

PARENT PARTNER

WEEKLY PLAN

Week 2: The New Heart



This week is a challenge to our intentions. The tedious work to love our children well is long and arduous. There are no shortcuts and hurrying usually hurts more than it helps.

The plans and purposes of our hearts must be examined. David's prayer in Psalm 51 must become our prayer. The learnings from last week's new self only take hold if God is allowed to transform us from the inside out. It is the hope for our children that starts in our own sincere prayer.

PRAYER TIME

THIS IS YOUR DAILY SCRIPTURE:

God, create a clean heart for me and renew a steadfast spirit within me (Ps. 51:10).

THIS IS YOUR DAILY PRAYER:

Holy Father, these are the things that I repent of today _____.

Create in me a clean heart. Because of my sin, I can feel lost and broken. Please renew a steadfast spirit within me.

DRIVETIME

CONVERSATION

PARENT PRE-READING: My goal is to know him and the power of his resurrection and the fellowship of his sufferings, being conformed to his death (Phil. 3:10).

CONVERSATION STARTER: I was reading in Philippians 3 and it says that we might know Him and the power of His resurrection and the fellowship of His suffering. How might suffering help us to grow in our relationship with God?

DINNER TIME

CONVERSATION

STARTING QUESTIONS

What have been some of the biggest changes in your life? Were these difficult? Why did the change happen?

READ THIS TOGETHER *Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. Because of his great mercy he has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead (1 Peter 1:3).*

SCRIPTURAL APPLICATION QUESTIONS

This passage talks about a new birth. What do you believe this means?

Scripture teaches us that we were each dead in our sin, but Jesus offers us a new birth as He takes our place in the payment of sin and death. Does this mean we will never sin again? If not, what should our response be when we do sin?

What do you believe our new life should look like in Jesus?

ACTIVITY TIME

MY STORY

As believers, we each have our own life-changing story of God's work in our life. If possible, take your children on a car ride. Show them places in your life that were impactful as you tell them the story of how God rescued you. You can show them where you grew up, your first church, school, or another meaningful place.