

PARENT PARTNER

WEEKLY PLAN

In His Word



Week 1: With God

God's Word isn't just about cool stories, simple wisdom statements, or quotable verses to write on a note card. God's is revealing Himself to us. He is inviting us into a relationship with Himself through the death and resurrection of His Son. As you help your family spend time in the Word, this may feel like a struggle for someone who does not enjoy reading. But the goal is not the amount of words read a day, but the quality of time spent in the presence of God—listening to His voice and learning to obey.

PRAYER TIME

THIS IS YOUR DAILY SCRIPTURE:

129 Your decrees are wondrous; therefore I obey them. 130 The revelation of your words brings light and gives understanding to the inexperienced. 131 I open my mouth and pant because I long for your commands. 132 Turn to me and be gracious to me, as is your practice toward those who love your name. (Psalms 119:129-132)

THIS IS YOUR DAILY PRAYER:

Lord, Your decrees are wondrous: therefore, I obey them. When our family understands Your Words, it brings light and understanding. Like someone thirsty, I desire your commands. Lord, turn Your face on my family and be gracious to us.

DRIVE TIME

CONVERSATION

PARENT PRE-READING: He answered, “It is written: Man must not live on bread alone but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.” (Matthew 4:4)

CONVERSATION STARTER: I was reading in Matthew 4, and Jesus says that “man does not live on bread alone but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.” Would you say that you are dependent on the Word of God? Why or why not? How might someone become more dependent on His Word?

DINNER TIME

CONVERSATION

STARTING QUESTIONS

When was a time we’ve shared as a family that really sticks out in your mind as a wonderful memory for you? What made it special?

READ THIS TOGETHER “I am the true vine, and my Father is the gardener. 2 Every branch in me that does not produce fruit he removes, and he prunes every branch that produces fruit so that it will produce more fruit. 3 You are already clean because of the word I have spoken to you. 4 Remain in me, and I in you. Just as a branch is unable to produce fruit by itself unless it remains on the vine, neither can you unless you remain in me. 5 I am the vine; you are the branches. The one who remains in me and I in him produces much fruit, because you can do nothing without me. 6 If anyone does not remain in me, he is thrown aside like a branch and he withers. They gather them, throw them into the fire, and they are burned. 7 If you remain in me and my words remain in you, ask whatever you want and it will be done for you. 8 My Father is glorified by this: that you produce much fruit and prove to be my disciples. (John 15:1-8)

SCRIPTURAL APPLICATION QUESTIONS

In this passage, what seems to be the roles of the Father, Jesus, and us?

What are some simple ways you can think of for us to stay connected to the vine—Jesus?

What might the fruit in our life look like to show that we are connected to Jesus? If you looked at your life over the last thirty days, does the fruit you have displayed show your connection to Jesus?

How can we encourage each other as a family to make time for God’s Word?

ACTIVITY TIME

You or your family may struggle to be in the Word consistently. There are a few things that can help make this easier. Identifying a time to read, a space to read, and what to read can help this become a habit for you. For you, it may be 6am at the breakfast table with coffee reading all of Luke. But for your teens, it may be at the bottom of their bed, at 9pm exploring the Psalms. As a family, talk about where and what your three areas of space, time, and plan are.