

# FAMILY DEVOTION

## Fresh Start



“God Can Give You A FRESH New Start!”



“...anyone who belongs to Christ has become a new person. The old life is gone; a new life has begun!” - 2 Corinthians 5:17

### SAY:

Some people feel like once they accept Jesus as their Savior and they are going to Heaven, they can just go right back to sinning and living for themselves. That's not what Jesus taught us to do. If we belong to Him, we are to REPENT.

To repent means “to turn around and go the opposite direction.” That means that even though you once were headed your own way and sinning, when you repent, you turn around and head GOD'S way and start doing right.

### READ:

Mark 2:13-17

### ASK/DISCUSS:

- What was Matthew doing when Jesus called him to be His disciple?
- Did Matthew keep collecting taxes after Jesus called him?
- Who was eating dinner with Jesus and Matthew at his house?
- Did the religious leaders think Jesus should be hanging out with sinners?
- Who did Jesus say needed a doctor?

### SAY:

It doesn't matter what you have done in the past; Jesus can give you a fresh start. When Matthew began following Jesus, he left his old life behind. His WHOLE LIFE was made brand new! He got a fresh start, and so can you!

### PRAY:

Pray with your children who may have been looking at themselves as “not worthy” because of their past. Remind them that their past means nothing when they trust Jesus with their future.