

☀️ Family Devotional Reading: Real or Fake? Following the Right Voices

Scripture: 2 Peter 2

In 2 Peter 2, the apostle Peter warns about false teachers—people who sound spiritual but don't truly follow Jesus. They might say the right things, but their actions show that they care more about themselves than about God or others. Peter says these kinds of leaders can hurt people's faith and damage communities.

True followers of Jesus, on the other hand, show love, humility, and integrity. They stay when things are hard, serve others before themselves, and listen to God's truth even when it's uncomfortable.

This chapter reminds us that our choices and attitudes affect the people around us. When we live with honesty, kindness, and faithfulness, we help build stronger families, friendships, and churches that reflect Jesus' love.

Key Thought:

Real faith isn't about sounding spiritual—it's about loving and serving others like Jesus.

💬 FAMILY CONVERSATION STARTERS

YOUNG KIDS (AGES 4–7):

- How can you tell if someone really loves Jesus?
- What does it mean to be a good helper and friend, like Jesus?

OLDER KIDS (AGES 8–12):

- Peter says some people pretend to follow Jesus for selfish reasons. How can we tell the difference between real and fake faith?
- What's one way you can show that you're following Jesus this week—through kindness, honesty, or helping others?

TEENS & ADULTS:

- What qualities do you see in people who genuinely follow Jesus versus those who just “talk the talk”?
- How can our family help make our church and neighborhood stronger by serving others with humility and love?

🎨 SHORT FAMILY ACTIVITY:

“SPOT THE DIFFERENCE” CHALLENGE

Supplies: Two simple pictures printed from online “spot the difference” games or drawn by hand.

1. Show two pictures that look almost the same but have small differences.
2. Let everyone find what's different.
3. Talk about how it can be hard to spot what's fake at first—just like false teachers or bad influences.
4. Read 2 Peter 2:1–3 together and discuss how God's truth helps us see what's real.

Optional Extension:

Make a family list of trusted “voices” (people, books, pastors, friends) who help you grow closer to Jesus. Pray for them and thank God for real guides who point to His truth.