

# “Family Plan”



## Goin' Home

As well as the verse, we have a question with an answer for you to review with your child each day. This question/answer will be the same for multiple weeks and is designed to help your child lock in to memory what they are learning. Begin each day with asking the question and helping your child respond with the correct answer. Please take 5-10 minutes each day to recite the verse with your child, discuss the question for the day, and pray with them.

**Question:** What is the Holy Spirit's role in our coming to faith?

**Answer:** The Holy Spirit convicts us of our sin, leads us to Jesus, gives us new spiritual life and seals us as part of God's family.

**The verse for the week is: 1 Corinthians 12:3**

**no one can say “Jesus is Lord” except in the Holy Spirit.**

### MONDAY

Last week we began learning that the Holy Spirit plays a huge part in us coming to faith and becoming a follower of Jesus.

We learned that the Holy Spirit convicts us of sin. What does the word convict mean? *Allow answers*

It means “convinces”. But not simply saying, “Oh yeah, that’s right.” It means the Holy Spirit helps us understand the truth of something deep down in our hearts. And not just understanding it, but understanding it is real, it is important, and we need to do something about it.

Why is it important that we are convicted of sin? *Allow answers.*

If you are sick, you need to know you are sick so you can go to a doctor to get well. If you didn’t know you were sick you would never go to the doctor and would never be cured of your sickness.

We need to know we have a sin problem so we can turn to the one who can fix it for us, Jesus.

**PRAY** (Thank God for sending the Holy Spirit. Thank him for convicting us of our sins so we would know we need help..)

### TUESDAY

Yesterday we reviewed that the Holy Spirit convicts us of sin. We talked about why it is important that we know we are sinners. The first step to fixing a problem is knowing you have a problem. Sin is a problem every person has. And it’s a big problem!

What are the consequences of our sin? What do we earn for it? *Allow answers.*

The first part of Romans 6:23 tells us, “For the wages of sin is death.”

Our sin earns us death. Both in the body and in the spirit. One day we will die. And if we are not followers of Jesus we are spiritually dead to God, separated from him by our sin.

But the Holy Spirit not only convicts us of this truth, he also points us and leads us to how this problem can be fixed. If we read all of Romans 6:23 we begin to understand. *Read Romans 6:23*

Yes, our sin earns us death, but God gives us eternal life through Jesus! There is hope for every one of us!

**PRAY** (Thank God for the Bible that teaches us about sin and its terrible consequences. Thank Jesus for coming and dying on the Cross that our sin problem could be fixed)

## WEDNESDAY

What do you do when you have a problem that need to be fixed? *Allow answers*

Do you try to fix it? I hope you do. Sometimes we can fix a problem by ourselves can't we? Tell me about a problem you have had that you fixed yourself. *Give a personal example to help*

Other times we need someone else to help us fix the problem. Maybe a parent, friend or teacher. With their help we fix the problem together. Tell me about a time like this for you.

But what about your sin problem. Can you fix that yourself? No. Some people think they can by doing lots of good things to make us for their sin. That doesn't work. Listen to Isaiah 64:6. All the good we do can't fix the problem. Listen again to Ephesians 2:8-9. What does it tell us about how we are saved from our sin? What does it say about doing good things to save us, about "works"?

**PRAY**-Ask God to help us see our sin problem and our need for a Savior.

## FRIDAY

Yesterday we discussed that the Bible teaches us that Jesus is the only answer to our sin problem. He is the only one who can save us. Believing in him is the only way to be a part of the family of God and live with God forever.

And we said that the Holy Spirit convicts us of this truth. He convicts us that the words of the Bible are true. Words that point us and lead us to Jesus, the Savior. Listen to John 14:26. ...

Jesus told his disciples, those who wrote the New Testament about him, that they would be guided in their knowledge by the Holy Spirit.

So the Holy Spirit leads us to Jesus by guiding the writers of the Bible as they wrote about Jesus. But he also leads us to Jesus by convicting us that what is written about Jesus is true. He convicts us in our minds and in our hearts that Jesus is God and the only way to salvation.

**PRAY**-Thank the Holy Spirit for directing those who wrote the Bible. Thank him for convicting us that what is written about Jesus is true.

## THURSDAY

So we can't save ourselves from our sin problem. We saw that yesterday. No matter how hard we try to by doing good things, it doesn't "make up" for our sins. The penalty for sin must be paid. Doing good things is nice and we should do them. But do them to show the love of God, not to try and earn salvation.

What about if we try to have someone help us with our sin problem? Will that work? It will if that person is Jesus. He doesn't just help us with our sin problem, he can completely fix it for us. We must trust and believe in him, ask him for forgiveness and ask him into our hearts to lead us through our life.

How do we know he is the one, and the only one who can fix our sin problem for us? *Allow answers*

The Bible teaches us this. Listen to these verses. *Read Acts 4:12, John 3:16 and John 14:6*

When you read or hear someone read the Bible do you know it is true? The Holy Spirit convicts you it is true.

**PRAY**-Praise God, thank Him for giving us the Bible, and the Holy Spirit convicting us it is true.

## SATURDAY

In John 16:14 Jesus said the Holy Spirit glorifies him. What do you think this means? *Allow answers*

The Holy Spirit will make people understand how wonderful Jesus is. Jesus is God and he is the Savior of the world. All who believe in him will have eternal life! Listen to John 15:26...

What did Jesus say in this verse about the Holy Spirit? What will the Holy Spirit do in the world? *Allow answers.*

He will bear witness about Jesus. What does a witness do? He shows and tells about what happened or about somebody. In doing this about Jesus, the Holy Spirit points and leads people to him. Even when we tell others about Jesus, the Holy Spirit bears witness with us. It is not us that convinces people Jesus to follow and trust Jesus. It is the Holy Spirit! 1 Corinthians 12:3 tells us, "no one can say Jesus is Lord except in the Holy Spirit."

**PRAY**-Praise God and thank Him for having the Holy Spirit point us and lead us to Jesus, convicting us that he is the way, the truth and the life.