

# SPECIAL EDITION

## *Pastoring Your Kids*

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### PLANNING YOUR WEEK:

# 1

Sunday

**CHURCH TIME**

# 2

Monday or Tuesday

**BIBLE TIME**

# 3

Thursday or Friday

**FAMILY TIME**

WEEK 06

## **FINDING GOD**

### **PRAYER**

#### **MEMORY VERSE:**

**Matthew 6:6**, "But when you pray, go away by yourself, shut the door behind you, and pray to your Father in private." (NLT)

#### **BOTTOM LINE:**

Prayer is simply talking and listening to God.

## 2. BIBLE TIME

### DAD & MOM:

*A consistent prayer life is vital to a relationship with God. Many times kids will depend on mom and dad's prayers. Your goal during the grade school years is to transfer the prayer responsibility from you, the parents, to your children so, that when they graduate to the youth ministry, they have a consistent prayer life.*

### DISCUSS:

- The kind of prayer we are talking about here is devotional prayer or relationship prayer.
- This is the prayer that you do every day when you just talk to God like He is your best friend, and you listen to Him like He is your best friend. It isn't really about asking God for things or even praying for other people. It is all about spending time with God because you love Him.
- Discuss children's friends and friends of the family and how you talk to them and what do you talk with them about.

### QUESTIONS TO ASK:

1. What are things that you talk about with your best friends? (allow for response)
2. What is relationship prayer? (when you talk to God like He is your friend and you listen to Him)

## 3. FAMILY TIME

### PRAYER TIME

#### MAIN POINT:

- *Prayer is simply listening and talking to God.*

#### WHAT YOU NEED:

- Buy each one in your family a "journal."
- It can be as simple as a small notebook.

#### WHAT YOU DO:

- Encourage everyone to spend time in prayer.
- Write down what they are praying about and what Father God is saying to them.
- At different times allow everyone to share from their journal.

#### DISCUSS:

Prayer involves 3 things:

1. Set aside time every day to pray.
2. Talk to God about yourself.
3. Listen to God. At least half of your prayer time should be spent listening.

How do you listen to God?

1. Stop talking
2. Be quiet
3. Listen to the still, small, quiet voice on the inside.

#### SPIRITUAL EXERCISE:

- Listen intently to your children when they share what God says to them.
- Encourage your children when they are transparent.