



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 7:1-4

Prompt(s):

In this section Paul tries to explain the idea of being "bound" (to the law) and "released" (unto the Spirit) as he gives an analogy to marriage. How might you explain, in your own words, what Paul is trying to communicate?

Pray:

Thank the Lord that in Christ we have died to the law and now live unto the Spirit. Ask Him to produce the fruit in your life you ought to now bear for Him (verse 4).

Passage:

Read Romans 7:5-6

Prompt(s):

How does God's law arouse sinful desires in us? *For parents: Can you think of an example of how discovering you weren't supposed to do something actually made doing that thing sound more appealing? How have we died to that which held us captive when we haven't yet died? What is Paul emphasizing here?*

Pray:

Take some time to praise God as a family, thanking Him for the Gospel freedom we have as believers, that by His death we also died to the sin in us.

Passage:

Read Romans 7:7-13

Prompt(s):

How are laws good for us? Discuss some simple ways that they can be helpful in everyday life. Similarly, how are God's laws helpful? What does His law reveal about us?

Pray:

Give thanks for God's law, that it shows us the depth of our sin and need for Him. Take some time to namestom someone you can pray for, asking the Lord to use His law to point them toward a clear understanding of their need for Jesus.

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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