



MAKING LIFE BETTER

Family Devotional/Adult & Teen Discussion Guide

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1. PRIMARY STATEMENT: *Everybody's looking for ways to make life better. From smart phones that translate languages, to cars that help you stay in your lane, to updated nutrition levels, everyone's trying to improve the quality of their lives. As great as man-made advancements are though, there's only one way to change life from the inside out - allowing the Holy Spirit to rebuild your character in God's image.*

2. BIBLE VERSE

John 10:10 [ESV] *"The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy..."*

The "thief" is Satan, and his aim is to destroy you.

If you take an inventory of the world around you, it's easy to see the effect of sin and the pain it brings. Satan is a real being, who is working to prevent people from experiencing peace with God by providing unfulfilling substitutes. These pursuits may seem good or fun in the moment, but ultimately, they lead people further and further from God.



Q. List a few sources of pain or hardship in your life. Do you believe these sources fit with God's original design for humanity?

Q. If not, what influence does Satan - and sin - have on them?

3. DISCUSSION

John 10:10 [ESV] *"... I came that they may have life and have it abundantly."*

Jesus came to bring the full, vibrant life God always intended for you. At the core, the one thing every human longs for is peace with God. Satan offers external "fixes," but they never fill the void. Life with God at the center doesn't change the outward circumstances - those are part of a sin infected world. Instead, it changes you, and enables you to live in joy and victory regardless of what's happening around you.

Q. How do you think a relationship with God might better equip you to handle the sources of pain & hardship you listed above?

Q. How differently would you view these situations if you didn't have God's help?



4. PRAYER FOCUS

Take a few minutes as a family and thank God for the joy, peace, and fulfillment that He has planned for your life. Ask Him to help you share that good news with others, so more people can experience life the way God intended it.



LISTEN TO GODLY ADVISE

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1. POWER VERSE: Proverbs 13:10 *"Pride leads to conflict; those who take advice are wise."*

"I Will Listen and Learn To Take Godly Advice!"

The last few weeks we have been learning about how we are "Never Too Young" to do amazing things for God. This week we learned a very important lesson on how to "Listen to Godly Advice."

2. DISCUSSION:

Q. What is Godly advice?

Q. Who are some people who can give you Godly advice?

Q. Why do you think it's sometimes hard to do what other people tell you to do?

It's easy to want to do things on your own or to think you know what is best for yourself. However, God places people in your life to help you and guide you in your walk with Him.

Q. Have you ever tried to do something or get somewhere with no directions?

Q. Was it easy or hard to do?

Q. Why do we need directions when we are going somewhere or putting something together?

3. ACTIVITY:

We need directions because we can't always do it on our own! That is how it is with living our lives for Him. God doesn't want us to do it on our own! He sends parents, teachers, pastors, and friends to help us! Isn't that cool that God gives us people to help us in our journey with Him?



Take time with your kids to discuss who these special people are in their lives. Help or allow your children to write a letter to one of these people thanking them for guiding them and helping them in their walk with Christ.



4. PRAYER FOCUS

Pray that your child will listen and follow the leaders that God has placed in their lives!