

Garden to Garden Part 7

Five-Day Family Devotional: "From Garden to Glory"

Day 1: The First Garden and the Fall

Scripture Reading: Genesis 3:1-15

Devotional Thought: In the first garden, Adam and Eve lived in perfect harmony with God. But when they disobeyed Him, sin entered the world, bringing fear and separation from God. Even in the midst of this, God promised a Savior who would crush the serpent's head.

Discussion Questions:

1. What do you think the Garden of Eden was like before Adam and Eve sinned?
2. How do you feel when you do something wrong? What do you do about it?
3. Why do you think God made a promise to send a Savior?

Parenting Tip: Encourage open conversations about sin, disobedience, and forgiveness. Share a personal story of a time you recognized your sin and sought forgiveness in Christ.

Prayer Focus: Thank God for His promise of a Savior and ask for His help in making good choices.



Day 2: The Promise Fulfilled in Jesus

Scripture Reading: Matthew 1:18-25

Devotional Thought: Jesus' birth was the fulfillment of God's promise in the first garden. Born of a virgin, He came to crush the serpent's head and bring us back to God.

Discussion Questions:

1. What is something special about Jesus' birth?
2. How does it make you feel to know that Jesus came to save us?
3. What are some ways we can celebrate Jesus' birth every day?

Parenting Tip: Create a family tradition that celebrates Jesus' birth, such as reading the Christmas story together or singing a favorite hymn.

Prayer Focus: Praise God for sending Jesus and ask for a heart that celebrates His birth daily.



Day 3: The Empty Tomb and New Life

Scripture Reading: Matthew 28:1-10

Devotional Thought: The resurrection of Jesus in the garden tomb shows us that death is defeated and new life is possible. The angel's message, "Do not be afraid," reminds us that Jesus' victory over sin and death changes everything.

Discussion Questions:

1. How do you think Mary Magdalene and the other Mary felt when they saw the empty tomb?
2. What does it make you feel to know that Jesus is alive?
3. How can we live differently because Jesus rose from the dead?

Parenting Tip: Encourage children to express their feelings about Jesus' resurrection through art or storytelling.

Prayer Focus: Thank God for the resurrection and ask for courage to live in the newness of life.



Day 4: Living in Resurrection Power

Scripture Reading: Romans 8:11

Devotional Thought: The same Spirit that raised Jesus from the dead lives in us, giving us power to resist sin and live Godly lives. We are called to walk in this resurrection power every day.

Discussion Questions:

1. Do you find it difficult to obey God and resist sin? How can God's power help you?
2. How can we show others that Jesus is alive in us?
3. What is one way you can rely on God's power this week?

Parenting Tip: Model reliance on God's power by sharing how you seek His help in daily challenges.

Prayer Focus: Ask God for strength to live in His power and to be a light to others.



Day 5: Sharing the Good News

Scripture Reading: Matthew 28:16-20

Devotional Thought: Jesus' resurrection is not just good news for us, but for the whole world. We are called to share this message with others, just as the women at the tomb were told to share the news with the disciples.

Discussion Questions:

1. Who is someone you can tell about Jesus?
2. How can we show God's love to others in our actions?
3. What is one thing you can do as a family to share Jesus' love?

Parenting Tip: Encourage children to think of creative ways to share Jesus' love, such as writing a card or helping a neighbor.

Prayer Focus: Pray for opportunities to share the good news of Jesus and for boldness to speak about His love.

