



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 8:18

Prompt(s):

1 What do you think of when you hear the word suffering? Can you think of ways people are suffering in the world today? What is God's solution to suffering?

Pray:

Thank God that even when we suffer through challenging circumstances, He has a good ending to the story for those of us who know Him.

Passage:

Read Romans 8:22-25

Prompt(s):

2 What are some things you're hopeful for? Is it hard to be hopeful for something even when you know exactly what's coming? Is it more difficult to be hopeful for something you can't see and aren't totally sure of? Why?

Pray:

Ask God to give you patience as you wait in hope for Him to do the things He has promised.

Passage:

Read Romans 8:28

Prompt(s):

3 Can you think of a time, in your family, when God used a difficult circumstance to bring about good in some way? Discuss as a family some of the simple or significant ways you've seen God do this.

Pray:

Take some time to praise God for the way He uses all kinds of situations (even the hard ones) to bring about good in our lives.

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.

BBF Bible Time

