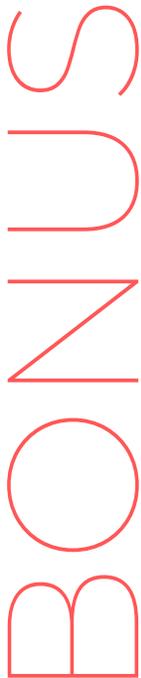


How to Engage your Kids with the Bible



1

Start with your own faith.

- Much of faith is taught, more of it is caught. Kids are watching when you teach and when you're not trying to teach. They watch what naturally flows out of your Christian life - good or bad - and make decisions about following Jesus as they get older.

2

Choose a formality that fits your family.

- Some people live scheduled lives and need to make time for Bible time in their schedule. Once a week devotion with family, every-day-same-time Bible reading, etc., are great for some families.
- Some people have much more flexibility, with much less on their calendar, so that they can create rhythms instead of exact schedules.
- Whatever you do, weave faith & Bible engagement into each day somehow.



Deuteronomy 6:1-2 “These are the commands, decrees and laws the Lord your God directed me to teach you to observe in the land that you are crossing the Jordan to possess, so that you, your children and their children after them may fear the Lord your God as long as you live by keeping all his decrees and commands that I give you, and so that you may enjoy long life.”

3

Different parts of your day create various opportunities.

- Drive time is great for conversations or listening to resources.
- Bedtime is great for questions and conversations.
- Mealtimes are great for games/conversations.
- Find your child's best study time (morning, middle of the day, or evening) and leverage it.

The key is consistency.

4

Don't shy away from failing - because you will.

- There are always hiccups as you build routines, and routines change daily.
 - Kids get older.
 - School starts and stops.
 - You go on vacation.

5

Keep the long game in mind.

- They may not be able to memorize a lot in a week or even a month - but years of faithful process can create a lifetime of faith and engagement with the Bible.

6

Invest in resources.

- You can't teach from resources you don't have.
- Ask the pastors - it is our job to help equip parents to lead their kids.
- You invest in other resources for your child - find what they connect with best for learning and use that.
- Age-Appropriate resources

7

Use their learning style.

- Young kids are visual and auditory - get a good kids picture Bible and have them listen to God's word or great Christian programs that help them engage.
- RightNow Media is a fantastic resource for visually engaging God's Word.
 - What's In The Bible
 - Superbook
 - StoryKeepers
- Kinesthetic learners - play games to help them connect memory verses, make hand motions with a verse or let them get up and move around while you read to them.

8

Do it together

- If you're asking them to memorize something, do it with them.
- Lead by your example.
- Learn together and talk about what it means.

9

Don't shy away if you don't know the answers.

- One of the most powerful sentences you can say is, "I don't know - let's find out."
- As you study together and live a life of engagement with God's Word, you will be shaped, changed, and grow in your own wisdom.

What is your one takeaway from this session?

