

DISCIPLE-MAKING AT HOME: STARTING WITH HOW – PART 1

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With the whole city in a lock-down, many families suddenly find themselves having a lot more time together than ever before. Other than grocery and essential trips, people stay in their homes 24/7. In this new normal, you probably echo what the Countess of Wessex – a British royalty – says about the situation facing many parents: “For parents and carers, it can be a daunting time to help our children and young people through this period of uncertainty but please don’t feel alone.” What can Christian parents like yourselves do?



After explaining **Deuteronomy 6:20-25** in the last article “Starting with Why” in this “Disciple-making at Home” series, I will provide some tips on a family activity based on **Deuteronomy 6:5-9**. The passage outlines two separate steps that you can apply in your homes:

- First, you need to take God to grow (vv5-6).
- Secondly, you talk to your **time** – lie down, and get up - road. Also, symbols around your gates – are constant reminders that learn and follow His Word (vv7-9).



and His Word to **your heart**, and continue children about God’s teaching **all the** and **everywhere** – at home, and along the home – hands, forehead, doorframes and God is present with your family, and you will

To carry out disciple-making at home, we need to practise our faith everywhere: at home, at church, at work place, and just about everywhere we go. If parents do not model their faith, children may think that the Bible is simply another school subject that is not relevant to daily living. (You could learn more by watching “Becoming an Active, Teaching Parent – Two Minutes Tips” on <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8ziTyGoN1Bo>.)

Applying the teaching to daily practices, you could lead a family devotion for about 15 to 20 minutes when everyone is free, e.g. around supper time:

- Sing a short hymn that everyone knows together
- Read and study a Psalm together (150 Psalms will be good for about 5 months) ☺
 - What does this passage tell me about God?
 - What does this story tell me about man?
 - If this is the truth, what change(s) would I have to make in my life?
- Everyone shares your personal high and/or low of the day
- Pray the Lord’s Prayer (Matthew 6:9-13 or Luke 11:2-4) together



To grow spiritually, you could check out the Pastor’s Corner (<https://emc.ecac.ca/pastors-corner/>) and JMC’s Devotions (<https://emc.ecac.ca/jmc-devotionals/>).

Please come back next week and read another article in this series: Disciple-making at Home: Starting with How – Part 2.