

New Life

(1 Peter 1:1-12)
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Dear Parent,

This week in SojournKids, we learned that:

- **Salvation is the most valuable gift.**
- **God gives new life.**
- **God's gifts last even when they are tested.**

Do you have something that is really valuable? Money. Silly bands. How much is it really worth? You can find out how much something is really worth by thinking about how long it will last.

God has given us the most valuable thing. He has given us NEW life. God's people were dead in their sins, but God has made them alive again. They are born again because the Holy Spirit lives inside of them.

The NEW life that God gives is the most valuable gift, because it lasts forever. Even though Christians may suffer many terrible things in this life, they cannot lose the valuable gift that God has given them. His eternal life lasts forever.

Adapted from *God's Story New Testament*, lesson 73



Think About It

Think about the last time that you received a gift. How much did it cost you? How much does God's valuable salvation gift cost you?

Think about the last time that you bought a gift for a birthday party. How much did it cost? How much did God's valuable salvation gift cost him?



Let's Pray

God and Father
of our Lord Jesus Christ,
draw me to your Son
or else I will be unable to come to him.
(1 Peter 1:3; John 6:44)

Suppose you offered a valuable gift to someone, but they would not take it. Jesus said that we are all like that with him. He gives us his valuable salvation, but we cannot come to Jesus unless God the Father gives us the power. That is why we need to ask for his help.

Adapted from *My 1st Book of Bible Prayers* by Philip Ross (Christian Focus, 2004)



November Memory Work

He has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead. 1 Peter 1:3b (NIV)

Q What is a change of heart called?

A. The new birth

(John 3:3,5; 1 Peter 1:3, James 1:18)

Catechism for Boys and Girls, Question #32



Game Time!

Peter says, "He has given us new birth." We were dead in our trespasses and sins, but Christians have been made alive again.

Play this game. Have your child/children lay down and pretend to be dead. Tell the children when they hear the words "Jesus died on the cross for our sins," they should jump up and stretch their arms just like they were waking up in the morning. Play it again and again. Talk to your kids about how God's good news makes us alive.