

DISCIPLE-MAKING AT HOME: STARTING WITH HOW – PART 9

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Do you know that summer vacation, stay-cation, holi-include family devotion into about making family



has just arrived this week? While you may be thinking about stay, near-cation, or read-cation, I would like to encourage you to your plan. Speaking about summer, I will share a few pointers devotion fun and engaging in this article.

Family devotions should not be like doing chores, or going through a mechanical routine. The keys are:

- Keep family devotion time short. Some parents might think that the longer the family devotions, the more spiritual they will become. This is not always the case. The time does not have to be super long, and you need to adjust the length of family devotions according to your children's attention spans. For family devotion, consistency is more important than the length.
- Engage everyone. The whole family could sing a song or two during devotion. Everyone could take turn reading Bible passages, asking and answering questions, and sharing. Family devotion does not have to be a monologue or lecture, but can be an engaging discussion. It is good to keep asking questions so that everyone is engaged, and avoids day-dreaming.
- Make it fun. refreshing. couple on video, play a word Bible narrative. You for everyone involved.
- Keep the Bible relevant. Kids easily lose interest in devotion if they find the Bible irrelevant to them. Therefore, it is crucial for you to show them how the Bible is relevant to their lives. You could ask them what a Bible passage teaches them, means to their lives, and how they will apply the lesson(s). Of course, for modelling, you also should share how the passage has affected your life personally. Your experiences will attract the kids' attention as they usually love to hear true stories.



While routine provides structure, mixing it up can be You could act out a portion of the Bible story, or sing songs together. Better yet, you record the skit and singing and later watch the clips together for laugh. Also, you could game or puzzle as starter, or use action figures to explain a need to look for ways to make family devotions interactive and fun

When the kids enjoy family devotion this time, they will look forward to it.

Please come back next week and read my article on praying in this Disciple-making at Home series.

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