



FAITH CONVERSATIONS AT HOME

The church is not the original center of discipleship in our lives. It's the home. From the earliest days of God's people, the primary venue for faith conversations has been within the context of the family and the home. Let's get back to our roots!

Leading a Bible study with your kids doesn't have to be hard. Here are five steps, with some helpful notes for each.

FAMILY BIBLE STUDY

1. SIT DOWN TOGETHER IN A PLACE THAT OFFERS FEW DISTRACTIONS.

- a. Don't have the TV on in the background.
- b. Put your screens away except to possibly use as your Bible.
- c. Letting your kids have something to fidget with or color, however, is good. Don't consider those distractions. Instead, those may be how your kids pay attention!

2. PRAY THAT THE SPIRIT WILL GUIDE YOU AS YOU STUDY THE WORD TOGETHER.

- a. Take turns offering this prayer when you sit down to study together – parents and kids can take turns leading the family.

3. OPEN SCRIPTURE TOGETHER

- a. Follow a daily reading plan like the one found on the YouVersion Bible app or
- b. Use the scripture from your Lenten reading plan or Sunday's sermon or
- c. Take turns choosing favorite passages or stories or
- d. Use the scripture from Eureka! or other curriculum shared by your children's ministry
- e. Take turns reading.
- f. The younger your kids are, the shorter your passage should be. If you have pre-schoolers only, stick to stories for now (rather than Paul's letters or prophets).

4. ASK THE RIGHT QUESTIONS –

- a. Our Eureka! curriculum that we follow asks five questions with each passage.
- b. What's that word?
 - i. Make sure everyone understands all the words that were read.
 - ii. Look them up if you need to!
- c. What's happening in the passage?
 - i. Recap what you heard.
 - ii. Who are the main characters? Who is talking? What's it about?
 - iii. What kind of writing is this? Gospel? Prophecy? Poetry? A letter?
- d. What's happening around the passage?
 - i. What else is happening in the bible that helps us understand this passage?
 - ii. Use concordance in the back of the bible as study tool.
 - iii. Look at study notes your bible provides.
- e. What does this verse say about God?
 - i. His character? His love?
- f. What does this verse say about us?
 - i. How we love and interact with God.
 - ii. How we love and interact with others.

5. PRAY THAT THE SPIRIT WILL LEAD YOU TO MAKE WHAT YOU'VE DISCOVERED ABOUT GOD AND OTHERS REAL IN YOUR LIVES. LET SCRIPTURE INFORM YOU, CHANGE YOU, AND SEND YOU!