

FAMILY DISCIPLESHIP NIGHT

EFFECTIVE FAMILY DEVOTIONS



"OUR CHILDREN HUNGER TO SEE THE REALITY OF WHO GOD IS IN THE NATURAL FLOW OF OUR LIVES—WHEN WE'RE GETTING UP, WHEN WE'RE SITTING DOWN, WHEN WE'RE ON A JOURNEY, WHEN WE'RE PUTTING THEM TO BED. IT'S NOT THAT THE FORMALIZED METHODOLOGY IS BAD, BECAUSE IT DEFINITELY HAS A PLACE. IT'S JUST THAT IT'S NOT BEST APART FROM A ROLE MODEL. OUR CHILDREN NEED TO SEE THAT FAITH MATTERS, THAT IT'S RELEVANT TO OUR DAILY SITUATIONS, THAT IT'S REAL. WE NEED TO MODEL HOW OUR LIVES ARE SPIRITUAL IN EVERY DECISION, ERASING THE DIVIDE BETWEEN SACRED AND SECULAR."

- MICHELLE ANTHONY

KEY THINGS TO CONSIDER

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Start slow and simple

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It's only one part of a Jesus centred home

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Model and leak

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Expect to participate

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Utilise ongoing tools

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Develop personal time alongside

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Let your child/teen give direction

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Create a plan/habit

PLEASE SEE THE EMAIL FOR RESROUCES THAT WERE DISCUSSED

DISCOVERY BIBLE STUDY (DBS) FOR FAMILIES

Ask	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Question Jar (the key jar)- Have a visual poster/whiteboard prompt- Have a POD/Family book/journal you can use to ask about last week
Bible: read twice through	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Use translations they get (NLT, Message, Passion or the Voice)- 'read' it as a youth video (SaddleBack kids, Gospel Project, Bible Society, LifeKidstv,
Retell	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- This is the creative part!- Consider: pictures, puppets, using soft toys, acting in out, freeze frame, emoji retell, comic strip drawing etc
Share - so what?	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Be more explicit with the guiding question if you need- Bring them back to the passage- Guiding questions: What did you like about the passage? What confuses you? What does it say about God? About us?
Silent reflection Commit to obey	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Could be done with a journal or using imagination techniques to picture JesusLanguage: how will you put this into practice this week?
Pray together	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Can use activations (see Hearing From God Resource)