

Garden to Garden Part 9

Five-Day Family Devotional: Becoming Disciples of Jesus

Day 1: Availability to God

Scripture: Matthew 28:16

Devotional Thought: The disciples showed their availability to Jesus by going to Galilee as He directed. Being available means being ready to listen and follow Jesus' instructions.

Discussion Questions:

1. What does it mean to be available to someone? Can you think of a time when you were available to help a friend or family member?
2. How can we show Jesus that we are available to Him in our daily lives?

Parenting Tip: Encourage your children to set aside a specific time each day for prayer or Bible reading, showing them the importance of being available to God.

Prayer Focus: Pray for open hearts and minds to be available to God's calling and direction in your lives.



Day 2: Standing in Awe of God

Scripture: Matthew 28:17

Devotional Thought: Worship is standing in awe of Jesus. It's about recognizing His greatness and expressing our love and reverence for Him.

Discussion Questions:

1. What are some things about Jesus that make you feel amazed or in awe?
2. How can we show our awe and worship to Jesus in our everyday actions?

Parenting Tip: Model worship by sharing what you are thankful for and how you see God working in your life. Encourage your children to express their own thoughts of awe and gratitude.

Prayer Focus: Thank God for His greatness and ask Him to help you see His wonders in your daily life.



Day 3: Surrendering to God's Authority

Scripture: Matthew 28:18

Devotional Thought: Jesus has all authority in heaven and on earth. Surrendering to His authority means trusting Him and following His guidance.

Discussion Questions:

1. What does it mean to trust someone? Can you think of a time when you trusted someone and it turned out well?
2. How can we show that we trust Jesus and His authority in our lives?

Parenting Tip: Share a personal story of a time you trusted God's plan, even when it was difficult, and how it turned out for the best.

Prayer Focus: Ask God to help you trust His authority and guidance in every aspect of your life.



Day 4: Obeying Jesus' Command

Scripture: Matthew 28:19-20a

Devotional Thought: Jesus commands us to go and make disciples of all nations. This means sharing His love and teachings with others.

Discussion Questions:

1. What are some ways we can share Jesus' love with our friends and family?
2. Why is it important to teach others about Jesus and His teachings?

Parenting Tip: Encourage your children to think of simple ways they can show kindness and share Jesus' love with others, like inviting a friend to church or sharing a Bible story.

Prayer Focus: Pray for opportunities to share Jesus' love and teachings with those around you.



Day 5: Living in Jesus' Presence

Scripture: Matthew 28:20b

Devotional Thought: Jesus promises to be with us always. Living in His presence means knowing He is with us in every moment.

Discussion Questions:

1. How does it make you feel to know that Jesus is always with you?
2. Can you think of a time when you felt Jesus was with you, helping or comforting you?

Parenting Tip: Remind your children that they can talk to Jesus anytime, anywhere, and encourage them to share their thoughts and feelings with Him.

Prayer Focus: Thank Jesus for His constant presence in your life and ask Him to help you feel His presence more each day.

