

WEEKLY PLAN



Week 1: The New Self

Parenting is difficult work. The tedious work to love our children well is long and arduous. There are no shortcuts and hurrying usually hurts more than it helps. However, stories transform. Every year we look forward to the celebration of Easter and the reminder of the resurrection, a fulfillment of the promise of Christ and hope everlasting.

This week we will talk about how the old is gone and the chance for new has arrived!

PRAYERTIME

THIS IS YOUR DAILY SCRIPTURE:

To take off your former way of life, the old self that is corrupted by deceitful desires, to be renewed in the spirit of your minds, and to put on the new self, the one created according to God's likeness in righteousness and purity of the truth (Eph. 4:22-24).

THIS IS YOUR DAILY PRAYER:

Lord, thank You for saving me. I desire that through You, I would leave my past sins behind. These desires do not control me. Lord, by Your spirit please renew my mind. Renew the mind of my family. This new self that You are creating me to be is in Your likeness. It is full of righteousness and purity of the truth. Help me to live like You as I lead my family.



PARENT PRE-READING: For I passed on to you as most important what I also received: that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures (1 Cor. 15:3-4).

CONVERSATION STARTER: (Find a moment this week simply to remind and encourage your child with this good news of the gospel. It may or may not lead to a bigger conversation, but it's important they hear us share the gospel message.)



STARTING QUESTIONS

What are the reasons that you choose to believe the truths of Jesus and the Bible?

READ THIS TOGETHER Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. The one who believes in me, even if he dies, will live. Everyone who lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?" (John 11: 25-26).

SCRIPTURAL APPLICATION QUESTIONS

What do you believe Jesus means when He says that He is the resurrection and the life?

What hope can Jesus bring to someone who is walking through a difficult time?

How can this verse give us courage in both life and in death?



OLD IS GONE

When it comes to our old life or sin, in Jesus Christ, that old is gone. But when it comes to old movies, many can still be a huge hit. Think back to some of the movies that you loved when you were your children's ages. Make some time for family movie night. Find one of these older movies they haven't seen and enjoy it all over again.