

Little Hands, Big Hearts

Devotionals for the Family

Week 3: Interested in Spiritual Things



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Welcome back! I hope that your family was blessed by last week's study. It is truly a blessing to me to be able to share some thoughts with each of you that will hopefully benefit your family as you spend time studying God's word together. The importance of making time to spend with God as a family cannot be overemphasized. As a parent, consider the way your family spends their time. Are you setting aside time for God before anything else or does God get the spare moments where you can squeeze Him in? We need to create space in our minds, hearts, schedules, budgets and homes for God. I applaud you for your efforts in studying the Bible with your family!

Getting Started

Every family is different, some enjoy variety and mixing things up while others enjoy the comfort that comes with routine. You know your family, start your devotional time in a manner that is consistent with their preference. If they are the type that like to follow a routine, then establish one and nurture it. If they are the type who enjoy variety then embrace that. Our family enjoys

variety so we try to keep our devotional times new and different. Sometimes we might have our devotional outside instead of around the kitchen table. Since we have little children we will sometimes play a game with a point and then make application. Other times we will simply color a picture of a Bible event and read the scripture while our older daughter is working. Find the formula that works for your family. I always encourage you to start with a song and a prayer to help prepare the mind and heart. Depending on the age of your family you might consider a time of meditation as well once you have introduced the subject of study to your family.

Devotional Thought

Our family, like so many this time of year, has been battling illness. Our older daughter had strep throat which kept her down for several days. My wife is an incredible Mom and nurse when the girls are sick. When people are sick (I mean really sick) it can be easy just to keep your distance out of self-preservation. When we are sick, that is when we need the most help because many times we are completely helpless.

There are people all around us who are spiritually sick. Many times they don't even recognize it. Recently David Tarbet, one of our missionaries, spoke to our church. He recounted various



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people he was working with who were in need of spiritual healing and asked our church to pray for them by first name after telling us a little about each person. He met each of them in his day to day activities in the community. At some point in conversation he would ask, “Are you interested in spiritual things?”

What a great question! We are often concerned about people’s physical health, hardships they might be facing in their families or at work. Rarely do we ask about the most important thing in anyone’s life, their relationship with God.

Before we start asking strangers about their spiritual well-being, we should examine ourselves.

*“He also told them this parable: “Can the blind lead the blind? Will they not both fall into a pit?
40 The student is not above the teacher, but everyone who is fully trained will be like their teacher.
41 “Why do you look at the speck of sawdust in your brother’s eye and pay no attention to the plank in your own eye? 42 How can you say to your brother, ‘Brother, let me take the speck out of your eye,’ when you yourself fail to see the plank in your own eye? You hypocrite, first take the plank out of your eye, and then you will see clearly to remove the speck from your brother’s eye.”
- Luke 6:39-42*

Wouldn’t it be silly to go to a doctor if they are sicker than we are?

Spend time as a family brainstorming some questions that we could ask ourselves as a routine checkup on our spiritual health. Write them, draw them, or diagram them in the space below:



Action

Once we have examined ourselves and corrected any issues, we need to be helping those who are in desperate need of help. They are all around us. As a family generate some ideas for reaching out to others that you will put into action this week. What simple question could you use in every day conversation?

Close your Bible study with a family prayer.

See you next week!

Want to learn more about David Tarbet. Follow his blog: dtarbet.wordpress.com