

## FAITH PRACTICES FOR FAMILIES EBOOKS COLLECTION

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Bible reading, prayer, service, and worship teach us to turn our hearts and minds to God. We begin to think and act as Christ's image-bearers. As we develop our relationship with God, we receive his love, respond with service to our neighbors, and observe God's care for creation.

As Christian parents, we want our children to grow in their relationship with God and learn about God's big plan of salvation for his people. God calls us to be the main spiritual guides for our



children, and the Holy Spirit equips us to do that. We wrote these eBooks to help you create a plan and space for these faith practices in your family's weekly routines. It's our hope that you find these guides practical and relevant.

<u>Faith Practices for Families: Bible Reading</u> This guide encourages you to share your love of the Bible with your children. Encourage your kids to spend time with God, and let them see your joy and excitement in spending time with him, too. We hope this ebook will help your family Bible reading and inspire you and your family as you open God's Word.

<u>Faith Practices for Families: Prayer</u> Prayer is at the heart of the Christian life and an important daily spiritual practice that we can't live without. Our children need to see how we rely on God and need prayer in our lives. Following our lead, our children learn to take their own problems to God and find answers from him. It demonstrates where to go for guidance and strength for each new day.

<u>Faith Practices for Families: Serving Others</u> As you begin to find ways to serve as a family and think about God's calling to serve, you'll find God at work every day. Sometimes, the work will be easy, and other times, it will be difficult—maybe messy and even heartbreaking. Service will be a real joy, and it will change you and your children with a closer relationship with God, others, and each other.

Faith Practices for Families: Worship Together As Christian parents, we want our children to grow into a life-long relationship with God. God calls us to be the primary spiritual guides for our children, and the Holy Spirit equips us to do that. One of the best ways to grow in faith is by participating in the communal gathering of God's people. In this guide, you'll find suggestions for ways to worship God as a family, not just on Sundays but throughout the week.

For you and for your children, our prayer comes from Ephesians 1:17: "I ask the glorious Father and God of our Lord Jesus Christ to give you his Spirit. The Spirit will make you wise and let you understand what it means to know God."

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