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DAILY DEVOTIONAL

Tweens Conference: Encounter Jesus, Get R.I.C.H.

Day 1

Key Term: Redemption – buying back or exchanging something that was lost

Key Verse: John 10:10 (NIV) “The thief comes to steal, kill, and destroy; but I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full.”

Key Passage: Genesis 3:1-15 (The Fall in Eden)

Summary: God created humankind to have life “to the full” in the Garden of Eden; however, because of the enemy’s deception and our decision to sin, we lost our first chance of that life. Thankfully, a second chance was offered! Jesus came to earth and thwarted the enemy’s plan by being the ultimate sacrifice and Savior for our sins. When we believe and accept this truth, we **get redeemed** from a life of sin, and granted eternal life with God.

Discuss:

1. Read Genesis 3:15. How is Jesus the fulfillment of this promise?
2. What are some things Jesus has redeemed you from?
3. Read the key verse (John 10:10). What does “life to the full” with Jesus look like for you? What can you do to keep embracing this life with Jesus?

Pray:

- Thank Jesus for his redemption in our lives
- Pray for people in your life who don't know Jesus
- Ask him to continue changing your life, so that you live life to the full

Day 2

Key Term: Identity – what makes you who you are

Key Verse: Ephesians 4:24 “Put on the new self, created to be like God in true righteousness and holiness.”

Key Passage: John 9 (Jesus Heals a Blind Man)

Summary: After being redeemed by God, we receive a new identity: children of God who are made into a new creation. When God the Father looks at us, he no longer sees our sins or shortcomings; he sees Jesus! Not only does it change what God sees; it changes what we see. Like the Blind Man that Jesus healed, we can now see life in a new light: we can see ourselves and others as people created and loved by God; we can see nature as God's beautiful creation; we can see obstacles or weaknesses as chances for Jesus to help us; and more. This is because we **get identified** by Jesus as a child of God.

Discuss:

1. What are some words people use to describe you?
2. Who do you know that reminds you of Jesus? What about them reminds you of Jesus?
3. Read the key verse (Ephesians 4:24). How do we “put on the new self”? How can we be like God?

Day 3

Pray:

- Thank God that he welcomes us into his family as children of God
- Pray for people who don't know or need reminding that they are God's children
- Ask God to help you continue to embrace your “new self”

Key Term: Calling – being what you are made to be

Key Verse: Colossians 2:6 “So then, just as you received Christ Jesus as Lord, continue to live your lives in him.”

Key Passage: John 15:5-17 (“I am the Vine” Teaching)

Summary: Jesus promises “life to the full”, but how do we live life to the full? Well, a life to the full is a life with Jesus. In John 15, Jesus calls us to “Remain in him”, for he is the one who makes our life fruitful—he is the vine that grows fruit, and we are the branches that get to hold and see the fruit! How do we remain in him? By spending time with him in prayer, in worship, in the Bible, writing letters to him, spending time with Christian friends, and more! As God's

children and Christ's branches, we **get called** to live life with him.

Discuss:

1. Can you think of a time where you felt close to God?
2. This week, how can you spend time with Jesus?

Pray:

- Spend some time in silence (30 seconds or longer), just to remember that Jesus is with you!
- Thank God that he knows you, cares about you, and wants to spend time with you
- Ask God to show you ways that you can spend time Encountering him in your life

Day 4

Key Term: Healing – caring for and fixing an issue or injury

Key Verse: Psalm 130:5 “I wait for the Lord, my soul waits, and in his word I hope.”

Key Passage: Revelation 21:1-5 (God's Promise of a World without Pain)

Summary: God has supernatural power, and he uses this power to help us! Jesus is a Healer, giving us the same power that rose him from the dead (Ephesians 1:19-20). Ask we seek him, we experience answered prayers, we witness his power, and we have faith to encourage. However, Jesus' “life to the full” does not mean life is perfect. Our world still has pain, sadness, and sin. Will it always be this way? No! Jesus promises that a time will come where all pain, tears,

and death will be gone (Rev. 21:4). When we struggle in our life, we can **get healed** by God's healing power now, while still knowing that he promises a future where the WHOLE world will **get healed** and restored.

Discuss:

1. Do you know anyone who was sick/injured, but got healed by God?
2. What do you think heaven will be like?
3. Read Revelation 21:4-5. How do you feel knowing Jesus promises this? Excited? Scared? Relieved?
 - a. How can knowing Jesus' promise to heal the world change how you think about difficulties in your life?

Pray:

- Thank God for his supernatural power
 - Pray for healing in people you know that need healing
 - Pray for healing in places in the world that need healing
 - Ask God to help you continue to embrace your "new self"
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