

HOW TO USE KIDS CORNER DEVOTIONS

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As Christian parents, we want our children to have a lifelong relationship with God. That means getting to know who God is and what he has done for us. 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 spend time with God is by reading the Bible together. How do we share these Bible stories? How can we spark our children's joy in Scripture?



Whatever our age, we look for ways the Bible applies to our daily lives. *Kids Corner* devotions talk about the struggles and victories of God's people in biblical stories and relate them to what's happening in your family today. Each short devotion has a memory verse and a Bible reading and begins by asking some direct questions or telling a story. The second paragraph dives into the Scripture reading, giving some insights into the passage. The third paragraph makes relevant connections between Scripture and our daily lives to carry into the week ahead. That third paragraph answers, "How can Scripture help me with my Christian walk?"

When Moses instructed parents about passing their faith along to the next generation, he said: **"Memorize his laws and tell them to your children over and over again. Talk about them all the time, whether you're at home or walking along the road or going to bed at night, or getting up in the morning"** (Deuteronomy 6:6-7 CEV). Finding the right time to come together helps cultivate regular family spiritual practice. So, how can you incorporate *Kids Corner* devotions into your daily routine?

- When you're at home, family devotions don't have to be long. Start with just five minutes of reading or listening to the *Kids Corner* devotion one evening after dinner. Over time, it might grow a little longer but start with five minutes.
- Car rides are already a form of family time—use these moments of togetherness to incorporate the KC devotion into your everyday life. On short trips—to and from school, basketball practice, and music lessons—listen to the KC devotion
- We can also reflect on God's Word when we walk places. Time spent walking in God's creation invites us to see and experience God's world and connect with our Creator. The KC devotion podcast is available on your favorite streaming platforms so that you can listen together anywhere and anytime.
- When children go to bed at night, sleeping with God's words echoing in our hearts is comforting. With little children, after closing the storybook, open the *Kids Corner* devotion, read or listen to Bible stories, and then pray with your children.

Take some time to figure out what works and what doesn't work. Reading the Bible together is different in every family. God knows your schedule and the best time for you to focus on him. Ask God to help you be creative and choose the most effective time for your family to read Scripture together.

Before doing devotions, pray for your child. The Holy Spirit will light the fire while you can help create the habit. Devotions are about growing in knowledge, wisdom, and relationship with God. Encourage your

child's habit by providing support along the way, and pray that God will bless this effort, too.

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