



Beautiful Savior Youth Discipleship Plan

Bible Study

Deuteronomy 6:4-9

Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one. 5 Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength. 6 These commandments that I give you today are to be on your hearts. 7 Impress them on your children. Talk about them when you sit at home and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up. 8 Tie them as symbols on your hands and bind them on your foreheads. 9 Write them on the doorframes of your houses and on your gates.

1. What does God seem to want most of all for your children?

2. What attitudes does God encourage us to have here? How can we practically live out those attitudes?

"Impress them on your children...Talk about them when you sit at home..."

Psalms 78:1-8

My people, hear my teaching; listen to the words of my mouth. 2 I will open my mouth with a parable; I will utter hidden things, things from of old—3 things we have heard and known, things our ancestors have told us. 4 We will not hide them from their descendants; we will tell the next generation the praiseworthy deeds of the Lord, his power, and the wonders he has done. 5 He decreed statutes for Jacob and established the law in Israel, which he commanded our ancestors to teach their children, 6 so the next generation would know them, even the children yet to be born, and they in turn would tell their children. 7 Then they would put their trust in God and would not forget his deeds but would keep his commands. 8 They would not be like their ancestors— a stubborn and rebellious generation, whose hearts were not loyal to God, whose spirits were not faithful to him.

1. What important lessons from the Bible does God want us to pass on to the next generation?

2. What does rebellion as God's people look like? What does loyalty look like?

Home Devotions

Addressing Obstacles

1. List the top 2-3 obstacles that most often get in the way of a family doing home devotions.
2. Brainstorm ways we might overcome those obstacles in our own families.

What Should I Do?

Share - Learning to share highs & lows

1. What was your high point this week? What was your low point? How did God bless you through these two experiences?

2. List the potential benefits for a family as they share their highs and lows.

Read - Learning to read the Bible & reflect

Luther's Four Strands

- What is God saying here?
- What sins does this lead me to confess?
- For what does this lead me to give thanks?
- For what does this lead me to pray?

Psalm 91:1-6

Whoever dwells in the shelter of the Most High will rest in the shadow of the Almighty. I will say of the Lord, "He is my refuge and my fortress, my God, in whom I trust." Surely he will save you from the fowler's snare and from the deadly pestilence. He will cover you with his feathers, and under his wings you will find refuge; his faithfulness will be your shield and rampart. You will not fear the terror of night, nor the arrow that flies by day, nor the pestilence that stalks in the darkness, nor the plague that destroys at midday.

Field Test: Take these verses above and answer Luther's four questions.

Pray - Learning to pray for each other's high & lows

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Goals & Plans List

Setting Goals

Starting a family devotion plan can be very intimidating. It helps to set short and long term goals for your family.

- In one month it would be great if we could...

- In six months it would be great if we could...

- A year from now it would be great if we could...

As we grow in faith, it can we will begin to look for ways to serve others. If you desire, you can use the space below to plan ways that you could serve your church, your community, or your literal neighbors next door.

- In spring, we would like to...

- In summer, we would like to...

- In fall, we would like to...

- In winter, we would like to...

Plan Ideas

Here are some ideas of things you might try as a family for your home devotional life:

5-15 Minutes a Day

- Read through the discussion questions in the Family Devotions provided in your church mailbox
- Subscribe to the WELS Devotion of the Day
- Watch a YouTube video from Your Time of Grace and discuss it as a family.
- Read one of the daily Meditations provided by church
- Read one of the devotion books from NPH or CPH contained in the church's Home Devotion Kit
- If you child has Memory Work, run through it with them and walk through what the passage(s) mean.

15-30 Minutes a Day

- Read through a chapter of the Bible and use Luther's 4 Strands to study it. If you would like a 3 Year Reading Plan, one of the pastors could provide it for you.
- Listen to a podcast of one of the BSLC sermons and identify the key points in it. You can find these on the church website.

Favorite Parenting Advice

The following is excerpted from a WELS Forward in Christ article entitled "Parent conversations: What's the best parenting advice you've received or given?"

"In our confessional Lutheran understanding of Scripture, we treasure a right understanding of the importance of God's law and gospel. Yet I must admit that my tendency is to lean on the law side of my parenting approach. The encouragement that I have received, and try to pass on to others, is not to neglect the importance of the gospel. The pure understanding that I am forgiven, a saint, a new creation through the work of Christ is what sets my heart looking for ways to demonstrate my love for God—not because I have to, should, or must, but because I can't help but look for opportunities to be thankful. This is our treasure! Don't leave it to a chance understanding for your kids. Live in joy with your children and be intentional in sharing the gospel with them so they too can be motivated by Christ's love."

Dan Nommensen and his wife, Kelly, have a teenage daughter and son.

"Here's mine. I got it from a priest named Zechariah (Luke 1). Take your child in your arms every night and don't be afraid to tell them what this world is really like. It's dark and deadly outside, as Zechariah said.

Then show them God's Son who has come to dispel the darkness. His love arises for us like the sun each day, bright and warm. Say something like, "Tomorrow, my child, you will awaken to a bright new day in God's love." Let it be the lullaby of their life that wraps them up secure each night no matter what the darkness. I'm borrowing metaphors and images from Zechariah's great canticle and imagining the scene there where he sings by the Spirit, saying, "You, my child" (Luke 1:76). Luke marks it in Scripture as a truly Spirit-led parenting moment."

Pastor Jonathan Bourman and his wife, Melanie, have a six-year-old daughter.

"I encourage young parents to cultivate a spirit of empathy and service in their children. Start early by finding a cause that your family is passionate about and volunteer for that cause regularly. Help kids to understand the motivation behind serving others (1 John 4:19) and the joy it brings to all involved. Send a clear message that serving others doesn't need to come with compensation or reward—we do it out of love for those around us and for the God who created us. In serving, we also come to appreciate all the blessings that God has showered upon us!

Ann Jahns and her husband, Thad, have three 20-something sons.

Nursery Birth - Age 2

- Baptism
- Cradle Roll
- Nursery Sunday School
- Vacation Bible School



Pre-K

- Cradle Roll
- Pre-K Sunday School
- Day School

K-6

- Sunday School
- Day School
- Catechism (5-6)
- Vacation Bible School
- Summer Camps



7-8

- Sunday School
- Day School
- Confirmation
- 7-8 Group
- Mentor Program

High School

- Sunday School
- Wednesday Night Bible Study
- Youth Rally/Summer Trips
- Intergenerational Lunches
- College 101



College

- On Campus Bible Studies
- Fellowship Events
- Summer Event
- Care Package Program



General Topics

- Sunday Morning Devotions
- Family Classes
- Parenting Classes
- Counseling
- BASIC Group
- Dads' Retreat
- Marriage Workshop

Feedback

As a parent, I'd really like to learn more about...

One thing that concerns me about the future of my child is...

One thing that the church could do to help me more with education at home is...

One current thing the church is doing that they should do more is...