



AUGUST GATE
CHURCH

FAMILY

DISCIPLESHIP

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FAMILY WORSHIP

Family Worship should equip kids to worship Jesus, and it should prepare them to be a part of the worshipping body of Christ. In order to do that, we focus on worship, word, and prayer.

WORSHIP

Here are some resources and ideas to help you lead out in worshipping Jesus through music with your family:



ELECTRONIC MEDIA

Use a computer, your phone, Apple TV, Roku, etc. to play videos or songs that will allow you to worship through music as a family.



YOUTUBE PLAYLIST

Create a Youtube playlist with worship songs that you can stream to your TV or play through your media device.



DIGITAL HYMNAL ON SPOTIFY

Use the August Gate Digital Hymnal on Spotify to help get your kids familiar with the songs we're singing in worship on Sundays.



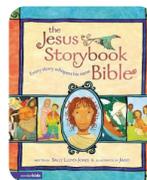
MAKING MUSIC

Lead your family to worship through music. Even if there are no musicians in your family, singing together can be a powerful expression of worship for both kids and parents.

WORD

Here are some resources and ideas to help you lead out in worshipping Jesus through engaging with God's Word with your family:

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- 1 Consider using the Jesus Storybook Bible, especially with younger kids. The writing and illustration are great, and each story connects the content to the person and work of Jesus.
- 2 Story Catechism is also great for engaging your kids with God's Word. It's a narrative-style, Gospel-centered series of lessons that help your kids ask and answer the most important questions about Christianity.
- 3 Another great online resource is the Catechism for Boys and Girls.

PRAYER

Here are ideas to help you lead out in worshipping Jesus by praying together as a family:

- Pray for each person in the room. Create a culture of praying with and for each other as a family.
- Have each person pray. This is a great way for your kids to "practice" praying aloud in an environment where they are comfortable and known.
- Keep a family prayer journal. This allows you to keep track of what you're praying about as a family, and also allows you to rejoice as a family when God answers those prayers!

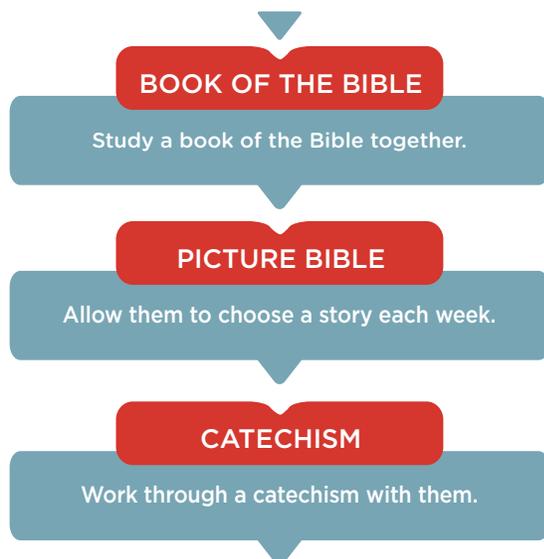
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DISCIPLESHIP DATES

Discipleship Dates are designed to give you the opportunity to both help your kids study the Bible and pastor them in a one-on-one environment.

PURPOSE

Choose a study, book, curriculum to engage in with your kids.



Resources we recommend:

- ➔ The Jesus Storybook Bible by Sally Lloyd-Jones
- ➔ Thoughts to Make Your Heart Sing by Sally Lloyd-Jones
- ➔ The Big Picture Story Bible by David Helm
- ➔ Big Thoughts for Little Thinkers series by Joey Allen

Always engage them with questions and encourage them to ask their own questions.



Have them write down questions in a journal as they read.

Allow them to ask questions as they have them.

Questions to ask them:

- ➔ What does this story/text teach us about God?
- ➔ What does this story/text teach us about ourselves?
- ➔ How does this tell us to live or not live?
- ➔ What does this tell us to believe or not believe?

PLACE

Together, choose a special place where you'll meet together weekly, bi-weekly, or monthly.



Examples:

Local Donut Shop
Chick-fil-A
Neighborhood Park

PASTORING

Talk to your kids about their hearts.

- ♥ How are you doing?
- ♥ How can I pray for you?

Invest time in being prepared to answer their questions and pastor them through their struggles

Be transparent and humble with your kids when you don't know the answer to a question, assuring them you're willing to seek out answers with them.

GO RHYTHMS OF LIFE WITH GOSPEL PURPOSE

It's vital to remember that when we disciple our kids, we're discipling them to not just know the Gospel, but to go with the Gospel. Our hope is that they will not only "observe all that Jesus has commanded", but will also teach others to do the same as they live out the Gospel.

Here are some ideas to help you disciple your kids toward mission in the normal rhythms of life:

PRAY ON MISSION



As you pray with your kids, pray specifically for those in your life who don't know Jesus to come to know him.



Pray with your kids that God will give you opportunities to share the Gospel with neighbors, friends, and people in your social circles.



Encourage your kids to pray for their friends at school to know Jesus, explaining to them (if they are believers) that God can use them in the lives of others even at a young

PLAY ON MISSION



Get your kids involved in extracurricular activities with mission in mind. Help them to see sports, music lessons, scouting, and community activities as an opportunity to make relationships and share the Gospel.



Consider joining the city sports league or joining a community program instead of choosing a "Christian" version of these things. If you and your kids both see these things as missional opportunities, it will become about more than the activity itself.

LIVE ON MISSION

- ➔ Encourage your kids to invite other kids from sports teams and other extracurricular activities into real life. Have their families over for dinner, schedule play dates, or go out for ice cream after the game.
- ➔ Help your kids to see that God has placed you in your neighborhood as missionaries. Serve your neighbors with Gospel purpose in ways that include your kids. Have them help make cookies and deliver them to neighbors or offer as a family to help a neighbor with yard work.