

Friday - Day 6: Friends; Proverbs 12:26-27

- What do you think Solomon means in v. 26?
- How carefully do you pick your closest friends?
- Do your friends encourage you to love God more, or do they make it harder to live for God?
- What does it mean to be 'diligent' or 'lazy' when it comes to God? How does that look lived out in your family?

Ideas for kids/teens:

- Talk to your children about those they are closest with. We want our families to know and love the lost, to spend time with them. But, those closest to us either will build us up or tear us down. Ask your children about their friends, and if they are a spiritual help or hindrance.

Saturday - Day 7: Your Daily Word; Psalm 119:9-16

- This passage emphasizes the importance of knowing and loving God's word. It is easy in today's world to forget His word and lose focus on Him. What are some ways you can keep God's word a priority in your home and life everyday?
- What are some ways you can "store up" or memorize God's word?
- Discuss with your family the importance of reading God's word daily.

Ideas for kids/teens:

- Think of some of your favorite verses and share them with your family. Explain why those verses mean so much to you and what impact they have had on you.



Love Your Family Week

This is how it works:

1. Spend 10 minutes a day, as a family, seeking God together
2. Together, read the devotional passage for the assigned day
3. Spend time talking through the discussion questions that accompany each passage
4. Conclude by praying together as a family

Send us an email with a testimony about how this week is impacting your family.

Love Your Family Devotionals

Sunday - Day 1: The Gospel; Mark 1:14-15

-What is the gospel? Look up these verses:

- Rom. 3:23 (We are sinful)
- Rev. 4:6-8 (God is Holy)
- Rom. 1:18 (God, in his holiness, punishes sin)
- Rom. 5:6-8, 1 Pet. 2:24 (Jesus died to pay for that sin)
- 1 Cor. 15:20-22 (Jesus rose from the dead)

-According Mark 1:15 what is our response to the Gospel?

-Are you certain you have repented and believed? Parents talk to your kids about the need for salvation.

Monday - Day 2: Love; 1 John 4:7-12

-Is love primarily something that gives or something that takes?

-How has God shown his love for us? (v. 9-10)

-What should we do since God loved us by giving Jesus to us? (v.11)

-What is the proof of God's love in us? (v.12)

Ideas for kids/teens:

-Brainstorm practical ways you can show love.

-Do you know someone who is hurting or lonely and needs love?

Tuesday - Day 3: Family Unity; Psalm 133

-God wants his children to live together in unity. In what ways can you be more loving, forgiving, and understanding?

-Being unified means having the same family goals. Discuss your family goals for 2011 (spiritual, quality time, etc).

Ideas for kids/teens:

- Talk to your children about practical ways to show love and unity with their family and friends.

Wednesday - Day 4: Prayer; James 5:13-18

-Talk about the importance of prayer. Does each family member spend time in prayer daily?

-It is important to remember that no matter what is going on in our lives, we should pray. (good, bad, mundane) As a family how can prayer be a major part of your day?

-Do you believe God hears your prayers?

Ideas for kids/teens:

Teach your family by example; pray for each family member.

Thursday - Day 5: God in the Home; Deut. 6:4-9

-Who deserves our supreme love? How are we to love God?

-What has God asked us to do in our homes?

-How can we make God central in our home?

Ideas for kids/teens:

Awana: Parents, make flash cards and learn the Bible verses with your kids.

Teens: Talk about the message from Wednesday night youth service.