



BIBLE READING

If your child is beginning to grow in their faith, now is the time to get them engaged with God's Word and to read it on a regular basis. You can include Bible reading in your family rhythms through your daily blessing of your kids or your weekly family devotional. You can also encourage them to read the Word of God on their own.

UNDERSTANDING THE BIBLE

The Bible is God's Word. Yes, it was written by people but it was inspired by God. This means that God uniquely led the authors of the books of the Bible to communicate exactly what He desired to tell us. Unlike other books, the Bible is without error. This means it is completely trustworthy.

The books of the Bible are broken into sections; The Old Testament and The New Testament. Each of these sections is broken further into sections. When you choose to read the Bible, it is good to read sections at a time. The books in each section relate to each other and help weave the Bible story together to show us the Big Picture of God's redemption for His people.

GETTING STARTED

As you get started with family Bible reading or as you launch your kids into their own Bible reading plan, it is important to talk about why both reading the Bible and doing what it says is so important. Use these questions as a guide

- Why do I need to read the Bible?
- Where should I start reading? We suggest John or 1 John.

Once you start reading the Bible, you are going to want to get the most out of it, but some questions may pop up. How do I read the Bible? What am I looking for as I read? Consider these questions as you read so that you understand what the passage says, means, and calls you to do:

- What is happening in the passage?
- What is the message of this passage?
- What is God trying to teach us in this passage?
- How can I apply this to my own life?
- What do I need to change in my life based on this passage?

CHOOSING A BIBLE

We encourage families to use Bibles that are age-appropriate and can engage interest and understanding. We recommend:

- [My First Hands-On Bible](#) for Preschool Kids
- [The Hands-On Bible](#) for Elementary Kids
- [NIV Study Bible](#) for Junior High to Adults

**time,
moments,
& milestones**

FAMILY DISCIPLESHIP

"All scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, so that the servant of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work." **2 TIMOTHY 3:16**

"Do not merely listen to the word, and so deceive yourselves. Do what it says." **JAMES 1:22**

