



FREE WILL & CHOICES

Family Devotional/Adult & Teen Discussion Guide

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1. PRIMARY STATEMENT: Of all the things God blessed humanity with, one of the most beautiful, powerful, and potentially dangerous gifts He gave is the ability to choose. From choosing which shirt to wear, to choosing which career to pursue, to choosing how to respond to God's Word, every decision in our lives comes with consequences. There is great power in the human will!

2. BIBLE VERSE

Matthew 8:5-13 [NLT]

"When Jesus returned to Capernaum, a Roman officer came and pleaded with him, 'Lord, my young servant lies in bed, paralyzed and in terrible pain.' Jesus said, 'I will come and heal him.' But the officer said, 'Lord, I am not worthy to have you come into my home. Just say the word from where you are, and my servant will be healed...' Then Jesus said to the Roman officer, 'Go back home. Because you believed, it has happened.' And the young servant was healed that same hour."

Q. The officer's decision to believe Jesus affected his household. Who is affected by your decisions in life?

Q. The decision to trust Jesus to heal, sight unseen, is a risk. What are things it's risky to believe God for? What factors make it easier or harder to decide to trust Him in risky situations?

3. APPLICATION

Proverbs 14:12 [ESV]

"There is a way that seems right to a man, but its end is the way to death."

Ephesians 5:15 [NLT]

"So be careful how you live. Don't live like fools, but like those who are wise."

James 1:5 [ESV]

"If any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask God, who gives generously to all without reproach, and it will be given him."

Q. The right decision isn't always obvious - we need God's wisdom. What are some ways God brings wisdom into your life?

Q. When you consider the consequences of every decision - good or bad - does it make you feel more empowered or intimidated? Which do you think God wants you to feel?



4. PRAYER FOCUS

Take a few minutes as a family and thank God for the blessing of free will. Ask Him to give you wisdom to make the right decisions for yourself and for others.



THE GREATEST BOOK

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1. ACTIVITY: “The B-I-B-L-E, Yes That’s The Book For Me!” Take a sheet of paper and write “I have hidden your word in my heart that I might not sin against you.” (Psalm 119:11) on it using the largest letters you can. Show it to your children and have them read it aloud or repeat it after you. Now take the sheet of paper and cut it into a puzzle where each word is its own puzzle piece. Lay the pieces out in front of your children, and have them put the puzzle back together. Repeat the verse aloud several times. Leave the verse in front of them and take out the piece that says “word” and see if they can still recite the verse. Leaving that piece out, take out the word “heart” and ask them to recite the verse.

Continue removing pieces until they can repeat the verse by heart.

2. BIBLE VERSE

2 Timothy 3:16

“All Scripture is inspired by God and is useful to teach us what is true...”

Then talk about the following questions:

Q. What does it mean to hide something in your heart? (It means to memorize it.)

Q. Why are we supposed to memorize God’s word? (It helps us choose not to sin when we’re faced with temptation.)

Q. What are some tricks you use when you need to memorize something for school, like math facts or definitions? How could you use those tricks to help you memorize Bible verses?

3. APPLICATION

Tell your children that the Bible is like a road map for our lives, and the more familiar we are with it, the easier it is to understand which way to go. Make it a family habit to memorize verses together and rehearse them with each other—working on them as a family helps keep everyone accountable.



4. PRAYER FOCUS

Pray together, thanking God for giving us His word to help us live our lives. Ask Him to help your family as you begin to hide His word in your hearts.