



Family Conversation Guide

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This week, we will turn to **John 8: 39-47**. Jesus is confronted once again by the Jewish leaders. He explains the difference between His Father, the Father of truth in heaven - and the Father of lies and the kingdom of darkness, Satan.

REVIEW FROM LAST WEEK

What does it mean to be an adopted son or daughter into the family of God? (*If you love Him, you have a **new identity**. You live by God's grace, not by works. Nothing can separate us from God's love.*)

READ AND DISCUSS

Ask family members to find **John 8:39-47** in their Bibles. Give them pens and paper so that they can take notes.

1. Read **verses 39-43**. The Jewish officials questioned Jesus by saying that they were children of Abraham. Jesus responded saying that they were not like Abraham, because they were plotting to kill Jesus, even though Jesus was telling them the truth. **How does Jesus answer these people when they say that they have one Father- the God of Abraham?** (*See **verse 42**- if they knew the Father they would know that Jesus was sent by the Father. Who do you think Jesus says is their father because of their actions?*)
2. Read **verses 44- 45**. **What does Jesus say about the devil?** (*He is a murderer, a liar- the father of lies. Also, that these men are doing his work for him by wanting to murder Jesus.*)

3. **In the sermon, what did you learn about the devil?** *(He was an angel, Lucifer, created by God, and was cast out of heaven with 1/3 of the other angels because he led a rebellion against God. See **Revelation 12.**)*
4. Reference **Isaiah 14:12- 15. What did Satan want?** *(He wanted power, he wanted to be greater than God. He wants to kill, steal, and destroy all that God created.)*
5. In **Genesis 2:16-25**, God created a perfect garden and He created Adam to live there and care for it. Then He created Eve to be Adam's wife and helper. **What was the one thing He told them they could not do?** *(They could not eat of the tree of knowledge of good and evil.)*
6. **Why did Satan appear to Adam and Eve in the garden? What was He doing there?** *(He was a serpent, trying to get them to rebel against God.)*
7. **How did Satan trick Adam and Eve?** *(He chose Eve to convince, telling her that she could disobey God, that she would not die if she ate from the tree. He told her that God didn't want her to know all that He knew. She did as Satan said- she ate of the fruit and then talked Adam into disobeying too.)*
8. By doing this, Satan introduced rebellion against God, and death into the world. Satan is the father of lies. He wants to confuse us, to have us believe that what is right is wrong and what is wrong is right. **Do you ever see this happening in our world today?** *(Discuss how we can be confused by lies.)*
9. Read **John 8:46. Can we find sin in Jesus? (No!) How can we know what is true?** *(Whoever is of God hears the words of God. Go to God's word and find what He says to us.)*

10. Here are the choices we must make:

- There are **two fathers** in this world– the Father in heaven, and the father of lies. **Which one is your father?**
- There are **two roads**- the wide road that leads to destruction, and the narrow road where we follow Jesus and daily obey Him. **Which road do you choose?**
- There are **two gates**-one leading to heaven, the other leading to hell, to destruction. Jesus is the way, the truth and the light and no one comes to the Father except by Him. **Which gate do you choose?**
- There are **two religions** in the world. One is based on our works, the wide road, where we think if we just work hard enough we can gain God's approval. The other (narrow) road is grace- God's free gift given to us in Jesus, who came to the earth to die for our sins so we could be in His family forever. **Which religion do you choose?** Grace or works?
- There are **two kingdoms**- the kingdom of darkness and the kingdom of light. **Which kingdom rules your life?**
- There are **two citizenships**- this world or His kingdom. **Which kind of citizen are you?**
- There are **two kinds of children**. Are you a slave, or a son or daughter? **Are you still trying to earn God's favor, or do you know how much you are loved by Him?**
- **Feelings or God's word?** Which rule **your** life?

Is your world guided by Christ or by chaos? How can you be set free? *(By living a life committed to Jesus, by giving your life to Him.)*

FAMILY CHALLENGE

Make a chart using the above bullet points. Ask: "Which do you choose?" Let family members take turns pointing to their choice and saying why.

God, the Father in heaven

The wide road leading to destruction

The narrow gate leading to heaven

The religion based on works

The kingdom of darkness

The citizenship of the world

Slave

God's word

Satan, the father of lies

The narrow road following Jesus

The wide gate leading to destruction

Grace, God's free gift in Jesus

The kingdom of light

The citizenship of heaven

Son or daughter of God

My feelings

PRAYER

Dear Jesus, Thank You for telling us the truth. We understand that Satan wants to confuse us. Help us to know when we are being deceived and to choose to follow You in every part of our lives. Help us to go to Your word for the truth. In Jesus' name, Amen.

Together, listen to "Who You Say I am."

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Y0LHTDVy5C0>

FOR YOUNGER KIDS

Watch "The First Sin" in the Bible App for Kids.

Ask:

1. Who created the garden and Adam and Eve? What did God tell them NOT to do?
2. What happened when Satan came to Eve in the garden? (He told her to eat from the tree)
3. What did Satan say to trick Eve? (That God didn't want Adam and Eve to know what He knows, because then they would be like Him)
4. Did Adam and Eve disobey God and eat the fruit they were not supposed to eat?
5. Why did Adam and Eve hide? (Because they were naked)
6. God knew they had disobeyed Him, and He had to punish them because of their sin. God sent them out of the garden, where life would be hard for them. Do you think God still loved Adam and Eve?

Say: "God still loved Adam and Eve, and He loves us even when we do wrong things! But, when we do wrong things, we deserve to be punished, right? That is why He sent Jesus to earth- to take our sins on Himself and give His life for us. God wants us to be in His family and be His children forever!"

Pray: *Dear God, Thank You for all that You created. Just like Adam and Eve, we know we do wrong things sometimes, but You love us anyway. That's why You sent Jesus to save us! We love You and we know the best way is to follow Jesus! Amen*