

# Family Discipleship Toolkit





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How to Help Your Kids Live for Jesus

## THE TWO PRIORITIES OF CHRISTIAN PARENTING



### OBEDIENCE TO GOD'S WORD

God calls His people to live lives of obedience before Him. Parents must personally live for Jesus and model obedience for their kids.

*Deuteronomy 6:1-4; Matthew 7:24-27*

### PASS FAITH TO THE NEXT GEN

God calls His people to share the good news of Jesus with others, especially their kids. Parents are the primary disciple-makers in their kids' lives.

*Deuteronomy 6:5-9; Ephesians 6:4*



## HOW WILL YOU R.E.S.P.O.N.D.?

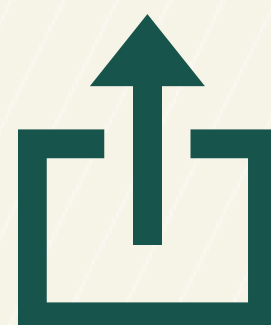


### RETHINK DISCIPLESHIP

Discipleship is not something only happens at church. Every event in life is opportunity to lead your kids to live for Jesus.

### EVANGELISTIC DISCIPLESHIP

Discipleship is not about helping your kids be well behaved, it's about helping them to trust Jesus for salvation.



### SPONTANEOUS DISCIPLESHIP

Discipleship happens in the mundane moments of daily life. From the car ride to school or eating dinner, seize opportunities for discipleship!

## PLANNED DISCIPLESHIP

Set aside time for discipleship activities like a weekly family devotional time or evening prayer.



## OWN IT!



If your kids' salvation and growth in Christ rested only on the things *you* did how would that work out? God is working through the things you do.

## NATURAL DISCIPLESHIP

Discipleship with your kids should be a natural result of your own relationship and pursuit of God so that you are sharing what God is teaching you.



## DELIBERATE DISCIPLESHIP



Your children are unique, and at times you will need to prepare to address a specific area where they are struggling.

## WAYS TO REGULARLY PRAY WITH YOUR FAMILY

### 1. PRAY WITH YOU SPOUSE EACH NIGHT

Share the concerns and cares of your life and take turns praying for each other, asking God to enrich your marriage, to grow your faith in Him, and lift up one another's needs.

### 2. PRAY AS A FAMILY AROUND THE DINNER TABLE.

Dad or Mom might choose to lead the prayer, but be sure to give a chance for the kids to pray too! Share requests for family, friends, school, church, world issues.

### 3. PRAY OVER YOUR KIDS AT BEDTIME.

As you're preparing your kids for bed, pray over them. Let them hear you thank God for them and ask Him to save them and help them live for Jesus!

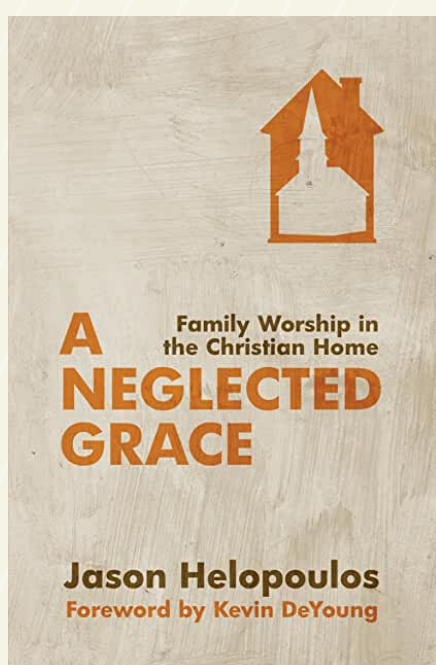
## 1. DISCUSS THE BIBLE WITH YOUR SPOUSE

Discuss with your spouse what God is teaching you as you grow in His Word. Share where you're convicted and how you're attempting to obey what you've read. Consider studying the same passages!

## 2. READ THE BIBLE WITH YOUR KIDS EACH NIGHT

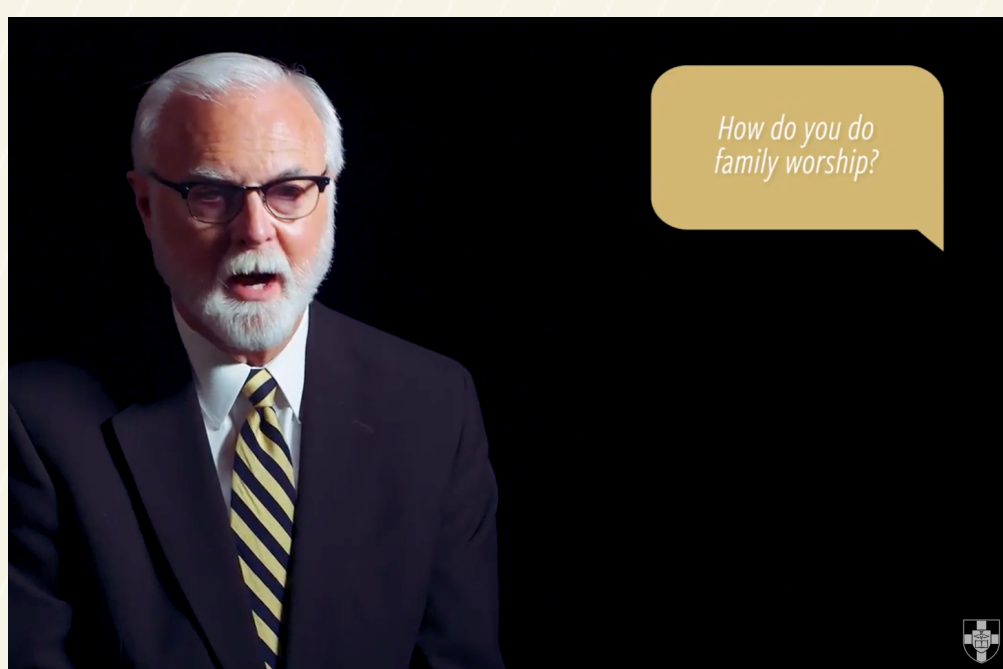
There are great age-targeted Bibles for kids—*The Jesus Storybook Bible*, the *Kids' Visual Study Bible* (NIV). Consider getting one that would be appropriate for the age of your kids and commit to reading a portion each night. Emphasize obeying what you've read and living for Jesus!

### SUGGESTED RESOURCES



#### A NEGLECTED GRACE: FAMILY WORSHIP IN THE CHRISTIAN HOME — KEVIN HELOPOULOS

Pastor Jason Helopoulos calls parents and church leaders to reclaim the practice of family worship. This indispensable means of grace directs our children to seek Christ daily, preparing them to go out into the world as fully functioning Christian adults, who love Christ and see all of life in relation to Him.



#### HOW DO YOU DO FAMILY WORSHIP?

How do you do family worship?" Dr. Donald Whitney answers in *Honest Answers* at <https://youtu.be/v9SUyzSLmrE>

#### INTENTIONAL PARENTING: FAMILY DISCIPLESHIP BY DESIGN — TAD THOMPSON

The Big Picture and a Simple Plan: That's what you need to do family discipleship well.

This book is designed to help you take what you have read, as well as all the sermons, teachings, and exhortations you have received on child training and leadership in the home, and make sense of it.

