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WEEK 29 STUDY GUIDE

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life

Deuteronomy 7 to 30 + Luke 13 to 19

THIRD WEEK OF ADVENT · WEEK OF DECEMBER 17, 2026

Read it together. Moms, this week's women's study covers the same scripture. Read Luke 15 out loud together before Christmas.

THIS WEEK'S VERSE

> *"Oh, that you would choose life, so that you and your descendants might live!"*
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> **DEUTERONOMY 30:19 (NLT)**

Beautiful daughter of God,

This week Moses gives God's people a big choice before they go into the Promised Land: follow God and choose life, or turn away from Him. And he begs them to choose life.

In Luke, Jesus shows what life looks like: a woman who couldn't stand up straight stands tall, a son who ran away comes home, and a man hiding in a tree gets a brand new start. Here is the big idea: God chose you because He loves you, and every day you get to choose Him back. It is the third week of Advent, the week of joy.

WHO'S WHO THIS WEEK

Moses
Giving his last messages to Israel
✦ He promised a Prophet would come like him; that Prophet is Jesus

The bent woman
A woman who couldn't stand up straight for 18 years
✦ Jesus set her free and called her a daughter

The lost son
A boy who ran away and wasted everything
✦ His dad ran to hug him, just like God runs to us

The widow who kept asking
A woman who would not stop asking for help
✦ Jesus used her story to teach us to keep praying

Zacchaeus
A short man who climbed a tree to see Jesus
✦ Jesus came "to seek and save those who are lost" (Luke 19:10, NLT)

WALK THROUGH THE STORY

Let's read it *together*

DEUTERONOMY 7 AND 8

Chosen because you're loved

God tells Israel He didn't choose them because they were big or impressive. He chose them because He loved them. He fed them bread from heaven to teach them they need His Word even more than food.

Do you ever feel like you have to earn God's love? What does it mean that He already loves you?

DEUTERONOMY 30

The big choice

Moses puts two paths in front of the people: life and blessing, or turning away. Then he says, "Oh, that you would choose life" (Deuteronomy 30:19, NLT).

What is one choice you can make this week that leads to life?

LUKE 13

Stand up straight

A woman had been bent over for 18 years. Jesus saw her, called her over and said, "Dear woman, you are healed of your sickness!" (Luke 13:12, NLT). Right away she stood up straight and praised God.

LUKE 15

Welcome home

Jesus tells a story about a son who runs away. When he comes back, his father sees him coming, runs to him and hugs him. God feels that way about us when we come back to Him.

Is there anything you need to bring back to God?

LUKE 18 AND 19

Keep praying, come on down

Jesus teaches us to keep praying and not give up. Then He stops under a tree and calls Zacchaeus by name. Zacchaeus comes down and his whole life changes.

WHERE WAS GOD?

He was there *the whole time*

THE HARD PLACE	WHERE WAS GOD?
Israel felt small and unimportant (Deuteronomy 7)	Choosing them because He loved them
A woman was bent over for 18 years (Luke 13)	Seeing her and setting her free
A son came home embarrassed (Luke 15)	Running down the road to hug him
A widow kept asking and asking (Luke 18)	Listening to every prayer
Zacchaeus was hiding up in a tree (Luke 19)	Stopping right under the tree and calling his name
Your hard place:	Where is God?

YOUR TURN

Which one are you?

Are you most like the bent woman, the lost son, the widow, or Zacchaeus right now? Why?

I choose

Write a sentence that starts with "Today I choose..." and finish it with something that leads to life.

Read it together

Before Christmas, read Luke 15:11 to 24 out loud with your family. Talk about how the dad ran to his son, and how God runs to us.

We read it on: _____

My favorite part: _____

Life-giving choice

Pick one life-giving thing to do this week: forgive someone, say sorry, help at home, or encourage a friend. Which will you choose?

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PRAY THIS

God, thank You for choosing me because You love me. Today I choose You. When I feel bent down or far away, help me remember You are always ready to welcome me home. Help me keep praying and never give up. In Jesus' name, amen.

THIS WEEK'S EVIDENCE

- [ ] I read Deuteronomy 30:19 each morning as my choice for the day.
- [ ] I made one life-giving choice this week.
- [ ] I read Luke 15 with my family.

If you ever feel really sad or unsafe, please talk to your mom, a parent, or a grown-up you trust. You are never alone, and you are deeply loved.

Love, Lala & Karsyn Jai

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