



WEEK FOUR

JESUS MAKES ME NEW

Live For Jesus

KEY VERSE:

"Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation;
the old has passed away, and see, the new has come!"

-2 Corinthians 5:17(NIV)

**KINGDOM QUEST MAY BE OVER,
BUT THE ADVENTURE CONTINUES.**

A NOTE FOR PARENTS

Dear Parents,

Over the last few weeks, we've followed Peter's journey with Jesus. We watched Peter leave his fishing nets and follow Jesus. We watched him trust Jesus in the middle of a storm. We watched him witness the death and resurrection of Jesus.

This week we discover something powerful: Jesus changes people.

Peter is one of the greatest examples of that truth in all of Scripture.

He wasn't perfect. He made mistakes. He said things he shouldn't have said. He acted before he thought. He even denied knowing Jesus. Yet Jesus didn't give up on Peter. Jesus forgave him, restored him, and continued working in his life. The same is true for us.

One of the biggest misconceptions many children have is that becoming a Christian means becoming perfect. It doesn't.

Becoming a Christian means beginning a relationship with Jesus that changes us from the inside out.

As parents, this is an important truth for us to remember as well. Our goal is not to raise perfect children. Our goal is to raise adults who know Jesus, love Jesus, and follow Jesus.

Spiritual growth takes time. Just like learning to read, ride a bike, or play a sport, growing in faith happens one step at a time.

There will be victories. There will be setbacks. There will be questions.

There will be moments when your child surprises you with incredible faith and moments when they struggle. That's normal.

The good news is that God is patient, faithful, and committed to the work He has started in their lives.

And He is committed to His work in our lives too.

Thank you for investing in your child's spiritual journey. Thank you for being present. Thank you for allowing us to partner with you as together we raise the next generation to follow Jesus and lead others to do the same.

Praying for your family,



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FAMILY CHALLENGE

This Week's Challenge:

Ask each family member: "What is one way you've seen God help you grow this month?" Then thank God together for the work He is doing in your family.

Adventure Tip:

Growth takes time. Celebrate progress, not perfection. Look for ways God has been working in your life and in the lives of your family members.

WEEK THEME

- When we trust Jesus as our Savior, He forgives our sins and begins changing us from the inside out.
- Not perfection.
- Transformation.
- This week we'll discover how Jesus forgives us, restores us, and helps us become more like Him every day.

DAY ONE

JESUS RESTORES PETER

Story Passage:

John 21:15-19

Key Verse:

“Lord, You know everything! You know that I love You.”
—*John 21:17(NIV)*

Peter loved Jesus.

But Peter made a huge mistake.

The night Jesus was arrested, Peter became afraid and denied even knowing Him.

Not once. Not twice. Three times.

Can you imagine how Peter felt after that?

Ashamed. Embarrassed. Disappointed.

Maybe you've felt that way too after making a bad choice.

The amazing thing is that Jesus didn't give up on Peter.

After Jesus rose from the dead, He met Peter on the shore and gave him an opportunity to start again.

Jesus wasn't trying to embarrass Peter.

Jesus was restoring Peter.

Sometimes we think our mistakes are too big for God to forgive.

Peter's story reminds us that God's grace is bigger than our failures.

Jesus gives second chances.

Think About it

- How do you think Peter felt when Jesus forgave him?
- Why do you think Jesus gave Peter another chance?
- Have you ever needed forgiveness from someone?

Try It

If you've done something wrong, take a few minutes today to talk honestly with God about it.

Talk to God

Jesus, thank You for loving me even when I make mistakes. Thank You for forgiving me and giving me a fresh start. Amen.

DAY TWO

A BRAND-NEW CREATION

Story Passage:

2 Corinthians 5:14-21

Key Verse:

"Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation;
the old has passed away, and see, the new has come!"
—2 Corinthians 5:17(NirV)

When we trust Jesus as our Savior and make Him the Lord—the boss—of our lives, something amazing happens.

Jesus changes us on the inside.

You may still look the same on the outside.

You still have the same name. You still live in the same house. You still go to the same school.

But God begins doing something new in your heart.

You start wanting the things God wants. You begin to see people differently. You want to obey God. You want to learn more about Him.

Because Jesus changes us on the inside, it begins to change how we live on the outside.

The way we treat people changes. The choices we make change. The words we use change.

The way we respond when we mess up changes.

None of that happens because we're trying harder to earn God's love. It happens because God is working in us.

Peter is a great example.

Before Jesus changed him, Peter often acted before he thought. He made mistakes and sometimes got things wrong.

After Jesus changed him, Peter became a bold leader who helped others follow Jesus.

The change didn't happen overnight. God worked in Peter's life day by day. And God is still changing people today.

Think About it

- What does it mean to be changed on the inside?
- How can a changed heart affect the way we live?
- What are some ways God might want to help you grow?

Try It

Ask God to help you become more like Jesus in one area of your life this week.

Talk to God

God, thank You for making me new through Jesus. Thank You for changing me from the inside out. Help me become more like You every day. Amen.

DAY THREE

GOD FORGIVES

Story Passage:

Luke 15:11-24

Key Verse:

"If we confess our sins, He is faithful and righteous to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

-1 John 1:9(NIRV)

Jesus told a story about a son who made some very bad choices.

The son demanded his inheritance, left home, and wasted everything he had.

Eventually he found himself hungry, lonely, and wishing he could go home.

When he finally decided to return, he expected his father to be angry.

Instead, his father ran to meet him, hugged him, and welcomed him home.

Jesus told this story to help us understand God's heart.

God isn't looking for reasons to push us away.

He loves us.

When we confess our sins and turn back to Him, He forgives us.

That doesn't mean our sin isn't serious.

It means God's grace is greater.

Just as the father welcomed his son home, God welcomes us when we come to Him..

Think About it

- What surprised you most about the father's response?
- What does this story teach us about God?
- Why is it important to admit when we've sinned?

Try It

Thank God for one specific way He has shown you grace and forgiveness.

Talk to God

Father, thank You for loving me and forgiving me when I come to You. Thank You for never giving up on me. Amen.

DAY FOUR

GOD ISN'T FINISHED WITH ME

Story Passage:

Philippians 1:3-11

Key Verse:

"He who started a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus."
—Philippians 1:6(NIV)

Have you ever learned how to ride a bike?

Most people don't hop on a bike and ride perfectly the first time.

There are wobbles. There are falls. There are scraped knees.

But every time you get back on, you're learning and growing.

Following Jesus is a lot like that.

God doesn't expect you to become perfect overnight. He knows you're still growing.

That's why Philippians 1:6 reminds us that God is still working in us.

Peter didn't become a great leader in a single day.

Jesus patiently taught him, corrected him, forgave him, and helped him grow.

Year after year, Peter became more like Jesus.

The same thing is true for us.

If you belong to Jesus, God is still working in your life.

When you make mistakes, don't give up.

Keep trusting Him. Keep learning. Keep growing.

God isn't finished with you yet.

Think About it

- Why does growth take time?
- What is something you've gotten better at through practice?
- How is God helping you grow?

Try It

Ask a parent or trusted adult to share one way they've seen you grow this year.

Talk to God

God, thank You for being patient with me. Help me keep growing and becoming more like Jesus every day. Amen.

DAY FIVE

SHINE YOUR LIGHT

Story Passage:

Matthew 5:13-16

Key Verse:

“Let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven.”

—Matthew 5:16(NIV)

Remember what we learned in Week 1?

Everyone is following someone.

Your friends influence you. Teachers influence you. Coaches influence you.

But here’s something else that’s true:

Someone is watching you too.

Your classmates. Your teammates. Your neighbors.

Your younger brothers or sisters.

When Jesus changes us on the inside, it begins to show on the outside.

People notice how we treat others.

They notice whether we tell the truth. They notice whether we are kind. They notice whether we live differently.

Jesus said we are to shine our light so others can see Him through us.

You don’t have to be famous. You don’t have to be the loudest person in the room. You don’t have to know everything about the Bible.

You simply need to follow Jesus and let His light shine through your life.

That’s exactly what Peter did. And it’s what we can do too.

Think About it

- Who are some people you influence?
- What are some ways you can show others what Jesus is like?
- If someone copied your actions this week, what would they learn about following Jesus?

Try It

Look for one opportunity this week to encourage, help, or pray for someone.

Talk to God

Jesus, thank You for changing my life. Help me shine Your light and help others see You through the way I live. Amen.

CONTINUE THE ADVENTURE

Adventure Progress

- WEEK ONE:** Follow Jesus
- WEEK TWO:** Trust Jesus
- WEEK THREE:** Believe in Jesus
- WEEK FOUR:** Live for Jesus

CONGRATULATIONS!
**YOU'VE COMPLETED THE KINGDOM QUEST
FOLLOW-UP ADVENTURE!**

Remember:

Follow Jesus. Trust Jesus. Believe in Jesus. Live for Jesus.

Just like Peter, your journey with Jesus is only beginning.



Helping Kids Follow Jesus and Lead Others to Do the Same