worth having is worth working for. Their mission is to equip young people with the skills, tools, and knowledge on how to be happy, effective, and still have fun while maintaining a Christian lifestyle.* Often, young people forget that they can still have a life while working in the Kingdom of God. It is their goal to fortify a core relationship with The Lord Jesus Christ through spiritual aspects of workmanship.

TNR Ministries is hosting their first annual Next Generation Conference from April **23rd-April 25th, 2021**. The vision given to Elder Tiffany for this experience stems from the nature of our recent spiritual climate and the COVID-19 Pandemic which we are all familiar with and still feeling the effects of. The Lord, in His Sovereignty, has concluded the Earthly work of many of the nation's greatest Christian Leaders at every level. Because the work of the Kingdom shall not cease, many mantles have been left vacant. Believers, young and old, are uncertain with how to move forward with Kingdom Assignments. The Next Generation Conference was placed in the heart of Elder Tiffany to help establish, prepare, and equip the next generation for the furtherance of Christendom. Psalms 78:4-6 declares "We will not hide these truths from our children; we will tell the next generation about the glorious deeds of the Lord, about his power and his mighty wonders. For he issued his laws to Jacob; he gave his instructions to Israel. He commanded our ancestors to teach them to their children, so the next

generation might know them— even the children not yet born— and they in turn will teach their own children."

During these two days every participant will learn true discipleship and servanthood through various Ministry Participation activities which include Choirs, Praise Dancers, Mimes, and Ushers. There are also instructional classes for every age group to equip delegates with the tools they need to take the mantle. Imparters have been tasked with feeding the spiritually hungry as well as the spiritually malnourished. There will also be time for leisurely activities and relaxation! All of the fun will culminate on Saturday evening with a concert that will celebrate Christ, the fruits of our labor, and the Next Generation!

The conference will take place at the Westchester Marriott located at 670 White Plains Road, Tarrytown, NY 10591. Registration is open from now until the conference concludes on April 25th, 2021. A t-shirt, commemorative "goody-bag", and choice of ministry activity is included for all registrants. Please visit their website <u>www.ElderTiffanyNRobinsonMinistries.com</u> to register and book lodging.

Elder Tiffany and the entire TNR Ministries staff looks forward to seeing you and celebrating this Historic Moment in the Kingdom together!

"They know that anything worth having is worth working for." Elder Tiffany Robinson



Kayla's Market

My name is Kayla M. Alexander-Thomas. I'm 10 years old and I'm the owner of KayKayzLipz. What is KayKayzLipz? It's My Lip Gloss Line that I started during the Covid-19 outbreak. As my mom says, "I had nothing but time on my hands". I always wanted my own lip gloss company. I love lip gloss, I love glitter, I love being a girly sassy girl. My mom helped me come up with the name, KayKayzLipz. She said "Kayla, your lips are always glossy ". I want all little girls around the world to be able to wear my glosses and feel great about themselves and look pretty while doing it.

I have so many different glosses. Different colors, textures, and smells. I also have KayKayzLipz Lip Scrub. Which is a scrub for your lips that exfoliates your lips by soften them, leaving them soft, looking good and smelling wonderful. I currently make my own lip scrub and glosses. I also have vendors as well that assist me.

Lip Gloss and Scrub isn't where I'm stopping at. I want to make facial mask, and also make up products. So please, stay tuned. I'm not finished yet. I hope to aspire other little girls to want to start their own businesses and be great, just like me.

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How well do you know the "Christmas Story?" Have fun with this quiz about the birth of Jesus!

1. Before Jesus was born, Mary and Joseph live in

- a. the town of Nazareth
- b. the forest
- c. a stable in Bethlehem

2. When Joseph and Mary learned Mary was pregnant, they

- a. were married
- b. were pledged to be married
- c. had not met yet

3. After being told, "Nothing will be impossible with God," how did Mary respond?

- a. "I am the servant of the Lord, let it be to me according to your Word."
- b. "I am afraid, how will I explain this to Joseph?"
- c. "Prove it by getting me that beautiful robe I want."

4. When Joseph first learned of Mary's pregnancy, he was going to...

- a. tell Mary's family and friends about it and disgrace her publicly
- b. divorce her quietly (in this situation, "divorce" meant to break the engagement.)
- c. marry her anyway and tell everyone the baby was his.

5. How did Joseph respond to Mary's pregnancy after the angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and explained "that which is conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit?"

- a. He left town
- b. He took Mary home as his wife
- c. He divorced Mary

6. Where in Bethlehem did the shepherds find Jesus?

- a. in a house with His mother, Mary
- b. Lying on the ground in the forest
- c. Lying in a manger

7. The Magi gave Jesus gifts of

- a. gold, frankincense, and myrth
- b. a Bible and two other books
- c. a donkey, a cow, and a sheep

8. After an angel of the Lord warned Joseph in a dream about Herod, where did he take Mary and Jesus?

- a. Egypt
- b. Oz
- c. Rome

9. How many Magi were there?

- a. Three, because there three gifts
- b. Two, because the Magi traveled in pairs
- c. It doesn't say how many magi there were

(according to the Gospel of Matthew)

10. How did the Magi find Jesus?

- a. They saw a star and followed it.
- b. An angel told them where to go.
- c. The shepherds told them where to find Him.

SCORING:

Each correct answer is 1 point.

- ✓ 10 points = You're a Christmas Story genius
- ✓ 8 points = You're a Christmas Story expert
- ✓ 6 points = You're a Christmas Story novice
- ✓ 0-4 points = You're a Christmas Story beginner





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