



A NEW LIFE- PART 2

Family Devotional/Adult & Teen Discussion Guide

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1. PRIMARY STATEMENT: When God revolutionizes your life, it's not something to keep to yourself - this new life is meant to be shared! The people in our world who are spiritually lost need to hear the gospel and encounter the Holy Spirit, but they'll never accept a Christianity that's contradicted by your lifestyle.

2. BIBLE VERSE:

John 6:44 [NLT]

"...For no one can come to me unless the Father who sent me draws them to me..."

There's a portion of coming to faith that's totally up to the Holy Spirit. Unless people have a spiritual encounter with God, they won't be able to accept His salvation. We can't conjure up a "God-experience" - that's between God and each person.

Romans 10:17 [ESV]

"So faith comes from hearing, and hearing through the word of Christ."



There's also a portion of coming to faith that requires encountering God's word. Church is a great place for this, but it's not the only place. The Bible is more readily available than it has ever been, but spiritually lost people need a reason to look to it for help.

3. DISCUSSION:

1 Peter 2:12 [NLT] *"Be careful to live properly among your unbelieving neighbors.*

Then even if they accuse you of doing wrong, they will see your honorable behavior, and they will give honor to God when he judges the world."



The final piece of the puzzle is up to you! Your day-to-day, real-world application of God's character will either point people toward faith, or away from it. If you've been given new life in Christ, let it shine!

Q . Think of a few gaps between God's standard for living and the norms that our culture has drifted to. Where do you fall on that spectrum? How could your obedience to God in those areas point people to Him? How could your disobedience sour people on the gospel?

Q . Think of a spiritually lost friend or family member: If you never mentioned church, prayer or reading the Bible to them, would they know (or assume) you're a Christian? What would be their biggest clues? What things from your life might make them second-guess their assumption?



4. PRAYER FOCUS

Take a few minutes to thank God for drawing you to Himself, for giving you access to the Bible, and for placing Christians around you to give you an example of a changed life. Ask the Holy Spirit to keep you on track this week, so that your life points people toward Him.



AFTER THE RAIN

Family Devotional/Overflow Kids Discussion Guide

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1. POWER VERSE: Isaiah 25:4 *“O Lord, you are a refuge from the storm.”*

**What’s up: “Through The Rain And Through The Storm,
God Will Keep Me Safe And Warm!”**

**This week, we continue the series called, “NOAH: Surviving The Storms Of Life.”
In this lesson, we learn what our response should be when God gets us
through the storms of life.**

2. ACTIVITY:

(Set Up: Find age appropriate pictures of the aftermath of storms that your child might have heard of before. For example, Hurricane Katrina, a tornado, or local storm, etc.)

Show your child the pictures of the damages of the storm and talk with them about its impact.



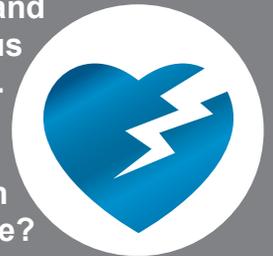
Q. How do you think you would have felt if you’d been in the storm?

Q. How do you think the people felt after the storm was over?

3. DISCUSSION:

During our lives, we’ll go through storms, too. Maybe not like this storm, but there will be times when we face tough situations and problems that may seem impossible. God promises to be with us during these times, though, and He’s the one who gives us the strength to survive.

Q. What should we do when we have made it through the storms of life?



God is the one who helps us through our storms. When we have made it through, we should praise Him and celebrate what He has done in our lives.



4. PRAYER FOCUS

Lead your child in a time of prayer and worship. Encourage them to worship if they are in a storm or if they aren’t in a storm. Thank God together for what He has done and what He will do in your lives.