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**Day 1—FAMILY DEVOTIONS**

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| **Faith Fact** |
| We believe that . . . We can be more like Jesus with God’s help. |
| **Faith Verse** |
| Romans 12:2 (NLT)  Don’t copy the behavior and customs of this world,  but let God transform you into a new person by changing the way you think. |
| **Foundation for Faith** |
| **Foundation 9:** With God’s help, we can be more like Jesus. Sanctification means giving ourselves to God and doing what is right. When we are saved, the Holy Spirit helps us to make choices that please God and to say no to sin. |

**Question of the Day: How does God want us to live?**

**LISTEN to God through His Word**

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

Read Mark 10:17–20.

Sanctification means to be separated from sin and set apart for God. In His encounter with the man in Mark 10, Jesus helped him understand that the road to eternal life includes obeying God. Even though everyone has sinned, God is good, and He expects His people to live good lives of obedience to Him.

**Question**

Who did Jesus say is “truly good”?

**Answer:** God

**LEARN from God’s Word**

Obeying God isn’t always easy, especially when we are tempted to sin. That’s one reason God gives believers the Holy Spirit when we are saved. He helps us to make right choices.

**Question**

Why do you think people choose to sin rather than obey God?

**Answer:** Answers will vary.

**Question**

Do you think the man in the story had obeyed God perfectly and never sinned?

**Answer:** No, everyone has sinned (Romans 3:23).

**LIVE God’s Word**

**Question**

What are some of God’s instructions that you struggle to obey?

**Answer:** Answers will vary.

**Question**

How could the Holy Spirit help you make good choices when you are tempted?

**Answer:** Answers will vary.

**PRAY about It**

Dear God, I love You and want to please You with my life. Help me to make choices that please You and keep me far from sin. Amen.

**Day 2—FAMILY DEVOTIONS**

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**Question of the Day: Who should we be devoted to?**

**LISTEN to God through His Word**

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

Read Mark 10:21–23.

Sanctification means more than just staying away from sin. God wants His people to be completely devoted to Him. Nothing in life should be more important than pleasing God. The man Jesus encountered obeyed many of God’s instructions, but money was more important to him than following Jesus. God wants us to follow Him with our whole heart.

**Question**

What did Jesus tell the man to do before following Him?

**Answer: “**Go and sell all your possessions and give the money to the poor” (verse 21).

**LEARN from God’s Word**

**Question**

Why did Jesus tell the man to sell everything in order to be a disciple?

**Answer:** Jesus wanted the man to choose between his money and following Jesus.

**Question**

Why was the man sad after Jesus’ instructions?

**Answer:** He had many possessions and chose them over following Jesus.

**LIVE God’s Word**

**Question**

What are some things that people might love more than following Jesus?

**Answer:** Answers will vary.

**Question**

How can you make following Jesus your most important priority?

**Answer:** Answers will vary.

**PRAY about It**

Dear God, help me to put pleasing You above everything else in my life. I want to be completely devoted to following You. Amen.

**Day 3—FAMILY DEVOTIONS**

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| **Faith Fact** |
| We believe that . . . We can be more like Jesus with God’s help. |
| **Faith Verse** |
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| **Foundation for Faith** |
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**Question of the Day: Who gets to choose?**

**LISTEN to God through His Word**

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

Read Romans 12:1–2.

Jesus gave the man He encountered in Mark a choice between loving money and loving God. He let the man decide, because God gives everyone a choice whether to follow Him or not. We see those who reject Jesus sinning in the world around us. All that sin can tempt us to think like unsaved people. But when we commit ourself to Jesus, God wants to change how we think. Good thinking leads to staying away from sin and being devoted to God.

**Question**

Does God force people to follow Him? Why?

**Answer:** No. He lets us choose whether we will follow Him.

**LEARN from God’s Word**

**Question**

Why should we not copy the behaviors of unsaved people?

**Answer:** The Bible teaches us not to.

**Question**

How do the Bible verses we read say God transforms us?

**Answer:** He changes the way we think.

**LIVE God’s Word**

**Question**

What are some behaviors of others that Christians should not copy?

**Answer:** Answers will vary.

**Question**

Describe some ways that God has changed the way you think.

**Answer:** Answers will vary.

**PRAY about It**

Dear God, thank You for transforming me into a new person. Help me to not follow the sinful ways of people who don’t know You, but to choose to live in ways that please You every day. Amen.