

Intentional Faith Path Plan

Child's Name: _____

How will you be intentional this next year?

- ☐ Pray daily for and with my child.
- ☐ Consistently spend time in God's Word with my child.
- ☐ Bless my child daily.
- ☐ Schedule and have regular family times.
- ☐ _____

The next step on the Faith Path is *Worship*, recommended at age eight. We will offer a free *Worship* kit to guide you. Access more Faith@Home resources and Faith Path Kits at: maranathafree.com/faith-home.

Recommended Resources

Parenting with Scripture by Kara Durbin

The Well-Versed Family by Carolyn Boykin

God's Word by Sally Michael

What the Bible is All About: Bible Handbook for Kids by Frances Blankenbaker

What Does the Bible Say About That? by Carolyn Larsen

seedsfamilyworship.net word for word Scripture songs

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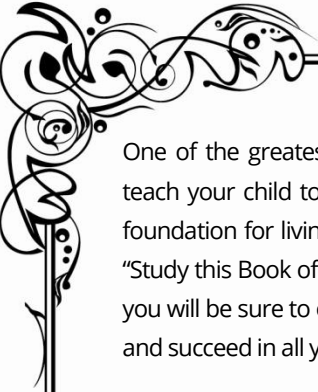
What's in the Bible? Videos available at jellytelly.com

T.A.G. (Time Alone With God) available on Resource Wall in the Ministry Center

FAITH PATH

Bible

Open God's Word to Your Child



One of the greatest responsibilities and joys you have as a parent is to teach your child to love God's Word in order that they may have a solid foundation for living wisely according to God's purposes. Joshua 1:8 says "Study this Book of Instruction continually. Meditate on it day and night so you will be sure to obey everything written in it. Only then will you prosper and succeed in all you do."

Help your child discover the importance of God's Word using these suggestions:

- **Pray:** Ask God to give your child desire to know God through reading His Word, understanding as they read, and willingness to respond in obedience in action and attitude.
- **Choose a Bible:** Find a translation that is easy for your child to read and understand. Some excellent options include the *Kid's Quest Bible* and *Adventure Bible* (New International Reader's Version), and the Kid's NIV Visual Study Bible
- **Model it:** You cannot pass on to your child something that you don't have. Cultivate a regular time of reading the Bible, if possible where your kids can see you.
- **Live it:** Show your child how the Bible can be used as an everyday guide for life by helping him or her search and learn how to use the Bible. This is a great opportunity especially when your child might be struggling with a particular issue or looking for wisdom on a particular topic.
- **Keep it simple:** Choose one simple Bible truth or verse and repeat it often such as "God is love" or "Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners."
- **Be creative:** Don't just read the story; become the Bible character or use games and crafts to engage all five senses in the learning experience.

- **Don't bluff:** It's okay to not know the answer to a question your child might have. Use the opportunity to show your child how to search in God's Word for answers. Be authentic by admitting that none of us understand everything. Only God knows all things and we must learn to trust what He says in the Bible. You can also tell your child you will get back to them within a certain time period so that you can investigate and/or ask for guidance from someone.
- **Teach them how:** Show how to read and understand God's Word. Teach your child to ask questions such as "What does this tell me about God?", "How does this passage fit into the whole story of the Bible?", and "How can I live this truth out in my life?"
- **Use tools:** Kid's Bibles, Bible storybooks, scripture songs, Christian videos, and games can help make understanding the Bible easier and more fun for kids. See the "Recommended Resources" section.

Recommended Bible Activities

- Have your child memorize the books of the Bible by writing them in order and/or singing along with the *Old and New Testament* songs provided with this kit.
- Write verses on index cards to put in your child's Bible, backpack or lunchbox or tape them to the mirror or refrigerator.
- Write out Bible verses using colorful pens or markers, then cut each word out and mix them up on the floor. Play a game as you put the verse back in order or make into a memory match game.
- Try teaching your child memory verses using sign language or making up your own hand signals.
- Play a memory game by passing a ball or beanbag as each person says the next word in the verse.
- Allow your child to pick a book of the Bible, book or devotional to read with you at breakfast or bedtime.