

Family Devotions

1. Commit to leading and conducting family devotions in your home.
2. Keep the devotion centered upon the Bible.
3. Direct your devotion to your audience; i.e., be sensitive to the age(s) of your children.
 - for young children, use a children's Bible story book
 - as children get older, use more in-depth material
 - on occasion, let children lead as they become older teenagers
 - for older children, family schedules may require that the devotion time moves from daily to 3-4 times or week OR it may be a devotion time with a parent and one child versus the whole family. Adapt to what schedule works for your family.
4. Determine a time to conduct your family devotion. Before bedtime, or after dinner, are recommended times.
5. Keep the devotional time short. Review a key Bible message, pray together, and end the devotion time.
6. Allow for time to discuss or for questions. Children may want to talk about the material so be prepared to discuss. Do not act like the devotion time is a ritual and you are not interested in discussion.
7. Your actions indicate whether the devotion is a priority; i.e., is it rushed just to "get it done"?, you seem like you are not interested, etc.
8. Be enthusiastic, consistent, and engaged.
9. Make it happen. Your family will remember that a family devotion time centered upon God was a priority to you. Remember the legacy you want to leave. Remember your responsibility as leader of your home.