

FAMILY DEVOTION

TRANSFORMED "From Death to Life"



"God Can Bring The Dead To Life!"



"Jesus told her, 'I am the resurrection and the life. Anyone who believes in me will live, even after dying.'" – John 11:25

SAY:

Jesus did his first miracle by turning water into wine. After that, everyone knew he had a special power and was able to do miracles.

Even though Jesus isn't on Earth anymore, he still does miracles. He wants to do miracles for us and through us too. All we have to do is trust and believe in him.

Believing can be hard sometimes. Sometimes we think it's impossible for a miracle to happen because it feels like it's too late.

READ:

John 11:1-44

DISCUSS:

- Who was the friend of Jesus who died?
- Who were Lazarus' sisters?
- How long had Lazarus been dead when Jesus arrived?
- What did Jesus do when He saw the pain that Mary and Martha were in?
- What happened when Jesus spoke to Lazarus?

SAY:

This story of Jesus raising Lazarus from the dead shows us that it's never too late for Jesus. Even when things seem really bad, Jesus can come and do something amazing! Jesus can still do miracles - he can transform our lives!

PRAY:

Pray for your children who may need to receive a miracle from God. Pray that God will completely transform their situation - from death to life!

FAMILY DEVOTION

TRANSFORMED “The Living Water”



“I Will Drink The Living Water & Never Thirst Again!”



“But those who drink the water I give will never be thirsty again...”
- John 4:14

SAY:

Have you ever woken up in the middle of the night super thirsty? During a hot summer night after playing and having fun all day, we can get so thirsty that it feels like no matter how much water we drink it's not enough. We have to keep going back to fill up our cup all night long!

Just like our bodies need water to stay healthy, our souls need something too. Sometimes we feel a special kind of thirst in our souls - not for water, but for meaning and purpose. We spend our lives looking for things we think we “need” in order to give us that meaning and purpose, but guess what? Jesus is the **ONLY** one who can quench this thirst in our souls. When we live for Jesus, he can change our lives and help us to do so many great things!

READ:

John 4:1-38

DISCUSS:

- What did Jesus ask the woman to give Him?
- How many husbands did Jesus say the woman had?
- Was the man she was living with now her husband?
- What did Jesus say she would never do again if she drank the Living Water?
- What are things we think we “need” in order to give us meaning and purpose?

PRAY:

Pray for your children to not live their lives searching for meaning in relationships, popularity, money, power, whatever. Pray that they will allow Jesus to fill that need. Thank Jesus for being the Living Water that we all need.

FAMILY DEVOTION

TRANSFORMED

“The Good, The Bad, & The Ugly”



“You’re Never Too Bad To Come To Jesus!”



“But if we confess our sins to him, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all wickedness.” - 1 John 1:9

SAY:

As Christians, sometimes we decide how “good” or “bad” other people are based on how much they’ve sinned or what kinds of sins they have done. We have even decided that some people are “too bad” to be saved.

That is what Simon the Pharisee and some others thought about a woman in Luke, chapter 7. However, it’s not what Jesus thought! Let’s see what Jesus had to say...

READ:

Luke 7:36-50

DISCUSS:

- Who did Simon invite over for dinner?
- What did the woman use to wipe Jesus’ feet?
- Did Simon the Pharisee honor Jesus when He visited?
- What did the woman pour on Jesus’ feet?
- What did Jesus say to the woman?

SAY:

Jesus knew how much of a sinner she was - he knows everything. But Jesus did not consider her “too bad” to come to Him for forgiveness. It didn’t matter what she had done - and it doesn’t matter what you or anyone else has done. Jesus can and will forgive your sins! So, we need to be sure to show others that same kind of love!

PRAY:

Pray for your kids if have felt they were “too bad” to be forgiven. Lead them in a prayer of confession. Allow Jesus to wrap His arms around them in forgiveness. Pray that your children would love others like Jesus does.

FAMILY DEVOTION

TRANSFORMED
"No Doubt!"



"It's Time To Get The Doubt OUT!"



"...Have faith in God." - Mark 11:22

SAY:

Some things in life are hard to believe - even if they are true. About some of those things, you may have heard people use some phrases like "I doubt it!" or "I have my doubts!"

You may have even heard of a follower of Jesus in the Bible often referred to as "Doubting Thomas." Let's see why he got that nickname!

READ:

John 20:24-29

DISCUSS:

- Who appeared to the disciples?
- Which disciple did not believe Jesus was alive?
- What did Thomas say he had to do in order to believe?
- What did Jesus show Thomas to prove it was really Him?
- What did Jesus say to Thomas?
- Is doubting a sin?

SAY:

Thomas may have doubted Jesus, but it didn't change the fact that Jesus was alive! He couldn't see Jesus was alive, so He doubted it! Believing in something you can't see is called faith! Jesus said those that believe without seeing (those that have faith) are blessed!

PRAY:

Ask your children if they have been struggling with doubt. Pray that God would help them to leave their doubt behind and choose faith. Remind them that Jesus loves them even when they doubt but that He wants their lives to be full of faith so they can do amazing things for Him.

FAMILY DEVOTION

TRANSFORMED “Leave It All Behind”



“I Will Follow Jesus & Leave My Sin Behind!”



“...anyone who belongs to Christ has become a new person. The old life is gone; a new life has begun!” – 2 Corinthians 5:17

SAY:

Following Jesus can be a lot of fun, but it can also mean we have to let go of some things we enjoy - especially if those things are from our old life of sin. If we belong to Jesus, we need to repent from our sin and change our ways. When we repent, it means we turn around and start doing what God wants us to do. It doesn't matter what we did before, Jesus can make us into a new person.

READ:

Mark 2:13-17

DISCUSS:

- What was Matthew doing when Jesus called him to be His disciple?
- Did Matthew keep collecting taxes after Jesus called him?
- Who was eating dinner with Jesus and Matthew at Matthew's house?
- Did the religious leaders think Jesus should be hanging out with sinners?
- Who did Jesus say needed a doctor?

SAY:

When Matthew started following Jesus, his whole life changed for the better! The same can happen for us if we repent and turn from our old sinful ways and live for Jesus!

PRAY:

Allow your children to choose Jesus as their Savior if they would like. Pray that your children would not look at themselves as “not worthy” because of their past. Remind them that their past means nothing when they trust Jesus with their future.

FAMILY DEVOTION

TRANSFORMED "Drop The Rocks"



"I Will Show God's Grace To Others!"



"...Remember, the Lord forgave you, so you must forgive others."
- Colossians 3:13

SAY:

It's easy for us to judge others more harshly than we would judge ourselves or want others to judge us. If someone did something to hurt us, we would want them to get in BIG trouble because that seems fair! But if we did something to hurt someone else, we would want us to get grace and not be in a lot of trouble because that seems fair.

Some religious leaders called Pharisees were dealing with the same feelings in John 8, but Jesus taught them a new way of thinking!

READ:

John 8:1-11

DISCUSS:

- Who brought the woman to Jesus?
- What did the Pharisees want to do with the woman?
- What did Jesus do in the dirt?
- What did Jesus say to the Pharisees?
- What did the Pharisees do with their rocks?
- Did Jesus forgive the woman of her sins?

SAY:

Jesus taught that we should "drop the rocks" or give grace to others instead of judging them harshly. We need to see others the way we want Jesus to see us. Jesus sees us with grace and love, so we should see others the same way!

PRAY:

Pray for your children to have the attitude that Jesus has. Pray that they will never be a "rock thrower" but they would be a "grace giver" to those who need Jesus.

FAMILY DEVOTION

TRANSFORMED "FREEDOM!"



"Only Jesus Can Set Me Free!"



"So if the Son sets you free, you are truly free." - John 8:36

SAY:

Sin can take over our lives and make it hard for us to do what is right. We might try our best to stop sinning, but without Jesus, it's really impossible.

Some kids have bad habits like telling lies, not listening or obeying their parents and teachers, watching things they shouldn't, or playing games that are not good. These habits can hurt their relationship with God, and they can't stop on their own.

READ:

Luke 8:26-39

DISCUSS:

- What was wrong with the man?
- What did the demons ask Jesus to send them into?
- What happened to the pigs after the demons entered them?
- Was the man ever able to be set free in his own strength?

SAY:

When Jesus helped that man get rid of the bad in his life, he was completely free. God can set us free from our sinful habits too! With God, anything is possible!

DISCUSS:

- Can Jesus break ANY sinful habit in our lives?
- What things can Jesus help you get rid of in your life?

PRAY:

Ask your children to pray for Jesus to help them break free from sinful habits. Pray God will help them avoid sin and stay FREE!

FAMILY DEVOTION

TRANSFORMED “Never Too Late”



“It’s Never Too Late To Be Forgiven!”



“The Lord...does not want anyone to be destroyed, but wants everyone to repent.” - 2 Peter 3:9

SAY:

Sometimes, we put people into different groups. We think that some people might become Christians one day, but others we think will never choose to follow God. We might believe that they are too far away from God, so we stop praying for them, telling them about God’s love, or even hoping that they can change.

But let me tell you a story about a thief who was next to Jesus on the cross. Many people would have thought that he was a lost cause, but Jesus didn’t think that way.

READ:

Luke 23:32-43

DISCUSS:

- How many thieves were crucified with Jesus?
- Were both thieves believers in Jesus?
- What did the thief ask Jesus to do when He entered His Kingdom?
- Did Jesus forgive the thief?

SAY:

When the thief said that Jesus was the Savior, Jesus told him, “Today, you will be with Me in Heaven.” Even though the thief had done a lot of wrong things in his life, in his last moments, he found forgiveness. No one is too bad or too lost for God to forgive them. It’s never too late for anyone to start following Jesus.

PRAY:

Pray for your children who need to receive God’s forgiveness. Pray for friends and family that need to receive God’s forgiveness. Remind your children that it is never too late for anyone!

FAMILY DEVOTION

TRANSFORMED “Don’t Throw Your Love Away”



“I Won’t Love The Things Of This World!”



“Do not love this world nor the things it offers you, for when you love the world, you do not have the love of the Father in you.” - 1 John 2:15

SAY:

We’ve all seen people who believe that having nice things makes them more important than others, but God tells us we shouldn’t love the things of this world—money, stuff, popularity, power, etc.

READ:

Matthew 19:19-29

DISCUSS:

- What do we call the young man who came to Jesus?
- What did the young man ask Jesus?
- How did the young man respond when Jesus told him to sell his stuff?

SAY:

The Rich Young Ruler’s story shows us the danger of loving the things of this world. Instead, we should love God with all of our hearts, putting Him first in our lives. God wants ALL of our love, not just some of it.

READ:

1 Peter 2:11

DISCUSS:

- What does it mean to be an alien in this world?

PRAY:

Pray that God will help your children break the hold the world has on them. Rejoice that we are all aliens and children of God! This world is not our home! If we serve God, we will all make it to our Heavenly home!