

MONTH 2: TURN Returning • Renewing • Following • Practicing Love

BIG IDEA: We can always turn back to God, receive grace, and follow Jesus into new life.

CORE SCRIPTURE THREAD: Luke 15:11–32, Psalm 51:10–12, Matthew 4:18–20

WEEK 1 — SAY IT - “God Welcomes Me Back”

	Ages 0–4	Ages 5–10	Ages 11–13	Ages 14–18	Adults
SAY IT	Simple story: child comes home and is hugged. “God always welcomes you back.”	Retell Luke 15: “My child was lost and is found!” Discuss how the father celebrates return instead of punishment.	Read Luke 15 + Psalm 51. Notice words about return, mercy, and renewal.	Explore grace, shame, forgiveness, and restoration in Luke 15. What feels unexpected or difficult?	Read Luke 15, Psalm 51, and Matthew 4 as one connected story about repentance, renewal, and response.
RESPOND	“God hugs me when I come back.”	“How did the father treat the son?” “Why do you think he ran to him?”	“Why did the father run to him?” “What does this story teach about grace?”	“What surprises me about grace?” “Why is it hard to receive forgiveness?”	“Where do I resist being fully welcomed by God?” “How do I respond to grace?”
PSALM	“God gives me a clean heart.”	“God helps me start again.”	Which words or images stand out most?	Where do I need renewal, honesty, or healing?	Where do I need spiritual restoration and a renewed spirit?
FOLLOW	“Jesus says: Follow me!”	Jesus invites ordinary people to follow him every day.	What does following Jesus look like at school, home, or online?	What “nets” (fear, pride, pressure, distractions) hold me back from following Jesus fully?	What am I currently following that shapes my life more than Jesus?
PRAYER	“God, thank you for loving me. Amen.”	“God, thank you for welcoming me. Amen.”	“God, help me turn back to you. Amen.”	“God, help me trust your mercy. Amen.”	“God, restore my heart and renew my spirit. Amen.”
JOURNAL —	—	—	“When have I needed a fresh start?” “What helps me begin again?”	“What makes it hard to turn back?” “Do I struggle more with shame or pride?”	“Where am I being invited to return, repent, or begin again?”
DINNER	“Who gave you a hug today?”	“What part of the story stood out most?”	“Why is forgiveness sometimes hard?”	“What does real forgiveness actually look and feel like?”	“Where have we seen restoration, healing, or reconciliation recently?”

WEEK 1 FAMILY BLESSING : “May you know that God always welcomes you with love. May you have courage to turn back, receive grace, and follow Jesus into new life. Amen.”