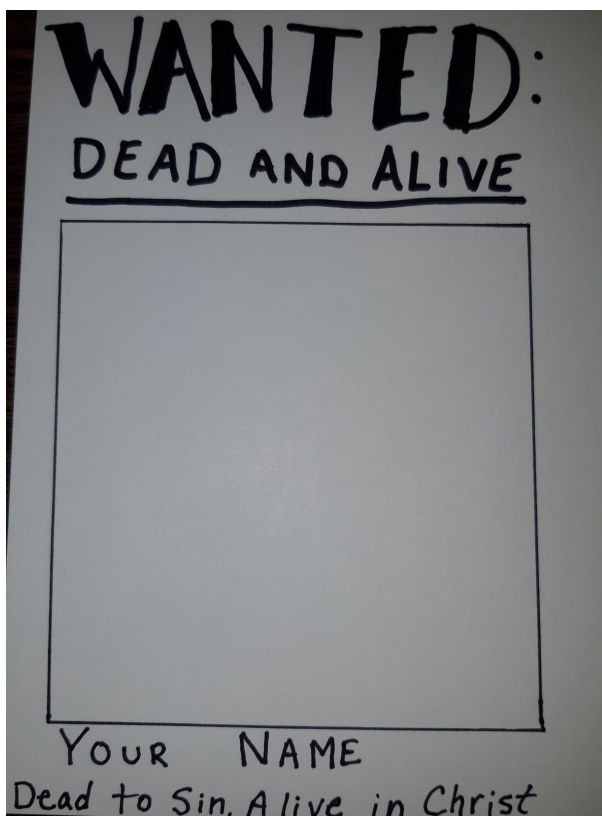


## Devotion 3 Alive in Christ

Readings: Rom. 5:21-6:8, Col. 2:12-14

For today's devotion, each person will need a piece of paper and something to write with. You can use crayons, markers, pens, or colored pencils. Your paper can be whatever size you'd like as long as it is blank so you can draw on it. On the top of your paper, write WANTED. Right below, write Dead and Alive. Under the two lines of words, draw a box big enough that you can draw a self portrait (don't worry, the portrait doesn't have to be anything perfect!). Underneath the box, write your name and Dead to Sin, Alive in Christ. Included is an example so you have an idea of what it could look like.



As a family, show each other your pictures.

Say: In our devotion today, we are going to talk about how God loves us so much that He wants us to live forever in Heaven with Him.

Read Romans 5:21-6:8 and Colossians 2:12-14 together. After reading through the verses, say: Jesus wants us to live with Him forever in Heaven and these verses talk about that. We heard that in our baptisms,

Jesus gives us this new life we get to have forever with Him! We also heard something about the sins and times that we disobey. It said that God helps us to listen and obey because of baptisms. The verses also

told us that if we mess up and sin, Jesus has washed away our sins! Our sins are gone because Jesus died and rose again. This week we learned about Jesus being God's Son, how Jesus was Baptized, how Baptism washes our sins away, and how Baptism gives us new life. Through each of these, we see that God loves us so much that He doesn't want us to disobey and sin but to live forever in Heaven with Him! In the pictures that we drew today, we see that God wants us and loves us even when we sin.

Next, take a look at the discussion questions that are on the next page of your booklet and answer them as a family. Let everyone have a turn giving answers and let the Holy Spirit guide your conversations. If you have multiple ages in your family, do a mix of some of the lower-level questions and the higher-level questions included. This will help to create better discussions. It can also be helpful to let your older children read the questions and lead the discussion with your guidance.

After the discussion questions, pray together as a family. Thank God for sending Jesus so that we can have new life and live forever with Him. Pray for the needs and requests that members of your family have.

## Discussion Questions for 2 through PreK

What do you think heaven will be like?

Who will you get to live forever with in Heaven?

Draw a picture of you living forever with Jesus.

## Discussion Questions for K through 2nd

What do you think heaven will be like?

Who will you get to live forever with in Heaven?

Draw a picture of you living forever with Jesus.

## Discussion Questions for 3rd through 5th

Draw a picture of what you think heaven will be like.

Why will you get to live forever in heaven?

Draw a picture of you living forever with Jesus.

## Discussion Questions for 6th through 8th

Draw a picture of what it looks like to you to be raised to life through Christ.

What do you think it will be like to live forever with Christ?

Draw a picture of what it looks like to be set free from the power of sin.

## Discussion Questions for 9th through 12th

For personal reflection, what is a sin that you struggle with? Pray that God would help you to remember that whatever sin you struggle with would lose power in your life.

What are some ways you can live in your new life with Christ rather than your old life of sin?

What does it mean to you to no longer be a slave to sin?

Draw a picture of what it looks like to you to be raised to life through Christ.