

PARENT PARTNER

WEEKLY PLAN



Week 2: Return, Return

The invitation of grace is that we can return. The story of the prodigal son makes a way for those who have run away physically or whose hearts are far from the Father to return. This week, let's talk about the kind of Lord God who welcomes back those who have run far off and returned home.

PRAYER TIME

THIS IS YOUR DAILY SCRIPTURE:

Tear your hearts, not just your clothes, and return to the Lord your God. For he is gracious and compassionate, slow to anger, abounding in faithful love, and he relents from sending disaster (Joel 2:13).

THIS IS YOUR DAILY PRAYER:

Lord, may You touch my heart. Help my relationship with You not just be external but all the way to my depths. Lord, lead me and my family to You. You are gracious and compassionate. You are slow to anger, abounding in faithful love. You relent from sending disaster.

DRIVETIME

CONVERSATION

PARENT PRE-READING: *For when you return to the Lord, your brothers and your sons will receive mercy in the presence of their captors and will return to this land. For the Lord your God is gracious and merciful; he will not turn his face away from you if you return to him (2 Chron. 30:9)*

CONVERSATION STARTER: I was reading in 2 Chronicles 30, and it's a good reminder that when we return to God, He will not turn His face away from us. Do you ever feel like God gets disappointed in you? What do you do when you feel this way?

DINNER TIME

CONVERSATION

STARTING QUESTIONS

List a story or movie you like that had a deeper meaning or taught you something. What did you learn?

READ THIS TOGETHER Luke 15:11-20

SCRIPTURAL APPLICATION QUESTIONS

Jesus tells this parable of a son who takes his inheritance and wastes it all. How might you respond if you were the father and your son did something like this to you?

How did the son think the father would respond if he came back home? How does the father respond when he sees his son from far away?

How might this story teach us a little about repentance and God's grace for us when we fail?

ACTIVITY TIME

RUN/WALK

While running from God is never a good idea, a good run or walk is beneficial. Take some time as a family. Put the phones away. Pull the ear buds out and take a walk together. We understand that every family has different physical abilities or limitations but do what you are able. Make it enjoyable. The goal is simply to spend some time with your kids and talk about anything.