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This is why our children sin. It is not because they have been taught how to sin, it is because they have been born with hearts of sin. Jesus said, “Out of the heart come evil thoughts, murder, adultery, sexual immorality, theft, false testimony, slander” (Matthew 15:19). We sin because we are sinners at heart. We need to be born again because our hearts are full of sin.

## **2. What does it mean to be born again?**

When a person becomes born again, God removes from him his heart of sin and gives him a new heart. This means that the person who is born again is now a new person, a new creation. The Bible says, “If anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has gone, the new has come!” (2 Corinthians 5:17).

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Before he was born again, he lived a life of sin and loved his sin. He may have appeared on the outside to be very religious and very respectable, but actually he lived a life of sin. But when he is born again, a great change comes over him. He is now a child of God and he loves to be like God. He no longer runs after the things of this world; his life changes completely.

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