

OUR FAMILY PLAN	
This week we can serve others by	
This week we can pray for these following families	
This week we can have fun as a family by	
This week we can grow closer to God by	
This week the kids can help parents by	
This week parents can help the kids by	
Other suggestions	

LIES



For though we live in the world, we do not wage war as the world does. The weapons we fight with are not the weapons of the world. On the contrary, they have divine power to demolish strongholds.
~ 2 Corinthians 10:3-4

THEME: Hostage

MONDAY

READ: 1 Timothy 1:14-17

Cale was the worst, meanest, rudest student in his school. He stole from people, punched kids for no good reason, talked back to the teachers, and spent more time in the principal's office than the rest of the school combined! When it came time for summer vacation, all the kids were excited to be done with school for awhile. But, they were EVEN MORE excited to be done with Cale for awhile!

On the first day of school the following fall, everyone was bracing for Cale and all the bad stuff he would be doing. So, it was quite the surprise when Cale spent the whole first day of school being nice...and actually smiling. When someone dared to ask him about the change, he replied, "I accepted Jesus at Bible camp this summer. Now, I want to follow Him and live right!"

1. Picture the worst, meanest, rudest kid in your school. Do you think that this person could change like Cale did?
2. In our Bible verses for today, Paul calls himself the worst sinner on earth. Yet, what did Jesus do for him?
3. Maybe you are not "the worst" sinner in the world, but are there areas in your life that you need Jesus to change?
4. How can you begin to let Jesus change you?

PRAYER

- ◆ Thank God for His power to change even the worst people
- ◆ Ask God to bring change into your life

Be sure to go to the back of this booklet and begin formulating a family plan for the week.

SATURDAY

READ: Acts 8:1-3; 9:19-22

I know a boy who was so rambunctious as a child that he would drive his Sunday School teachers crazy. When he was a teenager, he had such anger issues that he often threatened his younger sister, punched holes in doors and walls, and hurled things through windows. As a college student, he failed out of school and kept it a secret from his parents who were paying for him to go to that college.

Do you know how I know this person? I know him because he is me! I did all those things and more. But on Good Friday 1993, God showed up and changed my life. Gone was the anger, the lying, and the desire for sinful behavior. In their place came God's peace, God's truth, and a desire to follow Christ.

1. What changes has God made in your life?
2. What was Paul like in Acts 8?
3. What was he like in Acts 9?
4. The difference for Paul happened when he met Jesus on a road to the city of Damascus. Anyone who meets Jesus can be changed! How is this great news?

PRAYER

- ◆ Thank Jesus for the great things He can do in you
- ◆ Ask Him to change areas in your life that need changing

FRIDAY

READ: Luke 22:54-62; Acts 4:5-12

On Monday, we met Cale. He was the worst, meanest, rudest kid in his school and spent more time in the principal's office than the rest of the school combined. Then, during summer vacation, he accepted Jesus. He came back to school in the fall and most of his classmates were amazed at how different he was. Though, some of those classmates thought it was just some sort of trick and the old Cale would soon come back.

But Cale really was different. Every day, he was kind and nice and helpful. He didn't talk back to any teachers or hit any kids. In fact, he started inviting his classmates to his youth group!

1. Do you know someone who God made a big difference in?
2. What was Peter like in Luke 22?
3. What was he like in Acts 4?
4. Between Luke 22 and Acts 4, Peter understood who Jesus really was and then was filled with His Spirit. Do you know anyone who needs Jesus to work in their life?

PRAYER

- ◆ Thank God for the way He works in people's lives
- ◆ Ask God to work in the hearts of those you listed under #4

TUESDAY

READ: 1 Timothy 4:12

Ty and Brooke were 10 year-old twins, and they were quite a devilish little duo. They fought with each other ALL the time. And when they were not fighting with each other, they were fighting with everyone else!

Time and time again, their parents, teachers, Sunday School teachers, and others told them they needed to change their ways and live better. Their response every time? "We're just kids. We'll change when we're older."

1. Do you think you have to be an adult to change your life, or can anybody change?
2. If Ty and Brooke gave their response to you, what would you tell them?
3. Even though Timothy was still fairly young (maybe just a teen), what does Paul tell him in our Bible verse?
4. Look at each of the five areas that Paul talks to Timothy about being an example in. Tell how you are doing for each one:

PRAYER

- ◆ Thank God for His power to work in the life of anyone at any age
- ◆ Ask God to help you be an example in speech, in life, in love, in faith, and in purity

WEDNESDAY

READ: John 8:42-47

"You're always gonna be that way."

"You're just a kid right now, you can change when you are older. Have fun now while you're young."

"Oh come on, you think kids obey parents these days. Just go ahead and do what you want. They'll never find out."

"Why would you even want to change? You're fine just the way you are."

The above quotes are lies that Satan likes to use to keep us from letting God change us or to trick us into doing something that we will regret later.

1. Has Satan ever used these lies on you?
2. Can you think of other lies that Satan likes to use?
3. What does Jesus say about Satan in our Bible verses for today?
4. God's Word is also known as God's Truth. How can studying God's Word every day help you combat Satan's lies?

PRAYER

- ◆ Thank God for His truth which combats Satan's lies
- ◆ Ask God to give you the wisdom to recognize when Satan is lying to you

THURSDAY

READ: Psalm 100

One evening, H.A. Ironside was eating a meal with an acquaintance in a crowded restaurant. As he normally did, Ironside bowed his head in prayer. When he opened his eyes, the other man asked, "Do you have a headache?"

Ironside replied, "No, I don't. I was simply thanking God as I always do before I eat."

To that, the acquaintance said, "Oh, you're one of those, are you? Well, I want you to know I don't have to give thanks to anybody when I eat. I just start right in!"

"Yes, you're just like my dog." Ironside answered back. "That's what he does too!"

This Thanksgiving, don't be like H.A. Ironside's dog (or even your own dog). Be sure to give thanks to God!!

1. List some things you can be thankful for this day:
2. Better yet, why not come up with something to be thankful for with EVERY letter of the alphabet!
3. What are some things you can do to remind yourself to be thankful to God every day, not just on "special occasions"?

PRAYER

- ◆ Give thanks to God for who He is and all He has done
- ◆ Ask God to remind you to always be thankful