

BIBLE@HOME ROAD MAP

The Bible is your family's most reliable spiritual road map given by God to guide us, but it must become more than a symbol or a relic. It must become part of the everyday fabric of our lives.

WHY?

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 3:16-17 (NIV)

From this verse we see clear direction that is found in Scripture to show us the importance of the Bible in our lives.

- ☐ God-breathed: The Bible is the very Word of Almighty God, trustworthy and absolute truth.
- ☐ Useful: God's Word helps to teach us, correct us and train us.
- ☐ Equipping: Jesus used the truth of Scripture as a weapon against the lies of the devil and against temptation. It can also equip each member of the family when facing life's challenges and attacks.

HOW?

Whether you are a scholar or a beginner, we encourage you to make a commitment to take the next step. The following pages contain ideas to help you and your family begin a Bible@home routine. Pick and choose from these suggestions to find what best fits your home.

WORD 511 PLEDGE

To accept the WORD 511 challenge, I/we will spend...

5 times a week individually in God's Word

1 time a week connecting with my spouse to talk about God's Word

1 time a week connecting with my family to talk about God's Word

RECOMMENDED RESOURCES

FOR INDIVIDUALS:

The Blue Parakeet by Scot McKnight

30 Days To Understanding The Bible by Max Anders

FOR COUPLES:

Devotions for a Sacred Marriage by Gary L. Thomas

Love and Respect Experience by Emerson Eggerichs

FOR FAMILIES:

Parenting with Scripture by Kara Durbin

Together: Growing Appetites for God by Carrie Ward

What Does the Bible Say About That? by Carolyn Larsen

What the Bible is All About: Handbook for Kids by Frances Blankenbaker and Henrietta C. Mears

Bible Basics for Kids by Terry Glaspey and Kathleen Kerr

WEBSITES:

- YouVersion.com – Multiple translations, reading plans and accountability options
- BibleGateway.com – Contains many versions, reading plans and ability to search by topic
- BibleCC.com – Multiple translations, Greek and Hebrew study of words and commentaries
- BlueLetterBible.com – Study tools, commentaries, maps, images, devotionals, and blog

GOING FURTHER

MOBILE DEVICE APPS:

- Olive Tree Bible Reader
- YouVersion Bible by Lifechurch.tv
- Glo Bible
- Bible for Kids by Lifechurch.tv

SUGGESTED BIBLES AND BIBLE STUDIES:

Speak with a pastor about recommendations.

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SHOW ME THE RIGHT PATH, O LORD; POINT OUT THE ROAD FOR ME TO FOLLOW. PSALM 25:4

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TIMES A WEEK INDIVIDUALLY IN GOD'S WORD

SUGGESTED ROUTES:

Make an appointment - Set a time/place to meet with God. Protect these times and try to eliminate distractions.

Choose a Bible - Find a translation of the Bible that you find easy to understand and enjoyable to read.

Memorize - God calls us to write His Words on our hearts and embed them in our minds. By memorizing Scripture, we have vital wisdom and promises at all times.

Accountability - Partner with a friend or family member for mutual motivation and encouragement in the 511 challenge.

Study - Go beyond just a quick skim of the Scriptures by investing time to study and/or interact with what you are reading. Use a journal to record what you learn while using the following study method.

W = Write out key Scripture verses.

O = Observe what stuck out to you in these verses. Spend time dwelling on what God says to you.

R = Request God's guidance. Ask for His help and wisdom.

D = Do something! Record how you are going to live this out and apply it to your own life.

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TIME A WEEK CONNECTING WITH YOUR SPOUSE or FRIEND TO TALK ABOUT GOD'S WORD

SUGGESTED ROUTES:

Memorize - Take turns choosing a verse and then memorize it together. Then encourage each other to live it out.

Share - Talk about one thing that God is teaching you from His Word. Consider setting a specific time/place to connect. It can be as simple as sharing a favorite verse over dessert after kids are in bed or discussing the Scripture used in the message from the weekend worship service.

Read - Read Scripture together and talk about what stuck out to you and how you can apply it. Remember to focus on what God is teaching you, not what you want Him to teach your spouse!

Study - Find a Bible Study to do together. There are numerous studies available online or in bookstores.

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TIME A WEEK CONNECTING WITH YOUR FAMILY TO TALK ABOUT GOD'S WORD

SUGGESTED ROUTES:

Read it - Find ways to incorporate God's Word into your daily routine, like reading a verse on the way to school or reading a Bible story before bed.

Choose a Bible - Help your child find a Bible that is easy for them to understand and read. Let your child be a part of choosing a Bible. Check with our bookstore for recommendations.

Have Fun - Instead of just reading Scripture, consider acting it out or doing a craft with your family to learn more about God's Word.

Talk - Allow God's truth to come up in your daily conversations as you talk with your family about issues they are dealing with or what to do in certain circumstances.

Memorize - Memorize Scripture together as a family. Choose a topic that is relevant or take turns letting family members choose. You can also memorize Books of the Bible songs to help your family become more acquainted with the Bible.

Study - Help your child establish routine times of reading God's Word. If you have a young child, help them to spend five times a week in God's Word. This can be as simple as reading a Bible story book before bedtime or at breakfast together.

Pray - Ask God to help you and your family to apply Scripture into your lives. Seek Him for wisdom in understanding what you are reading.

Model - Let your children see you spending time in God's Word. Show them how to do the WORD method mentioned earlier or use any tools that you have found beneficial in your personal time.