


# WHEN KIDS LEAVE THE FAITH

## EPISODE 2: LET GOD BRING THEM HOME

### look back

First, **LOOK BACK** at the past week by asking, “How did we do?” Begin with prayer, then check in with one another—sharing honestly, celebrating victories, acknowledging struggles, and graciously offering practical help.

 **PRAYER** - Begin with prayer, inviting Jesus into the conversation.

#### Follow Up on Last Episode’s Assignment

- What stood out to you as you brought your guilt, shame, or regrets to Jesus this past week?
- Were you able to release those burdens and receive His grace? What was that experience like?
- Did you take any step toward humility or forgiveness in a relationship? How did that go?
- How has your perspective begun to shift as you trust that God is still at work?

### look up

Next, **LOOK UP** to God’s Word by asking, “What does Jesus want us to know?” If you haven’t already, watch this week’s video: “*Let God Bring Them Home*.” Then use the summary, questions, and Scriptures below to draw out the main truths together.

 **WATCH: Episode 2: Let God Bring Them Home**

#### Episode Summary

Faith cannot be inherited—each person must come to God personally, and that work belongs to Him alone. The parable of the prodigal son reveals a father who waits, trusts, and allows the “far country” to do its work rather than forcing the outcome. While that waiting can be difficult, it is often through that process that hearts are changed. Our role is to pray faithfully, love unconditionally, and live with integrity, trusting that God is working even when we cannot see it.

*God has no grandchildren, only sons and daughters.*

#### HOW TO USE THESE RESOURCES

Whether you’re studying on your own or with a group, each guide follows a simple yet powerful rhythm: **Look Back / Look Up / Look Forward**. For group leaders, additional instructions for leading a small group are included at the end of the first workbook in each series.

#### ABOUT THIS STUDY

This series helps parents and grandparents navigate one of the most painful realities they may face: watching a child or grandchild walk away from their faith. Each episode offers biblical perspective, practical wisdom, and steady hope for those who feel the weight of this challenge. The goal is not to assign blame or provide quick fixes, but to guide you toward a faithful response—anchored in truth, shaped by grace, and sustained by trust in God’s ongoing work.

#### WHAT DO YOU THINK?

1. What fears do you think keep people from allowing the “far country” to do its work?
2. In what ways might trying to rescue or control a situation actually delay the work God is doing?
3. How does the idea that “God has no grandchildren” change the way you think about your children’s or grandchildren’s faith journey?
4. What does it mean in practical terms to remember that “there is a Holy Spirit—and you aren’t Him”?
5. Which of the three responses—praying, loving, or living with integrity—comes most naturally to you? Which is most challenging?

## WHAT DOES GOD'S WORD SAY?

### KEY SCRIPTURE

**John 6:37** - "All the Father gives me will come to me, and whoever comes to me I will never cast away."  
You can trust that Jesus does not lose those who belong to Him, even when they wander.

### SUPPORTING SCRIPTURE

**Philippians 1:6** - "He who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus."  
God's work is ongoing, even when you cannot see it.



Finally, **LOOK FORWARD** by asking, "What does Jesus want us to do?" Commit to practical steps for living out this week's lesson. Review the assignment, share commitments with the group, pray for one another, and move forward together in faith and hope.

### ADDITIONAL REFERENCES

Romans 8:38–39  
Psalm 139:7–10

### THIS EPISODE'S ASSIGNMENT

This week, begin praying intentionally for your loved one, asking God to work in their heart and trusting Him to do what you cannot.

Then take one step to express unconditional love—through a text message, a conversation, or your presence—without correction, pressure, or expectation. Ask God to help you reflect His patience and grace in your response.

### PERSONAL GROWTH COMMITMENTS



- What has God laid on my heart?
- What is the Holy Spirit leading me to change?
- What will I do in my own life, in my relationships, and to reach next-gen loved ones?

### SHARE WITH THE GROUP



Encourage sharing commitments, prayer needs, and personal experiences. Close in prayer, asking God to strengthen your trust, sustain you in the waiting, and continue His work in the lives of those you love. Pray for patience, wisdom, and the ability to love well in every season.

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