



From Childhood You Have Known

Biblical Literacy For the Next Generations

Family Devotions Matter

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1. Family devotions can be a significant means for influencing children's biblical literacy and spiritual development
 - a. Responsibility of Deuteronomy 6:1-7, Ephesians 6:4, and Psalm 78:1-8
 - b. Significance of a designated time in family life to be devoted to God together
2. Parents are often hindered by
 - a. Competing demands on their time and energy
 - b. Not knowing what to do
3. Encouragement
 - a. Eternal value
 - i. Families are nourished and shaped by family worship
 - ii. God is worthy of family worship
 - b. Parents can do what's needed in the Lord's strength
 - i. What's needed is not complicated
 - ii. But parents should expect challenges
 - iii. The Lord can empower parents to do what He gives them to do
 - iv. Parents grow with the equipping support of the church
4. Practical steps
 - a. Have a regularly scheduled (and child friendly) time for devotions
 - b. Choose a regular place in your home—one with as few distractions as possible/put any and all electronic devices out of reach
 - c. Whenever possible, fathers should plan and lead the devotional time
 - d. Include:
 - i. Reading scripture (along with interaction and instruction)
 - ii. Prayer
 - iii. A response of worship (singing)
 - e. Keep track of time—stretch your children's attention span, but don't exasperate them
 - f. As you are able, consider adding elements such as scripture memory and catechism
5. Resources
 - a. Teaching Philosophy and Methodology of Truth78 Devotional Resources ([Truth78.org/family-devotions](https://truth78.org/family-devotions))
 - b. Suggested Resources
 - i. *Family Worship*, Don Whitney
 - ii. *The Good News We Almost Forgot*, Kevin DeYoung
 - iii. *God's Alphabet for Life: Devotions for Young Children*, Joel Beeke
 - c. Truth78 Resources ([Truth78.org/products](https://truth78.org/products))
 - i. *Glorious God, Glorious Gospel*



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- ii. *The Making HIM Known Series*
- iii. *The Righteous Shall Live By Faith*
- iv. *Lord, Teach Us to Pray*
- v. *The Fighter Verses Study*
- vi. *Helping Children Understand the Gospel*

6. Trust the Lord for fruit from a regular time of formal biblical instruction in the home