

DISCIPLE-MAKING AT HOME: STARTING WITH HOW – PART 7

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On the topic of starting family devotion according to **Deuteronomy 6:4-9**, I have recommended including (a) Bible reading; (b) discussion, teaching, and meditation; and (c) prayer as the primary activities in the last article. I will dive deeper into Bible reading this week.

The Bible is diverse and contains many genres, or kinds of writings. For example, the Old Testament is full of exciting stories of heroes, normal people with flaws, passionate prophets who cry out for their nation, battles, and personal struggles. There are narratives, prophecies, and biographies as well as poetic literature.

These are the common ways to approach Bible reading with your family:

- Read a paragraph or chapter each day. Many families follow this plan for its simplicity. You can read consecutively through a book, devotion. Everyone can take and understanding about  and take on one or two passages in each turn reading, and share their thoughts the passage.
- Bible reading plans. Your cover the whole Bible in one organizations offer a variety of read through the entire Bible.  family can follow a pre-set program to or more years. Many web sites and reading plans that help families systematically
- Devotional Guides. Many excellent devotional guides for families are available online: Our Daily Bread (<https://odb.org/>), Daily Bread Devotional (ourdailybread.ca), and Bible.org.
- Family devotion programs. Many church organizations offer excellent family devotion programs, especially during the pandemic. For example, both Focus on the Family (<https://www.focusonthefamily.ca/covid-19#family-devotions>), and CPYU (https://cpyu.org/resource_category/family-tabletalk/) offer free downloadable resources, including whole year programs consisting of 52 lessons.



I will cover more about Bible reading in the next article, and elaborate on how to use discussion and teaching during family devotion. Therefore, please come back next week and read another article in this series: Disciple-making at Home.

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