

Family Devotions

As parents we have no greater responsibility than to pass along our faith to our children. Family devotions are a great way to keep your family connected and to learn Bible truths together.

Tips for family devotions:

- Keep the talking time short, 10-15 minutes. To avoid frustration and the pitfall of it becoming a chore, the devotion time can be kept short and simple - until it is well-embedded in the daily routine of the household. Once it becomes established, it can be expanded to include more time and more creative activity.
- Set a specific time each day for devotions. Mealtimes are a good place to start. They are the most common time for most, or all, of the family to come together. A blessing at the beginning of the meal, and a few minutes of devotion and prayer at the end, does not disrupt the schedule to the point of frustration. It will soon become routine. Ideally, the whole family would come together in the morning before everyone scatters for the day. If this is not possible, one adult should try to find time to be with the younger members of the family. Another good time to have family devotion is in the evening right before the youngest members go to bed. This creates a peaceful atmosphere for rest and renewal.
- Set a specific location. Essentially, devotions can take place anywhere and anytime. However, in the beginning, it is important to establish one set place to use each time. This helps to create a sense of routine, especially for younger children. The chosen place should be free from distractions, with resource materials kept close at hand.
- Keep your devotions and Bible in a convenient location.
- Keep the time lively and inviting.
- Encourage discussion from everyone.
- Create a special atmosphere.
- Enjoy a special snack.
- Share prayer requests and pray together.
- Follow with a special family activity .

Best of all...have a blast! Devotions are a great way for families to bond closer to each other, while getting closer to God.