

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 8:12-13

Prompt(s):

What is a debtor? Who are we no longer debtors to as Christians and why?

Pray:

Ask God, through His Holy Spirit in us, to put to death the deeds of the flesh.

For parents: If necessary, read Galatians 5:17-21 to discuss what things are considered to be "of the flesh".

Passage:

Read Romans 8:14-15

Prompt(s):

Consider the difference between being a slave and a son. What are all the rights, privileges, responsibilities, freedoms, of each? Which one would you rather be?

Pray:

Thank God that through Jesus He has freed us from the slavery of sin and now calls us his children. Be specific as you pray together for those things you are most grateful.

Passage:

Read Romans 8:16-17

Prompt(s):

Consider the significance of a witness in a court case. Why is a witness important? What makes a witness believable? According to the passage, who is our witness declaring us to be children of God? Using the same criteria you discussed, how believable is He? Why is understanding who we are in Christ so important as we live the Christian life?

Pray:

Take some time to praise God for the adoption we have in Him. Ask Him to cause you to walk in a manner worthy of being His children.

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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