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The Why Behind Sacrifice



Listen to the April 2022 True Girl MomCast featuring Dannah Gresh, Janet Mylin, and Shani McKenzie

where we talk about teaching our daughters why we live a life of sacrifice. Then, read through this one sheet.



Hi Mom! Happy Spring, True Girl Mom! Don't ya just love this season? Things that have been dead for months come to life, birds are singing their songs of praise, and we can finally wear that springy outfit we've had in our closet all year! As we watch God's creation come alive, we also celebrate the resurrection of Jesus! And we can't tell the story of Jesus' resurrection without talking about sacrifice. Calvary was not His first sacrifice. It was a culmination of a life of sacrifice! (Hear more about that on this month's MomCast.)

We are to model the life of Christ and that includes sacrifice! In a self-entitled world, it's no easy task to teach this lifestyle to our girls, but we must. God's Word tells us:

There is no greater love than to lay down one's life for one's friends.
JOHN 15:13

Jesus loved us so much, He laid His life down for us. While literally dying is the ultimate sacrifice, we can lay our lives down in much simpler ways.

It could be sharing that last piece of candy with a sibling or giving up a social activity to help mom out at home. These are simple ways we can live a life that is Christ-like. And the ultimate reason we do that is to show His love to the world.

Death was Jesus' final sacrifice, but not His only one. He laid down many things on the way to the cross - His time, rest, His will. And He did it because He loved us. Let's model that kind of living and teach our girls to live a life of sacrifice that shows His love.



BLESSINGS,
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SUBJECT:
Sweet Sacrifice



SETTING:

Your kitchen/dining room

MATERIALS YOU'LL NEED:

Ingredients for Easter Trail Mix

Your Bibles

BONUS DATE!!

Speaking of "what does it mean?"

We've also provided you with a BONUS Mom+Daughter Date this month about the festival of Passover. You might think celebrating Passover is only appropriate if you're Jewish, but it is the foundation upon which Easter stands. It was a time for families to remember God's rescue of the Israelites from Egyptian slavery and (little did they know) to look forward to the ultimate rescue of humanity through the blood of Jesus Christ. Jesus even observed it the night before his death. The annual meal was also an invitation for kids to ask: "what does that really mean?!"

You can make the meal as simple or as intricate as you like...no pressure either way (trust me)! The most important thing is that we help our children understand how Passover led us to Easter. It will give them yet one more reason to celebrate what Jesus did for them!!

FIND THE BONUS DATE ON YOUR DASHBOARD



Preparing for your April Mom+Daughter Date

LEARNING TO LAY IT DOWN FOR LOVE



This month's mom+daughter connection experience is all about you and your daughter talking about the sacrifice of Jesus. As you talk about this demonstration of love, help your daughter to learn that she, too, is called to live a life of sacrifice. Why? So people can experience Christ's love in our Christ-like way of living.

1 Watch Staci's coaching video. It will give you some good points to help get the conversation about sacrifice started.

2 Read John 15:9-17. Focus on talking about the expression of love in the sacrifice of Jesus! Discuss these questions:

- ♥ What do these verses say is the greatest way to show love? (Verse 13)
- ♥ How did Jesus do that to show His love to us?
- ♥ What are we commanded to do in these verses? (Verse 17)
- ♥ What are some practical ways we can show love by "laying our lives down?"

3 Make your Easter Trail Mix. Each ingredient represents a part of the resurrection story and has a corresponding passage of scripture. As you and your daughter make the trail mix, ask her what she thinks each ingredient means.



Pretzel Sticks
[1 Whole & 1 Half]
(The Cross – Colossians 2:14)



Empty Plastic Easter Egg
(Empty Tomb – Luke 24)



Raisins
(Jesus' Blood – Ephesians 1:17)



Round Cracker or Round Cookie
(Stone Rolled Away from the Tomb – Luke 24:2)



Gold Fish
(Fishers of Men – Matthew 4:19)



Sweet Treat
(Taste and See that the Lord is Good – Psalm 34:8)



Marshmallows, White Jelly Beans, or White Dum Dums
(Our Sins Washed Away – 1 John 1:9)



Life Savers
(Jesus Saved Us! – 1 Corinthians 5:13)

4 Enjoy the Family Snack. Have family time and enjoy this resurrection snack! Let your daughter talk about what each ingredient represents. Make it fun! Play a game of "What Does It Mean?" Make sure everyone has their Bibles!

- a. Each person in the family must pick a different ingredient from the trail mix.
- b. Choose who will go first and have them hold up their ingredient.
- c. Have everyone ask, "What does it mean?"
- d. Say the scripture that corresponds with the ingredient (you or your daughter can do this).
- e. Whoever finds that verse first wins!



We can't wait to see photos of your Easter Trail Mix or Passover Meal. Be sure to post them to Instagram or Facebook and tag True Girl or Dannah Gresh.