



How to Teach Kids About Faith at Home

As parents, you have the incredible privilege and responsibility in raising your children in the ways of Jesus. We desire to partner with you in your role as the primary nurturers of their kids' faith. Leading and teaching your household can feel overwhelming at times. We believe that it is only by partnering with the Holy Spirit that true transformation takes place. Through our weekly ministries, we hope to provide you with some resources and tools to continually assist your family's journey. As you continue to raise your children for the Lord, consider these truths for your family:

Spend time together learning about God. Guard against over-committing your family to the point where your family lacks the quality time to grow together.

Set aside a consistent time and/or place where your child can approach you. It is important for children to know that they will receive our attention when they need it. This can be in the car, over dinner, at bedtime, etc. Make sure that you are leaving room for them to share with you and ask questions about whatever needs may arise. Your child needs to know that they can find a listening ear in you.

Make your own relationship with the Lord obvious to them. Modeling a daily walk with the Lord is something that your children will see in you. Allow them to see you in the Word and in prayer. Invite them to join you. Let them see your love for God in the ways you treat others.

Point them to Jesus. As you go through your daily life, experiencing the joys and challenges that come your way, continue to point them to their Creator. He is their good and mighty God. We should be acknowledging His part in every small and big aspect of our lives. We should be thanking Him for His involvement in our lives, as well as all that He created for us to enjoy.

Pray with them. Each day can bring a range of emotions – joy, sorrow, fear, worry, excitement – in all these things, lead them to pray. Invite God into these emotions. Pray for them, pray with them, pray over them. Praise God together for all He is doing. Pray for an increase of faith and believe that He will be faithful. Bring all of your anxieties and cares before Him together – there is nothing too small to lay at His feet.

Be committed to a church. The consistent habit of attending church together is one worth forming! We learn best when we are with people we love and trust! By regularly attending church, you are allowing them to form meaningful relationships with teachers, as well as with their peers. We should be modeling that church is a priority to our families.

Affirm who they are. God has given your child strengths and attributes, and children thrive when they are encouraged in who they are. Notice the gifts and strengths that God gave to your child and give them opportunities to use them. Speak carefully so that you are encouraging them in WHO THEY ARE, and not just in what they are doing. We need to speak life over our children, leading them to walk closely with Jesus.

Nurture your own faith. We must be filled up to pour out. Raising children can be exhausting! We cannot give them what we do not have. As you grow in your relationship with the Lord, learning about His power and grace, you will directly impact your children. Look to the Lord and the strength you can find in Him. Recharge when you need to – asking the Lord to equip you with the fruit of the Spirit as you parent these ones entrusted to you. It is a big task we have as parents – but God in you is enough.

We love the families in our community and we are excited to partner with you on this once-in-a-lifetime journey! We are praying for you. Please know that we are here if there is anything we can do to offer additional or more specific support as you minister in your home.