
devotions



Again Jesus spoke to them, saying, "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness but will have the light of life." John 8:12

CHECK IN

Let's check in with each other! Spend a few minutes sharing about your last 24 hours - what sparked light (what was a highlight/favorite part), what caused darkness (what wasn't your favorite, what struggles did you face), and where did you see God's guiding light shining brightest (what was a God moment you experienced)? Let everyone share!

DAILY THEME

Guided by the light, we are called to forgive, knowing that Jesus always forgives us through his death on the cross. What does forgiveness mean to you? How would you explain forgiveness to someone else?

READ THE TEXT

Read together in the Bible the story of the Prodigal Son. If you have a regular Bible, turn to Luke 15:11-32. If you are using a Spark Story Bible, turn to pg. 378. Read through the text once together, and then to really bring the story to life, read it again, having one person be the "narrator" while the other family members help act it out! After reading it twice through, can you retell the story in your own words?

TALK ABOUT IT

Discuss together:

- Who gave forgiveness in this story? Why?
- Is forgiveness an easy thing to do? Why or why not?
- Share together moments when you have been forgiven or have forgiven someone else - how did it feel? What happened after?
- Why should we forgive others? (It helps restore relationships, and Jesus called us to forgive, just as he chose to forgive us through his death on the cross).

TALK TO GOD

Let's pray! For today's prayer time, spend time thanking Jesus for forgiving our sins through his death on the cross and ask for help learning how to forgive just like the father in today's story. When you are done praying, find some craft materials and make a cross (popsicle sticks, pipe cleaners, construction paper - whatever you have!). Once you have a cross made, put it somewhere you will see often, reminding you that we are forgiven and we are called to forgive others.