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**Day 1—FAMILY DEVOTIONS**

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| **Faith Fact** |
| We believe that . . . God is the final judge. |
| **Faith Verse** |
| Matthew 25:46 (NLT)  “And they will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous will go into eternal life.” |
| **Foundation for Faith** |
| **Foundation 15:** Those who do not follow Jesus will be separated from God forever. At the Final Judgment, everyone who has refused Jesus’ gift of salvation, along with Satan and his angels, will be punished in hell for eternity. |

**Question of the Day: Who will be judged?**

**LISTEN to God through His Word**

Pray and ask God to speak to you before you read today’s Scripture.

Read Matthew 25:31–33.

Jesus told a story to show His followers what His judgment will be like. In these verses, Son of Man is another name for Jesus. He is the Judge, and everyone in the world is subject to His decisions. No matter who a person is or how important they are, everyone must stand before Jesus one day. In this story, the sheep represent Jesus’ followers, and the goats represent those who reject Him. We don’t always know who is really good or really bad, but Jesus knows everyone’s heart.

**Question**

Who will judge everyone?

**Answer:** Jesus

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**Question**

Who do the sheep represent?

**Answer:** People who follow Jesus

**Question**

Who do the goats represent?

**Answer:** People who don’t follow Jesus

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**Question**

Why do you think Jesus will judge everyone, even the most important people?

**Answer:** Answers will vary.

**Question**

How does knowing that Jesus will judge your life impact the choices that you make?

**Answer:** Answers will vary.

**PRAY about It**

Dear Jesus, thank You for making it possible for me to be one of Your sheep. Help me to make choices that please You. Amen.

**Day 2—FAMILY DEVOTIONS**

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**Question of the Day: Who should follow Jesus?**

**LISTEN to God through His Word**

Pray and ask God to speak to you before you read today’s Scripture.

Read Matthew 25:34–40.

As Christians, we don’t receive eternal life because of our good deeds, but those who follow Jesus will show their faith by how they treat others. The sheep, those who obeyed and pleased God, showed their love for Jesus by taking care of others who were in need. Jesus says that by showing their love to those who are in need, they were really showing their love for Him.

**Question**

Which group is blessed?

**Answer:** The sheep, the followers of Jesus, are blessed.

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**Question**

How did Jesus’ followers, the sheep, care for people in need?

**Answer:** They fed the hungry, gave water to the thirsty, accepted strangers, gave clothing to those in need, took care of the sick, and visited those in prison.

**Question**

Who does King Jesus say the sheep were really caring for when they cared for those in need?

**Answer:** They were really taking care of Him.

**LIVE God’s Word**

**Question**

Have you ever had someone help you when you were in need? How did it make you feel?

**Answer:** Answers will vary.

**Question**

What are some ways you could help take care of others who are in need?

**Answer:** Answers will vary.

**PRAY about It**

Dear God, help me to show my love for You by helping others in need around me. Amen.

**Day 3—FAMILY DEVOTIONS**

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| **Foundation for Faith** |
| **Foundation 15:** Those who do not follow Jesus will be separated from God forever. At the Final Judgment, everyone who has refused Jesus’ gift of salvation, along with Satan and his angels, will be punished in hell for eternity. |

**Question of the Day: What happens to those who don’t follow Jesus?**

**LISTEN to God through His Word**

Pray and ask God to speak to you before you read today’s Scripture.

Read Matthew 25:41–46.

The goats represent the people who chose not to follow Jesus. Instead of caring about others, they lived selfishly and ignored the needs of the people around them. By refusing to care for those in need, they didn’t show any love for Jesus. When people refuse Jesus’ offer of forgiveness from their sins, then they must face the consequences of their choice.

**Question**

What happens to the people who refuse to follow Jesus?

**Answer:** They are sent away into eternal punishment.

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**Question**

How did the people who chose not to follow Jesus, the goats, fail to care for people in need?

**Answer:** They didn’t feed the hungry, give water to the thirsty, take care of strangers, give clothes to the needy, or visit those in prison.

**Question**

When the goats refused to help people in need, who were they really refusing to help?

**Answer:** They were refusing to help Jesus.

**LIVE God’s Word**

**Question**

Have you ever had someone refuse to help you when you were in need? How did it feel?

**Answer:** Answers will vary.

**Question**

Why is it so important to Jesus that we take care of other people who are in need?

**Answer:** Answers will vary.

**PRAY about It**

Dear God, thank You for forgiving my sins and allowing me to show love to everyone around me. Amen.