

# FAMILY DEVOTIONS | REMEMBER & CELEBRATE

## READ:

### 1 Thessalonians 4:16-17

Because Jesus died on the cross and rose from the grave for our sins and mistakes, He made it possible for us to have a relationship with God. Jesus is the resurrection and the life. As followers of Jesus, when life ends here on earth, life begins immediately in Heaven with Jesus. Heaven is a beautiful and wonderful place filled with eternal joy that God is preparing for those who love Him and accept Jesus as Savior. These verses talk about how one day, Jesus will come back to earth for all those who love Him and are following Him, and without dying, He will take them to Heaven to live with Him forever!

## CONNECT:

Go on a walk together as a family. Take turns pointing out all the beautiful things that God has given life to here on earth. Take time to talk about how even though God's creation here on earth is beautiful and full of life, Heaven is going to be even more beautiful and we can experience it by choosing and following Jesus, the Resurrection and the Life

## BLESSING:

Look your children in the eye, call them by name and speak these life-giving promises of God to them:

May you know that Jesus is life and has conquered sin and death. May you choose to accept the life that Jesus offers for yourself. May you be filled with hope knowing Jesus has promised eternal life in Heaven for those who accept Him as Savior.

## DISCUSS:

What must we do to receive eternal life?

How does it feel knowing that as followers of Jesus, death here on earth is never final?

*These questions can easily extend into the rest of the week. Look for opportunities to start conversations about how we can "Remember and Celebrate" in your everyday life as a family.*

## REMEMBER VERSE:

"I am the resurrection and the life. The one who believes in me will live, even though they die; and whoever lives by believing in me will never die."

John 11:25-26a

Try this game! Choose any item from home that can be easily tossed. Gather your family in a circle and play a game of "hot potato" with the item. Each time the item is caught, that person must say the next word of the remember verse.