

Walk and Talk - Quick Reference

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Creation

- Take one walk during the day and one at night. Look around and talk about all the different and interesting creatures, critters, and creations God has made.
- Discuss how God is the source and sustainer of all life.
- Ask, "How does the creation show different attributes of God?"
(See *attribute list at our website*).
- Ponder and Pray:** Thank God for creating us and all things. Praise Him for displaying His power, omniscience, omnipotence, and sovereignty in His creation.
- Reflection Verse:** "The heavens declare the glory of God, and the sky above proclaims his handiwork." - Psalm 19:1

Fall

- Look for signs of the historic Fall such as dead animals or diseases on trees and plants. Talk about how man's sin brought death into the world.
- Look for a dog barking and demanding its way and ask your children if they have ever selfishly demanded their own way. Help them see that they personally have sinned and are born separated from God, like the Scripture says.
- Ponder and Pray:** End the walk by leaving the child time to think about his or her sin and rebellion to God. Hint that you have something very special to share on the next walk (God's plan for salvation from sin's punishment).
- Reflection Verse:** "For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord." - Romans 6:23

Redemption

- Look for road signs, stoplights, or a police car.
- Explain how people who violate the traffic laws will get a ticket from the police and will have to go before a judge to receive the punishment they deserve for breaking the law. Relate that to us breaking the law of God (recall teaching principles from *Fall Walk*). We too will have to appear before God, the Judge, and receive our punishment for our sin—which is death and separation from Him. However, Jesus willingly took the punishment that God, the Judge, said must be paid. God desires for us to be with Him forever and provided the only way for that to happen by sending Jesus to die on the cross to pay the punishment for our sin so that we wouldn't have to suffer sin's punishment. Ask your child: will you receive God's gift of salvation and forgiveness?

Draw - Have your child draw or list some of the things that are observed on your walks.

Treasure Hunt - Before your walk, draw or write some of the things that you anticipate seeing on your walk based on the chosen subject. Then as you walk, or after the walk, have your children circle the items that were seen. If you are using the Treasure Hunt template on our website, they could try and find three in a row or just circle as many as they can.

Journal - Record any significant thoughts, observations, or insights made by your child on your *Walk and Talks*. This record might be important for your children so that they can later reflect on how God was working in their life. If your children are old enough, have them journal their own thoughts.

- ❑ **Ponder and Pray:** Ask your child if he or she would like to receive and believe on Jesus for the forgiveness of his or her sin.
 1. Admit (agree with God) that you have sinned and broken God's law. Acknowledge your helplessness to save yourself from sin's punishment.
 2. Believe that Jesus died on the cross to take the punishment for YOUR sin and that He rose again. Acknowledge that this is the only way to be forgiven.
 3. Thank God for sending Jesus to take your punishment and thank Him for the gift of His forgiveness; ask for His help to live His way.
- ❑ **Reflection Verse:** "But to all who did receive him, who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God," - John 1:12

Restoration

- ❑ Talk about the three stages of RESTORATION in a person's spiritual life: IMMEDIATE, CONTINUAL, and FUTURE. For further explanations and Scriptural support see our full [Walk and Talk](#) sheet on our website.
- ❑ **IMMEDIATE example:** Look for two different animals (like a dog or a cat). If you see a dog, explain that it can't be a cat by trying really hard to be cat-like. Only God could transform a dog into a cat to give it a new nature. In the same way, we can't be sinless apart from God changing us. We cannot have a new nature by trying really hard. Only God can give us a new nature. *(Remind children that this is only an analogy and that God doesn't transform animals into other animals.)*
- ❑ **CONTINUAL example:** Perhaps you will see a building, home, or yard being remodeled. Discuss how the owner is restoring it back to its original condition, as it was designed to be in the first place.
- ❑ **Ponder and Pray:** Conclude by praying for your child to either receive God's gift of forgiveness to redeem the child, or if a child has received the Lord, have the child pray to ask the Lord to help him or her put off the old man and put on the new as the child looks forward to **FUTURE restoration**.
- ❑ **Reflection Verse:** "Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come." - 2 Corinthians 5:17

Consecration

- ❑ Look at your feet as you walk. Talk about how you could walk, skip, tip-toe, or march in the street, the sidewalk, or grass. (Do some of these movements in different locations as permitted.)
- ❑ Explain that we will walk on different paths (occupations, ministries, tasks, etc.) in our life. And we will do so with great joy and peace when we have consecrated our life to the Lord. By consecrating our life to the Lord, we are saying that we want to go and do whatever He wants and are looking for God's direction for each step taken.
- ❑ If your child wants to consecrate their life to the Lord, take a picture of their feet on your walk, print it out and write the date on it, and give them the picture to remind them of the day they dedicated their life to the Lord. *(Remember that consecration is different from and comes after salvation. If necessary, review the points from the Redemption Walk if your child is unclear about salvation.)*
- ❑ **Ponder and Pray:** Let your child tell God that he or she would like to consecrate their life to Him. Then pray with your child that both of you will go and do whatever the Lord calls you to and will continue to seek His will for your lives.
- ❑ **Reflection Verse:** "I appeal to you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect." –Romans 12:1-2