

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 5:1-2

Prompt(s):

While it may be a challenge to imagine peace after living through a time of war, as in Europe during WWII, try to consider what that may have been like. According to the passage you just read, what is it we have peace from and how did we get it?

Pray:

Thank God that through Jesus we have peace with God and that He no longer sees us as His enemies.

Passage:

Read Romans 5:6-8

Prompt(s):

Can you think of a scenario where someone might give their life for a good person? According to scripture, what kind of a person were you when Christ died for you? How does this demonstrate the way God feels about you? How does that make you feel?

Pray:

Thank God that He loves you enough to give His one and only son to justify you.

For parents: Take some time to emphasize Romans 5:8 and memorize it as a family.

Passage:

Read Romans 5:9-11

Prompt(s):

Verse 10 says that we were God's enemies, but now we are reconciled to Him. What does this mean and why is it such a big deal?

For Parents: reconciled-restoring to friendly relations again. Keep in mind that 2 Corinthians 5:18 says that God has not only reconciled us to Himself, but He has also given us the ministry of reconciliation.

Pray:

Thank God that He has reconciled us to Himself and pray that He would give you the opportunity to share that message of reconciliation (the Gospel) with someone you know. Pray for them, as a family, by name, if appropriate.

Build your own Bible Time

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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