



# GOD GIVES ME A NEW START

October 5, 2025 // Matthew 9:9-13

## What I Learned

- This weekend, we heard the Bible story from **Matthew 9:9-13** when Jesus called Matthew, a tax collector, to follow Him.
- When Jesus told Matthew to follow Him, Matthew immediately obeyed. He even threw a party for Jesus at his house!
- Jesus offered Matthew a new start where he could leave his old life behind and follow Jesus instead.
- Like Matthew, when we put our trust in Jesus, He forgives our sins and gives us a new start. God sent Jesus to forgive us of our sins and make us totally new!

# Get Talking

Read **Matthew 9:9-13** as a family.

- This week, take **1 day** to ask these **2 questions** and spend **3 minutes** talking about them:
  - What should you do if you make a wrong choice?
  - How can God help you make choices that honor Him?
- Talk as a family about how everyone makes mistakes/wrong choices, but there is nothing that we do that is too big that God cannot forgive.
- Reflect on ways that you can live differently this week after receiving a new start from God?

## October Verse

*“Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come.”* **2 Corinthians 5:17**

- Everyone who trusts in Jesus is “*in Christ*.” This means we are no longer separated from God, but we are His children! God makes us a new creation because He forgives us for all the sins we have ever done or will ever do, and He gives us a new start.



## GOD GIVES ME A NEW HEART

October 12, 2025 // Jeremiah 11:1-10; 17:1-10; 31-33

### What I Learned

- This Sunday, we learned that ***“God Gives Me a New Heart!”*** The prophet Jeremiah had special message from God for His people. No matter how hard God’s people tried to obey Him, they kept sinning.
- Their sin and disobedience deserved punishment, But God had a plan to change their hearts!
- Because of our sin and brokenness, our hearts want things that are not in God’s good plan.
- When we experience the forgiveness of Jesus and trust in Him, He gives us new hearts that help us know Him, love Him, and live the way He created us to live.

# Get Talking

Read **Jeremiah 11:1-10; 17:1-10; 31-33** as a family.

- This week, take **1 day** to ask these **2 questions** and spend **3 minutes** talking about them:
  - What can we do when our thoughts and feelings are not good?
  - How can we keep your mind focused on God?
- Sit in silence with as a family, hands over your hearts. Listen to and feel your hearts beat. Share that God does not give us new physical hearts, but He changes who we are on the inside-leading us to love and follow Him.
- Reflect on the ways you have grown and changed over the years. Celebrate the amazing ways God has worked, is working, and will continue to work in and through you as you trust and follow Him.

## October Verse

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### **2 Corinthians 5:17**

- This verse teaches us that Jesus makes everything about us new. The love of God through the forgiveness we find in Jesus transforms us, giving us a new heart to love and follow Him.



# GOD GIVES ME A NEW IDENTITY

October 19, 2025 // Luke 5:1-11

## What I Learned

- Our Bible story this weekend taught us that “God Gives Me a New Identity” (**Luke 5:1-11**). Through this story, we learned about a large crowd who wanted to hear Jesus teach. Jesus asked a fisherman named Peter to take Him out in the water on his boat so more people could see and hear Him.
- Jesus then told Peter to cast his net to catch some fish, even though Peter had been fishing all night and had caught nothing. Peter obeyed and caught so many fish that the net began to break, and the boats began to sink. Peter knew that Jesus had the power that only comes from God.
- Jesus offered Peter a new identity and asked Peter to follow Him. God offers us that same identity when we trust and follow Jesus.

# Get Talking

Read **Luke 5:1-11** as a family.

- This week, take **1 day** to ask these **2 questions** and spend **3 minutes** talking about them:
  - What is the difference between living however we want to live and living the way God made us to live?
  - How does living for God show our new identity in Jesus?
- Have a parent/caregiver show their ID card. Reflect and discuss how, when we follow Jesus, we change in a way that we cannot put on a card.
- We change because we follow Jesus and live in a way that points others to Him.

## October Verse

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- We are reminded through this verse that God makes us “a new creation” when we trust in Jesus. This means we have a new identity as children of God because the sin in our lives no longer defines us. God makes us His; no one can ever change that!



# GOD GIVES ME A NEW HOPE

October 26, 2025 // Joel 1-3

## What I Learned

- This weekend, we learned that ***“God Gives Me a New Hope.”*** In our Bible story from the book of Joel, God gave the people a message that suffering would come as a result of their sin. But Joel also told the people that God loved them and His forgiveness would never run out. He told them to not be afraid because God would make everything new again.
- We all deserve punishment for our sin, but instead, God gives us love and forgiveness. God is ready to restore and make us new when we believe in Him and ask for forgiveness.
- We understand that we can have hope in the future because of forgiveness and a new life with God forever.

# Get Talking

Read **Joel 1-3** as a family.

- This week, take **1 day** to ask these **2 questions** and spend **3 minutes** talking about them:
  - Can we know for sure that good things will always happen in our life?
  - How should we respond when bad things happen?
- Each night this upcoming week, invite the entire family to pray and ask God to help them follow Him the next day.
- Share that we can look forward to the hope we have when we trust and follow God every day.

## October Verse

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### **2 Corinthians 5:17**

- God gives us a new hope when we trust and follow Jesus because He makes us a new creation. We become totally new because God gives us new life in Jesus; this new life lasts forever!