

At the heart of our vision is the desire to build bridges and build family. This resource is intended to be a tool that would help facilitate you, the spiritual leader of your family, to grow and develop your children in the fear and admonition of the Lord. While not exhaustive, our prayer is that it would give you a place to start in effort to better steward your role as mom or dad.

What follows is a four-day devotional that loosely follows our Sunday sermon series. It includes a passage to read, a prompt or two to discuss together, and a prayer to offer in response to your time. These efforts are simply offered as helpful direction. Feel the freedom to adjust, shift, or redirect the focus as best fits the few moments you take with your kids before bedtime, after dinner, or whenever you choose to lead them in God's Word.

Passage:

Read Romans 3:1-4

Prompt(s):

1 What does it mean to have an advantage? Can you think of an example when you've had an advantage over someone else? How does Paul say the Jews have a similar advantage in understanding the things of God?

Pray:

Thank God for the advantage He's given you in understanding His love, blessing you with His Word, Godly parents, and a church who seeks to know Him better.

Passage:

Read Romans 3:5-8

Prompt(s):

2 Do you ever find yourself trying to justify your actions even when you know you aren't acting the way God and your parents would have you? Why do you think we try to explain away our sinful actions instead of honestly confessing them?

Pray:

Ask God to give you a clear understanding of how you should and should not live. Ask Him to make your heart humble to receive His standard and not argue with Him.

Passage:

Read Romans 3:9-20

Prompt(s):

3 What is the purpose of the law in our society? What's the purpose of God's law in scripture (see verse 20)? Why is the understanding of sin (and knowing that we've broken God's law) the beginning of good news? Take some time to discuss what sin looks like in your lives and try to be as specific as appropriate.

Pray:

Thank God that through His Word we can know what sin is and identify it in our lives. Ask Him to faithfully point it out in our lives so we can deal with it quickly, keeping short accounts with Him and others.

Build your own Bible Time

4 The intent for the final Bible Time of the week is to help put you, the parent, in the driver's seat of your children's spiritual development. This day assumes that you are growing and learning from God's Word and it gives you an opportunity to model that with your family. As with the days prior, take a few minutes to simply share what you're learning in your personal time with the Lord. Focus on something you read from scripture, then discuss what it means. Finally, teach them how you are applying it to your life. Try to give them the gift of how to observe, interpret and apply, what the Bible says, to their daily lives.

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