



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 9:1-3

Prompt(s):

1 What does this passage reveal about Paul's attitude toward those he cares for and have not responded to Jesus? What is your attitude toward those you know and are yet to receive Christ?

Pray:

Take some time to pray that God would give you a heart for others similar to Paul's. Pray for someone that you care for, that they would receive Jesus' forgiveness of sins.

Passage:

Read Romans 9:4-5

Prompt(s):

2 What rights and privileges do you have because of the family you are part of? What kinds of privileges did God's people (Israel) have, and how faithful were they with those things?

Pray:

Thank God for all the ways He has blessed you and ask Him to give you the strength you need to use all those things faithfully for His glory.

Passage:

Read Romans 9:20-21

Prompt(s):

3 Do you ever feel like you have better insight on something than your mom or dad? How can this same attitude manifest itself in your relationship with God? How does the selection we read set the situation straight by establishing who is in charge?

Pray:

Ask God to help you walk in the knowledge that He is the one in charge and that we are living in *His* story. Pray that He will give us teachable, humble hearts.

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

