

SPECIAL EDITION

Pastoring Your Kids



PLANNING YOUR WEEK:

1

Sunday

CHURCH TIME

2

Monday or Tuesday

BIBLE TIME

3

Thursday or Friday

FAMILY TIME

WEEK 05

FINDING GOD DEVOTIONS

MEMORY VERSE:

John 1:1, "In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God." (KJV)

BOTTOM LINE:

God and His Word are one and the same.

2. BIBLE TIME

DAD & MOM:

History tells us that 80% of the children that grow up in church will leave the church when they graduate from high school. I don't think it is any coincidence that statistics also tell us that only 15-20% of teenagers have a devotional life. Only 15-20% of our teenagers read their Bible on a regular basis. It is vital that you think long term when you are parenting your kids. In other words, begin with the end in mind. Don't just think about right now. Think about where do you want your kids to be spiritually when they turn eighteen?

DISCUSS:

- The Bible says that God and His Word are one.
- If kids are spending time in His Word, they are spending time with God.
- The primary way that God speaks to us is through His Word.
- It's important for kids to develop a routine of reading the Bible for themselves.

QUESTIONS TO ASK:

1. If you want to get closer to God how can you do that? (read the Bible)
2. What is the primary way that God speaks to us? (Bible)
3. Why is it important for you to read the Bible? (you will develop a relationship with God through His Word)

3. FAMILY TIME

FAMILY DEVOTIONS,,

MAIN POINT:

- *God and His Word are one and the same.*

WHAT YOU DO:

- Decide on a Family Devotion Time.

DISCUSS:

- When children enter children's church (1st grade) most of them can't read yet. They are totally dependent on mom, dad or someone else to read the Bible to them.
- Your goal during the grade school years is to help transfer this responsibility from you, the parent, to your child.
- Chances are if Johnny doesn't have a devotional life when he

graduates from children's church he won't develop one as a teenager.

- The reverse is also true. If Johnny does have a devotional life by the time he is ten or eleven years old, chances dramatically improve that he will maintain his devotional life through his teenage years.

SPIRITUAL EXERCISE:

- Family devotions are most effective if everyone has the same translation.
- I recommend the NIV or NLT because they are easy to read.
- Start with one of the gospels, Acts or Genesis (any part of the Bible that tells a story).
- Take turns allowing each member of the family to read a few verses.
- Read one chapter a day and then talk about it. Your goal is get your kids to break open their Bibles, read it themselves and then talk about what it means to them.