



BIBLE READING FOR FAMILIES

In a world of waning morals and shifting principles, this generation needs the foundation of the Word of God. **The most valuable tool you can give your children is the ability to navigate their way through life with the Bible as absolute truth.**

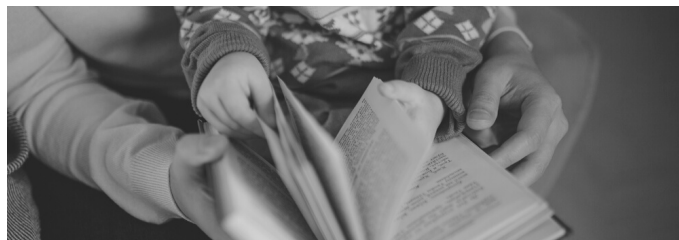
We want our children to do more than quote a Bible verse. Instead, we want them to agree with what the Bible says about God, about man, about sin, about redemption, and about righteousness.

Developing a biblical worldview in our children requires that we understand the Word and how to apply it to our lives so that the Bible becomes the gauge against which we measure our ideas and choices.

The goal of family Bible reading is to teach children to think biblically.

While this can begin with helping them to learn about biblical heroes and stories, the Bible becomes active in their lives as children begin to understand the greater storyline - how do the choices and lives of these beloved characters teach us about people or about God's character?

We cannot force our children to adopt a biblical worldview. Our job is to expose them to truth, and let the Holy Spirit breathe life into that truth.



AGE-APPROPRIATE DEVOTIONS

If you feel stuck in the start-and-stop challenge of engaging your children with family devotions, consider trying these age-driven options:

AGES 2-3

Begin with Bible picture storybooks.

Your children will likely want to hear stories over and over again. Start each story by telling your child that it really happened. Try not to sugarcoat the truth - this can lead to problems as your children grow older.

AGES 4-6

Move into more active family devotions. Incorporate movement any way that you can (acting, drawing, take a walk).

AGES 6-12

Children this age can handle reading short passages from the Word. Then use object lessons, activities and visuals to help them understand the truth of the passage.

When you have multiple age groups - focus on the older children. If you level it down to the youngest, your oldest will build a belief that devotions are just for kids.